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Public Notices.

MUIRKIRK SCHOOL BOARD. EVENING CONTINUATION CLASSES— COOKERY.

Classes for COOKERY will be conducted in FURNACE ROAD SCHOOL on the Evenings of THURSDAY of each week. Hours—7 to 9 p.m.

Intending Pupils should enrol as early as possible.
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R. A. LESLIE, Clerk.
Muirkirk, 17th Sept., 1907.

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BUTTER, Very Fine, only 1s 1d per lb.

HAMS, from 6d to 1s 3d per lb.

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FAMILY GROCER AND WINE MERCHANT,
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From the Baker's at Robertson Place. You come out with a bright smiling face. For you know you have bought Both good pies and hot. And of grumbling there's never a trace.

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MAIN STREET, MUIRKIRK.

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Repairs have immediate attention, and are done in a thoroughly workmanlike manner.

NOX ADDRESS—

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MODERATE PRICE.

LADIES' HIGH-CLASS TAILORING.

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The Goods are Excellent, Carefully Selected, and afford the choice of the happiest and most tasteful combination of Texture and Colour.

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A Visit of Inspection is Respectfully Solicited.
All Orders entrusted to our care have our personal attention, and every endeavour is made to give clients satisfaction.

PETER FETTES, LADIES TAILOR, MAIN STREET, MUIRKIRK CYCLES. CYCLES. END OF SEASON SALE.

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Every Thursday Afternoon.

Circulated Gratis in Muirkirk, Glenbeek, Torhill, and Bankhead.

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W. S. SMITH, BOOKSELLER, MUIRKIRK.

THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19, 1907.

Issuing a sheet of any kind—be it daily, weekly, or monthly—it is customary to make some apology for its appearance. In this case no apology is offered. It is born for the purpose of mutual benefit—benefit to reader, customer, and advertiser.

Our village is peculiarly situated—between the de'il and the deep sea as it were—on the ridge between Lanarkshire and Ayrshire, and, although there may be periodicals that cater for the news of the district, it will be at once admitted that the advertising columns of these periodicals are not taken advantage of as they might be by the inhabitants of this district.

The Muirkirk Advertiser, as the name suggests, is primarily an advertising medium, and makes no pretence to being a newspaper. At the same time, any news of local interest will, if possible, be chronicled; a place will also be found for other matter of an interesting kind, and the whole will be made as readable as possible. It will be considered an obligation if, when presentations take place, or meetings are held, the secretary or some other person present will either write a few lines or call at the office and give a few particulars for publication. Short, interesting articles will also be welcomed.

The advertising columns will be open to all at a very moderate rate, and advantage should be taken of the opportunity afforded to advertise meetings of all kinds, entertainments, articles wanted and for sale; houses for sale, wanted, and to let; as well as business notices of every description. The guarantee that a copy of the paper is put weekly into every house in Muirkirk, Glenbeek, Torhill, and Bankhead, adds greatly to the value of the advertisement.

The future of the Advertiser is left with every confidence in the hands of the public.

See that you get a Copy weekly. If you don't get one, let us know of it.

Local News.

MISS WYPER has been appointed teacher of dressmaking at the Evening Continuation Classes under New Muirkirk School Board.

FLOWER SERVICE.—The annual flower service was conducted in the Parish Church on Sabbath evening last.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.—At Ayr Sheriff Court on Monday, TETTERD MORRAN, Bridge Street, pled guilty to committing a breach of the peace in Muirkirk on Saturday night, and was fined £1 with the option of 14 days' imprisonment.

THE LATE MR. JAMES HAMILTON.—The remains of the late Mr. Hamilton of Nether Wellwood were interred in the New Cemetery on Saturday last. Previous to the interment a service was held in the Parish Church, before a large congregation. On Sabbath last, Rev. Wm. Robertson, M.A., minister of Coltness Memorial Church, preached in the Parish Church, from Hebrews vi., 19: "Within the veil," referring to the late gentleman at considerable length.

A FLOURISHING CONCERN.—From the advertising columns in this issue it will be noticed that a well-known local dog expert, who has had a most honourable connection with the village for many years, has taken on two junior partners. If pluck goes for anything the firm should flourish.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Sunday evening last, Richard Walls, labourer, 48 years of age, of no fixed residence, proceeded to Kames Pit about eight o'clock, and collapsed on arriving at the pit. He died almost immediately. The body was removed to the Mill, where it was interred on Monday.

SPORTS COMMITTEE.—The Sports Committee, to the number of 20, enjoyed a very substantial supper in the Eglinton Arms Hotel, on Thursday Evening last. Mr David Greenwood, president of the Committee, occupied the chair. After full justice had been done to the splendid supper provided, the chairman introduced the proceedings with a characteristic speech, in the course of which he referred to the lamented death of Mr James Hamilton of Nether Wellwood. Mr Hamilton, the chairman said, was a true sportsman, and ever ready to help in any good cause, and, in name of the committee, he asked the Secretary to convey to Mrs Hamilton and family heartfelt sympathy in the time of their affliction. Thereafter a varied programme was entered upon, and was sustained by the following Messrs:—Mr. James Wm. Peters, James Hazel, Angus Campbell, David Beck, Neil Buchanan, Adam Thomson, Robert Higgins, and the Chairman. Mr Pearson delivered a short address, which he stated had been approved by the Committee. He always a good deal of hard work, hard work that he did not think was altogether appreciated as it might be by the public, still, when things were brought to a successful issue they felt well repaid. He intimated that the gathering this year had done a little more than cleared expenses, and that there was something like £16 in the bank at the credit of the committee. Mr Peters then electrified the company with a short address, which he stated had shown considerable ability. Votes of thanks to "Auld Lang Syne" closed a very pleasant meeting.

EVENING CONTINUATION CLASSES.—The evening classes under Muirkirk School Board were commenced for the winter on Monday Evening last. Besides the usual subjects there are classes for dressmaking and bookbinding. The classes already been three classes formed for dressmaking, which are being taught by Miss Wyper, Muirkirk. In the cookery class there are still a few vacancies. This class is conducted by Miss Muir, Glasgow, who is a first-class diploma from the Board of Education and National Union. A well-known local medical says that half the misery in the world is caused by bad cooking, so an excellent chance is now afforded at least to some extent of remedying the evil—See advt.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.—Under the auspices of the Salvation Army, special services were conducted on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, by Brigadier David Garrie, divisional officer, assisted by Corps Cadet Garrie, and Corps Cadet Paterson, all from Glasgow. On Saturday, Brigadier Garrie lectured on "The Romance of the Salvation Army," and "The truth of the Mother-well disturbances." The subject on Sabbath evening was "Poisoned Pastures."

Several items of news unavoidably held over.

MUIRKIRK SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held in the Board room, on Friday last. There were present—Messrs James Johnstone (chairman), J. Weir, Alex. Wallace, Dr Marshall, and Mrs Greenshields.

On opening the meeting, the Chairman rose from his seat, and thus addressed the members present—"Before beginning our business to-day, a sad duty devolves upon me as your Chairman, owing to the sudden death on Tuesday last of our former member, Mr Hamilton, Nether Wellwood. Mr Hamilton has been a member of the Board for a number of years. His kindly disposition and his whole hearted devotion to the many public and private duties he so efficiently undertook in this, his native parish, will long be remembered and highly esteemed by all. As we know, he took a deep and intelligent interest in the cause of education, and a scholar himself, he ever strove by every means in his power to further the education of both teachers and children. To his sorrowing widow and family in their sad bereavement our hearts to-day go out in loving sympathy. A devoted husband and a loving father, he will be sadly missed from his own fireside, but the knowledge of his well-spent life and his appreciation by his fellow parishioners may do a little to soften the blow which has so suddenly fallen on those near and dear to him. I beg therefore to move that we record in our minutes our deep sense of the great loss we as a Board have sustained through Mr Hamilton's death, and our sincere sympathy with his widow and family, and that Mr Leslie be instructed to send an excerpt of this minute to Mrs Hamilton." Mr J. S. Weir seconded the motion, and the same was unanimously agreed to.

The filling of the vacancy in the Board caused by the death of Mr Hamilton was left over till next meeting.

There was one defaulter. He did not make a very creditable appearance, but he got off with a warning.

The minutes of previous meetings were approved of.

The Officer's report on the attendance at the various schools was submitted.

There were several applications for exemption from school attendance, of which four were refused, six granted, and four delayed for three months.

In connection with the cleaning and repairs at schools done during the holidays, Mr Weir, as convener of the committee, reported that everything had been done satisfactorily, and recommended the Board to give instructions that all old maps, &c., that were useless be destroyed.

A letter was submitted from Mr Bell, headmaster of Evening Schools, in which he thanked the Board for the appointment, but asked them to give some consideration to the salary for the extra time and work involved in the headmastership. As at present the two teachers have each the same salary. It was agreed to grant £5 extra for the headmastership.

Letter was submitted from Mr Cuthbertson, organising secretary under the County Council, stating that it had been decided to carry on a mining class at Muirkirk, and asking the use of a room in Furnace Road School for same. Granted nominately.

Letters were submitted from Mr W. S. Pirie, certificated teacher, accepting appointment to Furnace Road School; from Miss Ross, certificated teacher, accepting appointment to Wellwood School; from Miss Sunderland thanking the Board for appointment as spare teacher.

Letters from Miss Weir and Mr Cunningham, which were held over from last meeting, were again delayed, pending the Inspector's report.

The following grants were intimated:—Furnace Road, £178 10s 9d; Main Street, £307 17s 4d; Wellwood, £40 5s 6d. There were no reports for any of the schools, which meant that everything was entirely satisfactory. The Chairman thought they should congratulate the teachers on the very satisfactory results.

Letter was read from Miss Mary Gilchrist, lately minister in Furnace Road School, thanking the Board for nomination as a county bursar, and trusting she would be as worthy as she was grateful.

Letter was submitted from Mrs M'Cartney, Glenbuck, stating that her daughter Maggie had obtained a bursary of £7 10s, and thanking the Board for the interest manifested.

Consideration of the resignation of Misses Peace and Henry, certificated teachers, and filling up of vacancies, were considered in Committee.

The committee (Messrs Weir and Wallace) appointed to investigate the charge against Miss Aird, of refusing to admit a child to Furnace Road School, reported that they could find no ground for the charge, and asked that an investigation be instituted as to how the charge was made, as there was something strange about it.

After discussion, Mrs Greenshields moved that the Clerk write Mr Cunningham and ask why he failed in his duty in not finding out personally from Miss Aird whether the boy had been actually refused, and, if he was refused, why? Mr Wallace seconded.

Mr Johnston moved as an amendment that, in respect of reports to follow, the matter be delayed till next meeting, when the facts would be before them. Mr Marshall seconded.

Mr Weir thought that now was the time, and voted for the motion.

Considerable discussion now took place as to the accuracy of the report, it being said that several things had happened, and statements being made that could not be remembered in the report, and that in reality it was only half a report. On the question being asked who actually lodged the complaint, it was said it was the mother, who stated distinctly that the child was refused. It was recommended that the report should be sent back to the committee to see if they could do better.

The Chairman said the motion had been carried, and they would have the reports up at next meeting.

Letter was submitted from Mr Cunningham, in which he referred to a letter from the Inspector asking the time allotted to sewing, the Inspector stating that he was satisfied that sewing was getting its due share, and that the Time Table was to remain as signed by him.

It was decided to begin a class for cookery in Glenbuck School for the senior girls, and Miss Muir was appointed teacher. The remuneration for teaching the day school at Glenbuck and the day school and evening school at Furnace Road to be two guineas per week.

Mr Andrew Millar was awarded £6 for extra cleaning done in the schools during the summer holidays.

Applications for use of a room in Furnace Road School were made as follows, and granted on the usual conditions—From the Orchestral Society to practice in on Saturday Evenings; (no smoking allowed); Ramlens' Club for meetings, and the Drill Instructor to drill a class for exhibitions.

At a Committee Meeting held at the close of above, the resignation of Misses Peace and Henry were accepted. Miss Peace goes to Liberton, Midlothian, while Miss Henry returns to her native haunts at Stranraer. It was intimated that Miss Lizzie Gibson and Miss Agnes Gibson of Main Street School, and Miss Janet K. Anderson of Glenbuck School, all Ex-P.T.'s, had passed their final examination, and were now certificated.

LADIES' COLUMN.

FASHION NOTES.

MANY and varied are the styles shown for Autumn and Winter wear.

Jackets range from very short basqued ones to those of almost full length, just showing an inch or two of the skirt. For fall women these are very graceful, but for those of ordinary height the short or medium length is more suitable.

Russian braid is a favourite trimming for both skirts and jackets, and, as it wears well and is not spoiled by rain, it is very thrifty.

Velvet also is being very much used, a broad band round the bottom of the skirt being popular. This is a very good way of renovating a skirt that is worn or discoloured round the bottom, or for lengthening one that has become too short.

Pleated skirts are as popular as ever, the pleats arranged either in groups or evenly all round. Some have a double box pleat in front; while others are laid in big box pleats; half-way down these are fastened with tabs, then the fullness is allowed to flare.

Plain skirts are also fashionable, either trimmed with folds, stitched straps of the material, or simply adorned with rows of stitching round foot of skirt.

On blouses, tucks are as much in vogue as ever, from the tiny pin tucks to those two inches wide, and in all positions—slanting, cross, or perpendicular. Allergy blouses have vests mostly in lace or tuck, and are either V shaped, round, or square. Sleeves are tight-fitting to the elbow, then full and drawn or tucked in various ways to the shoulder.

Sports and Pastimes.

QUOTING.

MATCH FOR £15—A match between Robert Young, Auchinclell, and Richard Bain, Glenbuck, took place on Masons Arms Quoting Ground on Saturday. The weather being splendid, and, being the idle Saturday, a large gathering witnessed the match. Bain started best and came 11 for Young's 3, but from this point the Auchinclell player improved his form and at half-time the game stood Young 31, Bain 28. On resuming, Young continued to forge ahead and finally won by 18 shots. Scores—Young, 61; Bain, 43.

ANGLING.

Muirkirk Angling Club held their annual competition on Saturday last, under very unfavourable conditions, the waters being small and the weather cold. Only four members turned out, and they had the poorest day's sport the club have experienced for years. Result.—1st, Thomas Morrison, 1lb 9½ oz; 2nd, James Flanagan, 9½ oz; 3rd, James Bealford, 6½ oz; 4th, Thomas Doolan, 3½ oz. This should have been the last competition this year, but owing to the small turn-out, it is intended to hold another on the Clyde, about the 28th of this month.

FOOTBALL.

The Athletic were at Galston on Saturday, and played off their Ayrshire Cup tie with Galston London Victoria. The game had only been two minutes gone, when Richardson opened the scoring with a great shot. The Athletic had the game well in hand, and hemmed the home team in their own goal and Rennie registered No. 2. Half-time arrived with Athletic leading by 2 goals to 0. The second half was a farce as far as football was concerned, as, defeat staring the home team in the face, they began to play very roughly, so much so that one of their players struck Harkness, who retaliated and a stand-up fight was the result. Richardson, the Athletic centre, who went in to separate them, got entangled in the fight and had his jaw blade broken for his trouble. The result of the fight was the ordering off the field of four players—two Galston players and Harkness and Richardson. The game was resumed with McCall in the goal and M'Kenzie playing the one back game. The Athletic were still masters of the situation, and Rennie took the ball from his own half, ran through the defence, and scored No. 3. Galston retaliated with a goal, and McCall had a run the whole length of the field and scored No. 4. This finished the scoring and the game ended with the Athletic easy winners by 4 goals to 1. The game was one of the roughest ever the Muirkirk players took part in, and the young players had their nerves tested. M'Kenzie and Rennie were in great form. As a result of the ordering off, Harkness and Richardson cannot play until the matter is brought before the Association. The following were the teams—

MUIRKIRK—Harkness; M'Call, M'Donald; Bell, M'Kenzie, Hogg; Connor, Rennie, Richardson, Samson, Blyth.

GALSTON—Gold; Cardie, Loggie; Devine, Batten, Graham; Crosbie, Rankin, Howie, Taylor, Higgins.

GLENBUCK.

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AND

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FAMED FOR QUALITY. 75A

On Friday last Glenbuck was favoured with a visit from Mr A. Connah, ex-champion quilter, his mission on this occasion being to give our local expert a practice game for the great match on Saturday first, for the championship of Scotland, when his opponent will be Mr R. M'Bride. The game started at 4.30, and continued until darkness set in, when Connah retired victor by eight shots. The game was well contested from beginning to end, when the score stood—Connah, 31; Bone, 30.

Saturday last saw the first of the Ayrshire Junior Cup ties, when Ayr Fort travelled, here and met the Cherries on Burnside Park. Needless to say, they met the same fate as the majority of the teams that journey this way, and retired defeated by 5 goals to 1. The Fort showed remarkable spirit, and played with determination to the last.

The Cherries are again fortunate in having their first Scottish tie of the season at home. Their opponents will be Ayr Ashfield (same as first tie last year).

Rev. Mr Waugh, who has been occupying the pulpit here for the last six weeks, preached his farewell sermon on Sunday last, and leaves this week. Mr Mackenzie will occupy his wanted place on Sabbath First.

Wit and Humour.

JOSH BILLINGS WROTE :

Those people who fish for others are the most apt to be caught themselves.

If you make human nature the study of your life, you will find out, at least one thing certain—how little you know.

A child will learn to lie, and sometimes swear, without any teacher; but you have got to drive the 10 commandments into them, and then clinch them to make them stick.

Genius creates, but talent perfects.

The man whose sole ambition is to win the applause of the world, is sure to be disappointed, whether he wins or loses.

If you have good common sense, you can, don't waste time in asking advice; if you haven't got it, advice won't do you any good.

I never had yet a man yet who deserved to be flattered, or who couldn't be in snuff.

The strength and the weakness of mankind lies in their judgments.

Natur is not only the cheapest, but the best physician. If there weren't any doctors, nor lawyers, nor more than half the ministers there is, there would be less hot journals in the world's mascalency.

2s 6D FOR A LIMERICK

In Muirkirk there lives a young wife,

Who said "John, I'm tired of this strife;

I'll let you know

Fill in the above two lines to complete the Limerick. The last word of the first line must rhyme with "know," and the last word of the second with "strife."

Write Name and Address in space provided, and deliver same at the Office not later than Monday First. Result will be published in next week's Advertiser.

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MUIRKIRK IRONWORKS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION & COMPETITION.

The Annual Show under the auspices of above was held in the Ironworks Institute, on Saturday, 7th inst. The quality of the exhibits compared favourably with previous years, while the entry was the largest in the history of the Society. The various exhibits were very nicely staged, and presented a fine appearance. Competition in many of the classes was very keen, and it was wonderful, when we consider the smoky atmosphere of our village, to see the spotless flowers that had grown in the open-air. A quadrille band, composed of Miss Bella Smith, and Messrs S. Thomson, G. Bradford, J. Adamson, and J. Wallace discoursed excellent music. The turnout of the public was very gratifying. The secretarial duties were, as usual, ably performed by Mr Alex. Cameron.

The following were judges of the various classes—Mr Robert Paterson, Douglas Castle; Mr John Howat, Kildonan; Mr James Isdale, Tullichewan Castle, while the Garden judges were Mr Alston, Mr Isdale, Mr Kirk; and the prizes for Baking and Jellies were awarded by Mrs Angus, Irondale; Mrs Clark, Crossflat; Mrs Hamilton, Wellwood.

AWARDS—

- Early Cabbage—1, John Torbett; 2, William Bradford; 3, Robert Parker.
- Late Cabbage—1, David Bradford; 2, John Torbett; 3, John Taylor.
- Heaviest Cabbage—1, Adam Murdoch; 2, John Williamson.
- Red Cabbage—1, Thomas McQueen; 2, John Torbett.
- German Green—1, Wm. Bradford; 2, Wm. Hill; 3, David Samson.
- Wm. Hill; 2, Wm. Hill; 2, Hugh Moreland; 3, Thomas McQueen.
- Garden Parsley—1, Wm. Nisbet; 2, Wm. Dods; 3, John Kean.
- 3 Beet Roots—1, David McFegan; 2, William Bradford; 3, Wm. Hill.
- Plant Parsley—1, John Taylor; 2, William Bradford; 3, John Torbett.
- 3 Early White Garden Turnips—1, George Williamson; 2, Wm. Nisbet; 3, Hugh Williamson.
- 3 Early Yellow Garden Turnips—1, George Williamson; 2, Hugh Williamson; 3, Wm. Nisbet.
- 3 Garden Swedish Turnips—1, Thos. McQueen; 2, Wm. Hill; 3, John Torbett.
- 6 Potatoes, Round—1, Wm. Strickland; 2, David Bradford; 3, John Hill.
- 6 Potatoes, Kidney—1, David Bradford; 2, Robert Parker; 3, Wm. Hill.
- 3 Early Carrots—1, Adam Murdoch; 2, John Torbett; 3, George Williamson.
- 3 Late Carrots—1, William Nisbet; 2, William Bradford; 3, Hugh Moreland.
- 3 Parsnips—1, Hugh Moreland; 2, Robert Parker; 3, Wm. Nisbet.
- 4 Onions—1, James Bradford; 2, Wm. Dods; 3, John Torbett.
- 6 Shallots, Heaviest—1, John Torbett; 2, Hugh Moreland; 3, Wm. Strickland.
- 6 Shallots, Finest—1, Wm. Strickland; 2, Robert Parker; 3, Hugh Moreland.
- 3 Stalks Rhubarb, Finest—1, William Bone; 2, Hugh Moreland; 3, Adam Murdoch.
- 3 Stalks Rhubarb, Heaviest—1, John Kean; 2, Wm. Bone; 3, Hugh Moreland.
- Collection of 6 Vegetables—1, John Kean; 2, Wm. Hill; 3, Robert Parker.
- 6 Leeks, Finest—1, Wm. Dods; 2, Wm. Strickland; 3, Wm. Logie.
- 6 Potatoes, Heaviest—1, John Torbett; 2, John Kean; 3, Wm. Strickland.
- Fuchsia, Single—1, Wm. Bradford; 2, George Anderson; 3, John Williamson.
- Fuchsia, Double—1, John Williamson; 2, Wm. Logie; 3, George Anderson.
- Geranium, Single—1, Wm. Logie; 2, John Kean; 3, Wm. Bradford.
- Geranium, Double—1, Wm. Logie; 2, John Kean; 3, George Anderson.
- Petunia, Single—1, John Williamson; 2, John Kean; 3, Wm. Logie.
- Hydrangea—1, John Kean.
- Calceolaria, Yellow—1, John Kean; 2, Wm. Logie; 3, John Torbett.
- Calceolaria, Dark—1, Wm. Logie; 2, John Kean.
- Begonia, Single—1, John Kean; 2, Wm. Logie; 3, Wm. Bradford.
- Pot Lilliums—1, Wm. Logie.
- Petunia, Double—1, Wm. Bradford; 2, George Anderson.
- Pot Plant—1, John Kean; 2, Wm. Logie; 3, George Anderson.
- 4 Varieties Pot Plants—1, John Kean; 2, John Williamson; 3, George Anderson.
- Collection of 6 Pot Plants—1, John Kean; 2, Wm. Bradford; 3, George Anderson.
- Pelargonium—1, John Kean; 2, Wm. Bradford; 3, Wm. Logie.
- 2 Stocks in Pots—1, George Williamson; 2, Wm. Strickland; 3, John Taylor.
- 2 Variegated Foliage Plants—1, John Kean; 2, George Anderson.

- Begonia, Double—1, Wm. Bradford; 2, John Kean.
- 2 Pot Plants—1, John Kean.
- Rose in Pot—1, George Anderson; 2, Wm. Logie; 3, John Kean.
- 2 Antirrhinums—1, John Torbett; 2, George Bradford; 3, James Bradford.
- Window Grown Plant—1, John Torbett.
- Chrysanthemum—1, John Kean; 2, William Bradford; 3, Adam Murdoch.
- 2 Balsams—1, Wm. Bradford; 2, John Kean.
- Single Fuchsia—1, John Taylor; 2, John Torbett.
- 4 Roses—1, John Torbett.
- 4 Dahlias, double—1, George Bradford.
- 4 Pompane Dahlias—1, George Bradford.
- 6 Pansies, Single—1, James Steven; 2, Wm. Bradford; 3, Robert Steven.
- 6 Pansies, Fancy—1, Robert Steven; 2, James Steven; 3, George Bradford.
- 12 Foliage—1, James Steven; 2, John Torbett; 3, William Bradford.
- 4 Asters, Quilled—1, John Torbett; 2, George Williamson; 3, John Kean.
- 4 Asters, Flat—1, George Williamson; 2, George Bradford; 3, James Bradford.
- 4 Asters, Comet—1, John Kean; 2, John Torbett; 3, George Bradford.
- 4 French Marigolds—1, John Torbett; 2, James Bradford; 3, John Kean.
- 4 Scotch Marigolds—1, William Nisbet; 2, John Kean; 3, John Torbett.
- 4 Annuals—1, James Steven; 2, Andrew Higgins; 3, William Logie.
- 6 Annuals—1, Adam Murdoch; 2, John Torbett; 3, Hugh Williamson.
- 4 Trusses Geraniums, Single—1, Wm. Bradford; 2, John Kean; 3, George Anderson.
- 3 Phloxes—1, John Torbett; 2, Andrew Higgins.
- 3 Herbaceous Spikes—1, John Kean; 2, Wm. Logie; 3, Wm. Dods.
- Wm. Dods; 3, John Kean.
- 3 Antirrhinums, Spikes—1, James Bradford; 2, George Bradford; 3, John Taylor.
- 3 Penstemon, Spikes—1, Hugh Williamson; 2, John Kean; 3, Andrew Higgins.
- 3 Stocks, Spikes—1, George Williamson; 2, James Bradford; 3, George Bradford.
- 3 Spikes Gladioli—1, John Kean; 2, John Torbett; 3, George Bradford.
- Collection—1, Andrew Higgins; 2, George Bradford; 3, John Kean.
- 1 Hand Bouquet—1, George Williamson; 2, James Bradford; 3, George Anderson.
- 1 Table Bouquet—1, James Bradford.
- 1 Hand Bouquet, Wild Flowers—1, George Williamson; 2, Hugh Williamson; 3, James Bradford.
- 6 Vase, Wild Flowers—1, James Steven; 2, Wm. Logie; 3, William Bradford.
- Display of Open-Air Cut Flowers—1, Robert Steven; 2, John Kean.
- 6 Carnations—1, John Kean; 2, John Torbett.
- 3 Buttonhole Bouquets—1, John Kean; 2, Wm. Logie; 3, Adam Murdoch.
- 4 Bunches Sweet Peas—1, George Bradford.
- Variety Bunch Wild Grass—1, G. Williamson; 2, William Bradford.
- 2 Bouquet Wild Flowers, Girls—1, A. Williamson; 2, Jessie McLean; 3, Annie Steven.
- Bouquet Wild Flowers, Boys—1, J. Williamson; 2, John Williamson; 3, Robert Hill.
- Varied Garden—1, John Torbett; 2, Andrew Higgins; 3, George Williamson.
- Vegetable Garden—1, William Hill; 2, Wm. Nisbet; 3, Robert Parker.
- Hothouse Garden—1, William Bradford; 2, John Williamson.
- Sweet Peas on Garden Fence—1, Robert Parker; 2, George Bradford; 3, Hugh Moreland.
- Girdle Oatmeal Cakes—1, Mrs John Kean.
- Girdle Soda Scones—1, Mrs John Taylor; 2, Mrs George Williamson; 3, Mrs John Kean.
- Girdle Potato Scones—1, Mrs Andrew Murdoch; 2, Mrs John Taylor; 3, Mrs George Williamson.
- Black Currant Jelly—1, Mrs John Kean; 2, Mrs William Logie.

John Angus, Esq., Irondale, sent some splendid plants, for exhibition only, and these were greatly admired.

Births, Marriages, & Deaths.

- BIRTHS.**
- At Manse Row, Glenbuck, on 14th August, the wife of Michael Brady, a son.
- At Albert Place, on 29th August, the wife of Wm. McKinlay, a son.
- At 5 Grasshull Row, Glenbuck, on 31st August, the wife of Hugh Bone, a daughter.
- MARRIAGE.**
- At Victoria Buildings, Muirkirk, on 20th August, by Rev. James Greenhields, B.D., Matthew Anderson to Edhel Dorman.
- DEATHS.**
- At 48 Railway Terrace No. 2, on 4th inst., James Murdoch, coal miner, aged 61 years.
- At Nether Wellwood, on 10th inst., James Hamilton, farmer, aged 33 years.
- At Kames Pit, on 15th inst., Richard Walls, labourer, aged 48 years.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
FOR SEPTEMBER.

Glasgow & South-Western Railway.
MUIRKIRK TO GLASGOW.

	Sat.	Sat.	Sat.	Sat.	Sat.	Sat.
	only	only	only	only	only	only
Muirkirk lve	7.10	9.25	11. 0	1.20	3.35	6.10
Anchieleuk	7.57	9.50	11.21	1.45	4.19	6.39
Manchline	7.45	10.0	11.29	1.55	4.46	6.59
Ayr	arr 9-4	11.0	12.38	2.25	5.15	7.20
Kilmarnock	arr 8-11	10.43	12.15	4.1	7.10	9.20
Glasgow	arr 8-49	11.1	12.40	3.04	5.31	7.55
Sat. only lve Muirkirk	9 p.m.,	arr Kilmarnock	10-55			

GLASGOW TO MUIRKIRK.

	Sat.	Sat.	Sat.	Sat.	Sat.	Sat.
	only	only	only	only	only	only
Glasgow lve	6-45	9.30	11.15	2.30	4.20	5.35
Kilmarnock	8-10	10.10	12.2	3.10	5.5	6.18
Ayr	7-45	9.30	11-45	3.00	5.35	6.53
Manchline	8-31	10.20	12.30	3.28	6.25	6.39
Anchieleuk	8-50	10-45	12-35	3.40	5.40	6.35
Muirkirk arr	9-12	11-7	12-57	4-2	6-2	7-17
Sat. only lve Ayr	8 p.m.,	arr Muirkirk	8-57			

MUIRKIRK TO AYR (A. & C.)

	Tues	Saturdays	Sat.	Sat.	Sat.	Sat.
	only	only	only	only	only	only
Muirkirk lve	7.20	9.15	11.55	6.55	9.25	11.30
Cumnaock	7.30	9.9	11.5	7.3	9.30	9.25
Cumnaock	7.37	9.15	11.2	7.11	9.56	9.51
Glasgow	arr 8.19	10.2	1.55	7.53	4.40	10.13

AYR TO MUIRKIRK (A. & C.)

	Tues	Saturdays	Sat.	Sat.	Sat.	Sat.
	only	only	only	only	only	only
Muirkirk lve	7.30	9.15	11.2	7.11	9.56	9.51
Cumnaock	7.20	9.15	11.2	7.11	9.56	9.51
Cumnaock	7.27	9.15	11.2	7.11	9.56	9.51
Muirkirk arr	10-8	3-26	5-14	6-56	11-16	11-37

Caledonian Railway.
MUIRKIRK TO EDINBURGH.

	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
	only	only	only	only	only
Muirkirk	leave 7.40	10.16	12.45		
Glenbuck	7.47	10.22	3.52		
Inches	7.54	10.28	3.58		
Douglas West	7.59	10.33	4.2		
Lanark	arrive 8.24	10.58	4.36		
Glasgow	8.33	12.3	5.58		
Carstairs	8.57	11.10	4.37		
Edinburgh	9.40	12.18	5.25		

EDINBURGH TO MUIRKIRK.

	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
	only	only	only	only	only
Edinburgh	leave 6.45	10.10	4.15		
Carstairs	6.58	11.59	5.40		
Glasgow	7.35	10.25	6.10		
Lanark	8.28	11.58	6.0		
Douglas West	8.55	12.24	6.27		
Inches	9.3	12.31	6.34		
Glenbuck	9.8	12.36	6.39		
Muirkirk	arrive 9.17	12.45	6.50		

leaves at 6.40 on Mondays.

a Saturdays only. 4.45 daily except Saturday.

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POSTAL INFORMATION.

- LETTERS—Not exceeding 4 oz., 1d, and 1d for every 2 oz. additional.
- BOOK POST AND NEWSPAPERS—The weight of a book packet is confined to 2 oz., the postage of which is 1d. All packets above that weight are treated as letters. Newspapers registered, 3d each.
- PARCELS POST—Not exceeding 1 lb., 2d; 2 lbs., 4d; 3 lbs., 5d; 5 lbs., 6d; 7 lbs., 8d; 9 lbs., 9d; 10 lbs., 10d; 11 lbs., 11d. Maximum length, 3 ft.; maximum length and girth combined, 6 ft.
- REGISTRATION—For a fee of 2d, any letter or packet may be registered, to any place in the United Kingdom or the British Colonies. For the fee of 2d compensation (in the event of loss) is paid up to £5. A higher fee is charged for larger amounts.
- MONEY ORDERS—Not exceeding 1l, 2s; £3, 3s; £10, 4s; £20, 6s; £50, 8s; £100, 10s.
- POSTAL ORDERS—With counterfoils, for 6d and every multiple of 6d, up to 21s. Commission up to 2/6; 1/3; to 15/; 1d; 15/6; to 21/; 1/4.
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MUIRKIRK POST OFFICE.

Outward Mails—Glasgow—Box closes at 6.30 a.m.	
— Glas. & Kil. "	12.45 p.m.
— Kilmarnock "	3.30 p.m.
— Ayr "	6.30 p.m.
OFFICE HOURS—	
Week days—	a.m. till 8 p.m.
Sundays—	9 till 10 a.m. Letters for callers, and Telegrams.