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## THE WINSLOE-STEWART WEDDING.

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LAST Thursday in Banchory Devenick Free Church Mr L. S. Winsloe, Liverpool, was married to Miss Jessie J. Stewart, the youngest daughter of ex-Lord Provost Sir David Stewart.

The tenantry on Sir David's estate evinced great interest in the wedding. From many of the farmhouses flags floated, and the children strewed flowers in front of the bride before she entered the church. The tenants and the Hutcheon Street employees gave handsome marriage presents.

On the occasion of the marriage Sir David's employees were granted a holiday and were entertained to a picnic on the estate. The tenantry enjoyed a supper and dance at Banchory House.

Mrs Onsloe's photo is by Mr James Ewing, photographer, Aberdeen and Braemar.

## OUR PORTRAIT GALLERY.

No. 21.—Mr E. T. SMITH, PROPRIETOR OF  
"BROWN'S BOOKSTALL."

**I**N connection with the reappearance of *Brown's Bookstall*, after a sleep of about three years, we have pleasure in presenting the photo of the editor and proprietor, Mr Edward Townsend Smith.

Mr Smith's connection with the venerable firm of Messrs A. Brown & Co., whose interesting history has been told in the *Bookstall* and in "Aberdeen Awa" by ex-Bailie Walker, began late in the sixties. The ex-bailie was then sole proprietor of the firm, and he took his nephew, Mr Smith, to be his message boy. The message boy passed through the "mill" successfully, and when ex-Bailie Walker retired from business in 1883, Mr Smith took over the business, and became sole proprietor of the firm of Messrs A. Brown & Co.

Business methods of 50 years ago were free and easy compared with those of to-day, and did not necessitate the same anxiety to those in charge of great commercial concerns. But the day brings the man, and with Mr E. T. Smith in charge, there is no danger of Messrs A. Brown & Co. being left unheard of in the rush and hurry of the day. When in 1893 Mr Smith found that his business required more modern premises, he secured and laid out the commodious place of business now occupied by the firm. Besides having plenty of room for the bookselling and fancy goods departments, Mr Smith had made and fitted up a magnificent fine art saloon, which, by the way, is the best lighted soloon in Scotland. This saloon enabled Mr Smith to make a feature of the fine art trade; and in his premises he has held several exhibitions of work done by local artists. Mr Smith has a good idea of the value of local prints, and scores of these pass through his hands in the course of a year. A reproduction of one rare print of Aberdeen, the original of which he lately secured, is given as a supplement to this month's *Scottish Notes and Queries*.

The *Bookstall* is a creation of Mr Smith's busy brain. Originally conceived as an advertising medium, in course of time it became an important part of the literary life of the city. The interest that the *Bookstall* created was of course in great measure due to the articles of ex-Bailie Walker, whom Mr

Smith induced to contribute. Thus an apparently never-exhausting well of local reminiscence was tapped, and when Mr Smith secures the next supply he will be certain that eager readers will anxiously await the issue of his monthly. When *Scottish Notes and Queries* ceased to be published a month or so ago, Mr Smith generously came forward and offered to bear the risk should those interested care to continue the publication. This proposal was gladly accepted, and Mr Smith now publishes the *Bookstall* in conjunction with *Notes and Queries*.

The proprietor of *Brown's Bookstall* has not taken any part in public matters. Although suited by natural shrewdness and a good business training for public life, he shrinks from the gaze of the crowd; and November has neither terrors nor charms for him. It is true that Mr Smith was an active member of the Commercial Literary Society, a body which exercised a great power for good, and of which many of our leading citizens were members.

Mr Smith was for several years a member of Aberdeen Boating Club, and of the Gymnastic and Rowing Club, and for two years acted as chairman of the latter institution.

As a fine principled man of business, and socially a prince of good fellows, Mr Smith is well known in every part of Aberdeen. In the city all his interests are, for although born in Melbourne, Australia, he is by upbringing and instinct a loyal son of Aberdeen Awa'.

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“HOOK AND EYE” ought to have sent their joint contribution on “An Amateur Performance” in Silver Street earlier. Besides, the criticism is rather severe. Here is the end of it—“Of the other members of the company, their parts warrant no criticism. We have no doubt they did their best. Suffice it is to say that we were glad when once more we found ourselves in the open air, feeling that if we had not seen acting, we had at least seen an amateur performance.”

MR J. R. HEAVEN, who has bought the Forest of Birse, held a regatta on Birsemohr Loch on Saturday. To celebrate the event Mr Heaven launched a boat on the loch, and Mrs Robert Heaven broke a bottle of wine and christened the craft “Peter of Birse.” Our own Peter Birse writes—Dear sir, a’at I wuss to say is ’at I wid hae likit to hae been my namesake the boat at the kirsnin’. A bapteesm o’ wine maun be a fine thing. It’s on record, sir, that I took ill wi’ water fae the first, an’ kicked up an awfu’ row fin the minister poored on the water upon ma face and kirsint me yours truly. Naething like wine for a kirsnin.—Yours in sorra, Peter Birse.”

THERE is general satisfaction in the city over the decision by Lord Low against the Town Council in the Westfield School site case. It is rumoured that the Council will appeal the case. Should this prove to be correct, the public will very speedily deal with the litigious gentlemen. When their November comes they will be cast into outer darkness. The Bills and Law Committee are no doubt an able body of men; but even their services can be dispensed with.

DON’T talk to us again of New Testament miracles. We saw a policeman running down Market Street on Saturday.

A CASE of sweethearting under difficulties was brought to light the other day. A young man had taken two of his lady loves to admire the glories of the surf breaking upon the beach, and had wandered to Donmouth. The Tide Burn was in spate, and there was no road that way. On the return journey the male member of the party was reciting the poem, “Roll on, thou deep and dark blue ocean, roll,” and was informing his friends that “a thousand fleets sweep over thee in vain,” when a “ping” and a “whirr,” announced that they were under fire. The fusillade of bullets was thick, and one of the ladies fainted and another refused to move. At length by coaxing and carrying, the ladies were got to the refreshment rooms, and the noble swain breathed again. He is now busy upon an article for the *Navy and Army Illustrated*. Title—“My baptism of fire.”

MR DOVE PATERSON has been winning the plaudits of the Glasgow people at the city concerts. He “did” the City, National, and St Andrew’s Halls on Saturday, and was enthusiastically received. While on tour, Mr Paterson heard the new Welsh contralto, Miss Juanita Jones, and was so delighted with her voice that he at once engaged her for the Temperance Festival on New Year’s Day. Miss Flora Donaldson, soprano, and Mr Ballard Brown, baritone, have also been secured. Mr Dove Paterson’s present tour includes the Isle of Man and Ireland.

THE appearance of the Aberdeen Fire Brigade last Saturday created great amusement among the Glasgow “keelies” who thronged the streets. The carriage with the hand reel came dashing along Union Street about 4 o’clock in the afternoon; and when at the top of Market Street, the horse fell. A great cheer rose from the assembled hundreds. Firemaster Inkster had the horse up in a minute and his smartness somewhat astonished the strangers. When a few minutes later a cab ran by with a few firemen in it the hilarity was great. Then another cabful of corporation employees came along and from the cheer that went up as the charger “hirpled” past one would have thought it was a Royal progress. To people who have one of the finest brigades in the world, our primitive methods must have appeared very funny.

Mention of the Fire Brigade reminds us that Firemaster Inkster has sent us his annual report on the work of the brigade for the year ending May last. It is a useful booklet, and shows that Firemaster Inkster’s first year of the work has been a particularly busy one. The hours at which the brigade was called out, how the fires were extinguished, the damage done, the cause of the fires, and the nature of the premises, are carefully tabulated, and other information given.



From *Scots Pictorial*. DR HERBERT GILES.

DR GILES, who has been appointed professor of Chinese at Cambridge University, is one of the best Chinese scholars in the world. He was in the British Consular service in different parts of China for a quarter of a century, and left it in 1892. Dr Giles has published numerous works on Chinese subjects. His Chinese biographical dictionary and his Chinese-English dictionary, the latter the result of 18 years’ work, have been highly praised by authorities. He has published several other books. He has been engaged cataloguing the Chinese works in Cambridge University Library, and the Government frequently employs him to translate Chinese despatches. Dr Giles goes to Cambridge in November.

*The Hotel* has an article by a Londoner who has paid a visit to Aberdeen. The subject is “Aberdeen Hostelries,” and the writer has a flattering reference to the Palace, and says of Miss M’Kiilliam that she is “a keen business woman,” and attributes a great part of the success of the hotel to her management.

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IN connection with the notes on page 20 on Councillor Fraser's proposed scheme of improvements at the Links, we have made a proposal for a carriage drive to Balgownie. In the meantime we beg to direct the attention of Councillor Gray, convener of the North Division of the Streets and Roads Committee, and Councillor George Reid, Master of Kirk and Bridge Works, to the fact that the footpath between the Old and New Bridges of Don is positively dangerous. It must be repaired at once. The footpath has been worn away in one or two places; and should an accident happen, the Town Council will be responsible. The footpath should be looked after by the Streets and Roads Committee and the Master of Kirk and Bridge Works. With the winter approaching we should think that the consciences of Mr James Gray and Mr George Reid would be a little troubled.

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WE should think a Gilcomston dam would be about equal in value to a tinkler's one. That is if all the Gilcomston dams were as valueless as the mud hole in front of Osborne Place. How this disgraceful puddle has been allowed for so long to scent a fashionable part of the city Bailie Lyon may well ask himself. By applying his mind to the removal of Gilcomston Dam, Bailie Lyon will have little time to elaborate his scheme for the beautifying of the Links.

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APPARENTLY we have not heard the last of the Victoria Park extension scheme. We have it on good authority that the Infirmary directors will deal more liberally with the Town Council than with private parties, and are anxious that the piece of land in question be left unbuilt upon. Should the Council agree to acquire Lochhead as an open space, we understand that £3500 would buy it. There is no need to put out money upon the park in the way of laying down ridiculous floral designs. All that is wanted is a playground for children. As to the argument that Lochhead is too low and swampy, a good enough reply is that if it was sufficiently healthy for a Convalescent Hospital it will surely pass as a playground for children. The Links and Parks Committee will have to face the building of a house for another gardener or ranger, and why not use one of the cottages on Lochhead, or turn it into refreshment rooms? It is understood that several private gentlemen are looking after Lochhead.

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AN Aberdeen lawyer went into a restaurant in the city the other day and asked for chicken soup. "How did you find the chicken soup, Mr ———?" asked the proprietor as his patron was leaving. "I had no difficulty in finding the soup, sir; but I think the chicken would be able to prove an alibi."

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AN English paper has not much sympathy with Mr J. M. I. Scott's contention that "riding a bicycle, however fast, is not *per se* an offence. An Atlantic liner, he argues, is not fined because it goes ahead at full speed, and, therefore, a cyclist is offending against the law only if he endangers the safety of the public. We do not think the Atlantic analogy is a good one. The ocean is not frequented by pedestrians, and it is a good deal broader than an ordinary Scottish road."

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ANGLING on the tidal waters of the Dee has met with rather indifferent success during the past week. With the exception of good catches by a few experienced hauds, the baskets have been light. A rather nasty dip was got by a Tyre-d man the other morning. A pretentious rescuer made a sorry mess of the matter. We would suggest that a pair of fishing trousers would save the undignified spectacle of a "dookit" man.

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The building of the new Post Office in Crown Street will necessitate the removal of the interesting summer house erected by Dr Alexander Walker. This summer house, it may not be remembered, was built entirely of stones taken from the Laigh Tolbooth of Aberdeen and the St Nicholas Church. When the fire destroyed the steeple and the East Church, the fine bells fell, and two large pieces of "Lowrie" the big bell, lie on a table within the summer house. Dr Walker will, we are sure, see that the interesting building is carefully removed. Might we suggest the grounds of Robert Gordon's College, or the Union Terrace Gardens as a suitable place for the erection of the summer house.

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THE late Procurator-Fiscal for Kincardineshire, who died



THE LATE MR G. S. CAIRD.

so suddenly in Stonehaven on Tuesday was a native of Arbutnott, and served his apprenticeship in Stonehaven. In 1871 he was appointed procurator-fiscal. Mr Caird was 70 years of age. He was held in the highest respect by all who had business or social relations with him.

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MR DONALD MUNRO goes on his victorious way. At all the places at which his brilliant company appears, the programme is being rapturously applauded. On Tuesday Mr Munro received a

request from Sir Allan Mackenzie for himself and company to repair to Sir Allan's Deeside home on Wednesday, and there entertain Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany. It is needless to say that the company acquitted themselves most creditably.

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JUST about played out—Cricket.

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ROBERT GORDON AND HIS COLLEGE.—"In 1876, when the noble gift of Robert Gordon was slowly passing from His Hospital to His College, the contents of the following pages were written, printed, and given to friends. Twenty-one years have passed since then, and younger friends are asking for the little book—to enable me to gratify them I have made this issue." Thus neatly and succinctly Dr Alex. Walker presents the re-issue of one of the many works by which he has enriched local literature, and made his fellow citizens indebted to him in no ordinary degree. The period embraced by the work is from 1665 to 1876 and in his own inimitable and felicitous way the author lays before his readers many a quaint and curious fragment of forgotten lore regarding the Hospital-College, its donor, and the many men and women who have been prominently associated with its most honourable history. Dr Walker could not, if he tried, be a dry-as-dust chronicler, and in fully and clearly tracing the history of the institution, he has at the same time limned a faithful and living picture of the men and manners of the long period treated of. And to parody his own words regarding his friend John Ramsay, the testy, the author has during these many years back written much, and a good deal of it Aberdonians will not willingly let die. The book is from the press of Messrs Milne & Hutchison, and is admirably printed and got up.

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It is said that if you take two letters from money—the first and the last—there will be but *one* left. A message boy in Aberdeen lately took money from letters, and there wasn't any left.

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## ABERDEEN PAST and PRESENT.

## The Firhill Well.

When summer nights grow lang  
When flowers are rife the fields amang,  
When ilka birdie pours its sang,  
In grove or dell.  
Let lads and bonnie lasses thrang  
The Firhill Well.

Cadenhead.



ONE, alas, are the virtues from the Wells of Aberdeen. The Spa Well, at one time warranted to cure all diseases, is now the plaything of children; St Fithak's Well, where faith in the saint was tantamount to the fulfilment of life-long desires, lies filled with rubbish; and the Firhill Well, where "lads and bonnie lasses" were wont to sit and drink refreshing water and eat the toothsome "gibberie" is like a dung heap.

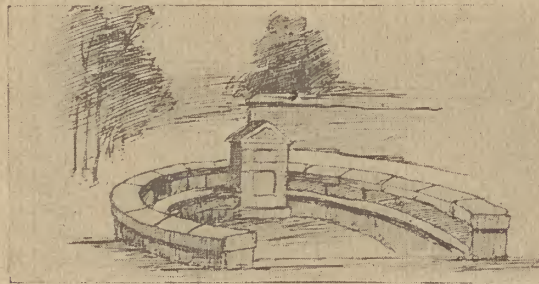
The "Gibberie Wallie," save for the sulphur that its water contained, had no reason whatever to expect any other fate than that which overtakes useless things, although Mr William Cadenhead when he fought the Battle of the Wells with Mr William Anderson, found many arguments in favour of it against the presumptuous Well of Spa. In a grand burst the Firhill Well was made to exclaim—

Compared wi' this, ilk stinkin' gutter,  
That roun' my rival makes a splutter,  
'Twad stain my crystal lips to utter  
Their loathsome filth.

The Firhill Well has no history, unless the conquests of Cupid over the "gibberie" and the water be worthy of a place in the chronicles of Aberdeen. The well is supposed to have been built in 1759, a stone with those figures having once formed part of the well buildings,

There's neither lad nor lass, nor loun,  
But my superior praise will soun'—  
My beauties tell.

Thus sang the Firhill Well, but nowadays the disgusting state in which it is would harrow the feelings of the lads and lasses who made love and ate "gibberie" in its neighbourhood. At one time, if we mistake not, a proposal was made in the Town Council and agreed to that the Firhill Well be put in a decent state; but Town Councils have short memories, and the Firhill Well remains a disgrace to the city.



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## MIRACLE AT ST MACHAR.



S men of great originality are scarce in Aberdeen Town Council, we are certain that Councillor James Fraser will be returned unopposed by the warders of St Machar. We do not wish in this article to refer to Mr Fraser's scheme in which the Links becomes a pleasure garden. We mean to draw attention to what Mr Fraser has done for the public health in his ward.

The accumulation of microbes in St Machar Ward was so great that they lay heavily upon Mr Fraser's conscience. (It is right to say here that one of the members of St Machar Ward is troubled with an excess of conscience, viz., Mr Gray. It is right also to say that the microbes

did not lie on any other part of Mr Fraser (save his conscience.) How to rid Causewayend and other parts of his ward of these microbes became for the moment the question that absorbed him. No, there was another matter that required his attention, the tower of Causewayend Free Kirk needed a clock.

By one stroke of genius, Councillor Fraser killed two dogs with one stone—removed thousands of microbes and erected a clock on Causewayend Free Church. The solution was—a Jumble Sale. In odd corners of the ward lay antiquated articles of clothing, ties that had graced the necks and hats that had disgraced the heads of generations long dead and buried. Those, the councillor knew, were the homes of myriads of microbes, and to get them dispersed to the ends of the city might rid the ward of a pest and save the lives of his warders.

This was done. An eye-witness tells us that the articles at the Jumble Sale baffled the best of Messrs Walker's cinematograph pictures. They were moving pictures with a vengeance. The results of the Jumble Sale are a reign of joy in St Machar Ward, uneasiness and unrest in the homes of those who jumbled, and the apotheosis of Councillor Fraser, who in reality performed a miracle.

By the way, should this scheme commend itself to the Greyfriars members, the probability is that Mr Fraser will receive back his original stock, with compound interest. From the evil effects of too many Jumble or Live Stock Sales, may his fellow saints preserve  
ST NICK.

## THE BOOK OF BON-ACCORD.

## CHAPTER III.



DAYS of John of Trinity were many, and were full of great deeds. He was a man long of arm, and supple, and his works were known to the ends of the city.

In the latter days of John, some of his flock sprang up in arms, for there be men who love not peace but a sword.

And the sect called Christians are wranglers, loving to hear their own voices rather than those of their teachers. For each man among them thinketh himself a saint. And not one is saintly.

Now, John of Trinity being a man of deeds, chastised them that were scandal-mongers and them also that bore false witness.

And his enemies rose up against him saying, He is old; let us cast him overboard, and put one that is younger and more worthy in his stead. And they cast lots and selected one Martin, who was not a swallow, but who swallowed the gospel according to the wranglers.

And John stood firm for his shekels and did not move; and his enemies, calling him brother, strove with him, and spoke spitefully against him.

And one half were for John and one half for the Martin; and they preached each to his kind. And they said bad things against each other, and evil fell from their lips.

Yet, behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.  
GOLIATH.

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## PHUN AT THE DUTHIE PARK.

## THE GODDESS OF HEALTH.



LAST Friday the door of the office opened with a bang, and Phun, with his face like the capital of a granite column, and his tail stiff as a stick, stalked in. He sat down in a corner, and at once began to chew an ode that I had newly indited to the Goddess of Health.

"You hungry dog," I exclaimed; "you've ruined an ode that would have—"

"Killed the Duthie Park goddess, sir," suggested the dog.

"Well, it'll be a long time ere that makes you fat."

"Yes, it's rather thin poetry; but I never heard of a lean goddess. Besides, a Goddess of Health on paper is more easily digested than one in granite. And if the Goddess of Health is so cruel as to make me ill—"

"But, pray tell me about that stoney stare you wear on your face. Your physog is as expressionless as a policeman's."

"Well, sir, that stoney stare settled on my face as I came up your stony stair—" ("Rats")—in the Terrace. I've been with the Links and Parks Committee, selecting a site for the Goddess of Health, and what I saw would have been a sight for the gods and goddess. We held our meeting on the Mound—"

"Why not in the Refreshment Rooms or in the Bandstand, where the committee men would have been able to blow their own horns?"—"Oh, because Councillor James Gray said he wished room in which to speak. But read the report of the meeting, and you'll get everything you want."

"The first to address the meeting," ran the report, "was Mr George Reid, whose trumpet-like voice rang clear and distinct across the trees, and ruffled the feathers of the swans in the pond. 'Gentlemen,' he said, 'I am in favour of the statue being put in the large pond. If in Summer the goddess's head is warm, we'd be sure that her feet are cold.' He hoped that Mr Boddie would see that the goddess had bare feet."

"My Lord Provost," said Mr James Gray, but Mr Wilkie reminded the cabman that he was not yet Lord Provost; and Mr Gray blushed for the first time in his life. "My Lord Provost of Woodside," he said smilingly, "I am shocked at Mr George Reid's inhumane proposal."

Mr Milne said that it was a matter of public talk that the Goddess of Health's life was to be insured. (Hear, hear.)

Mr Gray (continuing)—My lord, think of Mr Reid's inhumane suggestion. Think of the chilblains that would disfigure our darling goddess in winter. (Loud cheers, amid which Mr Gray scrambled up the flagstaff and delivered his speech.) His clarionet like voice disturbed the fossils in the museum, shook the trees almost bare of their leaves, and aroused the people at Nigg from their usual quiet sleep. "Gentlemen," said he from his exalted position; "what are we here for? (And the echo answered "What?") Gentlemen, we are here to set the goddess on her feet. (Baillie Taggart—"Capital, Mr Gray!") Yes, as the baillie says, to set the goddess on the capital. And we must fix the column and the

capital near the main drive, gentlemen, for you will remember that I have a conscience. (Mr Cooper—"An elastic-sided conscience.") No sir, as hard as the granite. I have a duty to my customers as well as to my constituents. We must place this goddess near the main drive, so that cabmen may point it out without trouble." (Loud applause.)

Mr Gray went on with his harangue, and down below Mr Cooper endeavoured to point that this statue was to be an emblem of the joining of capital with labour. The head of the column, the capital, was like all capital, to be the product of labour. Then Mr Milne and Mr Skinner spoke, the latter cautioning the committee not to be impetuous, but to take the report back.

Mr Wilkie shouted to the elevated cabman to shut up and come down, but James heeded not. The committee combined and attempted to pull him down with the flag rope, but he made the echoes ring with his conscience-inspired words. He rattled on like a cab upon stony streets, and the other members of the committee left him in disgust. I shouted to him that it would be a pity to let him be without an audience, hurried to the ponds, collected all the wild geese there, and drove them to the base of the Mound. "This is as good as the Town Council," remarked Mr Gray; and late at night, when Mr Harper went to pen up the geese, he found them fixed to the spot, impaled on the spikes of Mr James Gray's conscience."

"And what do you think of the Goddess of Health yourself Phun?" I asked the dog.

"Well," said he, "well, I'd have it put in Allenvale Cemetery and buried it. However, it will be a capital scratching post for the Duthie Park horse." And then he left.

## AT THE SIGN OF THE OWL.

## All Things Changeth.

THE great world—the great earth—including Aberdeen—is again gyrating along the colder curve of its ellipse. That is to say, Autumn is here, and with it shadows of gloomy Winter.

Womenkind now appear in less gaudy garments. Nature is different. The Duthie Park and her Victorian sister are donning their myriad-hued autumnal dresses, and will soon be seen in their beauty.

Footballs are being kicked on all hands, and by all feet.

The whistle of the referee is heard in the land.

The theatrical people will soon fire off their pantomime chestnuts; and until then the city clubmen have taken their places.

The evening class young men are deep in the study of circles and lines and curves, and the young lady studies how to write shorthand, speak French, and break hearts.

The ministers have had their much-needed rest, which has given their congregations the same.

The Summer Girl and Boy have gone from Stonehaven. A few boxes are yet in the town, but they were left in lieu of bills. Happy Steehive!

Gone, alas! from Aberdeen is the Summer Girl, of dress the daintiest, hat the jauntiest, and shoes the tiniest and the tanniest. She is now ready for other lips and other hearts.

Each morning the Seaside Summer Girl—the Summer Girl at Stonehaven or Banff—watched for new faces. The season waned, the sublime waltz of Strauss like her wardrobe grew old. Her harvest passed, the summer has ended; and unless she joins the Aberdeen ambulance classes in winter and "lady" an amateur doctor, she will have to begin anew—a new bathing dress, a new Johnnie from the clerks and other rubbish of Edinburgh, Glasgow, or London. Poor Summer Girl! I must leave her, or mayhap she'll fall foul of



THE OWL

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MR ARTHUR ROBERTS has for long held a distinctive place on the English stage. As a music hall "star" he had no equal for cleverness and daring; and the same characteristics mark his position as an actor on the comic stage. No one, either in the music halls, or what is rather inaccurately called the regular stage, has such ability to hold an audience alone, without scenic or musical aid. It is especially in his admirable pantomime that Mr Roberts loves to display this gift. He will hold the centre of the stage for a quarter of an hour whilst, amidst absolute stillness, he imitates a man bathing or a woman "doing" her hair. Anon, Mr Roberts will show you that he has studied a waiter in some cafe of the boulevards, and he will reproduce that waiter as if to the manner born. And he will not be beaten, either. If a Fregoli draws the town to the Alhambra with his "lightning changes," forthwith Mr Arthur Roberts will appear on the other side of Leicester Square at the gorgeous Empire Music Hall, disguised as the Great Trickoli. And there were not wanting good judges who said that the English comedian had beaten the foreigner. It is many a year since Mr Roberts first amused me at the Avenue Theatre, where, by the way, he had Albert Chevalier as a member of his company. Then there was the Gaiety, where the comedian lamented that "Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me a Bow-Wow"; the Prince of Wales's; with an occasional "off season" visit to the music halls. Ah me! how the years fly.

"Dandy Dan" is simply the latest of a long series of plays—originally mere skeleton plays—written round Mr Roberts. I should say that, the acting apart, the chief merit of this latest entertainment is in Mr Walter Slaughter's melodious music. But Mr Roberts would pull together almost any conceivable piece. So that before it finds its way to London, there is no doubt that "Dandy Dan" will be quite a presentable musical comedy. Sufficient justice has been done to it by the daily press. As it stands, it is full of whimsical things that have evidently come from Mr Roberts' fertile fancy.

The acting all round is extremely good. Mr Roberts has been called perhaps the greatest of all comedians. I think comedian is not the word at all. No; Mr Arthur Roberts is rather a droll—a droll raised to the highest degree of genius. His face is his fortune. He can set the house in a roar, and keep it there, whilst his face, except for a wrinkle in the right cheek, or an elevation of the eyebrows, remains immobile. His pantomime, as I have said, is marvellous; and his quick changes, of persons as well as clothes, are just as wonderful. It seemed to me, however, that Miss Isa Bowman, as Mary, was quite Mr Roberts' equal in humour, with the added qualities of charm and refinement. Miss Bowman is a young actress of quite original gifts. Her scenes with the dashing Dandy Dan in the Park were exceedingly well done. Of the secondary members of the company the cleverest is Mr Harry Kilburn, as an amorous policeman. Mr Blake Adams and Messrs Cremlin and Bellamy played very cleverly the parts of the grotesquely impossible Scotch earl and his retainers. The inevitable patriotic song was well sung by Mr Leon Roche. And Mr Highland's Jeames was notably good. Miss Kate Erskine played brightly, and looked very charming, as Lady Margaret; Miss Vernon Paget gave a clever sketch of Dan's mother; and Misses Rundell and Mason, two graceful young ladies, danced a Bacchantic sort of dance. The chorus is unusually strong and well drilled.

## MISS ISA BOWMAN.

Next to the "star" himself, the most interesting player in Mr Roberts' company is Miss Isa Bowman. This clever young lady has played at most of the leading London theatres, though she is scarcely out of her teens. She first came into notice when she played the Duke of York in Mr Richard Mansfield, the well known American actor's successful revival of "Richard III." at the Globe Theatre, London. She went to America with that actor, playing the part of the Prince. Miss Bowman subsequently made a great hit in London as a dancer, though she had had no lessons. She is one of the leading English favourites in pantomime. Besides all these things, she has distinguished herself as Hattie in "Niobe" and as Connie in "All Abroad." There are no brighter young actresses on the stage that Miss Isa Bowman and her sister, "Little Empsie," as she is fond of calling her. And Miss Bowman is already an accepted favourite in Aberdeen.

## THE ALHAMBRA.

AN enthusiastic audience filled the Alhambra on Monday, and were rewarded with a capital night's entertainment. Miss Doris Dene commenced the programme by singing two songs in first-class style. She was followed by Little Tim, a youngster who will make a name for himself on the variety stage. George Wyres came next, and kept the audience in fits of laughter with his irresistibly funny style of singing. Marie Terry's contribution was followed by the Bros Pasmore, as clever a pair of knock-about artistes as are travelling. Their get up in their last act was especially smart. J. H. Milburn should have followed, but owing to indisposition was unable to appear. The disappointment of the audience was amply compensated for by the extra turns provided by Mr Sheldon. The Silcott Quartette of ladies made the hit of the evening. As vocalists they have little to learn, but it is as dancers that they excel, every movement they made being executed with a neatness and precision that is delightful to witness. Bob Hartley, comedian, brought to a close "the best night's amusement to be had in the city."

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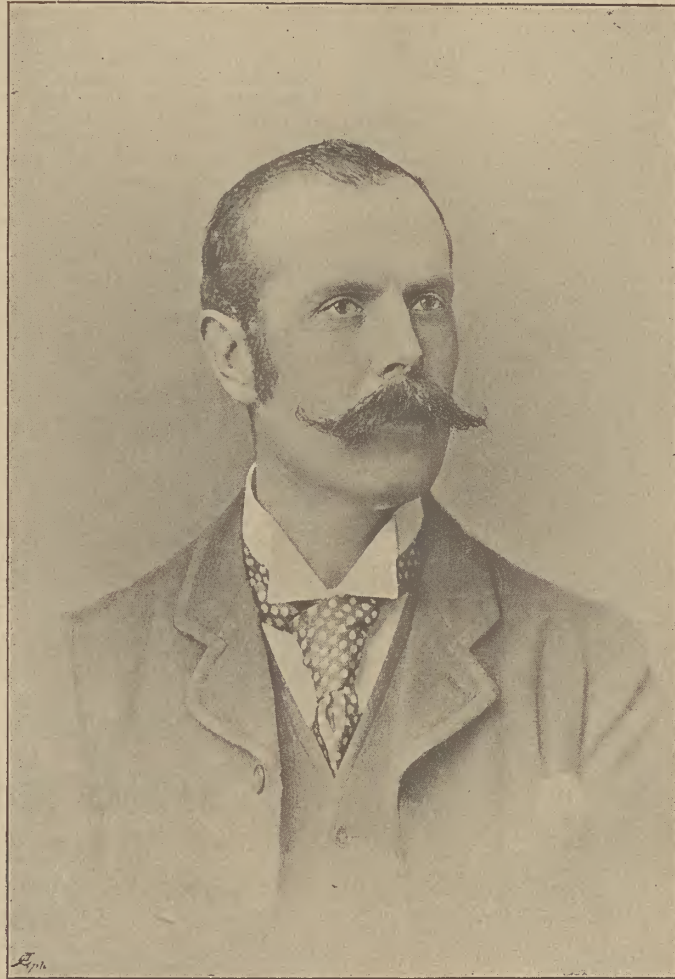
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Is shattered by the blow ;  
But where that football went to  
No soul on earth does know.

siderable share of the applause of the great audience. We understand tickets are now difficult to get, and consequently we advise our readers to "hurry up."

THIS is not Mr Dickson Moffat, who with his good lady are to appear at Messrs Walker & Company's concert and cinematograph exhibition on Saturday. No ; this is Kaysie, who so humorously keeps goal for Mr Moffat. The cinematographs at the concert will be almost entirely new, and will include local and other pictures, London and Aberdeen Diamond Jubilee processions. Miss Jessie G. Robertson, Mr J. Mackenzie Forbes and the Mandoline, Mandola, and Guitar Star Quartette are also engaged and will submit a high-class programme. Messrs Walker & Company deserve a bumper house, and we are sure they will get it. The Dundee papers were enthusiastic in proclaiming Messrs Walker's concert there a gigantic success. The cinematographs and floral tableaux in particular came in for a considerable

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## SPORT.

## CRICKET.

The cricket season of 1897 has practically reached its end.

At Mannofield on Saturday the St Ronald and Orion met in their return friendly fixture, which, like the previous one, resulted in a draw.

Batting first on a hard wicket, the St Ronald scored 100, of which total F. Baxter had 32, W. Davidson 26, and T. Wishart 10.

J. Clark and J. Webster made a capital start for the Orion, both playing fine cricket, and before their dismissal had 11 and 14 runs respectively. Frank Whitehead (14) and A. Anderson (21 not out) helped to bring their score to 86 for 7 wickets, when time was called.

Mr A. Anderson is an old 'Shire member, who played regularly for the club about 10 years ago.

The 'Shire visited Aboyne on Saturday, and gave Lord Huntly's eleven an afternoon's sprinting, the scores being—'Shire, 193 ; Lord Huntly's Eleven, 44.

For the 'Shire Captain Williams led with a beautifully compiled 50 ; G. O. Gauld came next with a spirited 46 ; and W. F. Lumsden followed with a fine 32. Mr Extra had a disgraceful 25.

With the exception of F. C. Waters (13) and Sykes (15), Lord Huntly's team made no stand against the 'Shire trundlers, and were all dismissed for the paltry score of 44.

The 'Varsity were also up Deeside, playing Monaltrie, an even draw being the result of the afternoon's play. Scores—Monaltrie for 6 wickets, 95 (closure) ; 'Varsity for 6, 73.

Mr J. D. Campbell, secretary of the 'Shire C.C., has fixed Frank Sugg and an English XI for next summer. Richardson Brockwell, and Storer will perhaps be included in the team.

## SWIMMING.

This' able young swimmer is a son of [the manager of the Constitution Street Baths. Tom has a good record, and his win



MR TOM SWEETLAND, THISTLE S.C.

over Means in the 440 yards championship of the Thistle Club lately will not soon be forgotten. His prize-winning began in earnest in 1896, when he won a 150 yards handicap. That year he was third in the championship. He has won numerous prizes, this year having been first in the 200 and 100 yards handicaps, and second in the 100 and 880 yards scratch races, besides his grand win in the club's champion-

ship. Being a good racing man, he plays a capital polo game. He takes the place of centre forward in his club's team, and is not the least important in the seven.

In the absence of Blake, andie Paterson had matters pretty much his own way in the 100 yards scratch race of the Bon-Accord Club, and easily beat Bob Rae for first place. This race started rather earlier than is usual with the Bons, the favourite turning up just in time to see the finish. Was it meant to be so ?

The Thistle lads are busy teaching the young idea how to swim just now, some 80 boys having come forward for instruction. Harpers Club held a 100 yards handicap race in the Baths on Saturday. Five were left in the final, which resulted—1 Cosgrove, 2 and 3 Sutherland and Robertson (scratch) a tie.

There were 22 entries for the 75 handicap of the Thistle Club, and the winners in the four heats were—A Murray, 20 sec. ; G. Bryden, 5 sec. ; A. Hay, 10 sec. ; and G. Bremner, 9 sec. The final, which should be interesting, is down for to-morrow night.

Johnstone Edwards has sent joy to the hearts of the Dundee Whitehall by his victory in the 220 yards championship of Scotland at Corbal Baths, Glasgow, on Monday night. Edwards took the lead when 100 yards had been covered, and swimming pluckily, won by half-a-yard from Willie Russell. The winner is very popular in Aberdeen.

The eighth annual International polo match between England and Scotland was decided in Edinburgh on Tuesday night. The fixture was instituted in 1890, and the Scotchmen won the first two games, but from 1892 till last year England had an unbroken run of success. The English team was composed, with a single exception, of North of England players. The Scotch team was as selected. Playing from the deep end, the Scotchmen scored the only goal of the first half. Early in the second period, Jarvis equalised somewhat unexpectedly. Hamilton scored the second and winning goal, and the match ended, amid great enthusiasm, in favour of Scotland by 2 goals to 1.

The Northern Bowling Club members held a smoker a week ago in the Northern Hotel, Kittybrewster, and sent Mr Harry Martin, treasurer, off to Yankeeland with a handsome travelling rug as a memento of the club. Mr Alex M'Leod made the presentation, and Harry suitably replied. The Burly Boycatter set the musical ball rolling, and songs were given by most of the 50 gentlemen present. A service of "saut herring" and tatties" came pat, "Mac's" beaming countenance vying with the fish. Mine host duly announced the arrival of Forbes Mackenzie, and the company sang, "We are na fou," which was denied by one honest man in the crowd.

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## GOLF.

All the golfers are delighted with the new course, some saying that it is the best we have had for years.

The last quarterly hole competition of the Victoria for the season will be commenced this week.

A match—8 a-side—was played at Newburgh last week between a team captained by Mr W. A. Gordon and a team of the Newburgh Club. Newburgh won by 19 holes. The best score in Gordon's team was made by Mr J. B. Banks with 76. The best of the home team was made by Mr W. Murray, 81.

A professional exhibition match was played at Renfrew on Saturday between Archie Simpson and J. Kinnell, Prestwick. Archie played the steadier game, while Kinnell was off his putting form and somewhat erratic in his drives. The scores for the 36 holes were—Simpson, 150; Kinnell, 152.

The seventh annual tournament for the handsome shield and gold badges presented by the *Evening Times* will take place on September 23, 24, and 25 over the Ranfurly golf course, Bridge of Weir. It is a foursome competition. Already 30 couples have entered. Entries close on September 20.

## FOOTBALL.

## RUGBY.

The Aberdeenshire Rugby Club had a good annual meeting. The report showed that 12 matches were played by the first fifteen. 10 were won, 1 lost, and 1 drawn. The following were appointed officials:—1st fifteen—Captain, P. C. Farquharson; vice-captain, Malcolm Macphail; honorary secretary and treasurer, W. B. Irons, 16 Union Grove; committee, W. Allan, J. D. Munro, W. Cruickshank, C. S. Lumsden, W. Hay, and W. Milne. The second fifteen officials were appointed as follow—Captain, Ruddiman; vice-captain, A. Macmillan; hon. secretary, J. E. Munro, 43 Holburn Road; committee, Stewart, Macphail, Robertson, Johnstone, Smith, and Bremner.

Mr J. S. Walker, of the 'Shire F.C., on the occasion of his departure for an appointment at Bury, was presented by the members and friends of the club with a beautiful gold Albert and pendant as a token of the esteem in which he was held by all.

Everyone interested in Rugby football knows Jimmy Walker, and his departure has caused general regret in Rugby circles here. He was undoubtedly one of the finest quarter backs in the North of Scotland, and his brilliant performances will long remain in the memory of Rugby followers in Aberdeen. He has been connected with Rugby football for about 10 years, and during that time has twice captained the 'Shire, also captained the North of Scotland against the Midlands, and secured many minor honours. Last season he seemed to renew his youth, and was more versatile than ever. The 'Shire will feel his loss very much indeed.

Apart from his value as a player, he has done a great amount of work for Rugby football in the north, and his efforts always met with well-merited success. Jimmy could also hold his own at other sports, being a good cricketer and tennis player, and a fair gymnast. We all wish him good luck in his new sphere, and trust he will meet with the success such a fine fellow deserves.

## ASSOCIATION.

St Bernard met Reserves and defeated them by 4-0. St Ronald vanquished Albert Thistle 3-2. Renton Reserves added another victory, beating Renown 3-2. Junior Orion met Royal and defeated them 4-2. St Clements 3, Junior Royal Oak 0. Ashfield should have met Melrose, but failed to turn up. What has come over the Ashfield, after so good a season last year. Wake up, Captain John. Woodside played Renton at Woodside, and tied with the Aberdonians.

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## Presentation to Mr J. Forsyth.

The Vics met in the Prince of Wales Hotel last night (Wednesday) and presented Mr J. Forsyth, on his leaving for South Africa, with a memento of the many happy days he had spent in their ranks. Mr Henry Ross occupied the chair, and before presenting Mr Forsyth with a handsome gold Albert and badge, made a few remarks on John's long and honourable sporting career. It is perhaps on the football field that Mr Forsyth is best known, but a good few years ago he devoted a considerable amount of time to cricket, and formed one of the Garfield team, which at that time had Tommy Reid in their eleven, and were second to none among the juniors. It is quite unnecessary for me to say anything about his football abilities. They are too well known to require further remarks. Mr W. Stewart presided at the piano, and the best of our local vocalists assisted in making the evening one to be long remembered by Jack. His fellow-workmen have presented him with a travelling bag, and a few friends gave him a very pretty dressing case.

## Short Kicks.

Over £70 was drawn at Torry on Saturday.

Aberdeen have a rare defence.

A good forward or two would strengthen the team greatly.

A Whites supporter suggests that a trial be given to the following front line—Gray, Milne, Clark, Mackie and Clark, letting in Joe Davidson centre half.

Montrose seems to be the nursery for Aberdeen football. Four old Gable Endies took part in Saturday's game.

For the second week Vics had to finish with ten men.

Carlin has been very lucky in getting off with a censure. The general opinion was that it would be at least a month.

True, he did get some pretty hard usage before retaliating; but such conduct, for the good of football, must be put down. We trust he will profit by his lesson.

The Vics have Forfar Athletic at Torry on Saturday, and they will depend on the same team as turned out last week to secure the two points.

Some amusing remarks were heard about Allan on Saturday. "He's nae allooted to rin; they tak' five bob aff his wages if he daes," said one little chap.

He does appear to be very slow; but when once the ball comes near him, there's a sudden brightening up.

Black reappeared in the Vics' front line, but the forward play was disjointed through the absence of Carlin.

Orion had a rare time of it at Peterhead. The game was a hard one from beginning to end.

The home team were completely out of it during the first half. They, however, managed from two or three runs down to score.

Jim Thom was in his scoring mood, three out of the four goals standing to his credit.

Wilson, Orion's new forward, is a grand catch. He gave a finished exhibition of forward play.

Hogg was the best of a good front line.

The League Championship flag will be unfurled on Saturday, when the Stripes meet Arbroath.

A braw new flag-post, standing some 40 feet high, has been erected.

Lord Provost Mearns and the Magistrates have been asked to be present. The Provost has been asked to pull the string.

A new forward may be seen at Cattofield before the Scottish tie. Meantime, mum's the word.

Orion's team on Saturday will be practically the same as that which defeated Peterhead.


Orion and Vics are drawn for the next round of the Qualifying Cup. The game is to be played at Cattofield on 2nd October.

There ought to be a grand tussle, and may the best team win. Aberdeen having a vacant date, fixed up Lochee for their return League fixture at Dundee on Saturday first.

After Lochee's fine display last week in the qualifying ties, the Whites had better be on their best behaviour.

The Morison League commence operations on 2nd October, the games down for decision being Richmond v. East End and Favourites v. Royal Oak.

Entries for the *Figaro* Cup competition close on Wednesday, 22nd September, when the draw for the 1st round will take place.

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### The Qualifying Cup.

#### VICTORIA UNITED V. ABERDEEN.

The Vics v. Aberdeen tie created no end of interest, and a large crowd turned out to witness the game.

Both teams were at full strength, the whole of the Blues' new men taking the field. Twick Burnett considered himself fit, although the stitches are not out of his head yet.

Aberdeen had out the same team that gave Lochce so severe a drubbing last week.

Carlin started with the wind, but against a very strong sun. Play was fast, and in about five minutes Ritchie notched the first point.

Not long afterwards, Carlin and Clark (centre half) had a kicking bout, which ended in Carlin being ordered off the field.

The Whites tried their hardest to get on equal terms, but wretched shooting and a strong defence kept the Vics' goal intact.

Although playing a man short, the home team had decidedly the best of matters. McConnachie missed, and Henderson beat Smyth for a second time.

Aberdeen redoubled their efforts, and Willie Clark beat Allan for the first time.

During the last ten minutes, Aberdeen were continually round the home goal, but could not score again, and the game ended in Aberdeen's exit from the ties by 2 goal to 1.

Taking the game all over it was a hard one, but evidently through the various players being strange to one another, combination was little in evidence.

Aberdeen have got together a very strong team, the defence being specially powerful. The forwards, however, lack shooting powers. Their play is all right in the open, but when nearing goal they seem to get lost.

The Vics' new team was undoubtedly the centre of attraction. Allan in goal was coolness personified, and saved some rare shots, especially towards the end of the second half. He's a good 'un.

Moffat showed the best form of the others, and is a decided catch. The forwards could scarcely be judged, seeing they were one short for the most of the game, but before long they should prove a formidable five.

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#### ORION V. PETERHEAD.

Before a large crowd and in lovely weather Orion reappeared at Peterhead to decide their tie.

With the wind in their favour the visitors soon set to work. Jim Thom headed through the opening point shortly after the commencement.

The game had hardly restarted again when Jim popped through a second one.

Peterhead wakened up a bit after this, and even play was witnessed. Smith opened the scoring for the homesters, and the same player put the score equal before half time.

The home team opened strongly in the second half, but could not pierce the defence. Hogg had a fine run, which Wilson finished by putting the ball past Mackie.

Jim Thom again got his head on the ball at the goalmouth, and Mackie was beat for a fourth time.

Towards the finish Orion seemed to be content with their lead, and didn't exert themselves. Leggat had a good run, but it ended in his kicking the ground instead of the ball, and an easy chance was lost.

Peterhead pressed hard in the closing minutes, but luck was not favouring them on Saturday.

All over Orion played a good game, Wilson being a decided acquisition to the front rank.

For Peterhead Mackie kept a rare goal, while Shiach and Smith were the best of the others. Result, 4-2.

AFTER a thorough renovation, the Victoria Hall, Skene Terrace, presented quite an animated appearance on Saturday evening at the opening for the season of the Gondolier Quadrille Party. Messrs D. Sutherland, Wm. Stewart, and Luke Foster were responsible for the up-to-date music, and Mr R. S. Donald carefully arranged the dances. The promoter is Mr James F. Donald, the popular cyclist, who for the past six years has conducted these enjoyable parties in the Small Albert, and for whom we predict a pleasant and successful cruise in his new "gondola." This comfortable hall can now be booked for all kinds of social functions on application to Mr Donald.

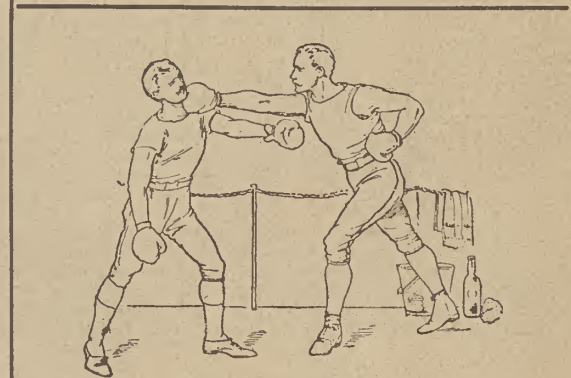
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## Mr Donald Munro's Concert.

ANOTHER great success was scored by Mr Donald Munro last Saturday. The Music Hall was packed with an intelligent and responsive audience, and a high-class programme was enthusiastically received. We have but one fault to find, and that is the abnormal length of the programme. It was not such a programme that one would care to miss the least bit of, so those who had to go by car or train either missed part of their programme or their conveyances. Both Mr Munro and the audience were to blame for the length of the programme, for the popular entertainer engaged so high-class artistes that the audience demanded more.

An undoubted hit was the engagement by Mr Munro of the Rhonda Valley Glee Singers. Their appearance was hailed with applause. "Hail, Bright abode," was not so well sung as succeeding items, the rendering of "The Italian Salad," being particularly good.

Miss Elsie Grey has a sweet voice, and used it well in "The Bonnie Lass o' Ballochmyle," and "Killarney," to the latter of which she had to respond, singing "Home, Sweet Home." Miss Grey's fine contralto voice was also heard to advantage in a duet with Miss Hunter.

Miss Lizzie Hunter's pronunciation is perfect. She has a contralto voice of great power, and her first song, "The Holy City," gave her an opportunity of proving this. She responded with "Annie Laurie," which was not so successful as "Angus Macdonald," a song well suited to her voice. We are pleased that Mr Munro is bringing Miss Hunter back.

Miss Louise Hogg's recitation, "Love in a Balloon," was well given, and in the sketch with Mr Munro she still further discovered splendid elocutionary powers.

Mr Munro received a flattering cheer when he appeared in the sketch, "A Society Rumour." He took the part of a solicitor in love; and the part was capitally sustained. We have seldom seen Mr Munro in such good form as on Saturday, and in his recitation, "A Lesson in Love Making," he shone particularly. As a reciter of Scotch pieces he excels. The love making of Daniel Dreip was exorcisingly funny.

We have heard "The Wedding of Shon Maclean" receive better treatment than Mr Henry Prenton gave it; but the song served to show this singer's grand baritone voice. Mr Prenton's whistling solo was a little disappointing.

Mr George Neil, the tenor singer, has been heard in Aberdeen before, but never to such advantage as on Saturday. "The Lea Rig" and "Nannie's Awa" were sung with great taste.

Mr Mackenzie-Murdoch is a prime favourite here, for he never disappoints us. On Saturday his fiddle seemed to speak even better than before. In "Nannie's Awa," and "Duncan Gray" (the encore piece) he was charming. He received a great ovation. His new violin solo, "Skein Dhu," was quite as successful as his first piece. The variations that the violinist introduced were marvellously clever.

Mr Lindon Wyatt is new to Aberdeen, but his successful appearance on Saturday will assure his speedy return. So clever a mimic has never stepped on the platform of the Music Hall. His burlesque, "An Irish band," was irresistible, his imitation of the violin, banjo, and clarinet being perfect. "Och, it was a foine band." No less amusing was "A rural party." Here Mr Wyatt gave us a hearty laugh over the eccentricities of the parson and his flock.

Mr A. Dick Buchanan gave a piano solo, and also played the accompaniments with great taste.

The concert was in every respect a success, and still further testified to Mr Donald Munro's ability as a concert promoter.

Mr Munro has yielded to the requests of many friends to return this season, and on Monday, 27th, the Autumn Holiday, the programme will be repeated, with the addition of Miss Jessie N. Maclachlan and Mr Harry Lauder.

## Skene-Dhus Made in Germany.

THERE'S scarcely any call for preliminary remarks. No one in Skene is concerned about the honour of Mrs Barrett Browning, that lady being a "deemie" unknown to the Dhus; and no one will demand an apology. I merely wish to explain that I have the luck to be born a criminal. In consequence of which, no responsibility can rest upon my shoulders for the perpetration below.

Do ye hear the milkmaids weeping, O my brudders,  
The strapping maids of Skene?

They lean their frizzy heads against the udders,  
And reflect on what has been.  
They could once afford, these maids, to pick and choose be-  
"Twixt a second-horseman and a gawk;  
But now! all sheep's-eyes turn towards Kin-Tuesday;  
All love-sick calves go flocking up "The Walk";  
And the sonsie, fat-faced milkmaids, O my brudders,  
Are left weeping bitterly!  
They lean their frizzy heads against the udders,  
And curse at Germany.

The sonsie, fat-faced milkmaids, O my brudders,  
Are left weeping bitterly,  
And the sympathetic milk-cow lows and shudders  
At the name of Germany.  
Do you question the compassion of the milk-cow?  
*Mein Gott!* 'twould make a jackass weep to hear  
How those fickle chaps extol and praise *Die Jungfrau*,  
With ne'er a thought of what occurred last year.  
And the butter-milky maidens they are weeping  
O'er the squandering of their charms—  
Small pleasure is there for a maiden, sleeping  
With a churn in her arms!

They look up with their red and freckled faces  
(And they do look droll to me  
Since *Die Jungfrau's* joyous smiles and golden tresses  
Stole my h-e-a-r-t).  
"There were times," they say, "when Skene lads did us cherish,  
Least, they said so when they strained us to their breast;  
But there's nae a man in a' the bloomin' parish  
But's as double-faced a sinner as the rest.  
We all have learned that fact, sirs, to our sorrow,  
But this is how we'll talk,  
When the plowmen chieles come back to us to-morrow:—  
"Himmel! Farther up the walk." DICK MURDO.

## WOODSIDE.

MR CATTO was born in Woodside 40 years ago. He was an original member of the local theatrical club, and for 20 years

has taken his share of the work done in this direction. Before the amalgamation of Woodside and Aberdeen the burgh was a hot bed of amateur actors, and the amateur Irvings and Barretts are scattered all over the world. Mr and Mrs Catto made their first appearance as Mr and Mrs M'Tavish in "Gilderoy," and since then he has taken numerous parts. His latest appearance was as Sample Switchel in "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," and the public were unanimous in praising the performance. Mr Catto revels in Scotch parts, and in comedy we know of no local amateur who can approach him. He is ever ready to give

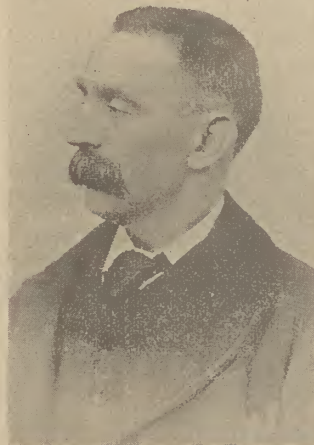


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MR WILL CATTO.

an encouraging word to the novice; and when cases of illness happen among the workers in the suburb, Mr Catto and his fellows are always pleased to give their assistance. Mr and Mrs Catto have exerted themselves in order to put the club again on its feet, and Mr P. Kane, who plays lead, and Mr J. Cruickshank, who takes heavy parts, have also done their share.

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## WOODSIDE—(Continued).

ALTHOUGH Woodsiders are at times as rough as miners, there is a substratum of humour of a primitive kind in them. A gentleman who when not fighting is ringing a bell, went to a friend's house at the dead of night and alarmed him and his neighbours by shouting to them to come and see what they had never seen before in Woodside. The people rose from their beds and went and saw—nothing. Up to the present even the newsagent declares that he went to see what he never saw before in Woodside.

"Roy's Wife of Aldivaloch" must have been a particularly charming lady; but "Roy's Wife" bawled by a drunk man on Friday night was anything but charming.

The "mawkers" are not making much of it just now on the Don; and it is sad to see them keeping up their spirits by putting down spirits.

We had a benefit dance on Friday night, but we fail to see where the benefit comes in, if we consider that hall expenses, &c., had to be paid.

Read next week's BON-ACCORD for terrible affair at Gordon's Mills. The episode will be a long way after a prominent Scotch poet.

"The hail toon's gaun mairryin' mad," said an old woman the other night. "Fower merridges at ae sittin' dings a'."

The Seaton Howe is getting demoralised. A young man, bare-headed, busily threw his fly and picked up worms last Sunday, and that, too, under the nose of the Woodside "gamie" and his friend.

I think the Sallies—no, no, the Salvationists—should lie in bed an hour longer on Sunday mornings, and not annoy people with their bombastic balderdash. I would like to know what soldier got, or is to get, suspended for a few months. Some underhand work surely. I shall investigate and let you know.

The following story may not bring a Victoria Cross to Woodside, but it is worth chronicling in BON-ACCORD. A few youths were wading in Don, and one lost his boots in a deep pool. Before a crowd of millworkers he divested himself of his clothes, and bravely dived into the raging main, and brought his boots to land amid the cheers of the spectators.

Next week a photo; also a special article on the attack by the local laerie upon the one and only WILFRED DANVERS.

## HUNTLY.

THE shooting match between the volunteers and ex-volunteers at Huntly turned out a grand show, justice having been done to the refreshments. Although the shooting was done with Martini-Henrys, pocket pistols were not unknown. Some of the old hands have not forgotten how to handle a rifle, although they may have forgotten how to aim. We think it would be better to see that the sheep are off the hill before another match is held.

Messrs Walker & Company, cinematographists, got a well-deserved bumper house on Monday. Their show was simply grand. On Monday first, Mr Donald Munro comes, and Strathbolgans are looking forward to the popular entertainer's popular programme. Mr Munro is a great favourite here.

An advertisement has been sent, but no stamps in payment. The party who "coupit" the cart will hear of something to their advantage by applying at the smithy.

WE have heard it said over and over again that the Inverurie women cannot keep a secret. Now, we offer a valuable prize to the Inverurie or Kintore lady who overheard her neighbour say that her new dress was partly made up of the old one, or was the old one dyed.

There is a cry for blood in Inverurie. We expect to hear of a duel between the parties who are wrangling over the question as to whether "The Three Bears" children got milk or tea at Port Erroll, and as to whether the minister and his friend partook of the same fare as the children. Whether the young lady speaks of the children at "peer vratches" or no is a capital subject for the young fellows' debating societies in the winter months.

## DEESIDE NOTES.

Go where you will in the good villages of Aboyne and Ballater at present, one sees nothing but nobs, snobs, and flunkies.

Lost, stolen, or strayed, a citizen of Ballater; last seen returning from the Free Church on Sunday, with a blue silk sash round his middle, the observed of all observers. Medium height, speaks through his nose, which is of a blue hue. Please send any information to Tom Doo.

It is said that the only legitimate Ballater painter wishes to be described as a decorator now that he is becoming a big boy.

## BALLATER PUZZLE COMPETITION.

IN order to set the minds of Ballaterians at rest regarding certain questions, we have organised a competition. Answers to the following questions will be received up till Saturday week:—

1. What is the most urgent public "improvement?"
2. The most suitable man for provost.
3. The best looking young lady.
4. The greatest male masher.
5. The greatest musical humbug.
6. The strictest T.T.
7. The strongest anti-T.T.
8. The handsomest man in Ballater.
9. The ablest musician.
10. The worst dressed new elder on Sundays.
11. The best lady vocalist.
12. The worst male songster.

MR JAMES MACKENZIE, a native of Huntly, who has been for many years in the employ of Messrs William Collins, Sons & Co., Ltd., Glasgow, was the other day made the recipient of a valuable present on the occasion of leaving to start business on his own account. Mr Mackenzie was referred to as possessing the proverbial Aberdeenshire characteristics of grit and gumption.

FOR fifty years the people of Newmachar have worshipped under the old roof of Zion, without the interference of tradesmen; but lately the clang of hammers was heard in the parish. The result of the renovations is that there has been left under tombstones quite a fortune in bottles for the first boy who looks. "Ta-ra-boom-de-ay," resounding through the old place was quite a change from the hymns and psalms that were wont to echo there. A new mode of lifting refreshments was in vogue, but more of this later.

A Whitehillcock, Cabrach, worthy has extracted from the dirty debris in front of his door, an iron chest containing clothes. From the clothes it appears that the chest belongs to the 9th century B.C. For the last few days they have been exhibited at the lodge.

THE good folks around Maud are anxiously inquiring about a lammie that is running about with a bell round its neck.

Great agitation! A new public hall wanted at Maud. So says a local weekly paper. No, no, Maud, be content with what you have got, or you may get worse. So says the

## HAY LOFT.

The city of Drumlithie is troubled. There is war in the village and in the valley. And all over a paltry dancing board. The committee of the games last year had an adverse balance, and claim the dancing board as their only asset. This year's games committee had a balance to the good and also claim the board. But the best bit of the play was when the board was carted to the Flower Show and was lying in state on the evening previous. Five or six burdly chieis coolly visited the show-ground, and as coolly lifted the board to its former resting place. The aid of the law was called in and the new committee are determined to spend their surplus in defence of what they term their just and legal rights.

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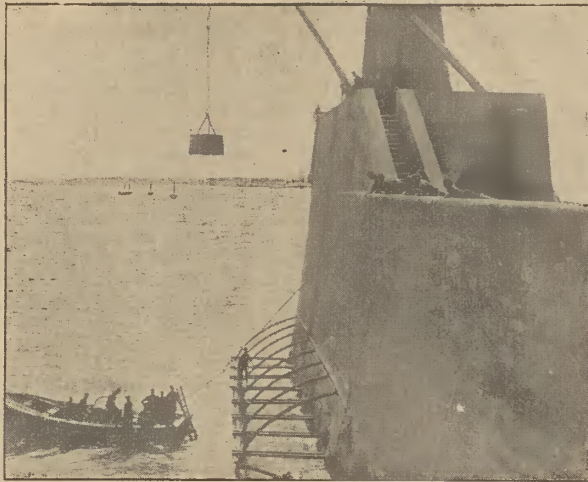
THERE is generally something manly about the young ladies of Huntly—an arm for instance.

THE wind is an international air that the latest hurdy-gurdy man cannot get past.

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Haberdashers are doing next to nothing; save standing at their shop doors getting a gasp of fresh air.

Coal dealers' carts are returning to stores the same as they went out. The "tip-penny" bucketful of coals most in demand.

Rabbit hunting for pot purposes is the work of the day.

The recent findings of some of Fraserburgh Commissioners (the wise men absenting themselves) here, may truly be termed short-sighted and non-progressive.

To refuse a water supply and drainage access to new properties adjacent to the present municipal boundary is worse than boycotting.

Bigger towns than the Broch readily give water and drainage facilities to outsiders on application, and profit thereby, and why not in Fraserburgh? Selfishness never tends to any good purpose, either in communities or individuals.

This water question recalls to my mind the inscription upon the old Well of Spa in Aberdeen, viz:—

As Heaven gives me,  
So give I thee.

Fraserburgh magnates, ponder over these lines, for man and beast need water.

A great shadow has fallen upon Philorth, and Fraserburgh sympathises with Lord Saltoun over the sad accident that has robbed a gallant father of a gallant son. Col. Dick Cunyngham wears the Victoria Cross for bravery in the Afghan War. His son died through rescuing his companion, the Master of Saltoun, from drowning. Young Cunyngham was only 11 years of age, and was a bright little fellow, a great favourite at Philorth.

Peterhead—"More Light."

Our Tom has said the word,  
"This hall is far too dark  
For my poor sight."  
My eyes are dim indeed  
For I can't see to read  
For darkness there's no need  
Let there be light.

"A proposal I will make,  
Which I trust you'll uphold  
With all your might;  
This is what I wish to say,  
'We must be bright as day.  
With incandescent ray  
Let there be light.'

Jim said it was too dear,  
Took too much L.S.D.—  
It is not right;  
Bill's mighty voice was heard  
"That motion is absurd"—  
Sergeant Tom's said the word,  
"Let there be light."

Inflectual light you need  
"As well's your daily breid";  
Now try to fight.  
Against little foibles, pray  
Drive self and pride away  
On such like faults I say,  
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## THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL AT ABOYNE.

The following letter was sent by Sir William Cunliffe Brooks, Bart., Forest of Glen Tana, to the Chairman of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Deeside District Committee held at Aboyne on Saturday, 4th September:—

Forest of Glen Tana,  
Aboyne, 4th September, 1897.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
DEESIDE DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—At the last public meeting of your committee, you expressed desire for some information to be supplied by me.

Readily I do so.

It is requested you should cause this letter to be read at to-day's meeting of the committee, so that my words should have the same publicity as yours.

You expressed desire that I should give the name of the proprietor who, I said, would not consent to yield one drop of water to the Bellwood site.

It is Captain Davidson of Desswood.

I was informed of this by the Marquis of Huntly, who, on the 31st July, 1897, wrote—

“The well is on Captain Davidson's property, and only last week he told me it was the sole water supply he had for the farm on that side of his estate. He would not consent to part with a drop of that water.”

I have communicated with Captain Davidson, who says the first sentence is his; but not the last, which, he adds, must be Lord Huntly's own remark; which, however, appears to be quite true, and corroborates my statement.

One of your committee (Sir John Clark) said at your public meeting, he “wished the fact to be brought out that the hospital was half a mile from the village.”

This I was obliged to contradict. Mr. Nicol of Ballogie, however, properly confirms me by stating it is only 164 yards from one of the houses already built in the village.

Sir John has handsomely admitted his statement was only on hearsay. It is, of course, regrettable that the information he accepted was not more accurate. My contradiction stands good—the hospital is not anything like half a mile from the village, and is within its water area.

Mr Nicol of Ballogie had stated at a public meeting of your committee that I had no foundation for saying that your committee had appointed the Marquis of Huntly and Mr Sandison to confer with me on a site.

I have communicated with Mr. Nicol, with the result that he candidly acknowledges that what was (erroneously, it appears) written to me by Lord Huntly did give me foundation for making my statement.

The hospital, which is being built for the reception (from a large surrounding district) of persons afflicted with contagious and infectious diseases, is not isolated, as all such hospitals should be. Its site is within the water area of Aboyne, whose inhabitants strongly object to its position.

When you contemplated taking that site, you were certainly not legally bound to consult me, as proprietor of a large amount of adjoining property; but it would have been decent for you to have done so. It was extremely discourteous on your part not to do so. I don't read the printed reports of your meetings, unless my attention is specially directed to them; and I never knew what you were aiming at,

until, going to Aboyne to assist at the preparations for the Jubilee, I found out what you were doing.

The ratepayers of Aboyne petitioned in the strongest terms against this site; because, having expended much money in preparing accommodation for visitors to their well-reputed healthy village, they fear to lose money by visitors being deterred from coming.

The ratepayers fear not only the possibility of contagion and infection from the patients, but they dread a sentiment, which has already shown itself, causing visitors to pass Aboyne by, to seek lodgings in other places, where no pest-house exists.

In my hearty sympathy with the inhabitants of Aboyne, and in my anxiety about my own large property there, I offered, so soon as ever I found out what you were doing, to pay for whatever building work had been done.

You did not accept my offer.

You advertised for another site; and, since then, to the astonishment of everyone, you went on spending the money of us ratepayers in building on the objectionable site, without waiting for replies to your advertisement; and without waiting for the report of the sub-committee who were appointed to consider sites.

That appears unbusinesslike.

As the building went on I offered £1000 if you would select a site away from Aboyne. You replied in public with these discreditable words—

That, “you could not be driven into the desert and into the highways and byeways to look for a site; that you already had a site; and that you were not to be buffeted out of it, and be sent to look for another site with so many pounds in your pocket.”

You appeared to think that, when you had selected a site, however objectionable, your duty was done.

That is not so.

You ought to consider the feelings of the inhabitants of Aboyne, who are the most interested in this matter. You ought to bow before the expression of public opinion, which, with the Press generally, is dead against you. You ought to go into the desert, as you phrase it, to seek a site which is isolated, and be very thankful that money is put into your pocket to assist you to do it.

I have received many, many letters of sympathy on “the disgraceful conduct of placing a pest house in the water area of the thriving health resort of Aboyne and its neighbourhood”; and “the shabby treatment of me, who have done so much for Aboyne”; and, also, I have received from very many a suggestion, which, if you will adopt, may get you out of your difficulty, and tend to restore the general tranquility of our pleasant neighbourhood, namely, that you should cause the site and all that is thereon to be sold, whereby the ratepayers would not lose a single penny, and you would be, with my thousand pounds in your pocket, able to look for a site, isolated, as it should be, and not compulsorily opposed to the spirit of legislation on such hospitals.

Yours true,

WILLIAM CUNLIFFE BROOKS.

## Improvements at the Links.

THERE are many men who can see the good of a city improvement only when it puts money in their pockets. That being so, we are afraid that Councillor Fraser will have difficulty in convincing certain members of the Town Council as to the propriety of going on with the suggested improvements at the Links. Councillor Fraser wishes to make the Links, the great playground of the city, more suitable as a playground, and as a resort for visitors to the city. He wishes to make terraces on the Broadhill, plant seats overlooking the Links and the Bay, and otherwise improve the place. He wishes, further, that a carriage drive be made from Dee to Don mouth, a scheme that has the imprimatur of the Lord Provost. Of course, Councillor Fraser will have the support of the members of the Council who can see a little before them—who can see that by thus improving the amenities of the city visitors in increasing numbers will be induced to come here. The fact that enormous crowds have been conveyed to the Bathing Station at the Links during the past summer has opened the eyes of progressive men to the possibilities in that part of the city; and Mr Fraser's motion is the natural result of the past season's work.

We believe that nowhere in Scotland is there such a fine stretch of comonty with a magnificent beach adjoining as the Aberdeen Links, and we make bold to say that no other town in Scotland has paid so little heed to such natural advantages. Mr Fraser wishes the Links made more suitable for sports, volunteering, &c., the Broadhill terraced, and a drive made to Donmouth. The other week we sketched an improvement that would fit in with Mr Fraser's, viz., a carriage drive not to Donmouth only, but carried by a bridge over the Tile Burn, up to the New Bridge of Don, then along the top of the brae to the Brig of Balgownie. Old Aberdeen, the showground of the city, could thus be reached, and a circular tour completed that would be second to none in Scotland.

There is no reason why all this should be attempted at once. We have already shown that the money for the Tile Burn Bridge and the roadways near the Bridge of Don could be taken from the wealthy Bridge of Don Fund, which stands at about £30,000, and surely the ratepayers would not grudge the expense of improving the Links. All we ask is that the idea of forming a grand drive from the Bathing Station to the Brig o' Balgownie be kept in the front.

We look forward with interest to the discussion when Mr Fraser brings up his Links Improvement Scheme.

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