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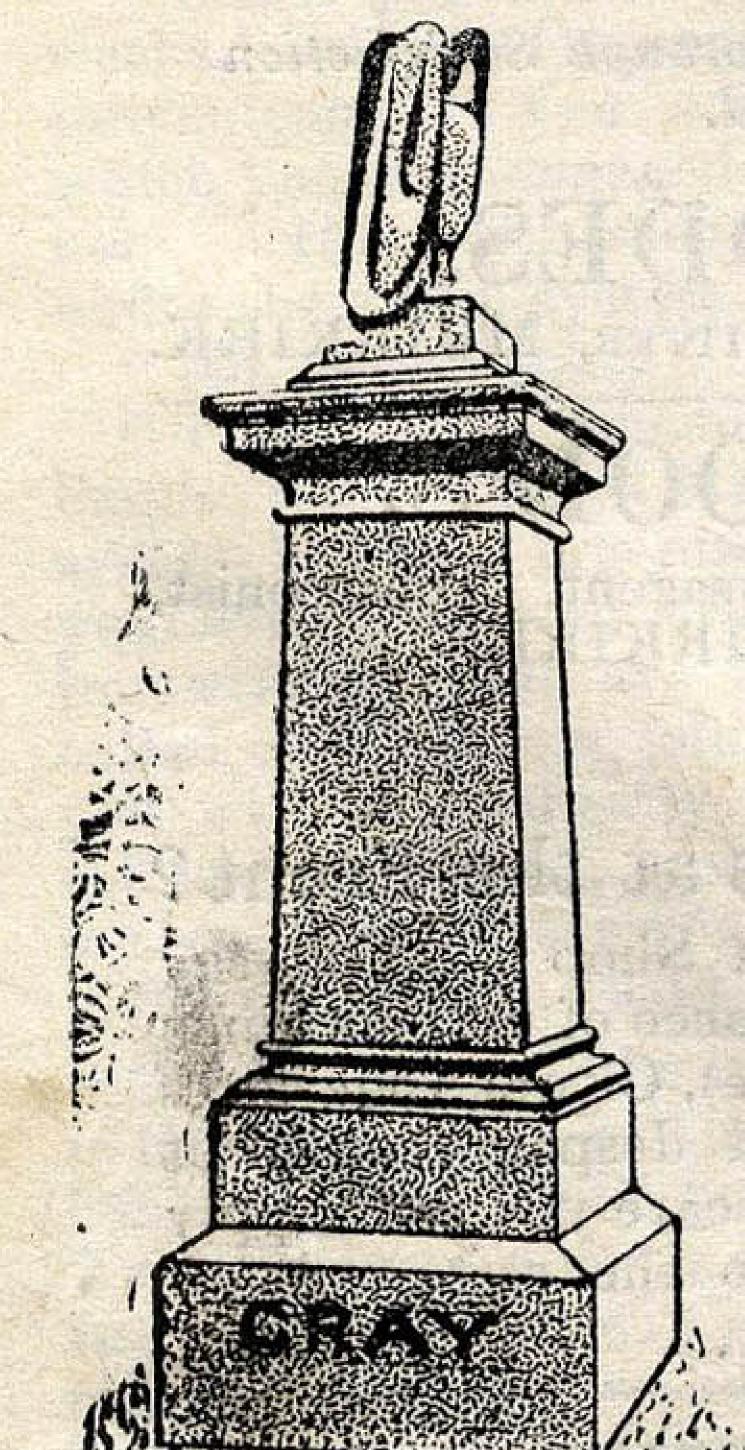
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Death.

LINDSAY.—At 19 Midhouse Terrace, Muirkirk, on 25th inst., Margaret Mills (beloved wife of John Lindsay), aged 73 years.

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THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1915.

Local Mews.

SEVERAL Muirkirk men have lately left here for munition factories, and seem to be taken on with the work.

A good few of Lord Derby's group system volunteers are being medically examined and attested in the Drill Hall this week.

WAR NOTES. -- Lieut. Nile Howatson visited the district the other day on leave from the Front, while Sergt. Wm. Hastie (recuperating from wounds) also paid a flying visit. Priv. Andrew Clark, R.A.M.C., is spending a few days at home. Donald Montgomery (of the Canadian Contingent, and youngest son of our late parish minister) had a few days in Muirkirk last week. He has been in this country from Canada for about a month, and is on his way to the Front. Priv. John Davidson, for some time a constable here, has been severely wounded in France, and is lying at the General Hospital, Rouen.

AT THE SHOWS.—During the past few weeks shows have been plentiful, and will be now till the New Year is in, so that fanciers are having ample opportunity of trying their skill. At Carluke on Saturday locals were well represented. Mr John Ross won a third prize with a Scots Grey hen; Messrs Pollock & Son had three firsts, one second, and a special prize with Wyandottes; Mr Jas. M'Gillivray got third prize with a blue Andalusian hen; Mr James Girdwood topped the list in a bantam selling class; Mr James Cook won a second prize with a rosecomb bantam hen; while Mr W. S. Smith had two first prizes with jacobin pigeons and one second with a white tumbler pigeon.

ACCIDENT TO MUIRKIRK SOLDIER. - A serious motor accident occurred on Friday afternoon at Duddingston, near Edinburgh. About 44 men belonging to the Royal Scots Fusiliers were being conveyed from Duddingston, where they had been engaged in hut-building in the policies, to Musselburgh by means of a large motor transport waggon. At the cross roads near Duddingston a private motor car containing several officers came along, and everything pointed to a collision. This was avoided through both vehicles swerving, but the sudden movement and the fact that the road dips at that point caused the larger vehicle to turn turtle, pinning several men below it. Twenty-six men were admitted to hospital, nine of whom were seriously injured. Private Hugh Parker, 2-5th R. S. F., Springhill Terrace, was amongst the latter.

Don't forget that Mr Bryan, Surgeon-Dentist, comes on Monday First. For Change of Address see advertising columns.

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WHAT THE GLENBUCK FOLKS ARE SAYING.

That a shopkeeper in the village evidently means the window bills to be read from the inside of the shop, as they read topsy-turvy from the outside.

That it is either a fly dodge to get customers into the shop, or it is to supply amusement by tempting people to stand on their head outside in an endeavour to read them.

That they have been blamed for journeying to Ayr each summer for the purpose of having a wash in the briny instead of a tub, but that some neighbouring merchant-Lord Derby's-group system recruits visited the seaside burgh the other day and had an enforced air bath.

That the "coonter-loupers" journeyed to Ayr and got the air, so much so that their 'air stood on end like the bristles of a hedgehog, and that ere they knew they were heirs to lovely colds.

That there must have been severe frost down at Ayr, for it is said when one of the recruits entered the sanctum he couldn't speak, his jaws being frozen together, and that he had to be thawed.

That they would like to know what has come

over the Public Hall this winter.

That the games, &c., used to be in full swing by this time, but that this winter it is not opened yet.

That only meetings and picture shows are held in the hall now, and the attendances at the former

in the hall now, and the attendances at the former are small.

That this is due to Arctic conditions inside, and that patrons are warmer at home.

That they would like to know whose fault it is, and say it is hard lines to have built a hall and yet have nothing to say in its management.

That it is high time the footpaths in the village were repaired again. The Store Brae alleged footpath is very bad, and it will only be an accident if some person doesn't get hurt.

That the path at Kerr's Buildings is a duck pond during thaw and a skating pond during frost.

That if they sanded the streets in Muirkirk it is more than they did in Glenbuck, and the roads were solid ice.

That during the last week or two several of the inhabitants slid down the brae and couldn't stop till they arrived at Gretna Green. Next! (But wait till the frost comes).

That for romance Glenbuck would be hard to beat presently, even by much larger townships.

That had a cinema film of one of the happenings in the village the other day been taken, the place would have been immortalised and for popularity it would have been a case of "Glenbuck Celebrations" first, "Charlie Chaplin" nowhere.

That they get about as much "whusky" as milk nowadays for a penny, and they wonder if it is owing to the scarcity of "shells" that they see so few fresh eggs.

That the curling was not so good as in the old days, but they would like to know what Crosbie said would have happened if the ice had held good.

At the Ayrshire Junior Association meeting held in Kilmarnock on Saturday the draw for the semi-final of the Cup resulted—Ardeer v. Irvine Meadow XI., Skares or Cumnock v. Dunaskin or Springside, while in the Consolation Competition the Cherries are drawn to go to Drongan.

GLENBUCK PARISH CHURCH.—At the evening service on Sunday last the presentation of Bibles, annually given by Mr Charles Howatson to Sunday School scholars for regular attendance during the year, took place. In the unavoidable absence of Mr Howatson, the Bibles were presented by Mrs John Rodger, The Schoolhouse, who performed the duty in a most kindly manner. There was a large attendance of adults and children, and the following 43 scholars received the gift: -Never Absent-Jane Short, Lizzie Bain, Christina Marshall, Sarah Stevenson, John Bain, Forbes Marshall, Willie Wallace, Andrew Davidson, Charles Marshall, John M'Fadyen, Lizzie Marshall, Nettie Robertson, Alexander Brown, George Bain, George Davidson, George Masterton, Katie Masterton, Maggie Allison, Peggy Marshall, Dan. Halliday, James Tait, Archibald Allison, James Masterton, Joseph Davidson, Bertie Wallace, David L. Davidson; Absent once-Andrew Wallace, John Stitt, Peggy Wallace, Scott Davidson, John Wallace, Lizzie Shankly, Jeanie Menzies, Isabella Barr, Jane Muir, Bina Allison, Alexander Masterton, Willie Menzies, Jenny Bain, Hugh Davidson, Isobel Shankly, Peggy Brown, James Stitt.

Curling Pond, and a spell of frost on, the local Curling Club had perforce last week to hold their competitions on the loch at Parishholm. The rinks were very keen on Friday, when play for the medal took place, but on Saturday the ice was drug owing to the thaw. Scores:—

	First Round.	
R. M'Intosh,	J. Halliday,	
M. Park,	J. Smith,	
T. Dempster,	A. Crosbie,	
J. Crosbie-	21 D. Martin—	8
J. Masterton,	A. Stevenson,	
A. Smith,	J. Wallace,	
W. Wallace,	D. Blyth,	HOLD THE
A. Robertson—	21 W. Hastie-	8
	Final.	(1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
J. Masterton,	A. Brown,	
G. Wallace,	M. Park,	
W. Wallace,	T. Dempster,	

A first round tie for the cup was also played,

The final tie was very botly contested.

A. Robertson—

21 J. Crosbie-

17

T. Davidson,
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OURLING.

IRONWORKS CLUB.—Interest in curling was keen about the Ironworks last week. Since the thaw set in the interest has thawed correspondingly. Still, there is that final to play, and at least those interested are looking forward to another great game. Of course there are other competitions in store. On Wednesday last two very close games took place in connection with the cup. Mr Baird's rink succumbed to Mr Woodburn's select, while Mr Chirney's little lot overcame Mr Wilson's shopmen. In each case the teams peeled at the second-last end, and again each match was lost by only one shot, and that by half-an-inch. The following are the names of the players and the various scores:—

First Round.

George Vallance, John Young, Hill. Mitchell, Andrew Pringle, William Nicol, William Vallance, Dugald Baird (skip)-12 J. Woodburn (skip)-13 William Shaw, John Weir, David M'Fegan, John Taylor, John M'Cann, John Mair, John Cairney (skip) - 11 Robt. Wilson (skip) -10 W. Nisbet, S. Rae, W. Anderson, H. Bell, J. Johnstone, R. Adamson, J. M'Culloch (skip)-10 H. Hastings (skip)-13 Semi-final. 13 John Woodburn-John Cairney-

Henry Hastings—a bye.

John Cairney v. Henry Hastings—still to play.

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She—"How do you make love?" He—"First, you place your arm around her waist, then gaze into the depths of her deep blue eyes—"She—"Oh, but suppose her eyes are black?" He—"Then wait until they get well."

Brown—"Yours ain't exactly what I would call a submarine face." Jenkins—"What's that?" Brown—"Why, it don't seem to have been under water, mate."

Temperance Lady — "My good man, if you don't want whisky to get the best of you, you must get the best of whisky." Promising Subject—"I do, mum, when I can, but when a feller's only got tuppence—"

One day an Irishman was asked to come to work an hour earlier than usual. This he promised to do. Next morning he was an hour late. "Shure, sor," he explained, "I should have been no good if I'd come, as I was fast asleep."

Never had Weary Willie experienced such hard times. Two whole days without a scrap of food. At length, in despair, he presented himself at old Mrs Babcock's house. It was indeed despair, for only the previous week he had successfully begged a mince pie, but, alas! he had partaken of it, to his everlasting regret. Mrs B. confronted him at the door. "You're the same man who begged a mince pie last week, aren't you?" she demanded sternly, with a look of recognition in her eyes. "No, mum," replied Weary Willipe dolefully. "I'll never be the same man again."

The new building was in course of erection, and Dennis and Sandy were working together on the roof. Suddenly the dinner whistle blew. "Oh, hang!" said Sandy, "ma wee bittie is doon the basement. I maun wear my boots oot trottin' a' doon that stairs." "Shure, hang on this rope, matey," responded Dennis, "an Oll let ye down to the ground." The descent was all right till the middle of the building was reached, when Dennis let go the rope, landing the Scotsman in a mortar bed, not much hurt, but terribly mortified. "What for did ye let go the rope?" he demanded. "Begorra, Oi thought it was going to break," yelled Dennis, and O'i had prisence o' moind enough to let go!"

"Those people who live in that swell house on the hill aren't a bit stuck up," remarked the butcher. "Why, I thought they were too proud to notice anybody," said his wife. "Not a bit of it," replied the butcher; "every time I call there with my bill they ask me to call again."

SARA'S SHAWL

Jonas Pray was born stingy. By the time he was 40 he was a very rich man, though he lived as plainly as ever, and somehow about that age the first tender feelings he had ever known crept into his heart. He fell in love with a buxom, goodtempered young woman named Sara Woolwich, and offered himself to her. Sara liked him and accepted him.

Jonas meant to be liberal to her at first, but after a brief honeymoon happiness his old habits resumed their way, and, at last, the second winter of their married life coming on, Sara found that all her remarks about her shabby summer hat had no effect whatever, and that she might wait a long while without having such a thing as a comfortable

cloak suggested to her.

She knew her husband had a large bank account. But when she had said, playfully, "Jonas, shall I buy myself some winter things to-day? I need a shawl dreadfully," he had answered, "I thought you were too sensible a woman to run after the fashions, Sara? I'm sure you have very decent things that you might wear a long while yet."

His wife looked at him and said nothing. She arose softly and went out of the room, and brought back her bonnet and shawl and put them on the

table before him.

"Jonas, dear," she said. "I don't want you to think me unreasonable; look at these, see how shabby they are. I had not spent one penny of your money for clothes. You know you gave me two pairs of gloves in our honeymoon-I have them still."

"What a good, careful girl," said Jonas, caressing her dark hair, as she came and sat on a low

stool beside him.

"Yes, I have been careful. It is my nature to be careful," said Sara. "Few rich men's wives would have done so much. Now look at these things, my dear."

Jonas looked at them long and lingering. He knew his wife was reasonable, and that the things were, and long had been, unfit for her to wear. But his money tugged at his heart-strings.

"Suppose you wear them one winter more, Sara," he said. "Just one."

"The shawl is very thin," she said. "I shall catch cold again as I did last winter."

"Poor girl?" he said, softly, and looked toward the desk where his cheque book lay. But the grip of the fiend that rules a miser's soul nipped him sorely as he did so. The momentary impulse vanished. Besides, a thought occurred to him.

"They wear sacques a good deal, Sara, don't

they?" he said.

"Oh! they are very fashionable," replied his

wife.

"Then couldn't you make one of that old billiard cloth that is in the trunk-room?" he said. "My poor mother bought it at an auction. She meant to use it for a coverlet; but it's a very pretty green, don't you think, Sara, and such nice material?"

There is a limit to woman's patience; this suggestion measured Sara's. She started to her feet, and gathering up her bonnet and shawl, walked out of the room. After she had gone Jonas really looked at his cheque-book, and for at least two minutes contemplated drawing a large cheque and telling his wife he had been teasing her. But he could not bring himself to do it.

After a while his wife looked into the room with her old bonnet on, and her old shawl about her

shoulders, and said:

"Jonas, I'm going to spend the day with my sister-in-law, but I shall be home before dinnertime."

"I hope you'll enjoy yourself, my dear," said Jonas. He saw her eyes were heavy with weeping, and looked away ashamed of himself.

Then he betook himself to his office, where he ground out his money, and, during the day, compromised with himself. He would do no extravagant thing, but when he went home he would give

his wife what was necessary. He went home earlier than usual that evening to make what amends his soul would consent to. Naw he was in the midst of the throng and close to four policemen, who, with set faces, marched in time, bearing between them a stretcher, on which lay a human form. It was covered—covered with a shawl. Jonas looked. Oh, Heavens, he knew

the pattern of that shawl. It was his wife's. "Stop-stop-stop!" he cried. "Let me see

her-let me see her!"

"Do you know her?" asked the policeman. "Let me see her face," said Jonas, growing so faint that a kindly man hard by supported him by

the arm. "You'd not know her face; a telegraph pole fell on her; it's crushed out of all shape," said the policeman. "But shawls are alike. Keep up your courage. I don't think this any relation of yours; she's too shabby. Look at shoes. See here. Is her bonnet. You don't know that?"

He neld up a bonnet. It was crushed and soaked

with blood; but Jonas knew it.

alone with her if he would.

"Yes, I know it!" he cried. "It's Sara! It's

my wife!"

Then he pulled away the shawl from the crushed face, and fainted outright.

They carried the poor woman home to Jonas Pray's old house, helping him to follow as he came to himself. She was laid upon her bed, and there was a coroner's inquest, and women prepared her body for burial, talking amongst themselves of the shame it was she, a rich man's wife, should be so clad; and then there was a pause, and he might be

Before the time came he had a cab called, and went out in it. He was driven to a large drygoods establishment, where he asked to see the manager, and was shown to his office.

The manager found him there, a pale, miserable object, trembling and faint, as one in a deep illness. He was shabby, too.

"He has come to beg," thought the manager; and his, "What can I do for you?" was curt.

But Jonas cared nothing for anyone's manner now. He answered sadly:

"I want to buy a shawl." "A salesman will attend to you, sir," said the

manager.

"No," said Jonas; "I am too ill, too broken to talk to the salesman. I can trust you. I want the costliest shawl you have."

"Our costliest is five thousand dollars," said the

manager. "Have it put up for me," said Jonas, who then drove home. No sweet face smiled a greeting. Within all was hushed. Carrying the shawl under his arm, he went upstairs to the darkened room, where, under straight folds of white drapery, seemed to lay the sorrow of the house. A watcher sat there. He sent her away. Then, alone in the room, he knelt down upon the floor beside the coffin. He spread out the costly shawl; he lifted it in his hands. A moment more he would have folded it about the dead form in the

"Oh, Jonas! Jonas, dear! Oh, my poor Jonas!

My poor, poor Jonas!"

And turning, he saw his wife, either in the spirit

or the flesh, standing behind him.

coffin, but at that instant a voice cried:

"Oh, how ill you look," she said. "Did you really love me so? And it is all my fault. I went to my sister-in-law's, and there in a pet-oh! I was so angry, Jonas-I gave away my dress, my shawl, and my bonnet to a beggar woman—and vowed to sit in one of sister's dressing-gowns until you gave me decent clothes to come home in. And the poor woman—who was tipsy, too, my dearwas killed two hours afterward."

For all answer he picked up the costly shawl and wrapped it about her, and took her, folded in

it like a mummy, to his heart again.

"The miser is dead," he said, "But Jonas Pray will show his wife how he can cherish her."

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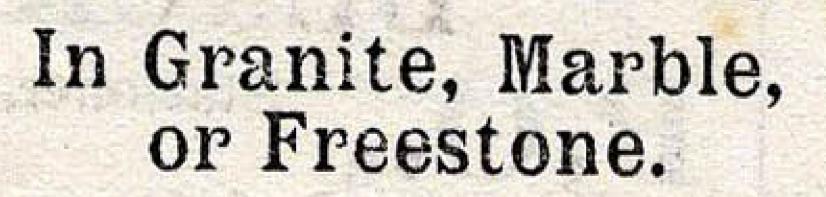
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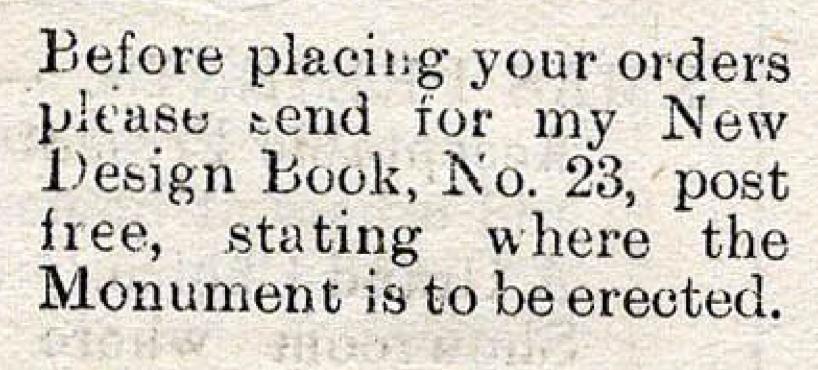
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Local Mews.

THE CINEMA.—Lovers of pictures should not fail to visit the Cinema to-night when a six-reel picture featuring the world-famous Charlie Chaplin will be thrown on the screen. The fact that Charlie is to be on the screen is enough to fill the hall. There are to be three houses—matinee, and two evening houses.—With the migration of young men of the village the management of the Cinema have found it necessary to restrict the number of exhibitions at this popular house of amusement. Beginning next week there will be exhibitions only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, but on each day there will be a complete change of programme.—See advt.

MR ALEX. FLOYD, Woodside, lately despatched to the War Office a miniature of a contrivance for detecting airships above. The Admiralty has acknowledged receipt. It is to be hoped that fame awaits the young local inventor.

Ar Stonehouse Show on Saturday last local fanciers lifted some of the money going. With red tumbler pigeons Mr Jas. Brown won two first prizes, and with a black tumbler Mr Robert Barrie won a second prize.

KAMES CHURCH.— The annual connection with the Sabbath School was held in the Ironworks Institute on Friday evening. Rev. John Henderson, B.D., minister of the parish, presided over a record attendance. During the evening songs and recitations were submitted, and over 200 children were presented with books. The Chairman, Rev. Mr Neill, and Mr David Campbell gave short addresses.

LOCAL MINISTER GETS COMMISSION.—Last week Rev. W. N. Neill, B.D., Kames Church, was gazetted Second Lieutenant in connection with the Lowland Division Royal Field Artillery. Mr Neill had a lengthy experience as a volunteer, and he was for a time an army chaplain abroad, so that the work will not be entirely strange to him. Lieut. Neill joins his unit on Monday first at Edinburgh.

SOLDIERS' PARCELS. - One would not have imagined, after all the work and enthusiasm in connection with getting up Christmas parcels for our local lads who are doing yeoman service for us on foreign shores, facing dangers and undergoing privation, that friends of these who are in possession of their addresses and are aware that these addresses have been changed lately, would be so careless and thoughtless as to fail to notify the Secretary of the Carnival Committee of such changes, and thus endanger the local men's chances of ever getting their parcels. Yet such is the case. It is known that the addresses of some men are changed since they were first given in; intimation has been publicly given that the new addresses are wanted; and it is known that they are available. It is really too bad.

INCREASING THE PRODUCTION OF FOOD.—We desire to draw the attention of farmers and others in the parish to the lecture to be delivered on Saturday night in the Drill Hall by Mr Limond of the West of Scotland College of Agriculture. Mr Limond is an expert in his subject, and he will deal with every phase of food production suitable to the parish. This lecture should be of vast importance to all who have the smallest piece of ground to cultivate, for the patriotic call is upon every one to increase the food production of our own district, and every garden can be utilised for the production of potatoes and vegetables Mr Limond will show us the proper methods we should employ, and give us the necessary information as to how best to employ artificial manures. Muirkirk gardens in the coming season should reveal the patriotic spirit as well as the gardening instinct of the owners.

LOCAL RECRUITS ENLISTED. -On Monday last Captain Northcote and another officer from Ayr visited the Drill Hall here and completed, by "swearing-in," the enlistment of other 21 locals under Lord Derby's group system. Ten enlisted at Ayr a week or two ago. The names of those who were enlisted on Monday are-Robert F. Gibson, Robert Buchanan, James Woodburn, Robert Anderson, Robert Kellock, Robert Burns, David M'Kee, James M. Robertson, William Kennedy, James Edmondstone, William Hodge, James Paterson, John Taylor, George B. Kerr, Wm. Davidson, John Sim, James Caldwell, Jas. Robertson, Joseph Taylor, Muirkirk; and Matt. Anderson and James Currie, Glenbuck. It will doubtless interest our readers to know that the number of cards sent originally for the canvassers to deal with was 177; number of men maimed, &c., 37; number canvassed, 140; number medically examined, 48; number enlisted, 32; number rejected, 13; number medically examined and attested but refused to be sworn in, 3. John Scott, Mid Wellwood, enlisted last night.

PARISH WAR RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of this Committee was held in the Drill Hall, Muirkirk, on Tuesday evening. Mr Jas. Clark presided over a very fair attendance of delegates.

An apology for absence was intimated from Mrs Baird.

The minutes of previous meeting held at

Glenbuck were read and approved.

Mr John Young, treasurer, reported that so far as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association was concerned the month was started with a balance of £3 5s 1d on hand, during the month £20 had been received from the Association, £22 14s 10d had been paid in rents, and there was presently on hand the sum of 10s 3d. Mr Young said that the taxes last year had amounted to about £30, and he suggested that a cheque for £40 be asked for to meet that expense this year. From the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation he had received £3 for Mrs Gibney, £3 for Mr Taylor, £3 for Mr M'Intosh, and £8 for Mrs Swift (who resides with her parents in Muirkirk), a total of £17. There had been no cases of civil distress, and consequently the balance was the same as last month. With regard to the Belgian Fund £1 had been paid to the District Nursing

Association for the attendance of the nurse on Belgian Families, and the balance on hand was £8 13s 8d. For Local Relief Augmentation the month started with £2 6s 6d on hand, £10 was received from the parent committee, £11 5s had been distributed during the month, and the balance now on hand was £1 ls 6d. The Parish Fund for the month, including a balance of £6 12s 10d carried from October, and subscriptions, donations, etc., amounted to £115 11s 3d, but as there were a few accounts to pay there was left

for allocation say £110.

Rev. John Henderson, as convener of the Work Parties, said that last month £20 had been allocated to them, £6 of which went to Glenbuck and £14 to Muirkirk. The Glenbuck party had made or supplied 293 articles during the month. Of these a quantity had been sent to Glenbuck Territorials in France, at the Dardanelles, and at home, three mufflers were sent to Lady Beattie for the Navy, and the remainder of the goods to the Red Cross at Avr. So far as finance was concerned, the income of the Glenbuck Party for the month was £11 16s 33d, this including a balance from the previous month, allocation, sale of flowers, donations from Mrs Howatson and Bingo's Cinema, balance of last year's 'Xmas donation, and collected in box, while the expenditure was £10 10s 2½d, leaving a balance of £1 6s 1d, but, written in pencil underneath that he found the words - "£5 6s 4d to pay." (Laughter). For the Muirkirk Party Mr Henderson reported an income for the month of £22 7s 9d, including balance, allocation, donation from Miss Baird, £5 from Carnival Committee, collected in box. The expenditure amounted to £17 16s 4d (over £17 was for wool and flannel), leaving a balance on hand of £4 11s 5d. The articles made by the Muirkirk Party during the month numbered 512. The Work Parties had during the last three months supplied over 2300 articles, and Mr Henderson asked for a liberal allocation, as the ladies would be better to have every incentive to work for the Parties during the time they would otherwise have been making 'Xmas puddings.

Mr David Stitt, on behalf of the Local Relief Augmentation Committee, referred to Mr Wallace's motion anent making up all grants for dependents of soldiers at the Front to 12s 6d where the Government allowance was less, stating that the Sub-committee had met, and, after due consideration, they found the scheme would be too costly, and had very reluctantly decided to let it drop. Mr Stitt asked that any member hearing of a case of civil or military distress might let him

know.

The Chairman then complimented the Treasurer and the collectors on the very satisfactory statement produced after such a long time of war, and hoped such good results would continue. So far as Mr Henderson was concerned they were very much indebted to him for the enthusiastic way in which he carries out the work of the Industrial Committee. Mr Clark said he sometimes felt that if they were to clap Mr Henderson on the back he might get just big enough for his boots, but on looking back he had done much good work. They must not forget the ladies, of course, for without them he would have been of very little use indeed. (Laughter). He was very pleased to hear Mr Stitt intimate the satisfactory settlement of Mr Wallace's motion. He would also like to state his pleasure in knowing that the Carnival Committee were sending such excellent parcels to the local Tommies at the Front. The money could not have been spent in a better way. The money had not been raised by the Relief Committee, but they were all one family. With regard to Lord Eglinton's War Relief Fund, of which he had promised to say something at this meeting, the Chairman asked the Secretary to read a communication sent the other day, which would explain itself.

Mr Pringle read the communication, which was an appeal for further subscriptions and an account of what the Fund had done and what it proposed Over £22,000 had been paid to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association for relief of cases dealt with by them, £10.00 hill been paid to the National Relief Fund in order to bring this County within the scope of that Fund for the relief of civil distress, £690 had been expended in aid of prisoners of war in Germany of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, £381 had been paid to provide materials for Work Parties and to meet the cost of despatching parcels of comforts to troops on service, the total expenditure for the period of the war being £24,632. A hostel had also been established for the care and treatment of discharged disabled soldiers, where it is intended to provide training in some new trade for men who on discharge are unable to take up their former occupation in consequence of wounds or other incapacity.

Mr Clark said he had been speaking to Mr J. E. Shaw, Ayr, the secretary of the Fund, on the matter, and he found that over and above this they were endeavouring to collect a fund that would come in very useful at the end of the war. Under these circumstances Mr Clark said he thought the Fund was well worthy encouragement.

The Chairman next read a letter from Mrs Baird expressing her regret at not being able to be present at the meeting. In the letter Mrs Baird requested the Chairman to tell the Committee that Edenhall Hostel was to prove of great

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benefit to Scotland. Muirkirk parish had done splendid work, while the allocation had been very satisfactory, and she was only sorry to be too far away to attend the meetings. (Applause).

Questions were then invited, but all seemed

satisfied.

Mr Clark said that so far as the Belgians were concerned the authorities in Glasgow had decided that any complaints refugees wished to make had to come through the local committees, and would not be taken direct.

As to the allocation, the Chairman said that last month they had granted £20 to the Poles. At the present time he thought the Serbs were in greatest distress, and that the money might be transferred there for this month. He then submitted the following suggested allocation:-County Fund, £15; Prince of Wales' Fund, £15; Red Cross, £20; Work Parties, £20; Serbs, £20; Local Relief, £10; Lord Roberts Memorial Fund, £5; and Edenhall Hostel, £5; a total of £110. The allocation was unanimously agreed to.

The Chairman then intimated a lecture on Food Production in the Drill Hall on Saturday evening first, and asked for a large attendance.

It was intimated that the next meeting of Committee would be held in the same hall on Tuesday, 4th January, 1916.

The Chairman (laughing) said that from Mr Henderson's statement it seemed the Carnival Committee had got 115 pairs of sox for £5 — A lady's voice - "120 pairs."

Mr Henderson-Yes, and 120 pairs of mittens,

but that was only for the cirriage.

Mr Clark said that made it all the worse and thought the price wasn't at all covered at £10, and suggested that the reverend gentleman should go to the same Fund and get other £10.

Mr Young (also laughing) said he thought it was time to propose a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and the meeting rose.

With regard to the sum of £22 14s 10d mentioned in the Treasurer's report as having been paid for rent during the month, it must not be thought that this sum represents all the rent accounted for. The dependents of men on active service who are occupying Messrs Wm. Baird & Co.'s houses sit rent free, the dependants of workmen on active service who immediately previous to the war were not in the Company's houses are allowed by the Company 2s per week towards paying their rent, while the Kennox Coal Company make a like payment, and the £22 14s 10d represents the difference between what is allowed by the Companies and the actual rent paid.

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THE MUIRKIRK FOLKS SAY

That there had been some fun at the swearingin of local recruits in the Drill Hall on Tuesday.

That the swearer told one of the recruits that he should have been in the march for Berlin long ago. That the answer was that they were "a d-d lang wey frae Berlin yet."

That some who promised to fight the Germans refused to be sworn in.

That some "canna sleep for thinkin' o't." That it is not through fear, but through anxiety to get at them. Oh-yes.

That the Captain asked one of the rejected what was wrong with him.

That, after he was told, the Captain said he would do all right, but that the rejected did a marathon.

That to have answered all the questions put to him, Northcote would needs have been a walking gazetteer.

That he told some of the querists that he was neither the Cabinet nor a lawyer.

That if he had accepted all the wives and businesses he was asked to, neither the Shah of

Persia's harem nor Lipton would have been in it. That some were sworn in, and others were sworn out.

That, at their request, the doctors have had their pays raised by a halfpenny per week per worker under Messrs Wm. Baird & Coy.

That the men now pay twopence on the five-day week and threepence on the six-day week for medical attendance on dependants.

That the ballot resulted: -In favour of increase,

556; against increase, 70.

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That the people here are nothing if not

patriotic.

That khaki is the popular colour in dress, in plum puddings, in turkeys for Christmas, and even in Glenbuck village the water is khaki at present.

That such may in this way be both meat and drink, but that they would prefer them served separately.

That during the last spell of frost almost every face out-of-doors displayed the Union Jack

colours. And there you are!

Every man ought to know his own business best.

Every failure teaches a man something if he

will learn.

Some people hold the key to the situation, and

they are too lazy to turn it.

No man can love a woman as much as she wants to be loved, or admire her as she thinks she ought to be admired.

To get control of yourself, practise self-denial. False friendship is like forced rhubarb - watery. The Kiss of the sun for pardon;

The Song of the birds for mirth; We are nearer God's heart in a garden, Than anywhere else on earth.

There is no substitute for thorough-going, ardent, and sincere earnestness.

Scattered wits take a long time picking up.

Original Poetry.

A DIRGE.

There's a wooden cross erected O'er a still and silent grave, Where a comrade now lies sleeping-Yes, a comrade true and brave. Round the battlefield of Flanders He nobly did his part; Now a widowed mother mourns his loss-God bless her aching heart! His King and Country called him, And no longer could he stay; 'Twas his patriotic spirit That urged him on his way. But, alas! he fell while fighting; Now to-day our hearts are sad; But the gates of heaven are open wide To greet our warrior lad. He's gone to where we all shall meet Inside that Heavenly gate; Then eyes with joy will sparkle That brimmed with tears of late. Let's cast the sorrow from our hearts, For though his voice is mute, A robe of white is given

For his faded khaki suit.

The Trenches.

MITHER'S BAIRN.

Dae ye hear me, Rab M'Millan? Eh! ye wasterfu' wee villain; Dae ye see the mess ye're makin' Wi' your shavins and your sticks. Ye've aye some ploy or ither To torment and plague your mither; Ye'll get wheckie frae your faither For your monkey tricks.

Ay! greet ye muckle bubbly, Ye'll get mair than that to trouble ye Before ye're muckle aulder: By my sang; and that ye wull. Noo quat it, when I tell ye. Lo'd Rab, I maist could fell ye; Pechin' there and roarin' Like a great big bull.

Losh! the callan's cut his finger Wi' his faither's muckle whinger; As I'm a leevin' sinner He is bluidin' like an ox. See your daidley ye are weetin'-Noo, Robin, stop your greetin', Or the man wull come an' put ye In the big black box.

Come here to me, my lammie, Come it's wa's then to its mammy, An' she'll rou' the callan's finger, Put a cloot on't whar it's sair. He's jist my ain wee sonnie, Sweet as sugar saps and honey; O he's worth a worl' o' money, Ay, and far, far mair.

PATE M'PHUN.

ANDY.

Wit and bumour.

FORCE OF HABIT.

"By the way, Mrs Popkins," remarked the vicar after the service, "I was extremely sorry to see your husband leave the church in the middle of my sermon. I trust nothing was seriously the matter with him?" "Oh, no, sir," replied Mrs Popkins, "it was nothin' very serious; but you see, sir, the poor man do have a terrible 'abit o' walkin' in his sleep."

JUST AS GOOD.

A melancholy-looking individual stepped into the village general store where they sell everything from teething rings to tombstones. "Have you any good strong manilla rope?" he asked, and his voice was even more melancholy than his face. "Sorry," said the salesman briskly, "we're out of it just at present, but we have some very choice prussic acid."

A BIG CUT. "Hallo, Smith," said Jones, "glad to see you out of the hospital again. I hear they cut out your appendix." "Yes," said Smith sadly, "they did, but that was a fleabite to what they did to my bank account."

HOMELIKE.

A man entered a restaurant and ordered a steak and fried potatoes. "Yes, sir; steak and potatoes, sir," said the waiter "and will you have chops and peas along with it?" "No. thank you," said Mr Customer. Waiter-" Roast beef then, perhaps, sir? The roast beef's very fine to-day." Mr Customer-" No, just steak and potatoes." Waiter-"How about a nice lobster or a brace of crabs, sir, with the steak?" "No!" said Mr Customer. Waiter-"Fried plaice and sauce perhaps, sir?" Mr Customer-"No, I tell you!" Waiter-"A nice dish of mushrooms and—" But at this point the proprietor summoned the waiter to him. "What do you mean, you scoundrel," he said, "by tormenting that patron in such an outrageous manner?" "Oh, I wasn't tormenting him, sir," said the waiter; "I was just trying to make him feel at home. He's a barber!"

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Sundays-9 till 10 a.m. Letters for callers, and Telegrams.

RAILWAY TIME-TABLE FOR NOVEMBER.

Glasgow & South-Western Railway. MUIRKIRK TO GLASGOW.

	Sats.	Sats.
	only	only
a.n	a. a.m. a.m. p.m. p.m.	p.m. n.m
Muirkirk Ive 7.0	9.25 11.45 1-15 3-55	6-10 8.30
Auchinleck,, 7.3	32 9.50 12.11 1-41 4.19	6-39 9-0
Mauchline,, 7-4	0 10-0 12-22 1-51 4-29	6-49 9-9
Ayr arr	11-3 12-54 3-35 5-1	7-21
Kilmarnock 7-5	6 10-18 12-40 2-11 4-41	7-10 9-30
Glasgow arr 8-4	9 11-1 1-30 2-58 5-31	7-5510-16.

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Glasgow lve	6-45	9-30	11-10	2-30	4-17	5-35 8.15
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MUIRKIRK TO AYR (A. & C.).

	Tues			Saturday			
	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m	
Muirkirk	lve 7-15	8-55	1-0	7-15	3-15	8-20	
Cronberry	7-25	9-4	1-10	7-25	3-25	8-32	
Cumnock		9-10	1-17	7-32	3-32	8-37	
Ayr	arr 8-16	10-2	2-2	8-17	4-17	9-20	

AYR TO MUIRKIRK (A. & C.).

				Tues		Saturdays	
Ayr	lve			p.m. 4-20	p.m.	p.m.	p.r. 10-20
Cumnock		9-46		5-4		10-11	11-7
Cronberry		9-55		5-14		10-20	11-17
Muirkirk	arr	10-5	3-30	5-25	7-10	10-30	11-27

Caledonian Railway. MUIRKIRK TO EDINBURGH.

	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Muirkirk	leave 7.35	10.15	3.40
Glenbuck .	,, 7-42	10-22	3-47
Inches .	,, 7-48	10-28	3-53
Douglas West -	,, 7-53	10-33	3.58
Lanark -	arrive 8-21	10-58	4-36
Glasgow -	,, 10-0	12-35	6-0
Carstairs -	,, 9-2	11-22	4-34
Edinburgh -	,, 9-53	12-30	5-55

EDINBURGH TO MUIRKIRK.

			a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Edinburgh		leave	6-30	10-15	4-15
Carstairs		,,	8-0	11.40	5-36
Glasgow		,,,	6-25	10-25	+5-0
Lanark		,,	8-31	12-0	6-0
Douglas We	st -	,,	8-57	12-25	6-30
Inches		,,	9-4	12-32	6-37
Glenbuck		,,	9-9	12-37	6-42
Muirkirk		arrive	9-17	12-45	6-51
	+4-30	p.m. on	Satur	days.	

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Sabbath Services.

U. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

SABBATH SERVICES.

11.30 a.m.—Rev. D. Foulis, Mauchline.
6 p.m.—Rev. John Dundas. Solo by Miss Janet
Campbell.

All Seats Free.

Everybody Invited.

TAMES

SABBATH FIRST—

12 noon and 6 p.m.—Second Lieutenant Neill, R. F. Λ.

All Cordially Invited.

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MEETING in the Church on SABBATH FIRST, at 7.15 p.m.

Speaker, Rev. D. Foulis, Mauchline.
Subject—"The Religion of Robert Burns as shown by his Poetry."

Soloist—Miss A. Williamson.

Sankey's Hymns.

All Invited.

Sankey's Hymns.

Collection on Entering.

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SERVICES,

SUNDAY FIRST, 19TH DECEMBER.

MORNING AT 12.

EVENING AT 6.

At the Evening Service MISS M'LUCKIE will sing "Life beyond the Veil" (Lamarque) and "I know that my Redeemer Liveth" (Handel), and MR MACDOUGALL will sing "Shipmates o' Mine" (by request) and "Calvary."

Collection on Entering.

Public Notices.

PRESENTATION TO REV. JOHN DUNDAS.

Mr Dundas will be presented with a Public Testimonial, in the Masonic Hall,

TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON,

at Half-past Two o'clock.

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TO-MORROW (FRIDAY).

TUIRKIRK U. F. CHÜRCH.

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SOIREE,

TO-MORROW EVENING, 17th DEC., at 7.30. Chairman—Rev. Jas. Greenshields, B.D.

Addresses by Rev. D. Foulis, Mauchline; Rev. John Dundas; Rev. John Henderson, B.D.; and Rev. Colin Livingston.

Solos, Recitations, and Choruses, will be rendered during the Evening.

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GENERAL MEETING

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on the Evening of

MONDAY FIRST, 20TH DECEMBER,

at 7.15 o'clock.

MRS BAIRD will preside.

The Annual Statement will be submitted.

As several Office-bearers retire at this time, it is very desirable that there should be a Large Attendance of Subscribers.

E. H. Weir, Secretary.

TUIRKIRK MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.

The ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the TEMPERANCE HALL COMMITTEE-ROOM, on TUESDAY EVENING FIRST, at 8 o'clock.

A Large Attendance is requested.

JOHN H. PRESTON, Secy.

PRESENTATION TO LIEUT. W. N. NEILL.

It has been arranged to present Lieut. NEILL, of Kames Church, with a military revolver, on the occasion of his leaving the Church for Military Service.

Anyone wishing to subscribe towards same should do so without delay to Mr David Campbell or Mr Dodds.

TEIR HARDIE MEMORIAL.

During next week a Circular drawing attention to a decision of the Ayrshire Miners to erect a suitable Statue to the Late Mr Keir Hardie, M.P., the Miners' Greatest Friend, will be delivered at the home of every miner in the district. Envelopes will be supplied for the purpose of enclosing Donations, and these will be called for on Saturday, 25th Dec. It is hoped that every miner will endeavour to

subscribe.

D. STITT. Miners' Age

Public Notices.

MUIRKIRK CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY. Lp

Social and Presentation.

A SOCIAL MEETING in connection with a Presentation to Mr James Morrison will be held in the Masonic Hall on FRIDAY EVENING, 24th Dec., at 8 o'clock.

Tickets—1s each—may be had from Members of Committee, at the Society's Shops, and from the Vanmen, up till Wednesday, 22nd Dec. Buy them Now.

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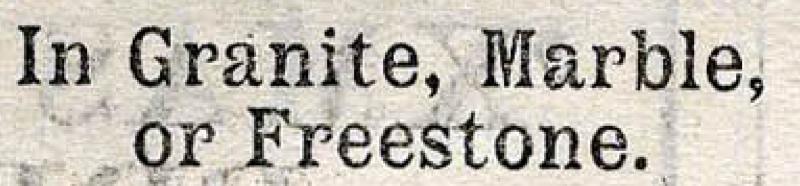
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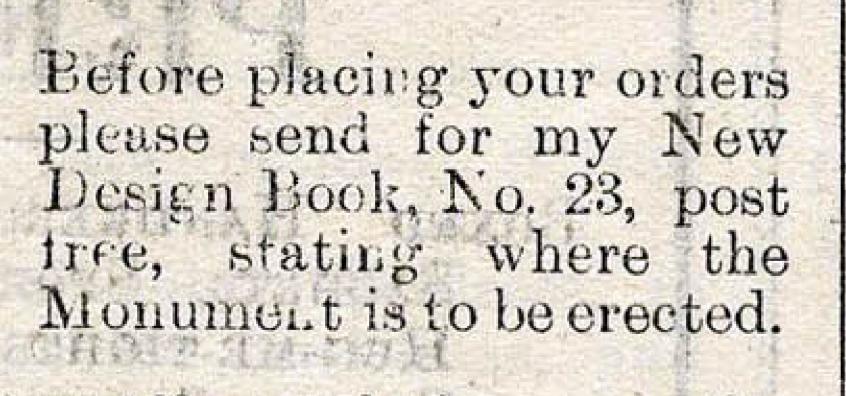
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Death.

NEILSON.—At Burnside, Muirkirk, on 5th inst., Annie Domigan (beloved wife of Wm. Neilson), aged 52 years.

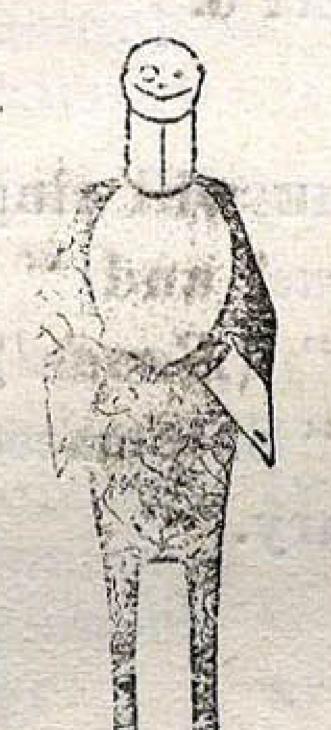
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* * We understand many readers express a desire to have more than one copy of the Advertiser weekly or occasionally. To meet this desire, extra copies may be had at the Office for 1d each.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1915.

THE JAM FUND.



Well, well; time does fly. It is almost a year ago since our readers were addressed on this subject, and the appeal has now become a hardy annual-a luxury and a necessity rolled in one.

Most of our readers know exactly what "The Jam Fund" means, but there are others who may be quite ignorant of the term through their comparatively recent advent to the parish.

As all our readers must be aware, the Advertiser is delivered gratis into every home in Muirkirk, Glenbuck, Torhill, and Bankhead weekly, while those in the outlying districts of the parish also get copies provided they arrange for delivery. Every householder in the parish is entitled to a copy gratis.

When the Advertiser was first issued it was thought the income from the advertisements in its columns would meet the expense of its production weekly, but as time passed it was found that hare bread was about all that was reaped as a reward for the thought, work, and worry of its producers. Then the idea that each party who got a copy might give say one shilling per annum to help defray the cost of paper, delivery, &c., and for the purpose of supplying jam for the bread, was acted upon, with the result that the life of the

Advertiser has been spared.

It is surely not too much to say that the Advertiser is popular, and is well read by almost everybody in the parish. It is certainly not too much to say that it is well read by many outwith the parish, for we have it from the trenches in Gallipoli that there it is devoured weekly, from the church notices to the railway timetable. Even if it cheers our gallant soldiers its life is not in vain. How often does it act as a letter, giving all the news of home? Even the advertisements are interesting. In its columns are specified every article required by humanity in the walk through life, from perambulators to tombstones, and every comestible from the toothsome delicacies of the ice cream merchant to the more substantial solids of the grocery store, and even molars for teethless gums to assist in the mastication of the latter. Its news columns are made as interesting as time, circumstances, and limited ability permit, the aim being to make it wholesome. It is hoped the object has been at least partly achieved, and that the sheet has

proved acceptable to most of our readers.

Now for the "application." We are living in troublous times, when the fate of the Empire would almost seem trembling in the balance. We are having many calls made upon us for the benefit of the brave men on land and sea who are standing between us and danger, and we in Muirkirk are probably not thankful enough that we are practically immune from peril, and that we get off with paying in cash. In striking comparison with war-ravaged lands, we have necessities in abundance and luxuries in plenty, and without jam and other luxuries we would indeed feel the pinch of war.

For the purpose of keeping alive the Advertiser as a necessity and a luxury during the past few years, a collector has at this season of good will and good wishes made a call at every house in the district for the purpose of collecting subscriptions, and has met with a very hearty response. The suggested subscription for each householder to give is one shilling per annum. In past years several have given more and several have given less, but a shilling is the suggested and favourite sum. Our collector (Mr Neil Buchanan, Jun.) will commence his rounds one of these days, and we hope he will be cordially welcomed.

Local Hews

* * Reports of several meetings unavoidably held over till next week.

Parish Council.—The half-yearly meeting of the Council was held on Monday afternoon. The various Committees were re-appointed. The other business was to a large extent formal.

School Board.—The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held on Thursday afternoon last. There was really no business of public interest, all being routine. The only thing "new," to use a popular expression, was the presence of the newly-elected member, Mr Robert Jack, who was cordially welcomed.

MR DUNDAS' PRESENTATION.—In explanation of the advertisement in another column to-day anent the presentation to Rev. Mr Dundas, the meeting should not last long, as it is not to take the form of a social meeting. There will be the formal presentation only, and there is therefore no charge for admission.

MINERS' NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.—At meetings of the Muirkirk and Glenbuck miners held within the last few days it was decided, in view of the national needs, to limit the holidays at this season to two days, viz., Saturday and Monday, 1st and 3rd January, and to start work as usual on the Tuesday morning.

NURSING ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting in connection with the District Nursing Association is due to be held on Monday evening first. As the public have control of the management of this Association, it is to be hoped there will be a good turnout of ladies and gentlemen as an earnest of their interest in the Association and by way of encouragement to the office-bearers and committees.—See advt.

MERCHANTS' HOLIDAY. —Yesterday was observed as a holiday by the local merchants. As well as there being a half-holiday weekly, held locally on Wednesdays, there has been a full holiday every month, but when a full holiday was observed the half-holiday was not held in the same week. The annual meeting is to be held on Tuesday evening, when arrangements will be made for the coming year.

B. W. T. A. — On Tuesday evening the usual monthly meeting was held in the Temperance Hall Committee-room, when Mrs Mitchell presided. After tea, Miss Nessie Blackwood rendered a solo, and Miss Mary Kerr gave a reading, after which followed a conversation as to how best the cause could be furthered. The meeting was very enjoyable.

RECRUITING.—Since last issue thirteen additional men have enlisted here under Lord Derby's scheme. The names of the men are—James Loggie, William Kay, Gavin Logan, David T. Murdoch, William D. Buchanan, William H. Gilfillan, James M. Brown, James M'M. Robb, Jas. C. Robb, Thomas Russell (Inches Station), James P. Bone (Glespin), William Wilson (Glespin), and James Niven (Kilwinning). In addition to above, five recruits were rejected.

CAKE AND CANDY SALE.—On Saturday afternoon and evening the Kames Institute should be the scene of much animation. On that day a sale of cakes, candy, and game is due to be held there. We understand that a very large quantity of goods is forward, and that the quality is Al. At least the patrons of the last sale held under the same auspices will remember the demand the articles met on that occasion, and this should impress on the minds of intending patrons the necessity of visiting the sale as early as possible. Amusement in the way of competitions will not be wanting, and a perfect carnival has been arranged—shooting, etc.—See advt.

Why pay high prices for blankets when you can secure Army blankets and rugs at one third the price of blankets. We still have some 300 left, and are selling them at 1914 or old prices, at which prices they cannot be had elsewhere to-day. Secure them now, and the house to get them at is Pearson's, the House for Value.—Advt.

KAMES SAVINGS BANK. - On Friday evening, 3rd inst., the trustees of the Kames Church Savings Bank met in the vestry to receive the annual statement. There were present—Rev. John Henderson, and Messrs John M'Culloch, Robert Brown, and William Nisbet, with Messrs Thomas R. Logie and Robert K. Wilson as office-bearers. Rev. John Henderson presided. Mr Wilson submitted the financial report, which had been audited by Mr Young. This showed that during the year £168 2s 3d had been received; paid to depositors, £26 3s 5d; transferred to depositors' own names in Savings Bank, Glasgow, £124 7s; while £62 7s 8d remained due to depositors per list of balances extracted from ledger. 1976 transactions had taken place during the year ending 20th November, and 143 accounts were open at same date. The Savings Bank showed itself to be in a good sound financial position. The Trustees thanked Messrs Wilson and Logie for the work and time which they had spent in seeking to promote the financial interests of the people, and re-elected them as office-bearers, while Mr. Young was re-elected auditor. Mr Dugald Baird was appointed a trustee. From the particulars given it will be seen that the Bank has fully justified its being brought into existence. It is well to encourage thrift amongst the younger generation, and as the office-bearers have the cause at heart the more work they get the happier they will be. Depositors may depend on their business being kept strictly private.

Social and Presentation. — On Friday last the Kames Troup No. 41 of the Boy Scouts entertained their old Scoutmaster, Rev. W. N. Neill, and his wife, to a farewell social. The Rev. John Henderson presided over a very good turnout of the boys and their friends. After tea the Chairman referred to the success of the movement under Mr Neill, and counselled the boys to hold together until Mr Neill's successor was appointed. He was sure that he expressed the good wishes of the Scouts for Mr Neill's success in the Army, and he was sure his future progress would be watched with the deepest interest by the Scouts of Muirkirk. The musical programme of the evening was varied and good. Solos were acceptably rendered by Nurse Campbell, Miss Mitchell, Miss Williamson, also by Dr Barbour, Mr Neil', and Mr David Mitchell. Pianoforte selections were given by Scout Jas. B. Young. The violinist for the evening was Scout Robert Pringle, while an excellent exhibition of dancing was given by Miss Jean Shields. Miss Cunningham, Miss Nisbet, and Mr Kennedy gave their services as accompanists. The speech of the evening was in the hands of Scout Jas. Fleming, who in his own way voiced the gratitude of the troup to Mr Neill for all his services, and as a token of their appreciation presented Mrs Neill with a beautiful brooch and Mr Neill with a wristlet watch. After Mr Neill had thanked the boys on behalf of his wife and himself, Major Baird of Kameshill suitably addressed the boys, and promised to take an interest in their future progress. Mr David Campbell and Mr Dodds, in proposing the usual votes of thanks, added their tribute to Mr Neill's services. The success of the social is largely due to the Bandmaster, Mr J. H. Mitchell, who has done so much for the boys in training them for the band.

Don't forget that Mr Bryan, Surgeon-Dentist, comes on Monday First. For Change of Address see advertising columns.

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                                                                                                                          Miss Templeton,
                                                                                                 Andrew Steel,
                                                 Collectors-Messrs Robt. Jack and J. H. Mitchell.
                                                                                                                          Robert Steven,
                                                                                                 John M'Call,
                                                                                                                                           5 0
                                         s. d.
                                                                                          s. d.
                         Robt. Thomson,
Wm. Blake,
                                                                                                                    Total-9s.
                                                                                         10 0
                                                 Mrs A. Wilson,
                                                                         Jas. Mitchell,
                         Adam Easton,
James Clark,
               100 0
                                                                          Rev. W. Bohan,
                                                                                          5 0.
                                                 Miss Bruce,
                                                                                                 District No. 19-High Weighs to Springhill.
                         Jas. Morrison,
Miss Johnstone, 1 0
                                                                          Hugh Wilson,
                                                 Mrs Wyllie,
                         Jas. Brown,
George Thorburn, 1 ()
                                                                                                 Collectors-Messrs Andrew Moreland and Wm.
                                                                         Neil Buchanan,
                                                 Jas. G. Richmond, 3 0
                         Alex. Dempster,
J. & W.
                                                                                                     Morran.
                                                                          Miss Ross,
                                                 Jas. M. Law,
                         Wm. Neilson,
    M'Gillivray, 4 0
                                                                                                                  s. d.
                                                                                                                                           s. d.
                                                                          R. Cunningham,
                                                 John Wyllie,
                                                                  2 0
                         T. Watson,
J. Phillips, M.A., 8 0
                                                                                                                          Miss Nisbet,
                                                                                                 Gavin Dalziel,
                                                                          Miss Smith,
                                                 John P. Forbes,
                         David Stitt,
                                                                                                                          John M'Dougall, 1 0
                                                                                                  David Campbell, 2 0
                                                                          Miss M'Lean,
                                                 Miss Black,
                                                                                                                          John Young,
                                                                                                                                         20 0
                 Total—£6 6s.
                                                                                                  Andrew Pringle, 5 0
                                                                         Jas. Caldwell,
                                                 Miss Sunderland,
                                                                          Rev. C. Livingston 1 0
                                                 Mrs Swann,
                                                                                                                  Total—£1 11s.
                                                 Wm. Brown &
District No. 2-Lightshaw, Torhill, Manse to
                                                                                                  District-Glenbuck East.
                                                     Employees,
    Burnbrae Cottage including Crofthead.
                                                 Miss Dowman,
                                                                                                  Collectors-Messrs A. Wallace, R. Crosbie, T.
Collectors-Messrs Neil Buchanan and Robt. Taylor.
                                                                 Total—£3 10s 3d.
                                                                                                      Weir.
                                         s. d.
                                                                                                                                           s. d.
                                                                                                                  s. d.
                         Miss M'Michael,
                 5 0
Jas. Lawson,
                                                                                                                          Mr Lindsay,
                                                                                                 Mrs Howatson,
Rev. John Hender-
                                                 District No. 11-Glasgow Road.
                                                                                                                          Mr Halliday,
                                                                                                  Mrs Arthur,
    son, B. D., 20 0
                                                                                                                          Mr Martin,
                                                                                                  Margt. M'Crae,
                                                 Collectors-Messrs Hugh Bell and David M'Fegan.
                                                                                                                          Arch. Robertson, 5 0
                Total—£1 9s.
                                                                                                  Annie Clark,
                                                                  s. d.
                                                                                                                          James M'Kerrow, 5 0
                                                                                                  Lizzie Jamieson,
                                                                         John Callan,
                                                 Miss Howat,
                                                                                                                 Total—£3 2s 6d.
                                                                         James Nicol, Jr., 2 6
                                                 John S. Weir,
                                                                         Wm. Hogg,
 District No. 3-Bridge Street, Kirkgreen, to Old
                                                 Miss Weir,
                                                                                                 District-Glenbuck Central.
    Bank including Co-operative Buildings.
                                                 Mrs Jas. Marshall, 2 0
                                                                          Adam Ingram,
                                                                                                  Collectors-Messrs John Stitt and Thos. Brown.
                                                                         Gilb. M'Bride,
                                                 Jos. Falconer,
Collectors-Messrs George Bradford and John
                                                                         Miss Burrows,
                                                                                          2
                                                 Rev. Jas. Green-
    Dempster.
                                                                                                                  s. d.
                                                                                                                                           s. d.
                                                     shields, B.D., 5 0
                                                                         Miss Prentice,
                                                                                                                          Mary Wallace,
                                                                                                  Eliz. Kerr,
                                         s. d.
                 s. d.
                                                                                                                          John Rodger,
                                                                                                  Miss Bain,
                         Wm. Dempster,
                                                                Total—£1 4s 6d.
John Jack,
                                                                                                                          Miss Clark,
                         John Dempster,
                                                                                                  Robt. Duncan,
Thos. Hazle,
                 1 0
                                                                                                  George Bain,
                                                                                                                          Rev. C. M'Kenzie, 5 0
Jas. Hibberd,
                         Wm. Samson,
                 0 6
                                                 District No. 12-Furnace Road.
                                                                                                                          Miss Cassels,
                         Mrs Montgomery, 0 6
                                                                                                  Richard Bain,
James Samson,
                                                                                                  Alex. Wallace,
                                                                                                                          Robert Neill,
                         Wm. Gilfillan
 William Hunter,
                                                 Collectors-Messrs J. S. Weir and Robert Young.
                                                                                                  Mrs Stitt,
                 Total—8s 6d.
                                                                                          s. d.
                                                                                                                 Total—£1 16s.
                                                                         John S. M'Gill,
                                                 John D. Dunbar,
                                                                          David Hamilton, 1 0
                                                 Miss Sharp,
                                                                1 0
                                                                                                  District-Glenbuck West.
                                                                          Mrs Higgie,
                                                                  1 0
 District No. 4-Hedgegrove,
                              Garronhill, and
                                                 James Gibson,
                                                                                                  Collector-Mr John Forsyth.
    Holmhead.
                                                                 Total—10s 0d.
                                                                                                                  s. d.
 Collectors - Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Mitchell.
                                                                                                  Alex. Gibson,
                                                                                                                          J. & T. Johnstone, 2 0
                                                 District No. 13-Smallburn.
                                                                                                                    Total-3s.
                         Jas. Gilchrist.
Jas. M'Intyre,
                                                 Collectors-Messrs T. Anderson and T. Kerr.
                   Total—3s.
                                                                                                 District - Muirkirk Merchants.
                                                                                                  Collector-Mr Wm. Blackwood.
                                                                          Jas. Lochrie,
                                                 Jas. Symington,
                                                                                                                          Mrs Alston,
                                                                                                  Robt. Thomson,
                                                                          Andrew Clement, 4 0
                                                 Thos. Anderson,
 District No. 5-South Side of Main Street-From
                                                                                                                          Mrs Wallace,
                                                                          Miss M'Kenzie,
                                                                                                  Miss Johnstone,
                                                  Wm. Logan,
    Masons Arms to Kateshall.
                                                                                                                          Alex. Vallance,
                                                                          John Young,
                                                                                                  John D. Dunbar, 4 0
                                                 Thos. Henderson, 4 0
                                                                                                                          D. B. Greenwood, 7 0
                                                                                                  John Gray,
                                                                          Mrs Fettes,
                           Bell
                                       Joseph
 Collectors-Messrs
                   James
                                 and
                                                  Wm. Aird,
                                                                                                                          J. H. Preston,
                                                                                                  John Smith,
                                                 John M'Donald,
    Thomson.
                                                                                                                          Wm. Weir.
                                                                                                  Mrs Hendry,
                                                 Mary Stevenson,
                                                                                                                           W. S. Smith.
                                                                                                  Robt. Jack.
                                                                                                                 12 0
                         Wm. Blyth,
                 4 0
C. P. Bell,
                                                  Wm. Vallance,
                                                                  4 0
                                                                                                                          Robt. Young,
                                                                                                  Wm. Blackwood, 5 0
                         Thos. Sloan,
 Lizzie Hamilton,
                                                                 Total—£1 9s.
                                                                                                                           Mrs Scott,
                                                                                                  Wm. Pearson,
                         Mrs Smith,
                                                                                                                  10 0
                10 0
 Mrs. Steele,
                                                                                                                           Wm. Henderson,
                                                                                                  John Halliday,
                 Total—19s 6d.
                                                                                                                          James Cook,
                                                                                                  Wm. Thorburn,
                                                 District No. 14-Airdsmill to Beacon Hill.
                                                                                                                          N. Da Prato,
                                                                                                 John Kennedy,
                                                 Collector-Miss Buchanan.
                                                                                                  Wm. Vallance,
                                                                                                                          Messrs Brown,
                                                                                                  Miss Gibson,
                                                                                                                          John Kerr,
 District No. 6-North Side of Main Street-From
                                                                          Mr White,
                                                 Mr Nicol, Sen.,
                                                                                                                          John Armstrong,
                                                                                                  Jas. H. Mitchell, 4 0
    Mr Wood's to the Stile.
                                                                          Mr M'Corquodale, 1 0
                                                 Mr Wm. Nicol,
                                                                                                                          James Steele,
                                                                                                  John Geddes,
 Collectors-Messrs Andrew Murdoch and Andrew
                                                 Mr M'Lean,
                                                                          Mr Anderson,
                                                                                                                          James Kerr,
                                                                                                  John Hogg,
                                                                          Mr Leitch,
      Rae.
                                                 Messrs Moffat,
                                                                                                                           Andrew Findlay,
                                                                                                  Jas. Murdoch,
                 s. d.
                                                                          Mr Fairbairn,
                                                 Mr Buchanan,
                                          s. d.
                                                                                                                   6 0
                                                                                                 Jas. Dickson,
                         Mrs M'Skimming, 1
                 2 0
 John Wood,
                                                                          C. M'Dougall,
                                                                   1 6
                                                 Mr Laidlaw,
                                                                                                                  Total--£7 11s.
                         James Dean,
                                          4 0
                                                                          Mrs Baird,
                 1 0
 Wm. Logie,
                                                                                         40
                                                                  1 0
                                                 Mr Robertson,
                                          2 0
                 2 6
                         Thos. Rowe,
 Dan Harkness,
                                                                                          25
                                                                          Misses Baird,
                                                 Mr M'Culloch,
                                                                                                             Grand Total—£115 11s 3d.
                  1 0
Thom. Hogg,
                                                 Mr Harvey,
                                                                  5 0
                                                                                                                         JOHN YOUNG, Treasurer
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All Seats Free. Everybody Welcome.

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Rev. JOHN HENDERSON, B.D.

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12 noon-LETTER from the Commission of the General Assembly.

6 p.m.—MEMORIAL SERVICE for those killed in Action.

Miss M'Luckie will sing—"Land of Hope and Glory," and "O Dry those Tears."

Mr James Heron - "The Sailor's Grave," and "Rock of Ages."

Mr J. R. RICHMOND-"Friend of Mine," and "The Lost Chord." Quartette-"When the Storm Clouds are near."

Anthem-" Cast thy burden on the Lord."

Special Leaflets will be provided.

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Public Notices.

TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) NIGHT.

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A SOCIAL MEETING in connection with a Presentation to Mr James Morrison will be held in the Masonic Hall TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING, at 8 o'clock.

GRAND MUSICAL PROGRAMME. TEL Tickets 1s Each.

Surplus Proceeds to go to War Fund.

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Silver Offertory.

All Cordially Invited.

NOTICE.

Mr George Taylor, Gibson's Buildings, Main Street, has been appointed Session Clerk instead ef Mr James Morrison, resigned.

All Proclamations on and after 1st January should be given to Mr Taylor.

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In Memoriam.

MILLIKEN—In loving memory of my dear mother, Elizabeth Milliken, who died at Dalziel's Buildings, Glenbuck, 28th December, 1914.

We saw her fading like a flower,
But could not make her stay,
And nursed her with the tenderest care,
But God took her away.

—Inserted by Jeanie Millar.

WOODBURN.— In loving remembrance of my Wife, Agnes Murdoch, who died 24th Dec., 1914.

One year has passed since that sad day,

When one we loved was called away;
God took her home—it was His will,
But in our hearts she liveth still.

Incented by her Unchand and Equily

—Inserted by her Husband and Family.

7 Midhouse Terrace,

Muirkirk.

THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1915.

THE JAM FUND AGAIN.

In connection with the screed that was inflicted on our readers in last issue on the above subject, one or two points were omitted:—

- 1. Subscribers of one shilling and over (don't forget the "over") will receive one of our large-type calendars—one of the kind that can be seen from all over the room without the aid of high-power magnifying glasses.
- 2. Miss Isabella Tait will make the collection in Glenbuck district.

Local Mews.

** Rather than mutilate a fine report of the presentation to Rev. John Dundas, we have held same over till next week.

PRESENTATION. - In the Ironworks Institute, near the end of the cake, candy, and game sale on Saturday last, Lieut. Neill was presented with a military revolver as a memento of his leaving Kames Church to join His Majesty's Army. Major Baird, in name of the members of the congregation, made the presentation, and said that the presentation was made to show Mr Neill that the congregation recognised that in giving up his charge and joining the Army at this time they looked upon it as an act of sacrifice and loyalty on his part, and that their wish was good luck, God speed, and a safe return with many honours. Mr Neill feelingly replied, and thanked his congregation for their kindness to him during his short sojourn here, and mentioned his regret at their parting.

MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Muirkirk Merchants' Association was held in the Committee-room of the Temperance Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr John Kerr, president, occupied the chair, and there was a very representative meeting. The financial statement of the Treasurer (Mr Wm. Pearson) showed a slight deficit for the year, and it was decided to fix the annual subscription at 2s for the incoming year. It was decided, as far as possible, to shut on New Year's Day at one o'clock, and to observe the following days as full holidays during the year, but the half-holiday during the same week would not be observed should it fall otherwise than on the dates mentioned: -January 5, February 16, March 22, April 26 or Ayr Show Wednesday, May 17, June 10 or General Holiday, July 20 or Miners' Holiday Thursday, August 23, September 20, October 18, November 22, December 20. The office-bearers were re-elected:-President, Mr John Kerr; treasurer, Mr Wm. Pearson; secretary, Mr John H. Preston.

THE CARNIVAL PARCELS. - During last and this week Mr J. H. Preston, secretary of the Carnival Committee, has been in receipt of many appreciative letters from recipients of the parcels in France-37 to be exact. From the efforts of the men there can be no doubt as to their delight with the parcels. One says he stowed his away in his dug-out, as Fritz might have ent it to kingdom come in the morning when he sent along his iron rations. Another says he enjoyed the shortbread, which was a pleasant change to some of the bully beef they have to consume with a smile. As might be expected, the best letter is from Lieut. W. R. Cunningham. The Lieutenant says "All will be greatly heartened by the receipt of this gift. It is valuable in itself, and it also recalls what is never really forgotten-that there are 'Oor ain folk at hame,' who glory in our victories, pity our hardships, and mourn our loss." Many fail to give expression to their feelings, but they are not the less sincere, and they are much indebted for the kindness of the people.

Don't forget that Mr Bryan, Surgeon-Dentist, comes on Monday First. For Change of Address see advertising columns.

LECTURE. - The third lecture under the auspices of the Muirkirk Co-operative Education Committee took place on Friday evening, 10th Dec., in the Masonic Hall. The lecturer, Mr T. H. Wilson, M.A., B.Sc., had for his subject "A Year in the East and West." There was a good attendance. Mr David Stitt occupied the chair. The lecturer proceeded to describe events which had taken place on the Continent of Europe, mentioning each phase of the war in its turn. After reviewing the whole matter, he said Germany's aim was to cut the British Empire in two. This could only happen if an inconclusive peace was arrived at, and to prevent this they must smash and crush Germany. Peace there could be, and peace there would be, but only when Germany was so badly beaten that she could never raise her eyes to the place in the sun which she coveted.

CAKE AND CANDY SALE. - On Saturday afternoon last a very successful cake, candy, and game sale was held in the Ironworks Institute. The sale was opened by Major Baird, Kaimshill, who briefly stated the object of the sale. The sale was found necessary, he said, through the income of the Institute having fallen below the expenditure, and the committee had taken this means of raising it just as the Government of the country were doing through taxation, etc. The war to a great extent accounted for the diminution of income, because a great many of their best paying members had seen it to be their duty to go forth as soldiersall honour to them. The Chairman said it was now the duty of those at home to keep things going till they came back, when some of them at least would require the use of such a place more than ever. He thanked the large company for their presence, advised each to buy strongly and steadily, and promised an early "lowse" under these conditions. A brisk trade was done for some three hours, after which time every article had been sold. There were four stalls and a tea room, while there were also several side shows and amusements, and these latter were carried on with hilarity for a little longer. The event was a great success, and at the close it was announced that the afternoon's drawings amounted to £59 7s 7½d.

NURSING ASSOCIATION, -The annual meeting of the Muirkirk and Glenbuck District Nursing Association was held in the Lesser Temperance Hall on Monday evening. Mrs Baird presided over a very good attendance considering the wet evening. The minutes of last annual meeting were read and approved of. At the request of the Chairwoman, Rev. John Henderson read the report for the year, as also the balance sheet of income and expenditure (a copy of which will be supplied the public in due course). The financial statement showed a profit of £1433 6d from the year's working. Addressing the meeting, Mrs Baird said this was the first report under the new system whereby the minimum subscription was 2s per annum to secure the services of the nurse. The report was satisfactory in one sense, and unsatisfactory in another. One remarkable feature about the report was the large number of cases the nurse had dealt with during the year. She had dealt with 312 cases this year against 310 last year, when there were two nurses, and at that sufficient attendance had been given the patients. The nurse had been working at the very utmost of her capacity, even with the assistance, at times, of a motor. They had a very good nurse in Nurse Campbell, and she had the knack of getting through a lot of work in a short time. One unsatisfactory feature was the fact that 32 families who had had the services of the nurse paid nothing towards the Association, 12 only partially paid, and 235 people paid Is per annum, or one penny per month, on the off chance of having the nurse. It was somewhat curious that some people who appreciate the nurse's services, and told her so, do not give full subscriptions, but it must be seen to that such an abuse does not occur in future. If only the nurse could be removed for two or three months, the speaker expected the subscriptions would come in with a rush. Mrs Baird then moved the adoption of the report. Mr Martin, Glenbuck, seconded, at the same time expressing his appreciation of and his thanks for the services of the nurse while he was laid aside through illness. Mrs Baird, Kameshill, and Mrs Livingstone, Congregational Manse, were added to the Working Committee, and Messrs John M'Culloch and Dugald Baird, and Rev. Colin Livingstone to the General Committee. Mrs Baird having asked for complaints or suggestions, Rev. Mr Henderson said he had no complaints, but he had a suggestion, and that was that the list of names on the committee be put in the reports in rotation and not alphabetically, so that the names of the newest elected members would appear further down the list, and it would thus be shown who were to retire at each meeting. Another suggestion he had to make was that the reports should be submitted to the General Committee. That had never yet been done, and if this was acted upon it would tend to make the General Committee feel more interest in the Association. Dr Carruthers seconded, and the suggestions were approved. Votes of thanks were accorded as follows-On the call of Mr W. S. Smith to the the Working Committee; at the instance of Father Bohan to the secretary, treasurer, the

collectors, &c.; and through Rev. John Henderson

to the President.

Soiree.—The annual soiree of the United Free Church was held on Friday evening last. Rev. James Greenshields, B.D., presided, and there was a large attendance. The Superintendent's report showed the school to be in a flourishing condition, the teaching staff being insufficient for the number of children attending. He also mentioned that the income of the school for the year amounted to close upon £20, and of this amount over £9 had been devoted to charitable and missionary purposes. An interesting and varied programme of music and recitations was submitted, and taken part in by the following-Misses Cissie Shaw, Nan Parker, Mary Gold, Maggie Ross, Mysie Wilson, Grace Bradford, Phemie Wilson, Helen Nairn, May Millar, Jeanie Sloan, and Annie Wilson, and Masters John Samson, James Taylor, Lex Mitchell, John Wilson, Andrew Little, David Beck, Colin Gilchrist; William, Peter, and Adam Canon; Archibald, Hector, and James M'Donald; Robert Bain, Thomas Woodburn, and James Towle. Several pieces were rendered by the children's choir. In the course of the evening instructive and impressive addresses were delivered by Rev. D. Foulis, Mauchline; Rev. John Dundas, and Rev. John Henderson. The usual votes of thanks, proposed by Mr Kerr, and the benediction brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting.

FOOD PRODUCTION. -- A public meeting was held in the Drill Hall, Muirkirk, on the evening of 11th inst., under the auspices of the County Committee on Food Production. Mr James Clark, Crossflatt, presided over a large attendance, and Mr Thos. Limond, of the West of Scotland Agricultural College, delivered an address on Food Production. The Chairman, in his opening remarks, explained why the meeting had been called, and referred to the great need for every farmer, farm worker, and villager doing his utmost at the present time to maintain, or, if possible, increase the supply of home-grown foodstuffs. This was necessary, not because of any serious shortage of supplies, but as a means of making us less dependent upon imported produce. Before the war, we imported an enormous amount of agricultural produce, as well as other materials, which were more than paid for by manufactured goods which we exported. Owing to the war, however, our exports had been very much reduced, while our imports had increased. For the month of November our imports were 72 per cent. greater than our exports, and the balance required to be paid for in gold. This caused a very rapid depletion of our gold reserve, which lowered the rate of exchange between this and other countries to our disadvantage, and indirectly hindered the rapid and successful prosecution of the war. It was therefore a scarcity of gold rather than a scarcity of food that we had to contend with, and every extra pound of foodstuff that we could produce would help to reduce the stream of gold going out of the country in payment of imported produce, and thereby strengthen the resources of the country. Mr Limond, he said, had come to discuss with them how much more might be produced on the land, and to make suggestions which he had no doubt would be favourably considered. The lecturer treated his subject in a scientific and practical way, and gave information which must prove valuable to farmers as well as others. Our space available for reports is at present very limited, but in a week or two we hope to report the lecture at some length, and in any case that will be in plenty time for considering crops, etc., for the coming spring.

GLENBUCK.

CAKE AND CANDY SALE. -- The Glenbuck Work Party in connection with the Local Relief Fund held a very successful cake and candy sale in the Public Hall on Saturday. The sale was opened by the Rev. C. A. Mackenzie in the presence of a large attendance of the public. After the opening ceremony, business was entered into in real earnest, and after a little over two hours the Committee were able to announce that the total drawings amounted to £31 4s 5\frac{1}{2}.

GLENBUCK PARISH CHURCH. -- Owing to accident to the Church heating apparatus the Church services are for the present being held in the Public Hall, and last Sunday evening a very interesting lime-light lecture was given by Mr Walter W. Kidston, organising secretary of the National Bible Society of Scotland. The title of the lecture was "The Bible in the War Zone," and some 80 fine views relative to work amongst soldiers and sailors, and in hospitals and Y.M.C.A. Institutes, were shown and vividly described by the lecturer. Rev. C. A. Mackenzie presided over a large gathering. At the close, a liberal collection was taken for the Funds of the Society.

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THE CAPTAIN'S MATE.

A SEA STORY.

The General Scott, though among the last of the fine clippers that once made Baltimore famous, and gave a world-wide reputation to the American merchant marine, is still an excellent vessel.

Three years ago the General Scott was commanded by Tracy Byrom, who owned a half interest in the vessel, and was thought by those who are authorities in such matters to be the ablest sailor and shrewdest business man that ever handled a ship or dissed of a cargo.

Captain Byrom was thirty-six years of age, active good-looking, and inclined to be stern. He was "a moody man," given to pacing the deck with his hands buried deep in his pockets and his eyes cast down. But men who had sailed with him since he first came on shipboard, a beardless boy, declared that up to his thirtieth year Captain Byrom was as light-hearted, fine-spirited a sailer as ever touched rudder or rope.

When Captain Byrom was thirty years of age, and while he was as yet only first officer of the ship of which he was now the master, he became acquainted with Agnes Hayne, the daughter of a wealthy Baltimore merchant who had made a fortune in the South American trade.

At that time Mr. Hayne owned an interest in the General Scott, and as the cabin of the ship was fitted up for passengers, he took a voyage in her one winter to Rio Janeiro, his beautiful daughter accompanying him as nurse and companion.

In addition to being a thorough sailor and well educated, Tracy Byrom had a susceptible heart and an eye for the beautiful.

Early in the voyage he became acquainted with Agnes Hayne. As they had similar tastes, this acquaintance soon ripened into friendship.

Agnes Hayne's father had the gout, and the disease did not improve a temper which, at its best, was far from amiable. He was a sharp-eyed old gentleman, and whether he suspected Tracy Byrom's feeling for his daughter or not, certain it is that he evinced, from the first, anything but a fondness for the young man.

When Agnes shook hands with the first officer of the General Scott, at Rio, she thanked him for the kindness he had shown her during the voyage, and she said, as she looked into his blushing, confused face: "I hope, Mr. Byrom, that we may meet again."

The ship, having discharged one cargo and taken or another, sailed away from Rio Janeiro, but the young sailor's heart was none the lighter because he had left his heart behind him.

Mr. Hayne, who was a widower, with Agnes, his only living child, spent six months in Brazil. Meantime, he had made up his mind to return on the General Scott, for he had been given to understand that that ship had another first officer, and this was the truth.

But he had not learned that Tracy Byrom had been promoted to the position of captain of the same ship. When he did learn this fact it was too late to change his arrangements, so he came back to Baltimore with his daughter in the ship that took them out.

During the voyage, Mr. Hayne's ailments confined him for much of the time to his stateroom, and, as a consequence, the happy young captain was thrown much with his heart's ideal.

That was the shortest and the happiest voyage Tracy Byrom ever sailed. He had been so attentive to Mr. Hayne that simply as a matter of courtesy the gruff old gentleman could not help thanking the young officer who had been so considerate, and saying to him at parting in Baltimore:

"If I can return your favours, Captain Byrom,

This was certainly encouraging. A week after the captain made a formal call to see how Mr. Hayne and his daughter were feeling after the voyage, and, if chance offered, to carry out a resolution which he

had formed after long and careful deliberation.

This resolution was nothing more nor less than to tell Agnes that he loved her, and to propose that henceforth they sail life's seas together.

The old gentleman was out, and Agnes was at home. And so Tracy Byrom, by a desperate effort of will, told the young lady that he loved her.

She did not seem surprised; how could she be when she knew of his love already? Restraining her evident emotion, she confessed that no man stood higher in her esteem and affections than Captain Byrom.

"But," she said, "I have promised my father never to marry without his consent. I am now of age, still duty makes this promise binding. His happiness is my first consideration. See him and I will abide by his answer."

In the exultation of his success Captain Byrom felt sure that every other obstacle would vanish. He sought an early opportunity to see the old gentleman, and, without any foolish preliminaries, he stated his object.

He was met by a thunderclap of indignation. Mr. Hayne was furious at what he called "the presumption of an upstart." The captain said frankly that his own family in Maine stood quite as high as the Haynes did in Baltimore, and that as for himself, no man would dare to utter aught against his character.

The old gentleman ended the interview by ordering Tracy Byrom from the house and warning him, if he valued his life, not to attempt to enter it again.

The captain left the house, wrote the particulars of his meeting with her father to Agnes, and asked for one more meeting, but she made no reply.

From this time on Tracy Byrom was a changed man. He heard the following year that Agnes had

gone to Europe with her father, but his pride prevented his inquiring into the matter.

Nearly six years after his last meeting with Agnes Hayne, the General Scott, still commanded by Tracy Byrom, was bound for Dantzig, with a cargo from Baltimore. They had been out of port about ten days when the forward look-out shouted down:

"A steamer on the port bow flying signals of distress!"

Glass in hand, the captain sprang into the rigging, and he saw in the direction indicated a trans-Atlantic mail steamer, her decks crowded with people, while through the rigging there rolled a black smoke that did not come from the furnace funnels.

"The ship is on fire!" shouted the captain, and he looked at his watch and saw that there were only two hours of daylight left.

The course of the General Scott was altered, and as the ships neared they exchanged signals.

From these signals Captain Byrom learned that the steamer was the City of York, from Southampton for New York, with a general cargo and one hundred and twenty passengers on board. He further learned that the steamship had encountered a terrific storm and that all her lifeboats were washed away.

Captain Byrom at once gave orders to get one of his own lifeboats ready—he could not spare men to manage the second one—and at once the work of rescue began.

It was quite dark before the first boatload of women and children reached the General Scott, and they were at once transferred to the cabin, the captain leaving this to the steward.

By the light of the burning steamer, boatload after boatload was carried over the waves till all the passengers and crew were transferred from the wreck to the deck of the clipper.

The sailors gave up their quarters and the hatches were opened to make room amon, the cargo for those who could not find accommodations in the regular quarters.

But the people were so happy at being rescued that they did not mind the inconvenience.

"Captain," said the steward, after he had served coffee and distributed blankets, "there is a lady in your room that wants to see you."

The captain had been too busy rescuing the people to attend to the details of their care, but he went a once to his own state room, and standing in the door he saw a beautiful lady dressed in mourning, whose features he could not well make out in the indistinct light.

"Tracy," she said, "have you forgotten me?"

"Miss Hayne!"

"Agnes Hayne," she said, reaching out her hands.
"Thank God, Agnes, that I came in time."

That was all the capter said then. The circumstances were not favour. The conversation.

You may be sure that Captain Byrom left nothing undone for the comfort of the people so fortunately brought under his care; and on their part they were loud in their praises of his kindness and bravery.

On the third day after the wreck another steamer was sighted and signalled. It was decided to transfer the passengers and crew of the wrecked vessel to her and let her take them on to New York.

In the meantime the captain had learned from Agnes that her father had died in Europe nearly a

"And so," said the captain, when preparations were being made for the transfer to the other vessel, "we

part here again."
"That is for you to say," she replied, with down-

cast eyes.

"It would not do for me to take you on with me alone."

"Not if I were an officer, Tracy?"
"An officer?"

"Yes, a mate."

Captain Byrom acted on the hint. Among the passengers there was an old clergyman—they had all learned about the former relations of Agnes and Tracy, and this good old man did not need much coaxing to perform the marriage ceremony for his gallant rescuer.

And so Agnes Byrom remained for that voyage on the General Scott, and as the boats left the ship the passengers cheered the captain and his mate, and wished them God-speed and a happy voyage—as do we.

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Mauchline, 7-40 10-0 12-22 1-51 4-29 6-49 9-9
Ayr arr 11-3 12-54 3-35 5-1 7-21
Kilmarnock 7-56 10-18 12-40 2-11 4-41 7-10 9-30
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Cronberry	7-25	9-4	1-10	7-25	3-25	8-32		
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		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Muirkirk		leave 7.35	10.15	3.40
Glenbuck		,, 7-42	10-22	3-47
Inches		7-48	10-28	3-53
Douglas W	est -	,, 7-53	10-33	3.58
Lanark		arrive 8-21	10-58	4-36
Glasgow		,, 10-0	12-35	6-0
Carstairs		,, 9-2	11-22	4-34
Edinburgh		,, 9-53	12-30	5-55

EDINBURGH TO MUIRKIRK.

		8	ı.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Edinburgh		leave	6-30	10-15	4-15
Carstairs		,,	8-0	11.40	5-38
Glasgow		,,	6-25	10-25	†5-0
Lanark		,,	8-31	12-0	6.5
Douglas West		,,	8-57	12-25	6-35
Inches		,,	9-4	12-32	6.42
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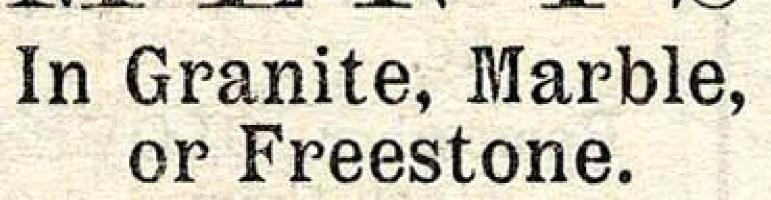
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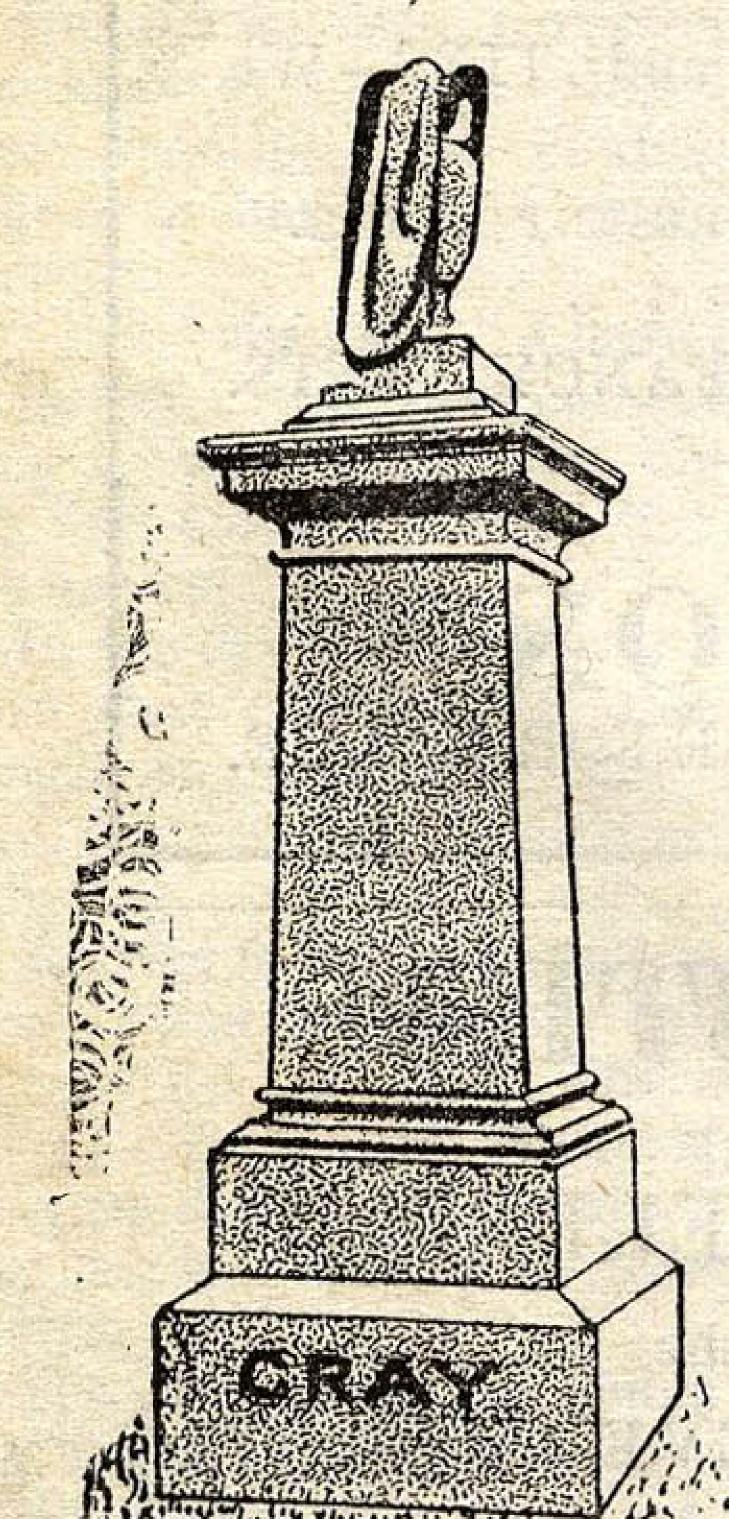
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THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1915.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Interested.—We fail to see how you have any grounds for cavilling. It is a matter that does not affect the public, and the publication of your letter would not tend to promote harmony.—Ed.

Local Mews.

THE name of Andrew Millar, Victoria Buildings, this week falls to be added to the local Roll of Honour. He has joined the 8th Scottish Rifles.

Social.—On Friday evening last the members of the Ornithological Society held a very enjoyable social meeting in the Masons Arms Hotel. Mr Thomas Findlay, president, occupied the chair. A very tempting spread was safely negotiated, after which the meeting settled down to song and story. The meeting to some extent was informal, and the repartee was class.

Co-operation. -On Friday evening last, in the Masonic Hall, a very nice company met to honour Mr James Morrison, who has been in charge of the Kirkgreen Branch for a number of years, on the occasion of his leaving the employment of the local Society for the post of secretary-manager of the Auchinleck Co-operative Society. Mr Thomas Weir, the veteran president, occupied the chair. After a splendid tea, Mr David Stitt, on behalf of the Management, the Education Committee, and the employees, presented Mr Morrison with a case of cutlery, suitably inscribed, also a massive gold brooch for Mrs Morrison; while Mrs Samson, on behalf of the members of the Society, handed over to Mr Morrison a handsome gold watch (also . inscribed) and a purse of money, with a fine goldmounted umbrella for Mrs Morrison. Mr Morrison feelingly replied, stating that the change was made for the benefit of his family, and referring to the many true friends he had made and left in Muirkirk. At intervals songs were rendered by Miss Ann R. M'Luckie, Mr Robert Kellock, and Mr Willie Gray, while a reading was given by Mrs Fettes, Mr Thomas Logie playing the various organ accompaniments. A splendid little social ended with the company singing "Auld Lang Syne."

WAR RELICS EXHIBITION.—At a meeting of the Committee held in the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening, the affairs in connection with this most successful organisation were finally wound up, the object of its existence having been more than achieved. The secretary (Mr Preston) stated that the recipients of parcels in France numbered 70, and in the Dardanelles 73, while 19 had been sent to wives, mothers, or relatives of those who had fallen, and he had received a large number of appreciative letters from recipients. The treasurer (Mr Young) stated that the total sum drawn amounted to almost £200, and £164 9s 8d was available for disbursement. They had sent £50 to the Scottish Red Cross at Bellahouston, the local Work Party had got £5, he had paid accounts for parcels, &c., to the amount of £93, and there was still left £16 16s 10d. After some little discussion it was unanimously decided to disband the Committee, and to hand the balance, less £5, to the convener of the Work Party, and request the same to be divided between Muirkirk and Glenbuck Parties on an equal ratio per soldier, to be applied for the benefit of local soldiers who are or have been abroad during the war. The £5 to be retained for two months to meet contingences, and the balance at that time to be handed to the Work Party with the same proviso. Then followed hearty votes of thanks to the officials—on the call of Mr Baird to Mr Preston for his work as secretary, promising that when the place was made into a burgh he would be elected provost, or a baillie at the very least; to Mr Baird as chairman, on the call of Dr Carruthers; and to Mr Young, as treasurer, on the call of Mr Preston. Thus finished probably the most enthusiastic and successful function ever held in Muirkirk. The people rose to the occasion, and assisted the committee in every way and, as the Secretary remarked, the feeling and the knowledge that their work and efforts had been appreciated by the soldiers, and that they had made others happy, was quite sufficient recompense for their labours.

Don't forget that Mr Bryan, Surgeon-Dentist, comes on Monday First. For Change of Address see advertising columns.

THE CINEMA.—The management of the Cinema is catering specially for the amusement of the populace at this season through extra houses. -See advt.

ARMLETS FOR DERBY'S RECRUITS. - Yesterday Captain Northcote visited Muirkirk and handed out 44 armlets to local recruits under Lord Derby's scheme. The Captain complimented those responsible for the recruiting here, and said the work had been so well pushed forward that Muirkirk had the proud distinction of being first in Ayrshire and Wigtonshire to have these armlets. Who said Muirkirk was neutral?

On New Year's Day work at the local Post Office will be to a large extent suspended. There will be only one inward mail-9.30 a.m., and one outward-8.30 a.m. The office will be open for the receipt and despatch of telegrams from 9 till 10 a.m. only. Other Post Office work will be entirely suspended for the day. On and after Sunday first the despatch of letters will be at 8.30 a.m., instead of 1.30 p.m., but the Office will still be open for callers from 9 till 10.

PUBLIC TESTIMONIAL TO REV. JOHN DUNDAS.

On Friday, 17th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Rev. John Dundas was presented with a public testimonial on the occasion of his retiral after 37 years' sojourn in the parish. There was a large and representative gathering. Rev. James

Greenshields, B.D., presided. At the special request of the committee, Dr Carruthers (who had acted as convener) made the presentation, and in his remarks said that on such an occasion one's thoughts went back to old times. He referred to a book description of the parish printed fifty years ago, and traced many of the changes, mostly improvements, which Mr Dundas must have witnessed. Dr Carruthers then made reference to the excellent virtues possessed by the minister, for, while not a member of his church, he had always been a great admirer of his elocutionary talents both in the pulpit and on the platform, while his independent spirit and straightforward actions were well known to all. After speaking of the good work done by Mr Dundas during the last 37 years, the Doctor read the address, which was finely illuminated by Mr Charles P. Bell, Muirkirk, and beautifully framed, and handed over a cheque for £60, stating that while the recipient had been compelled to retire from the regulars into the reserves, due to physical causes, his mental faculties were as bright as ever.

The address is as follows:--To REV. JOHN DUNDAS.

Reverend and Dear Sir,

a warm place in your heart.

(Applause).

On the occasion of your retiral from the active duties of the ministry, and of your leaving our district, we, as representing the people of Muirkirk, desire to place on record our appreciation of the services you have rendered during the long period of 37 years that you have laboured among us, your sterling worth, your honesty of purpose, your hearty sympathy and untiring zeal in every good work have endeared you to the whole community, and especially to those whose privilege it has been to labour with you.

Though you have now removed from the Parish, and have, in consequence, been constrained to sever your connection with the work which you have hitherto been so closely connected with, we know that it will still retain

The gift of money which accompanies this address is a token of the esteem in which you are held. In asking your acceptance of it we desire to assure you that you carry with you into your retirement the best wishes of a wide circle of friends. We trust that with freedom from active duty your health may be restored, and that you may yet have before you many peaceful and happy years.

Signed on behalf of the subscribers, David Carruthers, L.R.C.P., Ed. (convener), Thomas Jackson, J.P. (treasurer), John Henderson, B.D., James Clark, J.P., John Young, J.P., John H. Preston, James Mitchell, David B. Greenwood, William Pearson, J.P., Robert Jack, James Murdoch, James Gibson, John F. Taylor, James Greenshields, B.D. (secretary). Muirkirk, Dec. 17, 1915.

"Dr Carruthers, ladies, and gentlemen," said Mr Dundas, in replying, "it is no easy thing for me to return thanks appropriately for these handsome gifts with which you have now honoured me-a task made more difficult by the far too flattering words in which you, sir, made reference to myself and my work in Muirkirk. I heartily thank you for this address, which, if it errs in being too eulogistic, yet gives testimony that in my retirement I carry with me the treasure of a good name. It is gratifying to me to see the friendly faces of those amongst whom these thirty-seven years have been spent beaming with sympathy and goodwill. As I put off harness, and retire from active work, you have made this daynotable as the anniversary of my ordination-still more notable to me. Cromwell had his day of special mercies marked by repeated triumphs, and Napoleon had a certain day singled out by celebrated victories, and I have good reason by your friendly offering to rank this as one in which

my star is in the ascendant. The Chairman more than hinted that I might take the opportunity of describing the changes that have taken place in Muirkirk in my time. That might well be a temptation to an old man garrulous to expatiate on village life of the last generation, and to fight his battles o'er again. But that temptation I put away, and only say that as the history of a village is the history of a nation in miniature, we have shared in the changes of the time, while admitting that all changes are not improvements. outward condition has improved, the extensive planting of trees relieving the bareness and bleakness of the prospect, but it can scarcely be said that manners and morals have been improved by the introduction of cycles and motors, and the prevalence of sport. I just conclude by again thanking you for your generous and kindly gifts, which will prove a reminder of friends here, and a solace in my retirement."

Rev. Wilson Baird, Mauchline, was present on the invitation of Mr Dundas, as the only surviving minister in Ayrshire in full work and present at his ordination on 17th Dec., 1878. Mr Baird said he was proud to be present to witness the spontaneous kindness to his old friend Mr Dundas. The handsome gift honoured Mr Dundas, but it honoured the givers as well, for he was worthy for whom they had done this. Mr Dundas had served Muirkirk faithfully, and had done his part in everything that was for the good of the district. In School Board, County Council, and political matters he had taken a bold stand, but was always a clean fighter and held in high esteem by his opponents. The testimonial was not got up by his own congregation, but was largely the giving of those who admired Mr Dundas from the outside, and this made it all the more acceptable and remarkable. As a minister Mr Dundas was at the call of the whole community, visiting with painstaking perseverance, and the friend of humanity in general. The testimonial added to the grace of his retirement, and would be one of the pleasant memories he would carry away from Muirkirk. (Applause).

Rev. John Henderson, B.D., speaking on behalf of his congregation and himself, said he wished to be associated with the good wishes that had been expressed towards, and the high admiration of, Mr Dundas.

Mr John Young, J.P., on behalf of the School Board, also made a few eulogistic remarks, and moved a vote of thanks to Rev. Jas. Greenshields, secretary, and Mr Thos. Jackson, treasurer, who had the credit of bringing the whole matter tosuch a successful conclusion, and to Dr Carruthers for presiding.

Rev. Mr Greenshields replied, and quoted pointed remarks from letters received from Mr John Angus, Cardross; Rev. James Howat, Arbroath; and Mr John Meikle, Sunderland; showing the wide-spread interest that had been taken in getting up the testimonial.

Dr Carruthers also replied, and an interesting

meeting ended.

GLENBUCK.

GIFTS FOR THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.—Under the auspices of the Sabbath School a most enjoyable service was held in the Public Hall on Christmas Eve. There was a large turnout of children and adults. Rev. C. A. Mackenzie suitably addressed the meeting from the words "they brought unto Him gifts." During the evening several Christmas hymns were sweetly sung by the scholars, Miss Peggy Marshall and Miss Jenny Stitt acting as soloists. The scholars had been asked to bring gifts for the soldiers, and the presentation of these gifts was a most interesting part of the evening's proceedings. In addition to the gifts, which are noted below, several donations in money were handed in. With this money 3 lbs. of tobacco have been purchased and sent to our local lads at the Dardanelles, and this, no doubt, will prove a most acceptable present. Further, in name of the teachers and scholars of the Sabbath School and the day school, the sum of £2 10s was sent to H.M.S. "Cyclop" as a 'Xmas gift to the men of that ship. Also, the sum of £1 5s was forwarded as a 'Xmas offering to the Over-seas Club, London, for the soldiers and sailors. It will be seen from the above that the boys and girls of Glenbuck have done their part well at this season, and in making these sacrifices let us hope they all realise the truth of the saying that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." The following is the list of gifts given at the service referred to:--13 handkerchiefs, 144 packets cigarettes, 107 cakes and bars chocolate, 71 cakes and bars soap, 40 tins vaseline and ointment. 34 writing pads and boxes stationery, 20 lead pencils, 1 pencil sharpener, 9 packets candy and sweets, 5 packets safety pins, 2 cakes shortbread, 28 candles, 5 books and papers, 6 tins tobacco, 3 pipes, 15 boxes safety matches, 2 packets pins, 9 packets needles, 6 reels thread, 3 tins biscuits, 5 tins cocoa, 3 tins condensed milk, 1 tin syrup, 1 tin toothpowder, 14 tins Oxo, 5 tins health salt, 8 pairs leather laces, 6 note books, 1 pair gloves, 3 packets Abdine, 1 pot shaving cream; total number of articles-571.

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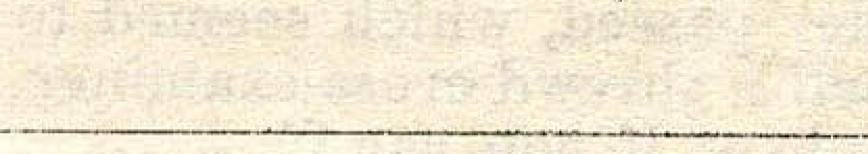
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THE MYSTERY SOLVED.

THE more I studied over it, the more it puzzled me. It was a brief document, covering but one side of a leaf of paper, and the signature, beyond question, was John Merivale's crabbed sign manual, leaving everything to his "beloved third cousin, Bozrah Beggs."

The affection which inspired such an act must have been of sudden growth, for two more uncongenial spirits than John Merivale and Bozrah

Beggs could hardly be imagined.

John Merivale had taken to his home and heart the orphan child of an old friend. So young was little Katie at the time, that she never remembered any other father, and a kind, loving father had she found in old John Merivale; and how proud of her he was when she grew up a beauty, with scores of suitors at her feet, the number not diminished by the open secret of Mr. Merivale's intent to make her the heiress of his fortune.

When the news came of one of those terrible railroad accidents which periodically cast a gloom over the land, and John Merivale's name appeared in the list of the killed, it was a great shock to the community in which he had long dwelt in honour and esteem; and not less was the surprise when the will, leaving everything to Katie, which Mr. Merivale had made less than a month before his death, was offered for probate and later testament, whose purport we have already given.

Like other lawyers, I had met with many knotty questions in my time, but none knottier than that presented by the turning up of this unwelcome will, concerning which it was my

lot to be consulted.

The document in question, it was conceded, had been drawn by Job Jottrell, a rather slippery lawyer, by whom, and a tricky clerk of his, it was duly witnessed.

Not many days before that appointed for the final hearing, I was sitting in my office in no pleasant mood. The more I thought the matter over, the more I was convinced there was foul play somewhere.

The entrance of Tom Jarvis, an old tenant of Mr. Merivale's, broke in on my reflections.

Tom wanted advice about a lease, a renewal of which, it seemed, had been agreed upon between himself and Mr. Merivale, just before the latter's death. But here I must observe the professional rule of secrecy touching matters of private communication between attorney and client. Suffice it to say, the consultation was much longer than might have seemed requisite for the simple matter Tom had come to seek advice about.

It was an edifying sight, on the day of trial, when Bozrah Beggs, arrayed in solemn black, leaning on the arm of his counsel, and struggling with indifferent success to force upon his flinty features a look of counterfeited sorrow, walked into court and took his seat with a sombre air of conscious rectitude.

Job Jottrell and his clerk filed in next, giving me a look, as they passed, which seemed to say, "You call yourself a shrewd cross-examiner, Mr.

Badger, but catch us if you can!"

· Near me sat Katie, and by her side Herbert Price, both looking happy and contented, for Herbert had told Katie something which made amends for her less of fortune.

Whatever plans I had, I kept to myself. Job Jottrell was called first. He kissed the book with a hypocritical smack, and went through his story with a glibness betokening perfect preparation. Mr. Merivale had come to witness's office in great haste; wanted his will written; dictated the contents; witness put them in form; Mr. Merivale read the paper over; signed it; requested witness and his clerk to attest the execution, which they did; testator was of full age, sound mind and under no restraint, etc., etc.

Having finished his recital, Mr. Jottrell braced

himself for cross-examination.

"Stand down," I said. Bozrah Beggs and his counsel smiled the smile of triumph.

The clerk's story was a stereotyped copy of the other.

"Stand down," again was all I said, and the smile of triumph deepened.

"We rest," said Mr. Beggs's counsel, rubbing

his hands contentedly. "Have you any witnesses, Mr. Badger?" inquired his Honour.

"But one," I replied, and proceeded to call:

"Thomas Jarvis!"

A respectable looking tradesman stepped forward and was sworn. After a few preliminary questions: "You were a tenant of the late Mr. Meri-

vale's?'' I asked.
"Yes, sir."

"When did your lease expire?"

The date was given.

"What, if anything, occurred between you and Mr. Merivale touching its renewal?"

"Really," my adversary interrupted, "I must object to this as quite irrelevant."

"I confess I don't see its bearing at present," remarked his Honour, "but it may lead to something. Proceed, witness."

"Well," resumed the latter, "it was agreed between Mr. Merivale and myself, that I was to have the place another year. On the morning he started on his journey he was passing my shop.

"'Jarvis,' said he, stepping in, 'I've had no time to attend to making that lease. Have you a leaf of paper handy?'

"I can tear one from my shop-book,' I answered, and did so. He wrote his name at the foot.

"Take that to my agent," he added, and tell him to fill up a new lease on the old terms."

"Mr. Merivale went away. I folded up the paper and put it in my pecket, from which I lost it the same day."

"Have you the book from which the leaf was

torn?" was my next question. "I have."

"Produce it."

As the witness complied, a marked change came over the face of Bozrah Beggs. All confidence faded out of it; the smile of triumph vanished, and the look of conscious rectitude gare place to one of fear.

Jostrell and his clerk made a move as if to

"I must insist on these persons remaining for the present," I said, addressing the bench.

"See that they do so, Mr. Sheriff," directed the judge.

"Find the place from which the leaf was torn," I resumed, turning to the witness.

He did so, and handed me the book.

Taking up the disputed will, I adjusted it to a strip of the missing leaf still remaining in its place. The two exactly fitted! It was plain that the will had been forged on the paper lost by Tom Jarvis.

Bozrah Beggs and his accomplices left the court as prisoners, and spent the next five years

in the public service.

Herbert Price and Katie had to give up their dreams of frugal bliss in a cottage, and make themselves as happy as they could in a brownstone mansion, on ever so many thousands a year.

EGGS WITHOUT HENS.

At a country fete a conjurer was performing the old trick of producing eggs from a pockethandkerchief, when he remarked to a little boy, in fun:

"Say, my boy, your mother can't get eggs with-

out hens, can she?"

"Of course she can," replied the boy. "Why, how is that?" asked the conjuror.

"She keeps ducks," replied the boy, amidst roars of laughter.

NO BLAME TO THE PARENTS.

The youthful author pocketed his rejected verses, but he could not swallow the editor's criticism.

"Sir," said he, not without dignity, "a poet is

born, not made."

"Young man," returned the editor blandly, "it wen't help your case to try to shift the blame on to your parents."

"How dreadful of Dr. Smith to marry his cook." "I don't know; probably she had threatened to leave."

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Glasgow & South-Western Railway. MUIRKIRK TO GLASGOW.

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GLASGOW TO MUIRKIRK.

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Glasgow lve	6-45	9-30	11-10	2-30	4-17	5-35	8-15
Kilmarnock		10-10	11-57	3-10	5-6	6-21	9.4
Ayr	7-40	9-30	11-35	2-50	4-5	5-45	
Mauchline		10-30	12-15	3-28	5-27	6-42	9-25
Auchinleck,	8-50	10-45	12-30	3-40	5-40	7-5	9-40
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Cronberry		9-4	1-10	7-25	3-25	8-32
Cumnock	- 00	9-10	1-17	7-32	3-32	8-37
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Cronberry	TATEL STATE	9-55	3-20	5-14	7-0	10-20	11-17	
Muirkirk		10-5	3-30	5-25	7-10	10-30	11-27	

Caledonian Railway.

MUIRKIRK TO EDINBURGH.

	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Muirkirk	leave 7.35	10.15	3.40
Glenbuck .	,, 7-42	10-22	3-47
Inches	,, 7-48	10-28	3-53
Douglas West .	,, 7-53	10-33	3.58
Lanark .	arrive 8-21	10-58	4-36
Glasgow -	,, 10-0_	12-35	6-0
Carstairs .	,, 9-2	11-22	4-34
Edinburgh -	,, 9-53	12-30	5-55
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Glasgow	. ,,	6-25	10-25	15-0
	. ,,	8-31	12-0	6-5
TYT	. ,,	8-57	12-25	6-35
Inches		9-4	12-32	6-42
Glenbuck		9-9	12-37	6-47
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