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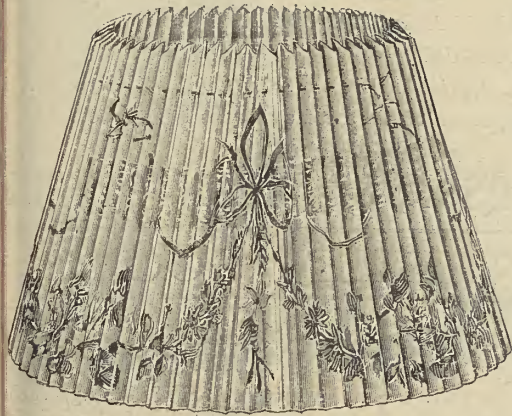


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Topics of the Week.

*** Owing to the continued pressure on our space, we have been obliged to hold over our "Ladies' Page" till next week, along with several other interesting articles and paragraphs. We have also been reluctantly compelled to keep back several advertisements.*

The late Dr. John Forbes White was an admirable type of the mercantile man of culture—a type which fortunately has always been numerously represented in Aberdeen. He enjoyed a high reputation as an authority on art, and he is also said to have been an accomplished Greek scholar. Dr. White had been almost forgotten by the present generation of Aberdonians, but twenty years ago he played an important part in the social and political life of the city. A good platform speaker, he enjoyed the confidence of the masses, and had he cared he could easily have been returned as Liberal Member of Parliament for the town in preference to the late Dr. Webster of Edgehill.

Dr. White suffered heavy financial losses in his business of flour manufacturer prior to 1889, in which year he removed to Dundee. He was successful there for a time, but it is understood that towards the end he concerned himself far from flourishing. The Doctor lived during part of the summer months at Seaton, near Balgowrie, perhaps the loveliest spot on the whole range of the Don. Though ill, he left Seaton to attend the marriage of his daughter to Mr. Harrower some three weeks ago. He was very loth to leave, no doubt feeling a premonition that he would see the place no more. Though it had many happy moments, Dr. White's life was in effect a tragedy. Nature intended him for a scholar; circumstance made him a merchant.

I well remember the sale in London of many of the paintings in his fine collection. They were not sold in the usual way at Christie's, but at Sotheby's in Wellington Street, off the Strand. Messrs. Sotheby are the great book auctioneers, and the dealers present at the picture sale handled the gems of art in the same irreverent way that they did the worm-eaten folios. Some of the Doctor's "old masters" went for little more than the price of the proverbial "old song."

Dr. White, who was present, was, of course, greatly

hurt. Indeed, his distress was evident, and I, for one, found it rather painful to witness. No one in the room seemed to know him. The iron must have pierced his soul when he heard a typical picture dealer nonchalantly look at the work of a master and say, "I can buy that for two sovereigns in Wardour Street." And in most cases more than a few pounds the dealers refused to give. The collection was, in fact, thrown away.

The Scottish distilling interest is threatened with serious opposition on their own ground by the American Whisky Trust. The invaders are reported to have acquired Dalwhinnie Distillery, and to be in negotiation for half-a-dozen other concerns. It is alleged, also, that they have a "strong pull" at Washington, and will thus be able to manipulate the import tariffs to their advantage. Nevertheless, the Scotsmen are said to regard the situation with equanimity. They defy the Trust to make more out of whisky than they can. In addition, they say, the price of "mountain dew" is so low just now, owing to over-production, that the margin of profit is very small. Admitting this, it is strange that no reduction in price has yet been made in favour of the retail customer. The tariff, I believe, still remains threepence, fourpence, and sixpence a glass. Is there not cause here for another popular agitation?

I cannot resist giving the following instance of "confusion" of speech which has been sent me by a correspondent. The other Sunday evening he attended a meeting in the Palace Theatre which was addressed by Mr. Will Crooks, M.P. At the conclusion the genial superintendent, who had evidently been considerably excited by Mr. Crooks' oratory, made the following appeal for the usual special collection—"Friends, I hope you will make the collection a small one. While the collection is being sung, hymn number 322 will be taken." My correspondent tells me that the laughter which followed these lucid remarks reminded him of a Saturday night with Harry Lauder on the stage.

A Bucksburn correspondent asks why passengers by Tramway from Aberdeen to Bankhead, or *vice-versa*, should not be able to buy a through ticket at either terminus. According to the present arrangements, travellers pay twice—once on the Aberdeen route and once on the suburban route, receiving two tickets. Surely this could be obviated by the adoption of the railway Clearing House system. The present method is certainly somewhat primitive and unbusiness-like, and unworthy of enterprising go-a-head concerns like both the Tramway Companies.

From the nature of the contents the syllabus of the Aberdeen Clarion Club would almost lead one to believe that it had been originally arranged for the Philosophical Society. The meetings, which began on the 1st inst., are held weekly. Among the lecturers still to be heard are Professors J. Arthur Thomson and J. B. Baillie; Dr. John Rennie, Rev. R. Bruce Taylor, ex-Treasurer Bisset, Rev. William Kirk, Miss R. F. Craigmile, and Messrs. W. B. Gardner, G. R. G. Conway, George Garden, and R. Grant. Most of the subjects are of great interest, and range from an exposition of co-operation to criticisms of Herbert Spencer, Heine, and Maurice Maeterlinck, and a consideration of the "Ethics of Shakespeare."

The semi-jubilee of the Rev. Dr. C. C. Macdonald was celebrated in the Albert Hall last week. I hope the genial cleric will live to attain his ministerial jubilee. "C. C." is now a power in the Church Courts, a model parish priest, and all that, but I cannot help thinking of him as a man who has lost his way. He might not have made much of a professorship, but it is almost certain that he would have been a success at the bar.

Twenty years ago Dr. Macdonald was not the "safe Churchman" he is to-day. He was in fact a "Radical firebrand," and decidedly the most popular orator in the city. He could sway a mob meeting any way he pleased. His oratory was more than fluent and vigorous; it was illumined at frequent intervals by brilliant flashes of wit and sarcasm that clearly revealed a master intellect. The tremendous verbal duel between him and Professor Minto during a School Board election is historic. The combatants were so equally matched that it is difficult to say who had the advantage.

The burly parson of St. Clement's also did "yeoman service" on behalf of the Independent Labour Party, during Mr. H. H. Champion's candidature for South Aberdeen in 1892. That was among his last public appearances politically. Even then it seemed that his heart was not altogether in the work. By-and-bye "C. C." developed into a strong Church defender, and the Radical platforms knew him no more. He has also to a great extent refrained of late years from taking any part in public social movements. It is a great pity that a man with so powerful and practical a mind should give up to the church of St. Clement what was meant for the city at large. But possibly he had enough of "public life" in his time, and has not yet recovered from the resultant nausea.

Lord Provost Walker is expected to return home from Strathpeffer to-day.

The second volume of the monumental history of the "House of Gordon," which is being edited by Mr. J. M. Bulloch, is practically ready for publication. It will deal with the family of Lesmoir and its cadets. The genealogy of the main line is contributed by that ardent genealogist, Captain Douglas Wimberley, now of Inverness, a descendant of the fifth baronet of Lesmoir, but Mr. Bulloch himself has greatly added to the captain's accounts of the six more important cadet branches—Crichtie, Birkenburn, Terpersie, Leichestin, Newton, and Buthlaw.

The Gordons of Lesmoir have disappeared from the Rhynie district, and, although it is only about 120 years since the last of the land was sold, they have scarcely left a name behind. Yet, as Mr. Bulloch points out, the Lesmoir family, root and branch, owned at one time or another 40 estates in five different counties. The volume will also include the deductions of the Gordon family by Ferrerius and Gordon of Straloch, which have hitherto remained in manuscript. These have been admirably edited by the Rev. Stephen Ree, of Boharm, an ideal genealogical scholar. A list of all the Gordons who have served in the armies of our own and other countries will likewise be included.

The question of the widening of Union Bridge is again acutely agitating a certain section of the public. There is no doubt that this step has become necessary. Care must be taken, however, that the extension of Thomas Fletcher's fine erection should not be handed over to one of those Goths who within the last five and twenty years have filled the city with their architectural abortions. A glance up the Denburn Valley makes the artistic citizen swear; aesthetic visitors are inclined to weep when their eyes fall on the horrible vista. Never was an opportunity of beautifying the city so wantonly thrown away. Union Bridge still stands a work of beauty, but the patching process is always accompanied with serious risks. Anyway, it is to be hoped that the present graceful balustrade will be spared to adorn the reconstructed bridge.

Some of my contemporaries have already drawn attention to the completeness of the collection of works dealing with the history, topography, and antiquities of Aberdeen in the Public Library. Mr. Fraser, the Librarian, is an enthusiast on the subject. He hunts high and low for additions to his stock, and many of his finds are both valuable and curious. His great ambition is to make the collection perfect, and his efforts are certainly tending in that direction. He reads the book as well as buys them. Our Librarian's knowledge of the highways and byways of Aberdeen is already marvellous and week by week he is adding hosts of new facts to his store. He does not churlishly keep his information to himself, but imparts it freely. In this respect he resembles that other eminent "dungeon" of civic learning Mr. A. M. Munro, the assistant City Chamberlain.

Mr. Cyril Weale, who has recently been fighting a case of considerable interest to the reading public occupies a most responsible position on the staff of the Aberdeen University Press. His experience of life has been varied. Born and educated in Bruges, he learned three tongues—English, French, and Flemish—at the same time, and this gave him a facility for acquiring languages, which he has since maintained. Recently he translated Rev. D. Crake's novel "Aemilius" into Flemish.

Mr. Weale came to London in 1878, and plunged into political life. He was one of the ten enthusiasts who started the first Transvaal Independence Committee in 1880, and he also acted as Secretary of that body. After a prolonged period of ill-health he went to Australia in the end of 1880 as a last resource. Recovering his strength, he spent the next ten years—eight in Australia and two in New Zealand—in journalism and political organisation.

At one time he was part owner and editor of the *Express*, a Sydney sixpenny weekly, founded by Archbishop Vaughan. Mr. Weale was also one of the half-dozen politicians who organised the decisive Labour victory in West Sydney after the great strike there in 1890. While in Sydney he married a sister of Mr. J. W. Walshe, a well-known Irish politician. Most of his money was swallowed up in mining investments, and he returned to this country after the great bank crash eight or nine years ago.

Mr. Weale is a son of Mr. W. H. James Weale, formerly Curator of the National Art Library, South Kensington, who is perhaps the most eminent living authority on Flemish schools of painting. Most of the elder Mr. Weale's monographs are written and published in French. He is a Londoner by birth, but his mother was a de Vesien, and after his conversion to Catholicism, through the Oxford movement, he lived for a number of years in Belgium. The Weale family is from the west of England, and his father, James Weale, was an eminent official in the Woods and Forests office.

The first issue of *Alma Mater* for the session reached me too late to be noticed last week. Among the contents are a judicious and admirably balanced appreciation of the late Professor Pirie, and a portrait of Miss Jessie E. Murdoch, M.A., one of the Ferguson Scholars. The camp notes are interesting and amusing, and, although the present number cannot be described as particularly bright, the reason is obvious, and it is certain to improve in that respect week by week as the session proceeds.

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The vocabulary of music hall stage slang is peculiarly rich and quaint. Most of the terms used in an advertisement which I have cut from the pages of my clever and entertaining contemporary, *The Encore*, will certainly be unfamiliar to the general public. The advertiser, who is a Liverpool man, seems to be a genius of sorts. If he remains "undiscovered," it will not be his fault. This is how he unburdens himself—"Monster Star Starters—Extra funny long cod songs, two verses, champagne chant, gags, and etc., 1s.—great big money-maker; extra strong American taff song, two smart roms., 1s.; a very clever gag patterning act for a couple of eccentric cross-talkers, worth £2 2s. Send P.O. 2s. It's a wonder how he does it, but he do," etc. "Cod," one can dimly understand, but what on earth is the significance of "taff"? Surely, too, a shilling seems a ridiculously low price for a "Monster Star Starter."

Lady Agnes Cooper, whose youngest daughter married Mr. Neil Arnott, the other day, is the youngest sister of the Duke of Fife. She is best remembered on Deedide as Lady Dupplin. Her first husband, Viscount Dupplin—familiarly and facetiously, "Duppy"—died in 1886, but the union had been dissolved ten years previously. Lady Agnes married thirdly in 1882 Mr. (now Sir) Alfred Cooper, the eminent surgeon. All their daughters are wedded. The eldest was united to Mr. Devita a short time ago. The reception was arranged on a scale of almost Oriental magnificence. Another sister made a secret Registry office marriage with a youth named Hart-Davis, the son of Lord Bridgewater's agent. It is satisfactory to know that the romantic young couple were speedily forgiven.

The *Journal of Commerce* contains an interesting biographical sketch of Sir Thomas Sutherland, the Chairman of the P. and O. and ex-member for Greenock. Sir Thomas was born in Aberdeen, where his father, Hugh Sutherland, was a painter, some seventy years ago, and educated at the Grammar School and Marischal College. His last contest for Greenock was marked by a somewhat peculiar incident. The Liberal candidate was a former man, Mr. John Bruce of Yonderton. At the close of the poll, Mr. Bruce was declared elected by a fairly substantial majority. A recount was demanded, and when it was found that by some inexplicable accident a bundle of Sutherland's votes had been transferred to Bruce. The latter, therefore, was "unseated," after being a nominal Member of Parliament for a few hours.

It was at this election, too, that Sir Thomas passed the apt remark which promises to hand down his name to posterity. He had recently become the father of a boy, and in the course of one of his meetings a facetious vector rose and solemnly asked after the health of the Missus and the kid." The assembly rocked with laughter, but it was speedily drowned in the applause

that greeted Sir Thomas's cool retort. "If I did not know," he is reported to have said, "that you were conscientiously opposed to hereditary legislators, I should say that the future member for Greenock and his mother are both doing very well." Alas! The "future member" entered the army, and was one of the most youthful of the legion of British officers killed in South Africa. A daughter of Sir Thomas's was recently married to a brother of the present Lord Denman.

Nina, Countess of Seafield, has joined the Salvation Army Auxiliary League. She is a daughter of Dr. Townend, of Christchurch, New Zealand. Her husband, the present and eleventh Earl, owns no land in this country. When the eighth Earl died unmarried in 1884, he left the estates, which were unentailed, to his mother, Caroline, Countess of Seafield. The Ogilvie-Grant territory at that time extended to 306,000 acres, with a rental of about £72,000 per annum, but the property was burdened to the extent of £800,000.

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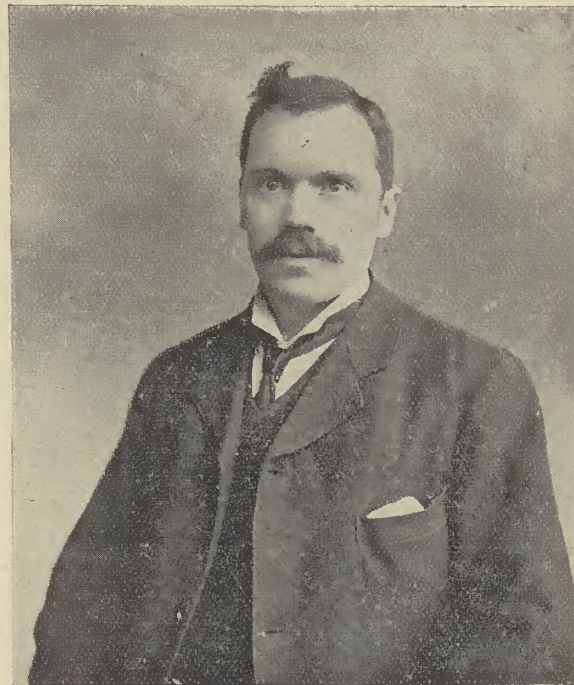


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He is one of the shrewdest and "longest-headed" men that has ever sat in the chair, and few citizens have done more in a quiet and unostentatious but thoroughly effective way to further the progress of the burgh. His virtues, as well as his manners, are typically Scottish, but of a generation that is fast passing away, leaving smoother and suaver though not abler or stronger men to carry on the work. There is nothing meretricious about our Provost's qualities, he is as solid mentally as he looks physically, and a long experience of public life, fortified by his innate common sense, have enabled him to rise more than equal to the duties of the Provostship.

Opinions may differ as to the wisdom of some of the positions he takes up—the virtual blocking of the Broad Street widening scheme is a case in point—but few, except his more rancorous enemies, and they are not numerous, will deny that all his plans are carefully thought out and advanced in the best interests of the city. A strong Conservative and Churchman, he is naturally opposed to anything savouring of a revolutionary change, and when a proposal of that nature is brought forward, as in the recent Town Council debate on the Taxation of Land Values, he recovers much of the fire of his youth, and delivers his opinions with oratorical fluency and vigour.

The Provost has given over thirty of the best years of his life to the service of the city. Having established his mercantile business on a firm footing, he entered the Town Council in 1870; seven years later he was appointed City Treasurer, which position he held for the long period of twelve years. Subsequently he served for seven years as Dean of Guild. After retiring from the Guildry, he sat for Ferryhill Ward as a private member till November, 1902.

On the retirement of Mr. John Fleming, Councillor Walker was unanimously appointed his successor. Prior to this happy settlement, a good deal of feeling had been aroused, and at one time it was calculated that the Council would be pretty evenly divided over the contending claims of Mr. Walker and Baillie Maitland. A bitter fight was antici-

pated, but the unexpected happened. The Baillie not only refused to be nominated, but withdrew himself temporarily from the Council. The circumstances, of course, are still fresh in the public mind.

Since his election as Provost, Mr. Walker has done his utmost, not without success, to conciliate the opposing parties, and he has never by word or deed shown the slightest consciousness of the fact that any opposition to his elevation was ever threatened. He has worthily maintained the traditions of his high office during the last two years, and it is much to his credit that he speaks little. When he does speak he not infrequently strikes out a novel idea. The reference to an opponent as not the "clean potato" was an inspiration. It was homely, but it was happy.

In private life Provost Walker ranks among the most genial of men. He has an admirable helpmate in Mrs. Walker. That lady is a daughter of Mr. Donald Gordon of Bovaglie, whose fame as a sheep farmer has spread over all Scotland and a considerable part of England. Mrs. Walker has deservedly won an extended popularity, and in her philanthropic work she always has her husband's warmest assistance and support.

In conclusion it may be added that the Provost came to Aberdeen from the Aboyne district half a century ago, and that he is the only member of the Church of Scotland who has occupied the civic chair for many years.

(Portrait on Page 17.)

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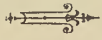
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It is a wise precaution on his part, for it is a curious fact, but true, that few men can write on any subject of a political kind without first dipping their pens in gall, and still fewer can read these effusions with unruffled temper and unbiassed judgment. In ordinary affairs of life we are not half so bitter nor so touchy.

The ordinary citizen of Aberdeen will listen with equanimity, if not with approval, to unqualified denunciations of his Parish Council or Town Council representatives. He will not venture a protest even if he hears the judicial wisdom of a Baillie decried. Nothing gives the shareholders of certain Limited Liability Companies greater pleasure than to badger their directors, but if any attempt be made to question the policy of the political parties to which they belong, an army of defence is mobilised in a moment.

Mr. D. V. Pirie, M.P. for North Aberdeen, has now returned from America, where he went as one of the Parliamentary Representatives of this country to the St. Louis Exhibition. In a short time we may expect to get the benefit of some of his impressions of the great Western Republic.

How far Mr. Maltman Barrie has succeeded in alienating the allegiance of Mr. Pirie's constituents it is difficult as yet to say. Mr. Barrie has undoubtedly been making it warm for his opponents, though I am under the impression that he has been making it equally uncomfortable for his own friends.

Major Seely, who created no small stir in political circles some time ago, is to be our next oratorical luminary. He speaks in the Trades Hall, under the auspices of the Young Scots' Society, on Tuesday, Nov. 1—the eve of the Municipal Election. If the Young Scots make anything like the hit which they did with his friend and fellow-seceder, Mr. Winston Churchill, they will be fortunate. The Major has the reputation of being a good speaker, and even his strongest opponents do not deny him the courage of his convictions.

This is the period of the year when the great affairs of Empire are overshadowed by the humbler events of municipal life. Who would think of the Fiscal problem when the members of the Aberdeen Parish Council are coming up for judgment? What matters it whether a General Election takes place this year or a few years hence? Will not the next two weeks give the suffering ratepayers the long looked-for chance of bringing their representatives to task? In spite, however, of all that has come and gone, and the amount of printers' ink that has been shed in stern denunciation of our Councillors, the much appealed-to ratepayer seems quite indifferent to his opportunities. Apathy reigns supreme, Ward Committees experience the greatest possible difficulty in procuring suitable candidates for the Parish Council, and even for the Town Council there is no great demand for seats. The persons the Committees would have will not have them, and those who would have them the Committees will not have.

Second thoughts are generally best, and the action of the Trades Council in recalling their rejection of Mr. John Anderson is a welcome, if somewhat tardy, recognition of that gentleman's labour. Few men have spent themselves more devotedly in the public service than John. He is not a pushful man; silent rather than otherwise, speaking only, like Carlyle's ideal man, "when his thought hath silently matured itself." While showing no anxiety to defend his actions or commend his works, he has done the work allotted to him in his own quiet, unobtrusive way. John Anderson is a genuine product of the soil, rugged perhaps in manner, a type of Scotsman which the amenities of city life are too rapidly displacing.

To have such a man as Mr. Anderson thrust aside without even an expression of regret by a committee professing to represent a ward like Rosemount shows only how ill-fitted such a committee is to rise above the fleeting prejudices of the day or to recognise the qualities of men who reflect in their lives all that is best and most enduring in the communal life of a city.

As was the case in the big municipal fight two years ago, St. Machar Ward seems destined to get the lion's share of attention. Mr. William Scorgie is a comparatively young man, but he will prove no mean opponent for even such a redoubtable and experienced campaigner as Mr. James Gray. He is a ready and facile speaker, full of youthful energy and resource. The experience which he gained while acting as election agent for Councillors Hutcheon and Todd in the same ward is greatly in his favour. The course of the election will be watched with considerable interest by the community.

It is curious, by the way, to note that both Councillor Gray and his opponent were, or are still, members of the Parliamentary Debating Society. I am not sure but that both men have been Prime Ministers. Certain it is that the society, which has just commenced the new season's work, has been a most valuable training ground for many of the men who now occupy positions in our public boards.

Another correspondent adds—Mr. Gray's oratorical experience, however, was not acquired solely in the forum of the Parliamentary Debating Society. At one time he must have been a member of at least half a dozen different literary associations in the city. He used to drop in casually to a meeting in the course of the evening, deliver himself of a few remarks on the subject under discussion, and then betake himself to his professional duties.

Mr. Gray is an interesting personality. The son of a country merchant of Forgue, he had early to begin the world on his own account. He spent several years in the south of France, in the employment of the father of the present Member for North Aberdeen, and to that is due the fact that his colloquial French is almost as fluent as his English. The atmosphere of Gascony may also have been favourable to the development of the more impetuous elements in his character.

Mr. Gray is one of the few orators at the Council Board. He speaks too frequently, and if anything he speaks too fluently, but there can be no question as to his sincerity and singleness of purpose. We should be sorry, indeed, to find our big, brown-bearded friend left out in the cold. It remains to be added that Mr. Gray knows something of heraldry; that he is the acknowledged "dandy" of the Council; and that, if necessary, he could defend himself as well with his fists as he can with his tongue.

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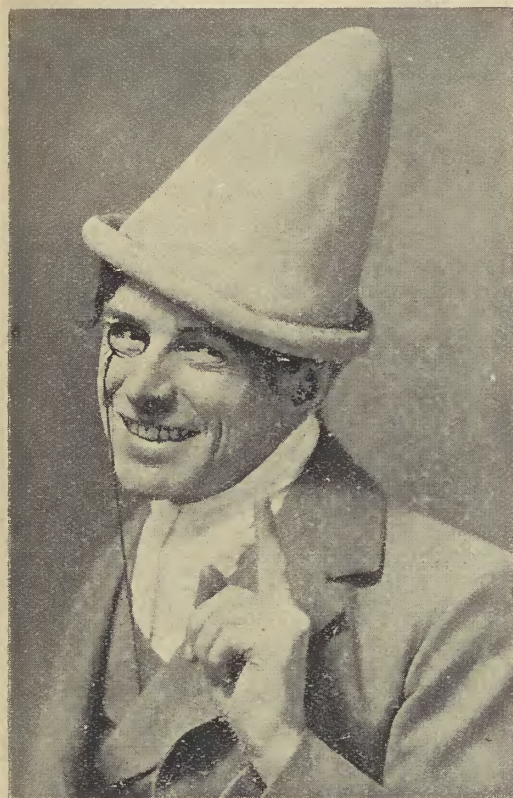
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Mr. JAMES WELCH.

There is matter in the play, however. Only the special difficulty has to be surmounted. It ought to have been possible to imagine a more probable first act. Even this is granted there is much cause for laughter in "The New Clown." It is not a nice world that one is allowed to see, the small world of the circus ring. The circus, too, is not what it was. At all events, the proprietor of the circus, with his vulgar nature and his sordidly born of adversity, is credible, though not every audience will care to hear about him.

However, it is the new clown in the person of Mr. Welch who matters. Mr. Welch is extraordinarily clever.

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Scarcely less good was that veteran comedian, Mr. Snazelle, who knows the actor's business through and through. These are really the only two parts, unless an exception be made of Rosie Platt, especially as she is played by Miss Audrey Ford. Miss Ford is very clever and graceful throughout. There are other competent actors in the company, Mr. Harry J. Crane, for example, who puts character into the part of Baker; Mr. Cyril Harcourt, Mr. Henry Belding, and Miss Estelle Winwood, and Miss Alexandra Carlisle. There should be many admirers this week for Lord Cyril Garston, with his "Eh? What? Yes? No?"

This is not all, however. Mr. Welch begins the evening with a remarkable piece of acting. A curtain raiser is rarely worth seeing. "The Man in the Street," a play in one act by Mr. Louis N. Parker, gives Mr. Welch a chance of showing that he is even finer in pathos than in comedy. This little play is almost a tragedy. Mr. Welch's performance of a low Cockney was not less than brilliant. I hope that no good playgoer will miss seeing him play this part to-morrow evening. Both Miss Winwood and Mr. Leopold Profeit were quite good.

"The New Clown" will be played at a matinee on Saturday. The performance begins at a quarter past two.

Mr. Leopold Profeit, who is one of the members of Mr. Welch's company is a son of the late Dr. Profeit, Queen Victoria's Commissioner at Balmoral. Mr. Profeit, I believe, was a student in Aberdeen some years ago. He has played at several important London theatres.

Next week—"The Convict's Daughter," played by Mr. Frank Bertram's company.

Theatrical Gossip.

The Plays for the Irving Week.

Sir Henry Irving will play in Aberdeen in a few weeks. I am able to give the plays for the seven performances at each of which Sir Henry Irving will be seen. "The Merchant of Venice" will be played on Monday and at a matinee on Saturday; on Tuesday, "The Lyons Mail" ; on Wednesday and Friday, "Becket," Tennyson's most successful play; and on Thursday and Saturday evenings, Conan Doyle's "A Story of Waterloo," and, of course, "The Bells."

Mr. Pinero's new play, "A Wife Without a Smile," and his "dancing doll," are all the talk in London. So I am told by a friend who is courteous enough to send me some interesting theatrical gossip. The "dancing doll" is attached through the ceiling to the sofa in a room above on which a newly married couple are sitting, and when they kiss or press each other's hand the doll dances in sympathy. The *Star*, which tells its readers, in a leading article, that it is "neither priggish nor puritanical," says that Mr. Pinero's new "Comedy in Disguise" oversteps the bounds of decency. "Where is the Censor?" is the title of the *Star's* leading article.

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INTERVIEW WITH MR. JAMES WELCH.

Mr. James Welch has a double interest for Aberdeen. He has given greater pleasure to playgoers this week than any comedian for a very long time. On another side, too, he is interesting to us. Mr. Le Gallienne, as I mentioned last week, is his brother-in-law. Professor Minto did more than any critic for that poet's reputation.

I reminded Mr. Welch that Minto had been a professor at King's College.

"Ah, yes," he said, "Minto was a professor here, wasn't he? What a fine fellow he was."

"Tell me something about yourself, Mr. Welch. What are your plans for the future?"

"Well, I am very busy with a new play which Mr. H. G. Wells is writing for me. The story is based on his own novel, 'The Wheels of Chance.' I hope to produce the play early next year in London, but I have an idea of opening my season with 'The New Clown,' which Londoners have not seen in its present form. Before then, however, I have undertaken to reproduce Mr. Bernard Shaw's delightfully witty comedy, 'You Never Can Tell.' I produced it for the Stage Society, and, later, gave a series of performances on my own account. It will be played at Liverpool at the end of next month by members of my present company."

Mr. Welch was at one time Wilson Barrett's secretary, and this position has been filled, also, by Mr. Le Gallienne. That versatile writer was a journalist in Liverpool, where Mr. Welch was for seven years a chartered accountant, with his father. A little later James Welch and Richard Le Gallienne, whose sister he afterwards married, came to London together. Mr. Wilson Barrett, on coming home from his first American tour, after seeing Mr. Welch, engaged him for the part of Office Boy in a piece at the Globe Theatre. That was seventeen years ago. He played all sorts of parts with Barrett for about three years.

Grant Allen once remarked, with delight, that Welch and Le Gallienne really meant the same thing, that is, the Welchman, the Celt. "This theory," says Mr. Le Gallienne, "made it more than ever certain my sister, long since Mrs. James Welch, and my life-long friend were born for each other." One of my colleagues reminds me that Mr. Welch is that curious little fellow, Mike, in Mr. Le Gallienne's "Young Lives," his first book in novel form.

Mrs. Brown-Potter has many friends who are glad that she is going on with her season at the Savoy Theatre. I notice that the old-fashioned hero in "Forget-Me-Not" is played by that fine actor, Mr. Fred Kerr. One of the leading actresses in the dramatic version of Mascagni's opera, "Cavalleria Rusticana," is Miss Sara de Groot, who does not act so often as some of us would like.

Miss Ida Phillips, a charming actress who has played the leading parts in some of the best west-end pieces of the last few years, has been engaged by the Bandmann Dallas Company for a long tour. The company will visit Trinidad, Demerara, Barbados, Bermuda, Halifax, N.S.; St. John, N.B.; Gibraltar, and Malta. A huge repertory of plays is being taken out, and Miss Phillips will play the leading parts. Mr. Bandmann has inserted a clause in her contract that she shall be back in England not later than June next year. The Bandmann Dallas Company sails for Jamaica on Saturday in the Port Royal from Bristol. Good luck and bon voyage.

Mr. John Hollingshead, who died last week, was lessee of the old Gaiety Theatre for seventeen years, from 1868. He brought Sarah Bernhardt for the first time to London, and amongst the famous actors whom he engaged at the Gaiety were Sir Henry Irving, Phelps, Charles Mathews, Toole, Fred Leslie, Nellie Farren, Miss Ada Rehan, and Mrs. Kendal.

Miss Carmen Hill is one of the singers at the fine Chappell Ballad Concert of this season, which will be held on Saturday afternoon at Queen's Hall.

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Musical Notes and Gossip.

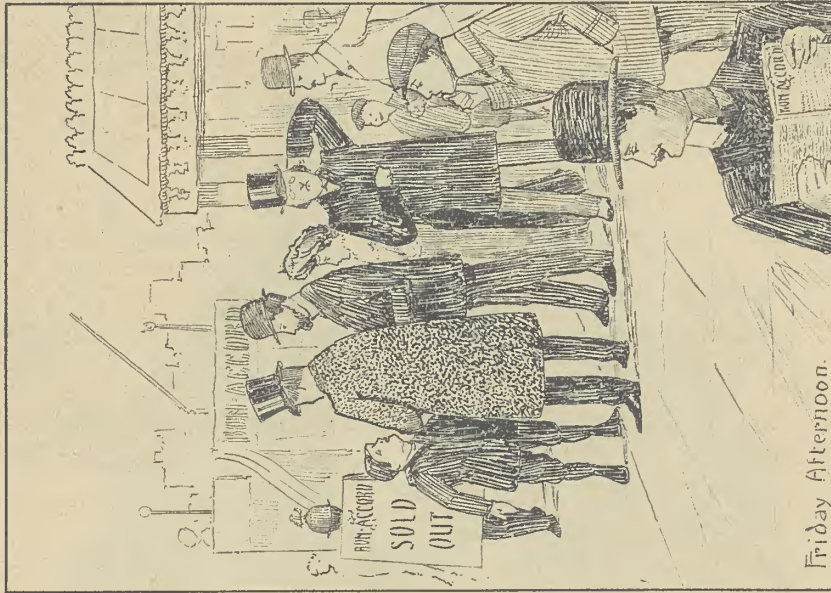


Miss SLEIGH, Pianist.

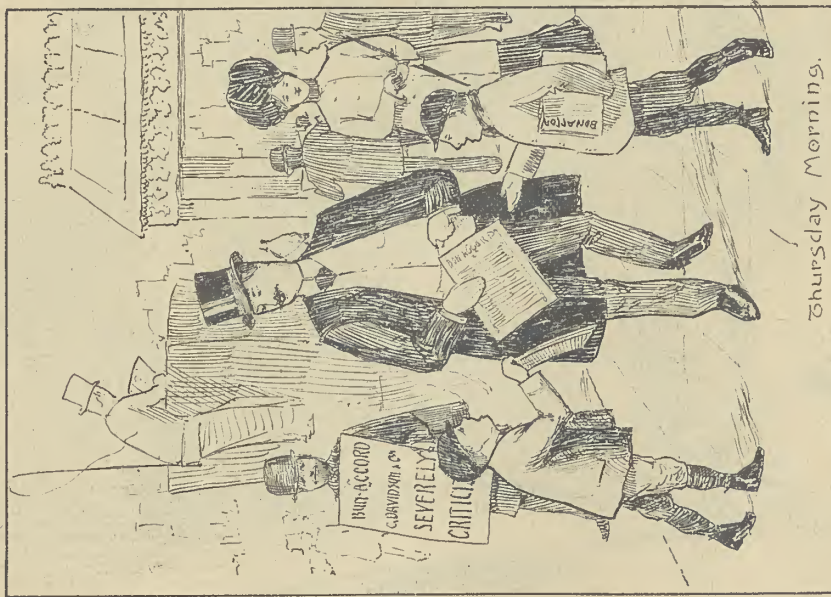
Miss Sleigh is one of the cleverest and most popular pianists in the city. She is associated with the Bon Accord Ballroom Orchestra, an admirably balanced dance-music combination. The orchestra will make frequent appearances during the winter. Early in the season as it is, Miss Sleigh has only a few open dates left.

The Cleansing Department's Concert.

The concert for the benefit of the employees of the Aberdeen Corporation Cleansing Department, which was held in the Music Hall on Saturday evening, was heartily enjoyed by an immense audience. The programme was of the most popular character, and was successful from beginning to end. Mr. Findlay, the superintendent of the Cleansing Department, was, of course, delighted at the size and the enthusiasm of the audience. The crowded house liked nothing better than the interesting pictures which were shown, by Mr. G. W. Walker, of the "Royal Imperial" Pictures Company. It was natural that amongst the most applauded pictures was the inspection of the Cleansing Department's horse and plant by the Lord Provost and the Magistrates, as well as by the superintendents who visited Aberdeen at the recent congress. Mr. Walker sang several songs in a capital style. Miss Violet Burrows sang very agreeably. The Ferguson Troupe of Dancers danced well and vigorously, and Miss Jeannie Hendry, whose dancing in Mr. Stevenson's operatic productions had its admirers, danced to the satisfaction of the audience. The Brentfords, in a funny sketch, and Mr. Pembrose, who got many laughs, were other performers. The gymnastic exhibition by the Aberdeen Gymnastic and Rowing Club Team, under Mr. Harry Josephs, the club's instructor, was well done and eagerly watched. Pleasant music was played by the Oakbank Boys' Band. Miss Margaret Low was an efficient pianist and accompanist. Councillor James Gray, who was the chairman, certainly did not, in the familiar phrase, "stand between" the audience and the popular entertainment.



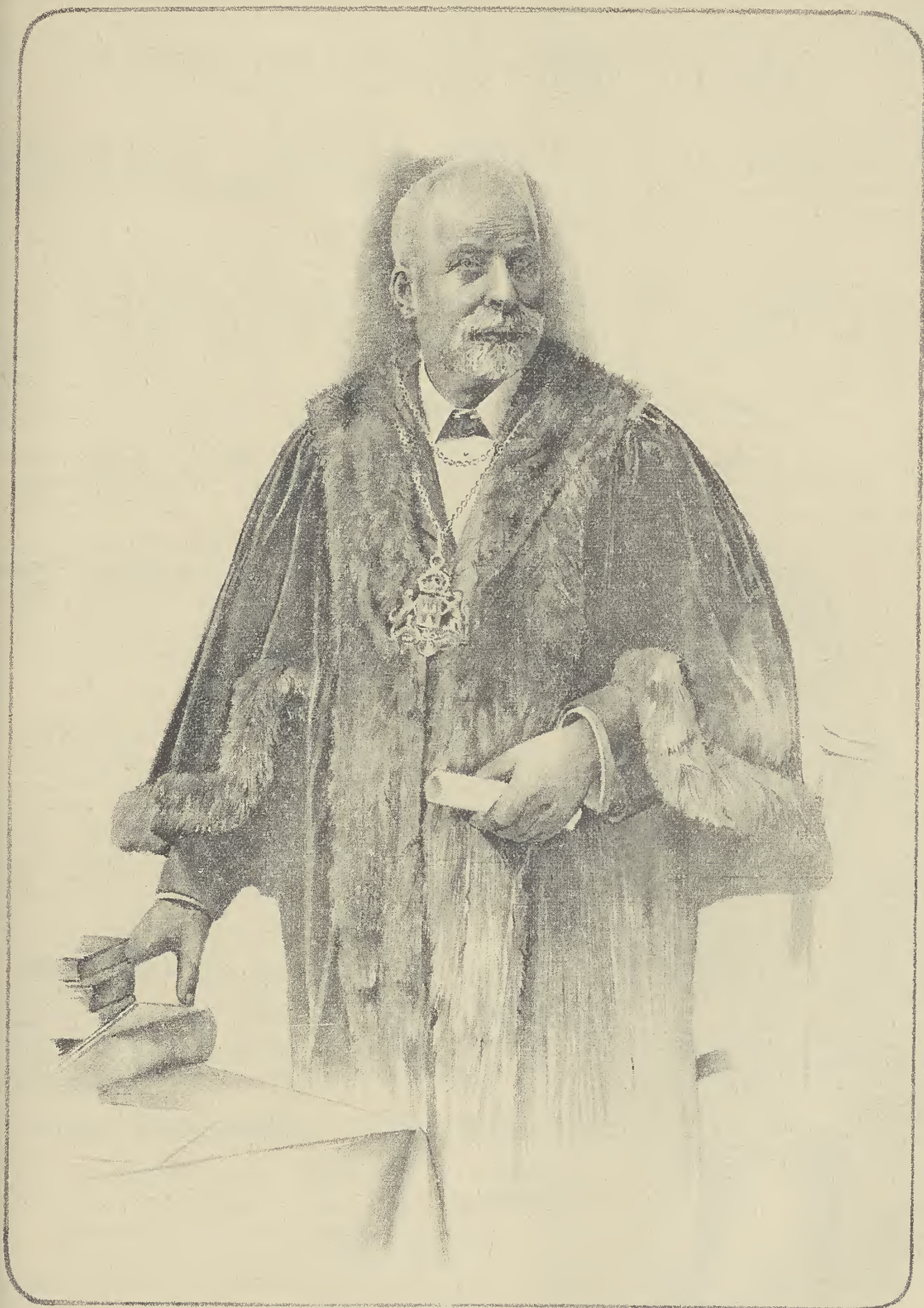
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At the Palace.

Mr. Sheldon seems anxious to surpass all his previous efforts in providing week after week programmes as good as any in the provinces. It would not be enough to say that every turn is good, but the variety of the programme clearly proves Mr. Sheldon's long experience and skill as a manager who provides amusement of an absolutely clean and wholesome character. Good houses, therefore, are nightly enjoying the well-arranged programmes.

Prof. Permane's Educated Siberian Bears give a truly "astounding" performance. The Professor, who, by the way, bears a striking facial resemblance to a certain American Band Conductor, handles the unwieldy animals with marvellous ease and coolness, which are the evident result of long and careful training. The rapidity with which they go through performances on a rolling globe, play sea-saw, turn somersaults, or swing on a trapeze, is astonishing. Of their various equestrian acts, also, which are performed upon the back of a rather restive steed, within a miniature circus ring—jumping through paper rings, for example—too much cannot be said. The whole performance was both interesting and amusing. The Abadaroffs, described as Pre-Historic Mountebanks, give a unique acrobatic performance. This turn is mounted with special scenery. Their smart hand-balancing was varied with plenty of fun. Tom Foy and Company, who were so successful last week, gave, by special request, "The Excursion Depot," which was again greeted with rounds of applause. Mr. Foy is now an established favourite in Aberdeen, and will always be sure of a hearty welcome. His company all work hard with him, and keep the house in good humour. James Brady, comedian, is another favourite, who had to sing four songs. Harry Jennings, comedian and dancer, was well received, more especially in his clog dance, which was executed in good style. Resford and Hunt are very amusing in their burlesque on the too popular "Hiawatha." Flo Challis, a contralto singer, has a pleasant voice, which was heard to advantage in the well-known "Blue Bell" song. The songs and patter of Bishop and Vale, comedians, were smart. They do some good knock-about work. Charlie Bayne, a Negro comedian, amused the large audience by his songs and patter. Perhaps one of the most agreeable features of the entertainment was the fine series of pictures shown by the Bioscope. The orchestra, as usual, played several selections very pleasantly. The whole programme, from start to finish, is without a dull moment.

Round the Halls.

Up-to-date Notes and Comments.

Mr. Charles Collette is playing his popular musical sketch, "Hard Luck," this week at the Chelsea Palace. Mr. Collette, by the way, was the first well-known English actor to break down the barrier of prejudice against music halls. Seventeen years ago, he was finishing a long engagement at the Trocadero Music Hall, and on the same evenings he was playing in Miss Mary

Anderson's company at the Lyceum Theatre, as Autolycus in "A Winter's Tale." Since that far-off time, Mrs. Tree, who is one of the most intelligent of our actresses, has appeared for a short time at the Palace Theatre, London, the best of the music halls.

The "Original Magic Kettle," the latest London music hall sensation, was produced on Saturday night, for the first time in Scotland, at the Palace, Glasgow.

Buffalo Bill has almost finished his great provincial tour and his last professional visit to Great Britain. He leaves for his ranch at an early date, to prepare for a gigantic shooting party, which will include many British and American notabilities, besides President Roosevelt, an old saddle friend of Colonel Cody's.

A correspondent writes to point out that the ecclesiastical dignitary who gave Mr. Charles Coborn a letter of introduction to the Canadian Clergy was the Archdeacon of London, not the Bishop. Archdeacon Sinclair is the big Scot who is popular with all classes in London. He is always present at the Highland Gathering at Stamford Bridge on Whit Monday.

Mr. George Johnston was entertained by his local athletic friends and admirers at a smoking concert on Tuesday, and received a suitable present before leaving next day, on a professional visit to Australia. He carries with him the best wishes of BON-ACCORD for a successful tour. We are sure that he will be well received by the Scotch Athletic Societies in Australia.

"Bill Bailey," of which we are likely to hear so much in the coming pantomime, came to this country after it had exhausted its popularity in America. It was the same with the cake-walk. Bill Bailey owes very much of his popularity to Miss Victoria Monks, who is quickly coming to the front in the "halls." The name has become a serious nuisance to more than one real owner of it in London.

The Concert to Mr. Burwood Nicholls.

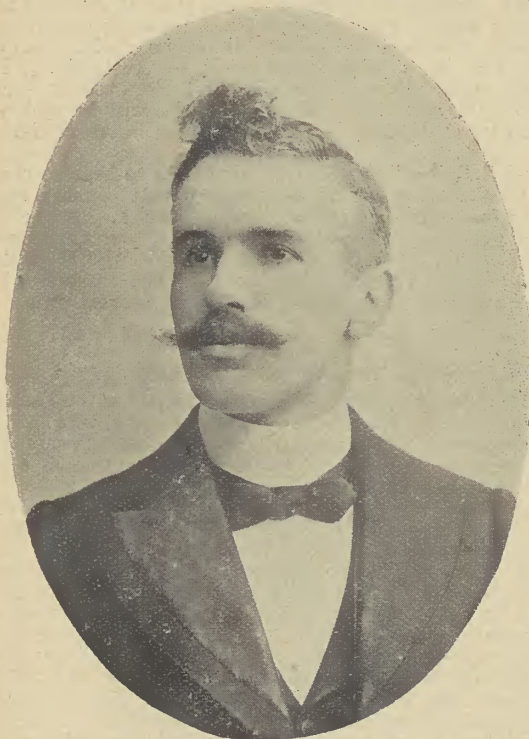
Mr. Burwood Nicholls has many friends and pupils who helped to make the concert given in compliment to him very successful. The programme was of necessity popular, and the result is that one can do little more than mention that, at all events, it did not fall short of what the average man expects. Perhaps the most significant fact was the applause that followed the playing, by a good orchestra under Mr. James Wood, of a selection from "The Mikado." The growth in favour of orchestral music is more notable every year, and, so long as it is not over the heads of a popular audience, it is welcome. Its repetition was pleasant enough, though the concert lasted rather a long time. Messrs. Riach and Sim, too, pleased the house by an agreeable duet on the violin. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jackson were high in favour with the audience, and readily granted an encore. No one sang better or with greater charm and grace than Miss Nellie Ritchie, whom I shall be glad to hear again. Miss Sara Bryce, who is coming quickly to the front, sang "Down the Vale," a pretty song which I last heard in "The Rose of the Riviera," at Her Majesty's Theatre. Miss Bella Ritchie sang "Rothesay Bay," and, along with her sister, "The Keel Row." Miss Nellie M'Adam and Miss Lizzie Munro deserve a word of praise. Mr. George Strathdee, Mr. W. Arthur, Mr. J. M. Watt, and Mr. George Park, and, especially, Mr. R. F. Law, who sang a song by Stephen Adams very pleasantly, were the other singers who helped to make the concert as successful as Mr. Burwood Nicholls deserved. Mr. Alec Kidd and Mr. A. O. Henry accompanied the singers in good taste. The programme was carried through in a very capable manner by Mr. W. T. Forrest. After the concert Mr. Calder showed some interesting pictures by his cinematograph.

The Performances of
"The Bohemian Girl"
 and **"Il Trovatore."**

Their Conductor—Mr. M. M. STEVENSON.

"Bon-Accord" Special.

Mr. M. M. Stevenson is so enthusiastic about the performances which his company are to give next week of "The Bohemian Girl" and "Il Trovatore" that even an interviewer begins to share his enthusiasm. He has worked hard for many weeks to win success, and the next ten days will be harder than any. It is fair to him to say that he speaks with great confidence and gratitude of the principals in the Aberdeen Amateur Opera Company. Miss Nellie Ritchie, especially, he praises for her performance of Marguerite in "Faust," and he believes that next week, when she plays the part of Leon-



Mr. M. M. Stevenson.

ora, she will sing brilliantly. He thinks it would be impossible to find another singer in Aberdeen competent to sing the music that Miss Ritchie sings so well. Mr. Stevenson says that he has got splendid tenors, and tenors, as he adds, are not easily found. Mr. Reginald Brophy, who plays Manrico, comes to Aberdeen with the reputation of having been the principal tenor in the Carl Rosa Opera Company. Mr. Hudson Cranston, as our musical readers know, is the brother of Mr. Ottley Cranston, who played Mephistopheles so finely, and made a host of admirers in the Union Hall, as he also did in former years at the theatre. Indeed, the remarkable success of the performances of "Faust" last year by Mr. Stevenson's company is an augury of the success of next week's performances. Mr. Hudson, I believe, has been playing leading parts with Mr. Turner, who has many friends in

Aberdeen. Mr. William Arthur, also, is likely to win more praise for his singing of Ferrando. Miss Lizzie H. Bain, who agreed to sing, at comparatively short notice, will play Azucena, and Miss Alice Davidson the part of Inez. So the principal performers, no doubt, will give a good account of themselves. The local singers are amongst the best who could have been chosen, and they have the advice and help of professional singers.

The chorus, I am told, is strong in number, and during the last few weeks it has been working hard. There are as many as sixty members. The arrangement of so large a chorus on so small a stage will test the stage manager's resource. Herr Pokorny will be the leader of what is said to be an excellent orchestra.

The stage management, which is so important a matter in the performance of opera, I am assured will be the result of a good deal of care and thought. It is good to know this, for opera in Aberdeen has been sometimes frayed at the edges. There will be adequate scenery. Feminine readers, and others, too, will be glad to hear that the dresses will be beautiful. Mr. Stevenson adds that he owes much to Mr. A. M. Dudgeon, the stage manager.

Some readers who are fond of certain choruses may like to be reminded that the "Miserere" chorus is sung in "Il Trovatore." Verdi enjoyed some favour again during the last season at Covent Garden, and it is hoped that there may be large audiences for "Trovatore." "The Bohemian Girl" almost every one has heard many times. That, however, is no reason why there should not be good audiences for it, as, we hope, there will be for Verdi's opera. At all events, the booking is very good for the performances of "Trovatore." It is very probable that both operas will be well sung.

Few people know how expensive it is to produce opera as Mr. Stevenson has done for two or three seasons. Certainly, if conscientious work and plenty of enthusiasm deserve their reward, then there should be large audiences every evening next week.

Mr. Stevenson makes no pecuniary profit by these performances. Last year £10 was given, after the very successful performances of "Faust," to the Fresh Air Fund. Mr. Stevenson has been for eleven years organist at Mannofield Church. Some notable recitals have been given during that time by Dr. Peace and other accomplished organists. Courtesy and tact are necessary in dealing with singers, and Mr. Stevenson certainly possesses these qualities.

"The Bohemian Girl" will be played on Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday, and "Il Trovatore" on the other three evenings of next week, in the Union Hall.

Friendly Society's Concerts.

The second and third concerts in connection with the Aberdeen and Northern Friendly Society's annual social meetings will be held in the Society's hall, in George Street, next Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. R. D. Scott, of whose ability we had something to say last week, Miss Maria Carr, Mr. J. H. Jackson, and Mr. Albert Windsor will entertain the Society's audiences. On both evenings Messrs. Walker and Company will give their cinematograph exhibition. There is none better of its kind.

The Saturday Popular Concerts.

Some well-known entertainers will take part in next Saturday's Popular Concert in the Trades Hall. Amongst these are Miss Violet Davidson; Miss E. W. Robertson, a contralto from Dundee; Mr. Will Pender, who is one of the most modest performers we know; Mr. David Thomson, Mr. W. Sutherland, Mr. G. A. Park, and Mr. A. O. Henry. These concerts are extremely successful.

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KEITH.

the Banffshire Herald.

We observe with interest that, in a note to his readers, the editor of our contemporary, the *Banffshire Herald*, presses his regret at having unavoidably to hold over several letters dealing with Municipal matters. This is a clear sign of the stirring of the waters. A strong feature of the *Herald* is its "correspondence column." The editor welcomes a free expression of opinion, and his readers do not hesitate to take full advantage of the opportunity.

The *Herald* is certain to be bristling with lively controversial matter for the next few issues.

Robert Anderson.

Last week, Keith lost a notable resident in the person Robert Anderson. Robert was, in many respects, a wonderful person, discharging among other functions the duties of Town's Officer and Bill Poster.

Although possessed of many peculiarities, Robert was exceedingly popular with all classes. He possessed considerably above the average intelligence of persons in the same grade of life. When occasion demanded he could deliver a speech of no mean ability. He was justly proud of his voice, and when in good form, his elocutionary gifts were really remarkable.

The call came suddenly. He was found dead from heart disease in his house last Thursday morning. Poor Robert will be missed from our streets. The large attendance at his funeral on Monday was a striking testimony of the respect in which he was held.

Musical Notes.

The Musical Societies in Keith are having their houses full in order for the coming season. Keith keeps well to the front in this respect. The first practice of the Philharmonic Society was held last week. The Society announces two concerts for the season. For these occasions the services of Mr. Marcus Thomson, London, Mr. S. Mackay, Violinist, Aberdeen, and Mr. Harry Peary, of Leeds, have been secured.

The Keith Select Choir also held their first meeting and enrolment of members last week. The Institute Lectures Committee are also to provide an excellent and attractive programme, largely of a musical nature. Their engagements include Mrs. Ramsay, wife of Professor Ramsay, Aberdeen, Miss Mary Wilson, an old favourite, Madame Bertha Moore, who enjoys a high reputation, and Miss Minna M. Williams, of New York, the celebrated Shakespearean Reciter.

Dr. Taylor's Pet Scheme—Candid Criticism.

At last meeting of the Town Council, Dr. Taylor made a very elaborate and detailed defence of his pet scheme of purification by what is known as the bacteriological process.

It is quite evident that the Doctor is seriously alarmed at the strong public feeling roused in the town by the proposals of his party to rush blindly into a scheme, which, to use a mixed metaphor, may develop into a "white elephant."

Dr. Taylor put himself to no end of trouble to collect the favourable information obtainable. So anxious was he to prevent misconception in the minds of the "lay" members of the Council, that he had his speech printed beforehand. The suggestion of one of his followers

that the address should be printed, therefore sounded somewhat ridiculous.

The speech, certainly, was instructive; but it suffered from the fatal error of being permeated throughout with too much of the special pleadings of the "attorney." Not a single whisper of doubt fell from the Doctor as to the sure working of his plan. The evidence he adduced with so much cock-sureness all came from medical men whose opinions on the subject are in unison with his own. He did, however, make an endeavour to claim that the Royal Commission, at present occupied with purification questions, had made interim reports, favourable to his idea. But he failed to quote from these reports. Now, the fact is that the Commission has never declared itself in favour of the proposed system of purification. What would suit one place might be quite unsuitable for another. It is easy to obtain opinions upon abstract principles. But it appears that the Doctor's own engineer has his doubts as to the satisfactory working of the plan on a site that will often be submerged when the Isla is in flood. Not so the Doctor! He is fired with enthusiasm. But with all deference to his skill and knowledge, many continue to have their grave doubts, and it is not to be wondered at when we keep in mind the opinion of the eminent scientist whom the Council consulted. A reference to the criticism which Mr. Raymond Ross passed upon Mr. Jenkins' plans, and vice-versa, are sufficient, and more than sufficient, to convince the "lay" mind of the utter futility of proceeding with so huge a scheme with the present inadequate knowledge at the disposal of the Council.

The Doctor floundered sadly when he proceeded to defend the re-appointment of Mr. Jenkins as engineer for the works. He entered into a defence of the engineer, and insinuated—somewhat gratuitously—that the opposition was due to want of faith in that gentleman. We have failed to discover a single atom of evidence in support of that view. The appointment of Mr. Jenkins is opposed on the ground that his services are quite unnecessary. Keith already employs a thoroughly qualified engineer, perfectly competent to do this piece of work. Money has been lavishly expended on outside engineers for a number of years. If we read the signs of the times aright, the overburdened taxpayer has at last been aroused from his lethargy, and we shall be much mistaken if, at the ensuing election, he does not tell a few of them "to get ye gone and give way to other men."

DEESIDE.

The Braemar Curlers are getting into form, for the winter—cold winter—will soon be upon us. Numerous "friendly games," with a liberal accompaniment of "mountain dew" (to induce the "friendly" feeling), are being looked forward to.

At this season of the year, when perhaps, peradventure, one way or another, there may be a little more spare cash available than usual, it is hoped, piously hoped, that certain Braemar worthies will be exceedingly careful in the matter of liquor.

Torphins sports a real flesh and blood, alive and kicking Brass Band. Well done, Torphins! Aboyne, Banchory, and Ballater must wake up.

The season in Ballater is practically over, and, on all hands, it is admitted to have been a record one. The Golf Course is a distinct addition to the amenities of this thriving Burgh. Banchory please note.

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BUCKSBURN.

The Stoneywood Quadrille Party held their first annual "At Home" on Friday evening, in the Stoneywood Works Hall, when nearly forty couples were present. Excellent music was provided by Mr. Kitson's string band.

Throughout the evening songs were rendered by Messrs. Jeffrey and McHardy, to the accompaniment of Miss Kemp. An exhibition of Highland dancing was given by Misses Robbie and Edwards, and Mr. D. Esson contributed the sailor's hornpipe.

The committee consisted of Messrs. Gauld, Hector, Lovie, Reid, and A. Kitson, the two last mentioned acting as M.C. Mr. William Mortimer officiated as secretary.

At the conclusion in the early morning, the hope was freely expressed by those present that this, their first "At Home," would mark the beginning of a long series of similar entertainments, under the auspices of the Stoneywood Quadrille Party.

The numerous friends of Mr. Peter Thomson, Stoneywood, will be pleased to learn that he is recovering, albeit slowly, from the effects of his recent cycling accident.

A Liberal Demonstration was held in the Drill Hall, Bucksburn, on Saturday evening. Dr. Farquharson, M.P.; Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P. for South Tyrone; and Mr. J. W. Crombie, M.P., were the speakers. There was a large and representative gathering of the electorate.

In the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. D. Davidson, Mugiemoss (from whom a letter of apology was read), the chair was taken by Mr. W. E. Grasick, Lorne Cottage.

The proceedings have been fully reported in your local contemporaries. At the conclusion, Lieut. Johnstone moved a vote of confidence in Dr. Farquharson, which was unanimously carried.

Six members of the Road making staff, in this district, were paid off on Saturday. It is alleged that the reason annexed is not so much scarcity of work as scarcity of cash. The hope is being very generally expressed that the County Council may not become bankrupt.



St. Margaret's Church Sale of Work.

A sale of work will be held in the Music Hall on Friday and Saturday, 28th and 29th October, to raise funds for the erection of a church house (suitable as a residence for the rector) and a church hall in connection with St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. The amount required is £1,000. Mr. John Milne is convener of the Sale Committee, and Messrs. James R. Sutherland and John M. Bodie, joint-secretaries. It is to be hoped their efforts will be rewarded with the success the object deserves. The sale will be opened on Friday by Mrs. Pickering, of Kincardine, Kincardine O'Neil; and, on Saturday, by Professor Grierson, Aberdeen University.



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Bill Bailey at Kingseat.

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A SPECIAL COMMISSIONER from BON-ACCORD called the other evening on Mr. William Bailey who until recently was a patient at Kingseat Lunatic Asylum, and obtained from him graphic account of his thrilling experiences at that institution. The narrative is of a somewhat extraordinary nature, but the fact must be emphasised that Bill Bailey is by no means an ordinary man. He is about forty years of age, a native of Bermondsey, London and by occupation a strictly casual labourer, professing also, as he frankly admits, the arts of salmon-poaching and bird-catching. For reasons that will afterward appear, his address is withheld for the present. It is sufficient to say that he lives in a flat of one room in a quarter of the east-end which could not at any time within the memory of man have been honestly described as a "desirable residential locality."

Bill received our representative with extreme affability. If a tithe of the story he tells is true the case is one for enquiry—and something more. Asked to say how he came to be sent to Kingseat, Mr. Bailey began his statement somewhat irrelevantly, declaring that his name was "Honest Bill Bailey"—noted for his integrity he was in every seaport between Rotherhithe and Peterhead. "Honest Bill Bailey" what had never harmed fly or told a lie, for, s'welp him Bob, a lie would stick in his throat and choke him. These prefatory remarks concluded, the honest fellow straightway proceeded with his moving tale. Having successfully completed a "job of work" one Saturday evening some two months ago, he started for his boarding-house, to which he referred obscurely, but with obviously humorous intent, as the "Hotplate," about a quarter past ten o'clock. At the head of Justice Street a strange thing happened. Suddenly, and without the slightest warning, a lamp post wrenched itself free from the causeway, sprang across the street to the pavement with tremendous velocity, and struck him a violent blow in the face. Bill rose to remonstrate with the dangerous runaway, but was promptly knocked down a second time. Feeling somewhat groggy on the pins, with an uneasy sensation in the bread-basket (his own expressions), Bill decided to lie low for a time, so as to recover sufficient strength to be able to grapple with his dastardly assailant. His tactics, however, were misunderstood by a thick-headed policeman, who procured a barrow, and, in spite of his vocal protests, rolled him into the police-office.

On Monday Mr. Bailey appeared in court, and was most unrighteously ordered to pay a fine of five shillings. He declined to cash up, and as an alternative gentleman offered to fight the Baillie for the money with one hand tied behind his back. This sportsmanlike proposal was declined, and Bill was ignominiously thrust out of court. Later in the day he was examined by two medical men and declared to be insane. That is chapter I. of his simple story, told in simple language.

After about a week's confinement in a padded cell Mr. Bailey attained convalescence. Soon he began to find the hours hanging very heavy on his hands. He had been violently torn from his natural sphere of action; everything about him was new, strange, and repellent. Within the precincts of a palace Bill pined for the free and joyous life of the North Street and Shuttle Lane.

At last matters came to such a pass that he decided to hang himself or to ask for work. After much cogitation, he chose the latter alternative, and approached a friendly attendant, to whom he explained his trouble. The latter was sympathetic, but pointed out that by Article CCCLVIII. of the Code of the Asylum a patient could not be entrusted with work until was certified that he was in a fair way to recovery. Bailey had not yet obtained this desirable certificate. Till he had done so, he must attend the "popular" lectures regularly, sit out the high-class concerts, practice his scales on the piano, and, in short, conform to the rules of the establishment in every way. This was part of the cure, said the attendant, and the ratepayers of Aberdeen insisted on all the details being rigorously served.

Billiards, however, were optional. Ascertaining that Bailey had never yet handled a cue, the kind-hearted official suggested a game of "50 up" as a new diversion. Somewhat reluctantly Bill consented, and the two proceeded to the billiard saloon.

A start had hardly been made when the alarm was given that a refractory patient, named Spud Murphy, had obtained possession of a water-hose and was sluicing the visiting deputation of the Parish Council, and the attendant hurried away. Bill continued the game by himself. This was a notable afternoon in the annals of Kingseat. The solo play began about four o'clock. From the first, Bailey's manipulation (by his own account) was the most brilliant order, and, before finally resigning the cue, he had made the world's record in billiards.

In a short time the room was filled with an excited and admiring crowd of male patients, who wildly applauded his more sensational and epoch-making strokes. The officials, who by this time had successfully accomplished the subjugation of Spud Murphy, came dropping one by one. The superior smile faded from their faces at the sight of Bailey's daring play, and they remained in the saloon absolutely spellbound. The voice of authority was silenced, even the dinner-bell pealed unheeded.

In his methods the cueist did not proceed on conventional lines. At the outset, instead of using the number of balls favoured by fossilized exponents of the game, he experimented with no less than forty balls. The figure was subsequently very considerably exceeded, but this was by accident, certainly not by design.

By five o'clock Mr. Bailey's score stood at 1835, and the cloth was cut in four places. Two hours later it was in tatters, but the indomitable cuesmith had another 9 to his credit. During the whole of the play, the spectacle, as described by a literary patient—a decayed analyst, suffering from paresis—was "weirdly grand in its bizarre magnificence." The balls went hurtling through the air like bombshells, carrying devastation in their track. Before six o'clock the green shades of the electric lights were smashed to wire-work, and the current had to be switched off, but the unconquerable player continued to play by favour of the full moon, which shone brightly through the shattered casements.

Towards eight o'clock the knock-about business grew fiercer and more furious. Five luckless members of the audience, who had been unable quickly enough to duck under the table when Mr. Bailey was making some of his more marvellous coups, were removed to the hospital ward seriously injured. Notwithstanding the exertions of an indefatigable band of attendants who had been specially told off to search the grounds for lost balls, no less than 15 of them (the balls, of course, not the attendants) were never recovered. Twelve others were subsequently picked up in stubble fields at distances varying from two to ten miles off, and three, which hit the passing train, were conveyed to Aberdeen. It is, how-

ever, probably nothing more than a coincidence that obituary notices of three of the travellers by this particular train appeared in the "Free Press" and "Journal" before the end of the week.

At nine o'clock, when Mr. Bailey had broken 29 cues and used up half a hundredweight of chalk, his strength gave way, and he fell to the floor in a dead faint. The medical superintendent's orderly having dosed him with a quart of brandy, he recovered consciousness, and feebly murmured "How's that, marker?" The marshal of the marking staff promptly replied that the score stood at 11,987. Mr. Bailey pluckily endeavoured to resume business, so as to reach the 12,000 at least, but he was so terribly exhausted that almost immediately he fainted a second time. The umpires, under medical advice, then declared the game closed.

On the subject of food as on that of amusement, Bailey was emphatic in his condemnation. "It got on 'is chest," he declared, "and stuck there. We 'ad orphling's (? ortolans), whales on toast (? quails)," he continued in answer to a request for specific details—"not to mention hysters and holives to tickle our huppities, and lots o' other things wiv Greek and 'Ebrew names to foller, but w'ere," he concluded, spitting in the fire reflectively, "was the good? After you'd polished off the w'ole thirty courses you felt blown out like an infatuated baloon, but there wasn't nothin' substantial or satisfyin' abaht the feed. Bl'me if I wouldn't 'ave swopped the ——— bloomin' lot any day in the week for a single pint o' whelks or a plate o' stooed heels."

The unfortunate gentleman's life continued well-nigh intolerable, even after the great billiard feat, and, although he no longer thought of hanging himself or of working, he determined to "slope." Sweeter to this simple home-loving soul a penn'orth of potted head or a twopenny fish supper, and contentment therewith, in dear old Aberdeen, than all the luxuries noted on the *récherché* menus of his glorified prison-house at Kingseat. The sounds and smells of his beloved East North Street surged continually in his ears and nostrils, and day and night he heard voices whispering—"W'y don't yer come 'ome, Bill Bailey?" And home Bill at last came, minus the tails of his frock-coat (the property of the ratepayers), which were snapped off by a ferocious bull-dog, a member of the Kingseat permanent staff, in a vain attempt to prevent his escape. This, then, is the reason why Bill Bailey's address must not be disclosed. The police are after him, and a reward of twenty shillings has been offered by the retiring Parish Council for his capture. So far the fugitive has eluded his pursuers, and it may be stated in conclusion, without any breach of confidence, that he is at present being supported in comfort, if not in affluence, by a small syndicate of local gentlemen, headed by that public-spirited citizen, Mr. Peter Birse of Kittybrewster. There is, of course, a reason for their benevolence. Bill is the "dark horse" in their stable. More than likely he will be nominated in due course as a candidate for election to the Parish Council Board.

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THE DEESIDE GOLF CLUB.

Golf has always been a popular pastime in Aberdeen, but it is questionable if the ancient game was ever more enthusiastically followed than at the present day.

The subject of our sketch (Dr. J. L. M'Intyre) is the genial and enthusiastic captain of that young and flourishing club at Bieldside. It was principally due to his enterprise that the club was formed about two years ago. He had long thought that a course at Cults would greatly increase the amenities of the district, and he mentioned the project to a few acquaintances whom he thought the matter likely to interest. Some received the idea a little coldly, stating that a course had been suggested years ago, but had been dropped on account of the difficulty of finding suitable ground.

Dr. M'Intyre, however, persevered, and succeeded in gathering round him a small body of earnest disciples. Among those who have worked along with him from the first are Mr. John Rust, the city architect, vice-captain; Mr. George Clark, solicitor, the present secretary of the Club; Mr. J. L. Geddes, Dr. A. Arthur, Dr. Stewart, Murtle; and Messrs. George Gordon, J. Wilson, A. Cooper, A. Newlands, and others.

In their search for ground frequent rebuffs were met, but at last the committee were able to come to terms with the proprietor and tenant of the farm of Haughton. A public meeting was then convened in Cults Public School,



Photo by H. H. Davies, Wales.

DR. J. L. M'INTYRE.

and as a result it was resolved, with some misgivings, to proceed with the scheme. No sooner was it known that the promoters had acquired the ground, and were fairly engaged in their project, than intending members began to come forward, and within less than six months the muster-roll had reached a total of over 300.

The course was opened by the President, Mr. George Davidson of Wellwood, in September, 1903, and so rapidly did it grow in popularity that at the general meeting last

May it was found necessary to alter the rule affecting the membership, and increase the number to 350. The meeting also authorised the Council to acquire additional land south of the course, from Mr. A. M. Ogston of Ardoe and approved of the erection of a new club house at a cost, including furnishings, of £700. The structure is of a very pretty and attractive design. Mr. Rust was the architect.



THE OPENING MATCH.

ARCHIE SIMPSON and A. COOPER v. J. A. DONALDSON and T. DONALDSON.

The course, meantime, consists of nine holes, but the additional land acquired is now being laid out with a view to providing a full course, under the energetic direction of Mr. C. W. Duff, Solicitor, the Secretary of the Greens Committee. The work will have been completed by May next year.

The Club have already had presented to them several trophies, among others a handsome solid silver rose bowl from Mr. G. Davidson of Wellwood; a silver challenge jug from Dr. A. Arthur; and a silver cup from ex-Baillie Pyper of Hillhead. The last trophy, Dr. M'Intyre succeeded in carrying off on Saturday, beating Mr. Alexander Cooper, one of the crack players, in the final. The Doctor received 7 of a handicap.

Sketch number 2 shows the Brothers Donaldson, J. A. and Tom, with Archie Simpson looking critically on



The People's Chess Book.

The proprietors of the *People's Journal* have just issued a comprehensive booklet of 40 large pages, entitled "The People's Chess Book." The instructions are so clearly and concisely put that it certainly should not be difficult for any person of average intelligence to pick up the rudiments of the game. It only remains to be added that the book is profusely illustrated with explanatory diagrams and examples of problems.



Answers to Correspondents.

R. MURDOCH LAWRENCE.—If you apply to Mr. George Kiloh, Cleansing Department, Poynebrook Road, Aberdeen, I think he will be able to give you the best information on the point you desire.

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Saturday's Football.

By "Goalie."

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
On carefully comparing the teams as they stepped on the field, one could not but be impressed with the fine physique of the men who were opponents to the Aberdeen on Saturday. It made one think that Aberdeen had better not take them too cheap at the start or they might get left. Mr. Mackenzie, Perth, set them off promptly to time, but the wind was troublesome to both sides, who failed to allow for its vagaries. Robertson had the first chance, and he set off nicely, his middle as accurate, but Macdonald got in the way. Some pretty play followed, in which the half-backs of the home side were not prone to dribble and shoot in succession without effect. Aberdeen were having most of the play, but there was want of accuracy in shooting. That is to say, several times the ball was sent past inches outside the bar or over it. At length friend M'Auley got his foot in right position on the ball, and the sphere was nudged past Macdonald in the far corner of the net. Eight onwards Aberdeen were the masters of the situation. Seldom did the Caley forwards get westwards, try as they liked. Macfarlane never got a chance to do anything till half-time was gone. Shortly after resuming Aberdeen were awarded a doubtful penalty. Even the crowd, who readily demand the extreme measure, could hardly realise that the offence was so severe in the referee's eyes as to merit the severe course he took. However, Henry Low took the kick, putting it neatly past the Caley custodian. Aberdeen were now all over them, Ellis going inside right. Geo. M'Nicol essayed the role of pivot, but with little more success than the Parkhead lad, who was a thorough failure as a centre. Towards the close, M'Auley again gave his friends great delight by adding a third goal, the best of the lot, from the same position. There was little in the game to criticise. Aberdeen now enter the next round.

The Qualifiers.

It could hardly be realised that Leith Athletic had the "knock" in the Qualifying Ties by Cowdenbeath. In the south the Athletic were greatly fancied for the chief honour, but the Fifers have set that down as impossible this season. Cowdenbeath seem to have been masters of the situation all through and won by 2-0. Parkhead had their usual luck against Lochgelly. The "red lichts" were a goal down at half-time, but a gift from Harry Brown settled it, for on getting the equaliser, he was not content till he got the winning point. Lochgelly are to be sympathised with, as they had really a great share of the play, but lacked finishing.

The Qualifying Draw.

Aberdeen are again out of luck's way, being drawn away from home in the sixth round, having a bye in the fifth. They play Cowdenbeath away on the 29th of this month. This will be the real test of their worth in the Qualifying ties, as they will meet the best team far in the competition.

HOCKEY. If one firm of manufacturers more than other keeps abreast of the times in the matter of Implements for sport, that firm is Geo. G. Bussey & Co., of London, who are leading the way again with their Hockey Clubs and Balls which bear their well-known trade mark  Ask the local Sports Dealer for G. G. B. Co.'s Special Hockey List. If not procurable apply to 36 & 38 Queen Victoria Street, London. Factory—Peckham, S.E.

AMONGST THE LEAGUERS.

It will be admitted that the meeting of Celtic and Rangers on the Saturday following the Glasgow final was rather inopportune. The "light blues" were in spanking form, and did not allow the halves to pull them up so gingerly as in the final. A draw of two goals was, indeed, more than the Celts deserved on this occasion, as had there not been a misunderstanding between the backs and Watson, the Celts' second goal should never have been scored. In the Airdrieonians-Queen's Park game the "Onians" held their own; honours even, with a one-goal draw, was the result at the finish. Twice in three weeks, or thereby, has the Hearts tried to get points off the Partick Thistle, and failed on each occasion. Without Bobby Walker and Mackie the Hearts were never in it, the "Jags" winning by 2-1. Third Lanark and Hibs enjoyed a couple of points each at the expense of St. Mirren and Motherwell respectively. A draw of one goal each occurred between the Port and Kilmarnock. If Dundee can keep up their Saturday's form, they should make a few teams sit up before the season closes. A six-goals to 1 victory does not occur every day, and I hope to see one or two more at Dens Park before the season closes. The Table now reads—

FIRST DIVISION.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Dn.	Goals.		Pts.
					For.	Agst.	
Airdrieonians,	9	7	0	2	20	9	16
Celtic,-	8	5	1	2	20	11	12
Rangers,	9	5	2	2	27	10	12
Dundee,	9	5	2	2	16	7	12
Third Lanark,	9	4	2	3	13	12	11
Morton,	9	4	4	1	11	14	9
Kilmarnock,	9	3	3	3	10	13	9
Hibernian,	10	3	4	3	12	15	9
Hearts,	9	3	4	2	17	14	8
Partick Thistle,	8	3	4	1	9	21	7
Port Glasgow A.,	9	2	4	3	9	15	7
St. Mirren,	9	2	5	2	11	16	6
Queen's Park,	8	1	5	2	9	16	4
Motherwell,	9	1	8	0	10	21	2

Two points for a win; one for a draw.

SECOND DIVISION.

The Second Division fixtures are suffering badly from the Qualifying ties, but they will soon get over that. Once the next round is finished the competition should be in full swing till the Scottish ties start in January. In the meantime the changes on the table cannot be considered of any great import. The table is as follows:—

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Dn.	Goals.		Pts.
					For	Agst.	
Clyde,	6	4	0	2	9	5	10
Falkirk,	7	4	2	1	13	11	9
Leith Athletic,	4	3	0	1	7	2	7
Arthurlie,	6	2	2	2	13	14	6
Abercorn,	6	3	3	0	8	12	6
Ayr,	7	3	4	0	14	14	6
East Stirlingshire,	5	2	2	1	5	5	5
St. Bernard,	5	2	2	1	6	8	5
Albion Rovers,	8	2	5	1	10	11	5
Raith Rovers,	7	2	4	1	9	13	5
Hamilton Academicals,	7	2	4	1	10	9	5
Aberdeen,	4	1	2	1	7	7	3

Two points for a win; one for a draw.

Northern League.

Three games were down for decision on Saturday. Montrose v. Dundee A. were again at it, but on this occasion the "Gable Enders" triumphed by 3 goals to 0. The game seems to have been a trifle towsy. A hard game was that between Dunfermline Athletic and Dundee Wanderers, which ended in favour of the Clepington Park eleven by the only goal scored. Stenhousemuir had Lochee United as their opponents, the 'Muir lads gaining the verdict by 4 goals to 2.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Dn.	Goals.		Pts.
					For	Agst.	
Montrose, - -	7	6	0	1	13	2	13
Dundee A., - -	7	3	2	2	14	4	8
Arbroath, - -	4	3	0	1	6	2	7
St. Johnstone, -	6	2	2	2	9	9	6
Dunfermline Athletic,	7	1	2	4	6	8	6
Stenhousemuir,	6	3	3	0	10	11	6
Wanderers, - -	6	2	2	2	10	15	6
Lochgelly United, -	5	2	2	1	12	12	6
Lochee United, - -	5	1	2	2	7	10	4
Cowdenbeath, - -	3	0	0	3	3	3	3
Aberdeen A., - -	5	1	3	1	4	6	3
Kirkcaldy U., - -	5	0	2	3	1	5	3
Forfar Athletic, -	6	0	4	2	1	9	2

Two points for a win; one for a draw.

CHATTY BITS.

I did all I could in my last week's "Bits" to put "Fairmer" Mackie in the team, but the directors decided otherwise.

They cannot say that their choice was better than mine, or their knowledge of football, in my opinion, is very far north of good.

Ellis was simply wretched at centre in the first twenty minutes, and if he spoiled one chance he spoiled three.

Not that the lad does not work hard, but he gets in the way somehow of really good shots.

Had it not been for the very fine play of the Aberdeen halves, the result might have been closer.

They completely bottled up the Caley forwards at every start they made.

Henry Low is always recognised as a very affectionate lad, but nobody anticipated he would embrace the linesman in his endeavour to keep the ball in play. His kind attentions were not resented.

In Macdonald the Caledonian have a rare goalkeeper. I am informed that not so very long ago he fell by an accident at work, in which he had both legs broken, while every stitch of clothes was stripped off him. He is a marvel.

Fotheringham and Ross are a rare pair of backs which any club would be proud to have. It is not too much to say that they kept the scoring down.

The Caley forwards never played such a poor game this season. They recognised the effectiveness of the home halves. Several of their officials asserted they have not seen better mid-line play anywhere.

Next Saturday East Stirlingshire is due in the Second League at Pittodrie. It should have been a Northern League game with Lochgelly, but the dates are to be transposed in the latter case.

Aberdeen are now sadly in arrears with their League fixtures, and will have to hurry up.

Bon-Accord opened their season on Saturday at Central Park in a game with the Abergeldie. The Bons. won by 3-1.

The Favourites were at Peterhead, and won by 1-0. Should this not have been the "Harp"?

The Aberdeenshire Association refused to allow the Bon-Accord representative to sit till his club had started to play. This was only right, as most people thought there was no such club as the Bon-Accord.

The draws for the County Cup will be made on Monday. There are nine clubs this season, compared with eight last year.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

By "The Rover."

The Bon-Accord made their initial appearance this season at Central Park on Saturday, when they engaged the Abergeldie in a friendly.

The 'Geldie played their usual team, and the Bon-Accord

was represented by McBean; Lockhart and Simpson; Simpson, McIntyre, and Drummond; Annand, Mortimer, Pirie, McLean, and McKenzie.

The Bons monopolised play in the first half of the game, and at half-time led by 3 goals to 0.

On resuming, the 'Geldie wakened up, and after some fine passing Ferris scored. They had extremely hard luck in being repeatedly pulled up for off-side.

A rather uninteresting game ended—Bon-Accord 3, Abergeldie 1.

Favourites journeyed to Peterhead, and engaged the home team. The game was evenly contested throughout. Favourites scored from a penalty. Result—Favourites 1, Peterhead 0.

Aulton Rovers roved to Torry, but found the Victoria Thistle in a scoring mood, and returned with a defeat of 8 goals to 1. Well done, Thistle.

Victoria gave Stoneywood Favourites a severe shaking on Saturday. Scores—Victoria 5, Stoneywood Favourites 1.

In a Bon-Accord League match at Bayview, Yallart accounted for Y.M.C.A. by 4 goals to 1.

In the same league, North End went under to Shamrock by 7-0.

Strathdee also encountered Bydand, and ran out winners by the odd goal. Scores—Strathdee 3, Bydand 2.

GRANITE CITY LEAGUE.

The only result to hand is that of the Garfield Junior Victoria Thistle match.

Garfield undoubtedly surprised the Thistle by drawing with them. The scores, 3-3, will spoil the Thistle's goal average, as up till this match they had only one goal against them.

However, one point is better than none, and (say the Violet) one point is better than two—for us.

Violet are the only team in the League now who haven't dropped a point. On Saturday they will have an opportunity of showing their mettle—against the Victoria Thistle.

This will be a battle royal, and no mistake. We back the Violet as almost certain winners.

Garfield and Crusade will meet in their return fixture. Crusade won by a goal last match, but after Garfield's performance against the Victoria Thistle on Saturday, we can hardly expect to see Crusade win again.

Macdonald Thistle and Royal Albert will be engaged. Albert have been putting in some hard work lately, and will give the Thistle a tough (though, we fear, an unsuccessful) fight for the points.

CHETWYND.

Our Bucksburn Correspondent writes:—

On Saturday the League fixture, Mugiemoos v. Abergeldie, was off owing to the Abergeldie not turning up.

The Stoneywood Favourites suffered defeat at the hands (or rather the feet) of the Victoria at Torry. This is the first reverse sustained by the Favourites in the League contest. Result—Victoria, 5; Favourites, 1.

The Stoneywood met the Clifton at Stoneywood in a League match. Result—Stoneywood, 4; Clifton, 1. Nicol and Burt were the best men for the visitors. For the home team, Kitson (centre-half) distinguished himself. Alec Law put in some good work, as did also Norrie, Mann, and M'Kenzie. The "Steenies" journey to the Aberdeen Links on Saturday first to meet the Shamrock. As both teams are undefeated up to the present time, much interest centres on the impending tussle.

A most successful Smoking Concert in connection with the Stoneywood Football Club was held in the Bon-Accord Arms, Stoneywood, on Saturday evening. Mr. George Birnie made an ideal chairman.

The Cup, a handsome trophy won by this team in last season's Bon-Accord League contest, was in evidence, and was greatly admired. Mine host of the Bon-Accord Arms having filled the Cup with strong waters, his health was heartily pledged.

Mr. Forbes presided at the piano, and the following gentlemen contributed to the evening's enjoyment:—Messrs.

essoock, Riddell, Forbes, R. Keay, Hay, Elrick, Finn, J. eay, J. Bryce (gramophone), A. Law, and A. Clark.

The "Grand Old Man" of local football circles, Mr. Alexander Catto, was presented with a handsome albert and pe in Mrs. Mair's inn on Friday evening. Mr. J. Slorach occupied the chair. This presentation marks the occasion "Sandy's" retirement from active participation in the me of football, and was subscribed for by members and upporters of the Mugiemoos Football Club, in which Mr. atto for many years has shone as a "head" light.

Our Ellon Correspondent writes:—

The event of last week, as far as footballers were concerned, was the match between Aberdeen University and the Saturday United on the Ellon pitch. That considerable interest was taken in the fixture was evidenced by the large crowd assembled.

The 'Varsity's reputation was well known in Ellon, and it seemed presumptuous on the part of a third class minor eleven to accept a challenge from a team which had drawn a Second Division Scottish League team of Aberdeen's calibre.

The 'Varsity played practically their full team, and Ellon relied on the eleven who played so well last week against Inverurie. Speculation was rife as to what the result would be, and opinion favoured a walk-over for the 'Varsity.

At half-time the score stood 2—2, and critics were inclined to change their minds. With the wind behind them, the 'Varsity made things hot for the home team, and scored four times, while Ellon failed to find the net. Nothing but the sterling defence of Ellon kept down the scoring, the goalkeeper in particular distinguishing himself by saving a penalty from the foot of the redoubtable "Johnnie" Sangster.

The Wednesday United had a visit from the Faithlie, Fraserburgh, on Wednesday, and a stiffly-contested game ended in a draw—scores 3—3. The return match due at Fraserburgh on the 26th inst., when the Wednesday hope to repeat the performance, if not beat the "Broch" combination.

A new football club has been started called the Wanderers. The Town Council has allowed them a part of the recreation ground as a pitch. They are now open for fixtures, and first class juveniles or light third juniors desirous of fixing matches might communicate with C. Neilson, the secretary.

Football Competitions.

The number of competitors for the three pieces of silver plate" offered by BON-ACCORD was rather more than a treble that of the preceding week. The coupons came from all quarters of the city—west, east, and central being almost equally well represented. Bucksburn, Leith, Newtonhill, Huntly, and other suburban and provincial centres also contributed a substantial quota. The competitors also, it was pleasing to observe, belonged to all classes in the community. Among them we struck the auriferous name of Andrew Carnegie. This particular Andrew does not seem to possess the good luck of his namesake. He was, in fact, badly left on this occasion, but we hope he will survive to rake in the half-dollar some other day.

This week the failure of the Caledonian to score proved a stumbling block to competitors, and only one of them was successful in guessing the goals in both the prescribed matches. This was—

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- R. M. Stephen, Waterford, Bankhead.
- Fred. Russell, 13 Gallowgate.
- Andrew Reid, 37 Spa Street.
- A. S. Wight, 9 Pitstruan Place.

Post-cards will be sent to each of them, and the money will be paid on the presentation of the cards.

Place aux Dames.—Only one lady entered for our first competition. This week there were several. None of them unfortunately gave the correct figure. One fair competitor, however, came so near the mark that a consolation prize of one shilling has been awarded to—

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Beechgrove U.F Church Bazaar.

I have received an advance copy of the Official Guide to the Beechgrove United Free Church Bazaar, which is to be held in the Music Hall on Friday and Saturday, 21st and 22nd October, to raise funds towards clearing off the debt incurred in building and church extension generally by this vigorous and enterprising young congregation. The Guide, which is beautifully printed, has been carefully edited, and, in addition to full information as to the stalls and stall-holders, attractions, etc., it contains a series of fine portraits of local leading U.F. lights, and one or two beautiful reproductions of scenery on the River Dee. Mr. J. C. Anderson, Cairnfield Place, is convener of the Executive Committee, and Messrs. George Davidson and William Murison, Hamilton Place, the joint-secretaries. The bazaar is to be opened on Friday by the Rev. Dr. Whyte; and on Saturday by Mr. James Annand, the Liberal candidate for East Aberdeenshire. The respective chairmen will be Mr. Thomas Ogilvie of Kepplestone and Professor Mackintosh, the previous minister of the church.

The Epistles of Birse.

More Trouble at Kittybrewster.

DEAR MAISTER BON-ACCORD,

Man it's win'erfu' and awfu' the pooer o' the newspaper press for gweed or evil in the present generation. I'll say naething about the gweed in this epistle, but I can gie ye a concrete example o' the evil. I houp the same 'ill prove mair edifeein' to you than it did to yer contributor, Peter Birse.

Kirsty, I think I taul' ye, wis on holiday at Tirrynessle when I last wrote. It sae happen't that on Fredday wis a week she got an invet to tea in the village o' Awford fae an aul' freen', Maister Stuart, the stationmaster—him 'at you and me ken't sae fine when he wis at the J'int in Aiberdeen. Thinkin', of coorse, 'at Kirsty hed gotten a letter fae me about the robbery at my hoose o' Ketybrowster, Maister Stuart vera nait'rally began to condole wi' 'er aboot oor losses. She haed nae idea what he was drivin' at, and speirt his meanin', the upshot bein' 'at he wis forc't (though he saw be this time 'at he hed rather pitten's fit intill't) to read the haill story oot o' that week's BON-ACCORD.

The fat, as ye may imegine, wis fairly i' the fire. Kirsty wis back at Ketybrowster neist mornin' afore I'd time t' feenish my brakfast. Her face wis lowin' like a live coal when she flung hersel' intill the parlour. I'd seen 'er wi' that kin' o' coontenance afore, and ken't fine somebody wis gaun to get their kail through the reek. "Ye're in for't, Birse," says I to mysel', "but keep a quate sooch, man, keep a quate sooch, and she'll kweel in the skin she got het in."

Kirsty took nae notice o' my ceevil greetin', but jist plumpit 'ersel doon on a cheer, and sat glowerin' at me like a wull cat.

A meenit later she broke oot—"Birse, ye greyheidit aul' vratch, ye senseless footer, ye born nait'ral, ye bletherin' skate, ye gipit eediot" (gey gweed for a start that), "faur's my bonnie siller taypot and the tayspoons?"

"Oh," says I, soothin' like, "dinna bather yer heid about them. I wis gaun to stan' ye a new taypot onywe. The aul' ane wis sae sair batter't as to be hardly a credit to the hoose o' Ketybrowster." That last reference sent 'er skytin' awa on a new tack.

"The hoose o' Ketybrowster," says she, wi' a heich keckle like a bantan crawin', "oh, aye, I forgot that, and ye're the laird nae less—Peter Birse o' Ketybrowster, my service to ye, Laird"—(and the sarcastic aul' jaud rose up and gae me a curchy), "bit my certy," (cheengin' 'er key) "there'll be nae mair o' that nonsense noo I've come hame, Peter Birse."

She stoppit for a second to draw breath, syne she speirt abrupt' like—"Hae ye gotten back the notes 'at wis stown?"

"Na, lass," says I as cheerfu' as I cud, wi' the remembrance o' my great loss fresh upo' me, "na, bit the polis has a clue, and they're unco hopefu' o' gettin' haud o' the thieves."

"Oh, are they," says she, wi' a caul' snicker, "that's graun' news. And they hae a clue. Weel, weel. If they catch the thieves it'll be the first clue I ever heard tell o' at didna brak in their fingers."

She wis quate for anither second or so, syne she begood again waur nor ever.

"Peter Birse," she cried, fixin' me wi' 'er e'en. "Are na ye black affronted o' yersel' consortin' wi' convic't thieves and the lowest riff-raff in the ceety, and, nae content wi' that, bringin' them here and treatin'

them in my ain hoose? Oh! it's shamefu'," she scraiched, wirkin' 'er han's and airms up and doon like the pistons o' a steam pump. "Aye, jist shamefu'. Here's me t'ilin and m'ilin' to keep a' thing thegither, never aff my feet fae daylight till lang past gloamin', savin' a penny here and a bawbee there, and makin' a saxpence gang as far's a shullin' as ony merchan' in the destrict 'ill till ye—and you, Peter Birse, ye superanawit viper, ye shameless aul' reprob, ye mees'rabable rabble, what div ye dae? Naething but mak' a warl's winner o' yersel', and fresh disgrace upon a'budy connected wi' ye."

I adopted a policy o' silence, thinkin' it best to lat her roar hersel' hearse.

"I canna mak' oot faur ye tak' yer coorseless fae," she gaed on, "yer father wis a brosy fushionless breed, but there wis nae ill in 'im 'at ever I saw, and as for yer mither, a mair perjink or preceese body cudna been gotten in the pairis' o' Chapel. It wis the win'er o' the kwinty side hoo him and her ever cam' thegither."

"Mistress Birse," said I sternly at this p'int, "I'll tribble ye to lat the mem'ries o' my pawrents rest. My father wis a 'sponsible man, come o' a' bien weel-daein' fairmin' stock, and a respectable fairmer himsel'. Gin a' the Gibbs o' Poddockbog"—I got nae far'er. Kirsty haed seen 'er chance and took it—mairover, she didna wint to hear me redd up the hist'ry o' 'er far-awa kizzon, Benjie Gibb, the drunken piper o' Foggieolan.

Says she in a vice 'at wid a turned sweet milk soor in the deid o' winter—

"Awat awm sayin' naething ag'inst yer father, deid faur he lies. Only it wid 'a better set his son and heir to pey the creditors the auchteen and fourpence in the poun' he died awin' them than to be throwin' his ain siller aboot at a' han's, and settin' himself up for the Andra Carnegie o' Ketybrowster."

That cut aboot my father's debt anger't me a bit, and I rose fae my cheer wi' the intention o' gaun oot and hae'in a gweed dram by wye a' consolation in a quate public hoose in the Printfield faur I'm nae ken't, bit Kirsty took a haud o' the label o' my kwite and yarkit me back to my seat.

"Sit ye doon, Peter Birse, Laird o' Ketybrowster," says she, wi' what the story-vreeters ca' mockin' emphasis. "Sit ye doon till I lay doon the law for the futur' guidance o' this hoose, accordin' to the wull o' its leddy, Kirsty Birse."

I wis sae dumfooner't at the suddenness o' the on-slaucht 'at I cud only sit in my seat and gasp. A' the time Kirsty's tongue wis gaun like a mull clapper, and, though she made a sad monsey o' the King's English, I wis able to grasp the fac' 'at the law she wis jabberin' aboot consistit o' the followin' three principal clauses—

(1) That I wid hae to gie up my latch-key, and be i' the hoose ilka nicht by nine o'clock.

(2) That I sud write to Tam Gill, Wullie Macdonal', Wullie Caird, and Dauvit McCulloch, the heid reportin' billies, instructin' them that onder no provocation wis I to be refer't till in the public prints as "Birse o' Ketybrowster."

(3) That I sud keep aboot the premises, howkin' in the yard, and makin' mysel' gen'rally eesefu', till a' the elections wis owre.

This wis daein' the thing wi' a vengeance, but div ye think, Maister Editor, 'at I agreed to the terms? Nae fear. The 'oman wis never yet born 'at cud daunt Peter Birse, and I houp to be able by neist week to gie ye an account o' hoo I manag't to whistle Kirsty back to my heel.

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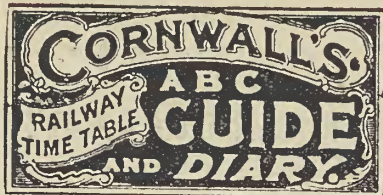
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