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GRATIS.

Sabbath Services.

E. U. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
SABBATH FIRST.
Services at 11.30 and 6.
Mr G. LESLIE THOMPSON, M.A., Edinburgh, will conduct the services.

All Cordially Invited.

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SABBATH FIRST—Rev. W. N. NEILL, B.D.
12 noon and 6 p.m.
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C H A L M E R S U . F . C H U R C H G U I L D .
WEEKLY MEETING in the CHURCH, on SABBATH EVENING FIRST, at 7.15.
Speaker, Mr Charles P. Bell.
Subject—"The First Bible in Scotland."
Soloist—Mr Robert Kellock.
Church Hymns, All Invited.
Collection on Entering.

K A M E S C H U R C H G U I L D .
SABBATH FIRST, at 7.15 p.m.
Speaker, Mr Robt. K. Wilson.
Subject—"A Jailer's Conversion."
Soloist—Mr J. H. Preston.
Sankey's Hymns. All Invited.

Public Notices.

TO-MORROW EVENING.

MUIRKIRK CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, LIMITED—
EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Fourth of the

SERIES OF LECTURES

(Arranged for by the above Committee)

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The USUAL FORTNIGHTLY MEETING of above Lodge will be held in the TEMPERANCE HALL (UPPER STAIRS), TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING, at 7 o'clock.

By Order.

T. SAMSON, Secy.

NOTICE.

MUIRKIRK PARISH POOR & C. RATES AND COUNTY RATES FOR 1914-15.

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GLENBUCK DISTRICT.

The Collector will attend in GLENBUCK SCHOOL on SATURDAY, 23rd January, from 1 p.m. till 3 p.m.

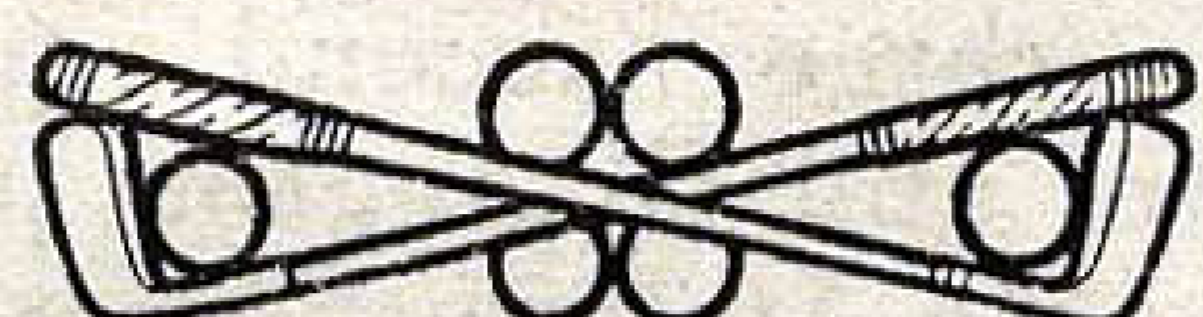
R. A. LESLIE, Collector.

Parish Council Chambers,

Muirkirk, 6th January, 1915.

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 „ Henry Cunningham

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 Driver Thomas Lindsay
 Private Robert Kennedy

Seaforth Highlanders—
 Sergeant Norman Lindsay
 L. Corporal Foster

11th Batt. Scottish Rifles—
 Private Robert Yule

Officers Training Corps—
 John Rodger

Royal Highlanders—
 Private John Young Laing. (Dead, Nov., 1914)

King's Own Scottish Borderers—
 Private James Spence
 „ Peter Ferguson

Highland Light Infantry (Com. Batt)—
 Private John G. M. Baird

Lochiel's Cameronians—
 Private John Taylor
 „ John Stobbs

Scots Guards—
 Private John Lindsay
 „ Frank Marshall. (Dead)

Highland Light Infantry—
 Private Hugh Love

Transport Corps—
 William Ferguson

8th Batt. Royal Scots Fusiliers—
 Corporal Hugh Hume
 Private Alex. Grant
 „ Joseph Barnard
 „ Alex. Girdwood

5th Royal Scots Fusiliers—
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 Lieutenant Cornelius Seymour
 Col.-Sergeant William Pirie
 Sergeant Alexander Guthrie
 „ Peter Brown
 „ James M'Cartney
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 „ Frank M'Donald
 „ David Hendry
 Private William Begg
 „ Thomas Bell
 „ John Archibald
 „ William Black
 „ William Blackwood
 „ David Caldow
 „ Thomas Crawford
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 „ James Laidlaw
 „ William Anderson
 „ John Adamson
 „ Thomas M'Kean
 „ Michael Parker
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 „ George Gebbie
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 „ Andrew Montgomery
 „ William Ross
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 „ Andrew Ross
 „ Robert Murray
 „ William Kirkwood
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 „ Hugh Cairney
 „ William Mitchell
 „ Alexander Blain
 „ David Gilfillan
 „ Thomas King
 „ James Hogg
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 „ David Torbett
 „ John Scobie
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 „ Charles Stewart
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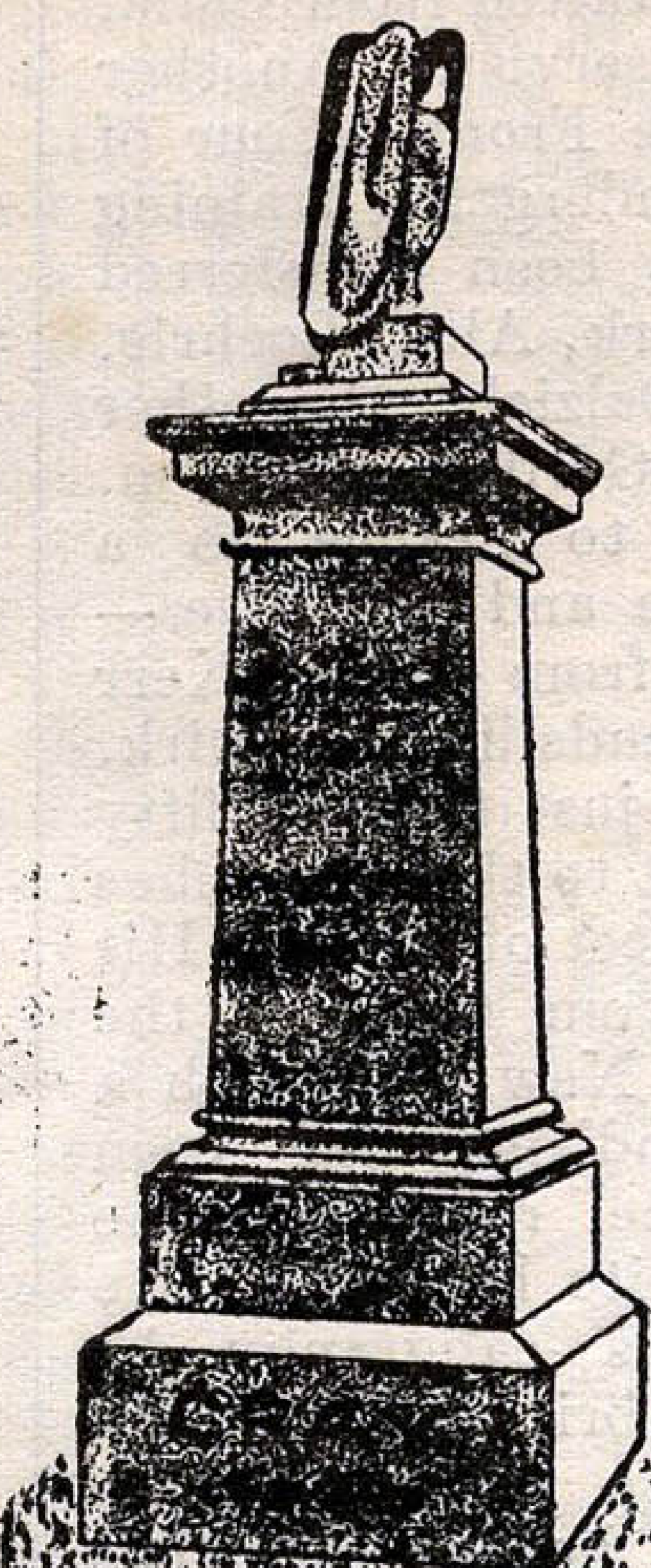
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THE WORK OF THE RED CROSS.

Under the above heading, in the columns of the *Westminster Gazette*, Sir Henry Norman, M.P., furnishes a most interesting article on the nature, scale, and scope of the British Red Cross Society.

With our parish sending a substantial contribution monthly to the Red Cross from the local War Relief Fund it may be of interest to those who presently give, and may supply a stimulus to those who have not given, if we present to our readers a summary of the article:—

In response to its appeals the *London Times* had collected a fund, hitherto unapproached in the history of journalistic enterprise, amounting to over £830,000, and the scale upon which the Red Cross works is probably inferred by most people from these figures, but they convey little or no idea of the beneficence.

Our wounded soldier arrived at the railway station from the Front in an ambulance-train. But this train itself may have been a Red Cross train, for it has provided and maintains a complete ambulance-train of 350 beds, the rolling stock hired from a French railway. Perhaps a thousand sick and wounded come to the station in a day. At Boulogne there is a Red Cross barracks for chauffeurs, a garage and repair shop, and by the quay an enclosed "park," where ambulances by the hundred stand day and night, ready for any call. The motor-ambulance personnel of the Red Cross is 513, of whom 444 are chauffeurs, many of these volunteers. Over 700 motor-ambulances have been despatched, and, including cars, the number cannot be far short of a thousand vehicles.

Not only must the wounded be transported to hospitals, but they must again, after a longer or shorter period, be carried from hospital to the hospital ship. This, also, the Red Cross ambulances do. On one day, after the heaviest battle, they carried 3,000 men, the chauffeurs working practically for twenty-four hours on end. Services of ambulances are also working in Paris, Havre, Rouen, Calais, Dunkirk, and Boulogne. At the front it has two ambulance convoys, each of fifty ambulances, with lorries, runabouts, and motor-cyclists, for British wounded alone; two convoys of thirty ambulances each, working for British and French; and two convoys of about six ambulances each, for French and Belgians. All told, the Red Cross runs twenty-five motor lorries and sixteen motor soup kitchens. All these it fully equips and maintains.

This motor transport of itself is a huge undertaking, but it is only a part of Red Cross work.

The Red Cross is, of course, carrying on an immense work in England. It has established a 500 bed hospital at Netley; the new great "King George" Hospital in London of 1,650 beds will shortly be ready; something like 17,000 beds have already been provided under its auspices and accepted by the War Office; and it furnishes wherever required surgeons, dressers, nurses, orderlies, stores, garments, and ambulances. I am concerned here, however, with work abroad, and a visit to the Red Cross Stores at Boulogne shows at a glance the scale of this. Hundreds of tons of every kind of material that could possibly be required in a hospital are stacked in cases and bales in a great railway building adjoining the town station, with a system so excellent that any article can be supplied in a few minutes. Over 15,000 cases of stores have been despatched abroad, and three-quarters of a million garments supplied to wounded. Until recently the Army drew regularly and largely upon the Red Cross for stores and comforts. This was during the period of heavy and unceasing pressure. Now, the Army has an abundant supply for all its needs, and only takes from the Red Cross such extra comforts as the latter cares to supply, unless sudden demands should again temporarily deplete its stock, when, of course, all the resources of the Red Cross would again be at its service. There are Red Cross hospitals at Paris (500 beds), Rouen, Abbeville, St. Malo, Calais, Dunkirk, and Wimereux, most of them completely staffed and wholly supported. It has also three Rest Stations—at Boulogne, Rouen, and Abbeville—where the Voluntary Aid Detachment, consisting chiefly of ladies, meets every ambulance-train, day or night, and supplies soup, coffee, tea, cocoa, cigarettes, &c. Fifty orderlies are kept always ready for stretcher-work in disembarking wounded at Boulogne station.

How quickly the Red Cross works may be judged from two personal experiences. At Dunkirk I asked the French military *Mede-cin-en-chef* if he lacked anything. "I have everything I want," he said, "except stretchers and a couple of motor-ambulances." Within two days the St. John Ambulance sent the former and the Red Cross the latter. Dr Butler, Deputy-Medical Officer of the L.C.C., and I were asked by the Red Cross to go to Calais and report (1) whether help for the Belgian wounded was really urgently needed, and (2) if so, whether a suitable building for a hospital was immediately available. We went, and discovered a terrible state of things. We found an ideal building, and within twenty-four hours of our landing in Calais the first contingent of Red Cross surgeons and nurses had arrived, a 200-bed hospital was established in a couple of days for men too gravely wounded to be sent to England without operation, and this has rendered splendid service ever since.

The personnel posted for War Service abroad is on a similar astonishing scale. The Red Cross Society has sent out for war service abroad

ninety-three doctors, about 100 dressers, 298 nurses, and 203 orderlies, and the St. John Ambulance has sent twenty-one surgeons, 403 nurses, and no fewer than 8,065 orderlies, all these receiving suitable salaries and pay. The most interesting aspect of this organisation is that the work is so largely voluntary, many a man neglecting duties and sacrificing income at home to work long hours every day in this good cause. The man in the driving seat of an ambulance at Boulogne station early on a winter's morning, and the man sitting at a desk for ten hours a day in the Red Cross Headquarters, are very likely men of position and private means, gladly making this contribution of personal service to our British wounded. But one and all, volunteer or paid, man or woman, they are working with splendid devotion at tasks always long, often difficult and distressing, sometimes dangerous, and they richly earn the admiration and gratitude they receive.

The organisation required to run this vast machine at high speed can be imagined, and the cost is, of course, very high—perhaps, £10,000 a week. But possibly those who read this incomplete account of Red Cross activities may be moved to still greater generosity in one of the greatest and noblest enterprises ever carried out by private initiative backed by public munificence, where every shilling goes straight to the succour of men struck down while defending the foundations of our national existence.

Sports and Pastimes.

FOOTBALL.

EDINBURGH RENTON v. MUIRKIRK ATHLETIC.—In the fourth round of the National competition teams representative of these clubs met on Ladeside Park on Saturday afternoon, 2nd inst. The ground was heavy. During the first period the locals faced a pretty strong breeze, but after the first quarter of an hour that was about all the opposition they met with, the Renton putting up rather a feeble resistance, and the Athletic notched three goals before half-time. The second half was of the nature of a picnic for the Athletic, and players on both sides, as well as spectators, left the field before the finish when the score stood—Athletic, 8 goals; Renton, nil. The following players represented the Athletic:—A. Park; Standing, Grant; Crawford, Hogg, Fleming; Rennie, Ward, Davidson, Gebbie, Nish.

CHERRIES XI. v. MOSSWELL RANGERS.—The Cherries XI. made the journey to New Cumnock to play the Mosswell Rangers in the Shield League Tournament, and did well in returning to Glenbuck with 2 points, defeating their opponents by 5 goals to 2 goals.

CHERRIES v. CUMNOCK JUNIORS.—The Cherries journeyed to Cumnock on Saturday to play the local Juniors in their undecided Ayrshire Cup tie. Both teams were strongly represented. Overhead the conditions were ideal, but the ground was a bit heavy. The Cherries won the toss and set the Juniors to face a strong sun. During the first twenty minutes the play was all in favour of the Cherries, who did everything but score. Cumnock broke away, and at their first visit to the Cherries' goal they were successful, and another raid immediately after was just as successful. Two goals to the bad after having all the play was hard lines on the Cherries, but they again attacked strongly. Menzies was badly brought down well inside the line, and Barr made no mistake with the resultant penalty kick. Half-time arrived with the locals leading by 2 goals to 1 goal. The Cherries opened the second half in promising style, but the Juniors were not to be caught napping, and a great deal of midfield play took place. Both defences were masters of the attacks, and it looked odds on Cumnock finishing the winners, but a desperate rally at three minutes to go gave the Cherries the equaliser. In the last minute the home outside left missed the best chance of the game, so the teams retired equal, at 2 goals each. *Cherries' Team*:—R. Barr; Jas. Wallace, Bain; Weir, W. Barr, J. Davidson; Andrew Davidson, W. Wallace, Menzies, Anderson, R. Wallace. *Referee*—J. Hamilton, Cronberry.

FOOTBALL PARS,

BY LINESMAN.

It will be a kindness to Edinburgh Renton if I refrain from making any remarks with regard to the game at Ladeside last Saturday. Never was there a poorer game, and the result is no indication of the immense superiority of the Athletic. The score, big as it was, could have been doubled. The ground was all against the visitors, who could not move in the mud. On the other hand, the robust Athletic ploughed their way "through mud and flood" with a minimum expenditure of energy. The goal-getters for Muirkirk were Davidson (4), Rennie (2), Fleming (1), Grant (1).

Mr Strachan, the secretary of the Edinburgh team, tells me that great difficulty has been experienced in keeping the team together. The team which played on Saturday was the third they had put together this year. No fewer than seventeen of their players had joined the Army since the month of August, and Saturday's lot was

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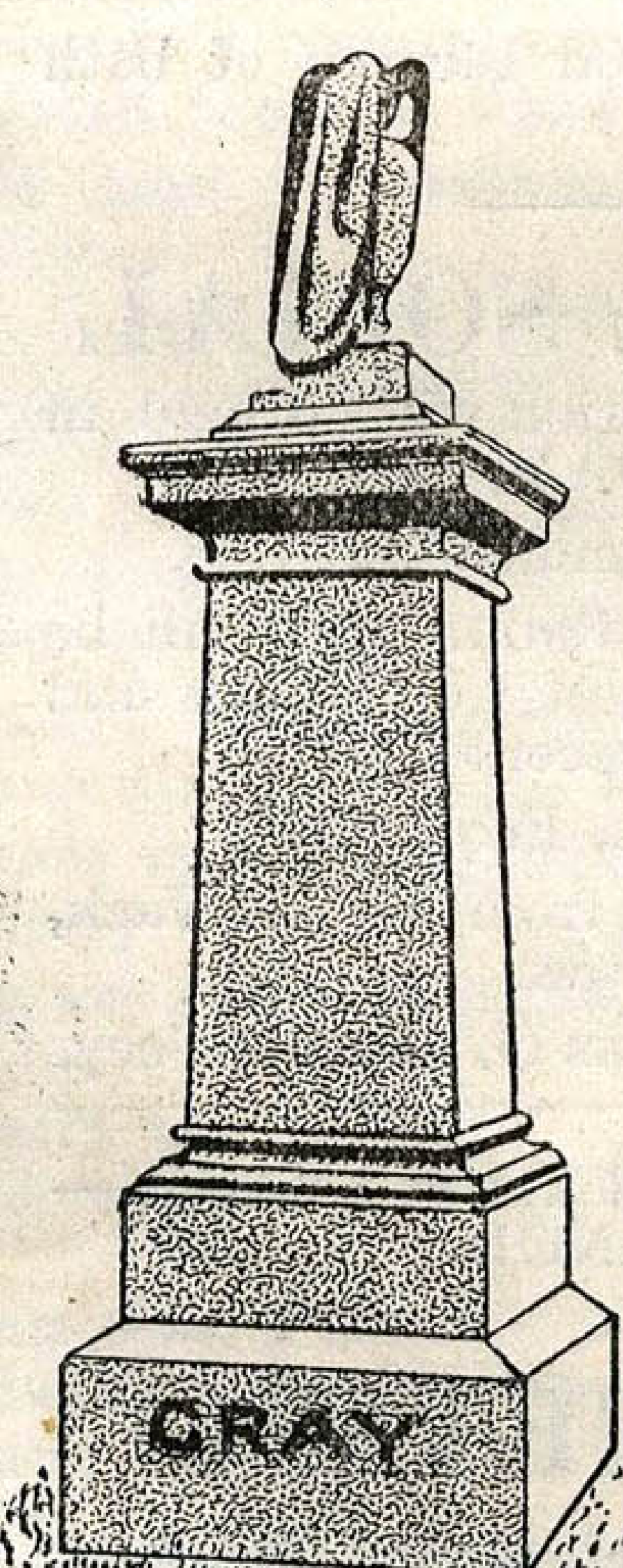
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Marriages.

M'DONALD—CAVENAH.—At Aguilar, Colorado,
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of 1st M. E. Church, officiating), Archie
M'Donald, second son of the late Mr James
M'Donald and Mrs M'Donald, Co-operative
Buildings, Muirkirk, to Sadie Nuel Cavenah,
daughter of Mr Andrew Cavenah (Pres. of
Aguilar Supply Co.) and Mrs Cavenah.
PARKER—WILSON.—At The Manse, Muirkirk,
on the 20th inst., by the Rev. John Henderson,
B.D., Thomas Parker, Niagara Falls, Canada, to
Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gilbert
Wilson, Midhouse Terrace, Muirkirk.

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Local News.

ROLL OF HONOUR.—It now transpires that Dr
Marshall is First Lieutenant-Surgeon on the same
hospital boat as are the four Muirkirk ambulance
men, and their meeting gave mutual pleasure to
the Doctor and the men.

B. W. T. A.—The usual monthly meeting of
the local branch of the British Women's
Temperance Association was held in the Commit-
tee-room of the Temperance Hall on Thursday evening
last, Mrs Samson presiding. After tea, solos were
rendered by Misses Maggie Hogg and Nessie
Blackwood, recitations by Miss Minnie Hastings,
and a violin solo by Miss Bella M'Luckie. A
letter from Miss Isabella Blackwood, Australia (a
former member of the Branch), was read to the
evident pleasure of those present.

PRESENTATION.—On Monday evening last, in
the Temperance Hall Committee-room, the Temper-
ance Hall Committee and a few friends enjoyed
an excellent supper. After the steak pies had
disappeared, cigars were lit, and at an interval
in the crack Rev. John Henderson, B.D., was made
the recipient of a handsome umbrella from the
Committee, this in appreciation of his kindness in
conducting the New Year services in the Hall for
the last few years. Mr John Kerr, chairman of
the Committee, made the presentation, and Mr
Henderson, who was rather taken by surprise,
suitably replied.

ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday afternoon a serious
accident befell Jas. Bradford, Sen., 66 years of age,
and residing at 24 Park Terrace, Muirkirk. The
unfortunate man was run down by a pug engine,
attached to which were some waggons, on the
line between the Iron Works and Kames Pit. It
appears that, without noticing the engine, he had
stepped out from behind the signal box on to the
line just as the pug was approaching the box, and
was knocked down between the rails, the engine
and waggons passing over him. He had been
noticed by the fireman, but not in time to prevent
his being run down. Dr Carruthers and Dr
Barbour were soon in attendance and found him
suffering from scalp wounds, while his right arm
was badly shattered. After being bandaged he
was removed to Kilmarnock Infirmary, where
the arm was amputated. The unfortunate
man's condition is as favourable as can be
expected.

GOLF CLUB.—The annual general meeting of the
Muirkirk Golf Club was held in the Ironworks
Institute on Friday evening. Mr Young presided
over a fair attendance of members. In introducing
the business of the evening Mr Young referred to
the rather small attendance. Possibly some of the
members might feel that a golf meeting was
scarcely the place for them owing to the present
war, but the club had to be kept going, and they
were only going by the rules in holding the
meeting. He referred to Miss Angus' exertions as
convener of the Greens Committee, and to the
splendid condition of the course. He was glad to
say that there was much more spirit manifested
in the various competitions during the season just
closed. Mr Young said with regard to the
unfortunate war the club was well represented
right up to the front, there being about a dozen
members of the Club serving under the colours.
The Secretary's and the Treasurer's reports for
the season were then submitted. In the Secretary's
report the joining of so many new members during
the year was commented on, while many others
contemplated joining, the splendid condition of
the Course and the utmost freedom extended to
members no doubt being responsible. The
Treasurer's report showed that some £45 had been
paid in wages for the greenkeeper, £30 in excess
of the previous year. The Club had money to
spend and they did it to the best advantage in
adding to the pleasure of its members. The
season was started with £36 in hand and ended
with a balance of £21, but the ground should be
much easier to keep in order now. Both reports
were approved, and adopted. It was expected to

have Mr Jas. Robb and Mr Gordon Lockhart, the ex-Scottish and ex-Irish amateur champions (both life members of the Club), to give an exhibition game at Auldhouseburn in the spring, but Miss Angus intimated that Mr Gordon Lockhart had joined the Glasgow Highlanders. However, it was felt no difficulty would be met in getting another good man to face Mr Robb. As per rule Messrs Seymour, Bohan, and Smith retired from the Committee at this time, but all were re-elected. Office-bearers were elected as follows:—Honorary President, Mr John Angus; president, Mr John Young; vice-president, Mr John McCulloch; secretary and treasurer, Mr W. S. Smith; greens committee—the whole committee with power to add to their number. The appointment of a Ladies Committee was left with Miss Angus. It was decided that the annual subscription remain as before—Family ticket, £1 1s; gentlemen, 10s 6d; ladies and juveniles, 5s, with no entrance fee. Some discussion took place as to when the financial year should begin, and it was decided that a special general meeting be held in the beginning of April to consider the matter. It was decided that a Roll of Honour of those who have had connection with the Club be hung in the Pavilion. It was decided that the competition for the President's prize be conducted on a different principle this season, in that specified days have been appointed during the season for the competition, viz:—the second Saturday of each month and the Wednesday before it, on every one of which a member can compete if he desires, and the best three cards handed in by a member to count, the player having the lowest total over the three cards to be considered the winner for the year, but in the event of scores being equal those tying to play off. The competition to start in the spring and finish in October.

MUIRKIRK SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the School Board was held in the School Board Office on Thursday afternoon last. There were present—Messrs John Young (presiding), John McCulloch, and David Stitt, Rev. Messrs Henderson and Greenshields, and Mrs Wilson.

Rev. Mr Greenshields made apology for the absence of Mr Dundas owing to illness, and, on the suggestion of the Chairman, the Clerk was instructed to write Mr Dundas conveying the Board's sympathy.

The minutes of previous meetings were held as read, approved, and adopted.

The Attendance and the Monthly Reports were submitted.

A letter was read from the Scotch Education Department approving of Messrs C. P. Bell and Jas. G. Richmond teaching experimental science.

Mrs Fettes thanked the Board for increase of salary.

A letter and medical certificate were read from Miss Ross.

After some discussion it was decided to send a copy of the Board's conditions during illness of teachers to each member of the staff, and the Clerk to in future send a copy of such conditions and also a copy of the corporal punishment circular to new teachers on appointment.

The contract for supplying school books and stationery, which has been hung up for some time, was then discussed. It was ultimately decided to divide the contract, and that Mr Blackwood, bookseller, supply Furnace Road and Wellwood Schools, and Mr Weir Main Street and Glenbuck Schools, each in terms of his offer.

Miss Steel, Furnace Road, applied for extra remuneration in consideration that she teaches the Supplementary Class, but the Board could not see their way to acquiesce to the request.

Some repairs required at the teacher's house at Wellwood were left in the hands of Mr Henderson, as convener of the school.

AN INTERESTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Last week we had the privilege of announcing that, with kind thoughtfulness, Mr N. Da Prato had sent a consignment of 3000 cigarettes to the British soldiers at the Front, such being consigned to the care of Lieut.-General Sir Charles Fergusson, commanding the Second Army Corps, and this week we have the pleasure of giving a copy of an interesting letter received by Mr Da Prato from the pen of Sir Charles, and which must afford the former much satisfaction.

(Copy of Letter).

In France,
10th Jan., 1915.

Dear Sir,—Your letter of the 7th reached me yesterday, and the cigarettes arrived to-day.

It is most kind of you to send them, and I am very grateful indeed for the kind thought which prompted your gift.

I have distributed them to our two Convalescent Homes which we have lately established here for the men of the 2nd Corps. A number of men come out of the trenches in the last stage of exhaustion, quite unfit for work for a week or 10 days. Hitherto we have had to leave such men in their billets, or else send them away to the base. Now in these homes they are made

comfortable, and a complete rest soon puts them right. But being away from their Regiments, they do not come in for the presents and good things which are sent to the Regiments from kind people at home. I am therefore very glad to be able to supply them through your generosity, and can assure you that your gifts will be immensely appreciated.—With very many thanks, believe me, yours faithfully,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Lt.-General Commanding 2nd Corps.
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Original Poetry.

REMINISCENCES OF SCHOOL DAYS AT
WELLWOOD ROW, MUIRKIRK,
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BY
ALEXANDER RUSSELL, NEW ULM, MINNESOTA,
U. S. A.,
TO
GEORGE M'URDO, GALT, ONTARIO, CANADA.

Yes, Geordy, I think on the days passed awa'
We spent at the schule, at the auld Wellwood Row;
At play-time we romped on Ayr's bonnie banks,
An' often engaged in some wonderfu' pranks.
You'll min' o' that day when we sally'd tae swiwe
The haws at the Wellwood, sae bonnie an' ripe;
Hoo eagerly we a' oor pooches did fill,
Then scampered awa' tae oor seats in the schule.

An' soon we were thrang wi' a slate or a book,
An' on ilk ane's face was an innocent look;
While stealthily munchin' awa' at the haws,
An' shootin' the slippery stanes frae oor paws.
The missiles flew swift frae oor finger an' thoom,
An' drap'd here an' there on the floor o' the room;
But, hoo it ere happened, nae ane could suppose,
Oor target was chiefly the Dominie's nose.
With greatest precision (oh, what a disgrace)!
They flew straucht tae the mark on the master's
face;

It puzzled him sair tae ken wha was tae blame,
He appealed tae reason, but that was frae hame.

Wha would ever think that in a' oor schule ranks
Were deils that dared play sic mischievous pranks?
But Anderson, Gemmel, Tamson, and Lammie,
Murdoch, M'Murdo, and ane they ca'd Sannie,
Some five or six mair we bravly could name,
Tae jine in sic sport they were never found lame.

Then mad grew the master, amaist in despair,
Some ane near his desk thought they heard a bit
swear;

And if it was true, I do really declare,
I hope he's forgiven—provocation was sair.
He threatened to thrash ilka ane on the floor,
Put down such bad conduct, and order restore;
Some quit the fun then, for they kent weel the
rule,

A thrashin' at hame followed ilk ane at schule.

But some o' the rebels kept plunkin' awa',
For threats they cared little or naething ava';
With his taws in his haun, he stepped on the floor
An' made sure that the bolt was fixed in the door.
The wee tots in front he just touched with the
taws,

Just ane on each loof was the penalty clause.
But when he cam' back where suspicion was rife,
The taws they cam' doon, ay, an' cut like a knife;
An' if ane was darin' enough tae draw back,
The stroke it would fa' on his shins wi' a whack.

We kent Mr Hodge's infallible rule
Tae punish severely sic cheating at schule;
An' when he again calmly gae'd tae his chair,
An' smilin' looked back at us nursin' oor sair,
Nae doot he was pleased with his share o' the fun,
Some wished frae their heart it had never begun.

It's fifty odd years since we left that loved glen,
An' muckle has happened between noo and then;
Oh, if we could only thae auld days reca',
Attending the schule at the fit o' the raw.
The Dominie Hodge we'd be a' pleased tae greet,
And crown him wi' richest of laurels you bet;
For teaching us weel hoo tae grasp the three R's,
For quellin' rebellion, and putting down wars,
We'd a' vote him truly, withoot ony pause,
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A. R.

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BELGIAN REFUGEE SUB-COMMITTEE and RELIEF OF DISTRESS SUB-COMMITTEE are requested to meet at the Close of above Meeting.

ANDREW PRINGLE, Secy.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—

RECRUITING COMMITTEE are requested to meet in DRILL HALL, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), 29th Jan., at 7.30 o'clock.

A. P., Secy.

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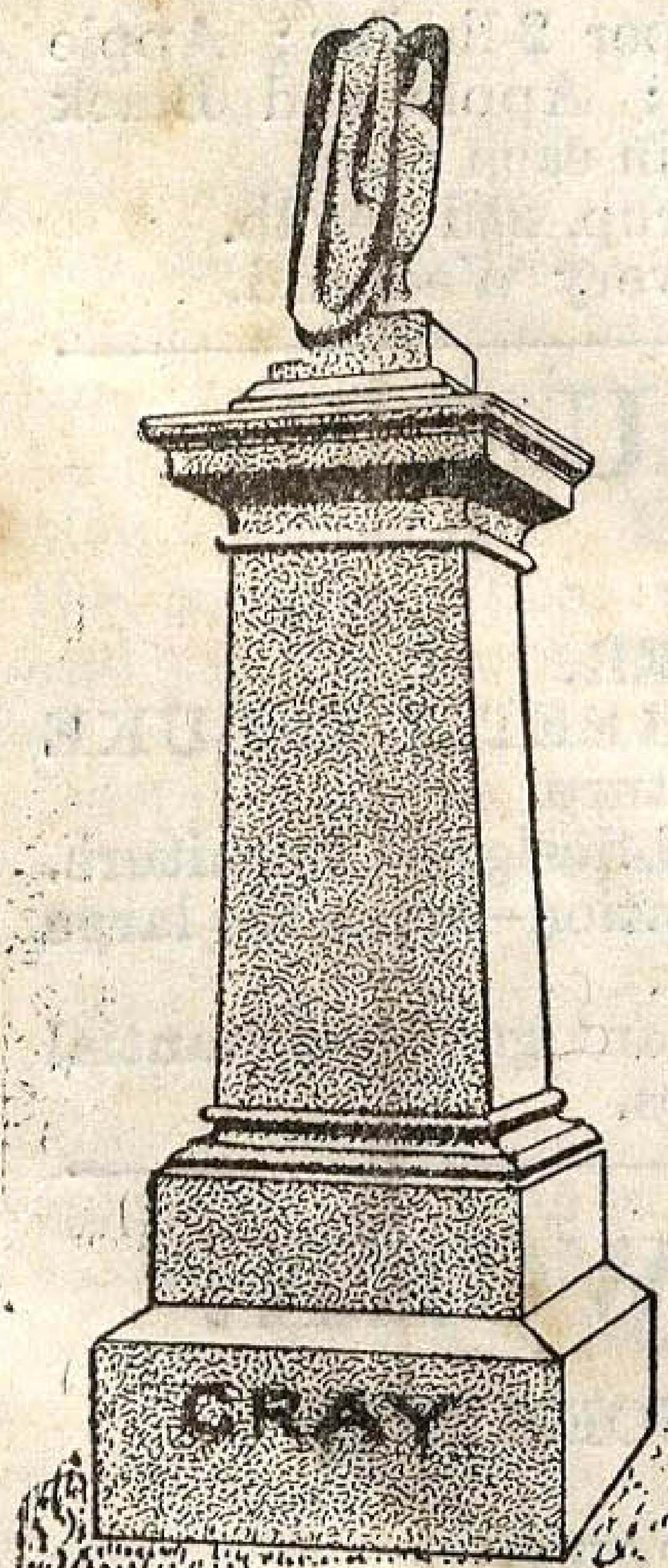
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Birth.

SEYMOUR.—At Inglewood, Muirkirk, on the 25th January, to Lieut. and Mrs C. Seymour, a son; both well.

Death.

WILLIAMSON.—At 18 Midhouse Terrace, Muirkirk, on 18th inst., Elizabeth D. Murdoch (beloved wife of George Williamson), aged 41 years.—Mr Williamson and Family desire to return thanks for kind expressions of sympathy received by them in their bereavement, for the floral tributes sent, as also to the gentlemen who attended the funeral.

In Memoriam.

SHAW.—In loving memory of John Shaw, who died at Garronhill, Muirkirk, 27th January, 1911. Unknown and forgotten by some you may be, But dear to our memory for ever you will be. If we saw him now in Glory, With the Lamb that once was slain, Though we loved him ten times dearer, We would not wish him back again. —Inserted by his Parents.

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THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1915.

JUST A WORD.



JUST in a word we return thanks to all subscribers to the Jam Fund. The collection is quite up to that of former years, and in a time of stress this result is at one and the same time both satisfactory and complimentary.

It is very encouraging to us that so many good friends take an interest in the Advertiser, by contributing and advertising, and in passing along items that they consider will be of interest to our readers. These friendly actions we desire to encourage, and the benefit reverts to the public. In return we promise to act fairly towards all to the best of our ability, and, time and material being forthcoming, to do our best to interest and amuse.

We have to thank the subscribers, from the richest to the poorest, for the very hearty and substantial way in which they responded to the call, and were thus enlisted on our roll of honour.

The collector has finished his rounds, and any who may have been inadvertently missed, or who were out, or had nothing less than a £5 note when the collector called, but who may wish to contribute, will have the opportunity of adding their names to the roll by calling and leaving their contributions at the Office. Again, Thanks!

THE WAR AND RECRUITING.

With so much on this subject being printed presently (the product of master minds) it would seem almost needless that we should add our little quota in these columns.

There would be little use in endeavouring to make a case—the case is already made, and the righteousness of the case is universally admitted. Events that have taken place on the battlefield during the last few months, and which are taking place to-day, conclusively prove that for both sides an existence is at stake, and for one it is probably the death struggle. Thus it is important to us that the demise should be that of Germany. We in this generation are enjoying civil and religious freedom which was bought with the blood of our forefathers, and no price is too great to pay for such a heritage to be left to our descendants.

The people of this country are in the happy and enviable position of having complete confidence in the Government which has been appointed by them to conduct their affairs, and to bring this war to a successful issue the Government is crying for more men, and more men at once. Every man who joins now is helping to save the blood of his brothers already on the field. Union is strength, and the more men who can be put on the field the war will the sooner be ended.

Meantime an urgent appeal is being made for men from this district to join the 5th Royal Scots Fusiliers. They can join either the Foreign Service Battalion, or enlist for Home Defence. In either case they are doing their duty. The R.S.F. Foreign Service Battalion at Cambusbarron, which includes a great many locals, is practically at full strength, and what is not generally known is the fact that the Battalion, however anxious they may be to get abroad, cannot get away without leaving a sufficient Reserve (Home and Foreign Service) behind them. It is for this Reserve especially that men are now wanted, so as to release the Foreign Service men.

We present this for the consideration of our readers, and draw their attention to the article in this issue headed "5th Royal Scots Fusiliers."

Local News.

AT THE SHOWS.—Probably the last winter show for the season has now taken place, and fanciers will settle down to endeavour to produce the champion for next season. At Larkhall Show on Saturday, Mr James Brown won a third and a fourth prize with red tumbler pigeons, while at Edinburgh Mr W. S. Smith secured a second prize with a jacobin pigeon.

MUIRKIRK RAILWAYMEN AND THE WAR.—A large meeting of railwaymen was held in the Masonic Hall, on Sunday last—Mr A. Mitchell presiding. Mr Jas. Kiddie, Glasgow, who was the principal speaker, briefly outlined the history of the National Union of Railwaymen, and the many reforms they sought to obtain for railwaymen. These reforms were meantime being delayed by the European War. In the great war the railwaymen had played no mean part, something like 60,000 of their numbers having joined the Colours, and every week they were contributing large sums of money for the various relief funds, while the way the troops had been transported from one point to another was a surprise to friend and foe alike. Since entering into the conciliation scheme things had greatly changed. The food prices were going up at an alarming rate, and the Government would fail in its duty if it did not take steps at once to check the ever-growing prices of the necessaries of life. As far as the railway companies were concerned they were not working up to the spirit and letter of the agreement which they entered into with the leaders of the men, and, as a result, the men were rising in revolt and pressing upon their Executive Committee to give the necessary six weeks' notice for the termination of the conciliation scheme in order that they might press forward their National programme. A motion to that effect was moved by Mr T. Brownridge, seconded by Mr A. Gibson, and carried unanimously.

OBITUARY.—From the Kilmarnock Standard of last week we glean a paragraph anent the death of a journalist with a Muirkirk connection. From newspaper cuttings to hand it is learned that Thomas B. Cockburn, editorial writer on The World staff, Vancouver, B.C., while on his way home slipped down some basement steps and broke his neck, his body being found there early next morning. Mr Cockburn's father was a native of Catrine, and Thomas was born in 1868. After leaving school the subject of the paragraph worked some time in Catrine, then left for a situation in Glasgow, but shortly afterwards removed to Muirkirk and found employment with his elder brother (William Cockburn, plasterer). While in Muirkirk he became local correspondent to the Ardrossan and Saltcoats Herald, and on being appointed reporter on the staff of that paper he went to Ardrossan. He left Ardrossan for London, and in 1901 went to Vancouver. Mr Cockburn was married and leaves a widow, two sons, and two daughters to mourn his loss. The very soul of honour, the late Mr Cockburn, while of a retiring disposition was held by his fellow-workers in most cordial esteem. Warm hearted and good natured to a fault he was the better liked the better he was known. The following appeared in the editorial column of The World of 23rd December:—"The hand that in recent years has penned much of the comment on current events appearing in this column will write herein no more. Struck down with tragic suddenness as he made his way home after the duties of the evening, Thomas Bone Cockburn ceased from his labours, his final paragraph written, his last article carefully left where the printers would find it in the morning. Thus it came to pass that his work appeared in the same issue of this paper that chronicled his death. Others may perforce take up his duties, for the columns call for their daily stint. Men come and men go, but the newspaper goes on, the link that connects the lives of scores who serve each for his appointed season, and pass, their only record buried in the files of the journal which in their time claimed and obtained from them loyal and devoted service. And such service Thomas Bone Cockburn gave."

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

A MUIRKIRK MAN'S PROWESS. — A Reuter's Chicago telegram says that Hugh Henderson (late of Muirkirk) has won the American Draughts Championship, defeating Alfred Jordan (late of London), a previous winner of American, Scottish, and London Championships. His many friends here will doubtless be delighted to hear of Hugh's latest victory, and, when such arrives, we hope to give fuller particulars.

KAMES CHURCH SOIREE. — The annual soiree of the Kames Church Sabbath School took place in the Ironworks Institute on Friday evening last. The Rev. John Henderson, B.D., was in the chair. After tea the Chairman gave a short address to the children, which was listened to with much appreciation. The musical portion of the programme was sustained by Misses Grace Bradford, Annie Henderson, Minnie Campbell, Maisie Dowie, and Mr Andrew Millar. Two of the scholars, Misses Matilda Close and Martha Fleming, also contributed a duet. Recitations were given by Misses Matilda Close, Martha Fleming, Isa Ferguson, Susan Graham, Nellie Henderson, and Master Henry Wilson. The lantern took a prominent part in the proceedings. A short story, "Engine Bill," was read by the Rev. W. N. Neill, and illustrated by slides. Towards the close Miss Jeanie Shields read the poem, "Curfew must not ring to-night," to the accompaniment of coloured slides, and a series of local slides (lent by Mr W. S. Smith) and an amusing set depicting comical incidents closed the programme. Votes of thanks were proposed by Messrs John Young, Walter Weir, and David Campbell. The lanternist was Mr Robert Wilson, and the accompanist Mr Thomas Logie. The children seemed to enjoy their evening, and they were present in great numbers. On leaving, each scholar was given a cake of chocolate and an orange. It was altogether a most successful soiree.

ADDITIONS TO ROLL OF HONOUR. — The following names fall to be added to the local Roll of Honour. Several are not what may be called newly joined, but they had been inadvertently omitted before, and only the publication of other names led to their being discovered. Several of them joined this and last week. So far as is known, all joined up to date have now been acknowledged. The names are—

Thomas Welsh, Royal Garrison Artillery.
Hugh M'Kay, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders.

Dugald Fleming, 5th R. S. F.
James Fleming, Liverpool Scottish.
Paul Lafferty, Scots Guards.
Robert Brown, Royal Engineers.
William Brown.
Robert Murdoch, Scottish Rifles.
John Murdoch, R. F. A. (Reservist).
Hugh Love, Scots Greys.
John M. H. Hamilton, Scottish Horse.
John M'Gowan, National Reserve.
William Dornan, Canadian Contingent.
William Walker, 5th R. S. F.
William Cowan, ,,
Hugh Caldwell, ,,
Alex. Cranston, ,,
Henry Ferguson, Grenadier Guards.
William Smith, R. S. F.
James Mitchell, H. L. I.

All honour to them!

CHALMERS CHURCH SOIREE. — The annual Sabbath School soiree in connection with Chalmers U. F. Church was held on Friday evening last. There was a large attendance of children, parents, and friends. Tea having been partaken of, the Chairman (Rev. James Greenshields, B.D.) introduced the proceedings with appropriate remarks, and called upon Mr Pearson to submit the Superintendent's report, which was of a distinctly encouraging nature, as shown by the fact that, during the year, the children had contributed over £9 to charitable and missionary purposes, an increase of more than £1 over the previous year. A lengthy programme was then entered upon. Recitations were given by Masters James Loggie (Wellwood St.), James Loggie (Garronhill), Hugh Wilson, John Samson, John Woodburn, Misses May Shaw, Grace Gilchrist, and Lizzie Flanigan; a dialogue by Masters David Murray and Andrew Little; and pieces by the following groups, viz., Miss Agnes Grant, Masters Adam Canon, and Charles Hibberd; Misses Annie Wilson, Phemie Wilson, May Miller, and Jeanie Sloan; Masters Lex Mitchell, David Beck, and James M'Donald. Two duets were contributed, one by Miss Isabella Jack and Master William Blackwood, and another by Masters James Loggie and William Canon. A violin selection was given by Master William Jack, and three choruses were tastefully rendered by a choir of children. In the course of the evening addresses, at once instructive, impressive, and interesting, were delivered by Rev. Wm. C. Smith, M.A., Paisley, and Rev. John Henderson, B.D., Muirkirk. After the distribution of prizes (the gift of the Superintendent), votes of thanks were proposed by Mr John Kerr to the speakers, reciters, singers, and all others who had helped to make the soiree a success, and by Mr Greenshields to the Superintendent and teachers for their labours throughout the year. Praise and the benediction brought to a close a very pleasant meeting. In the absence of Lieut. Seymour with the forces, the organist's duties were very effectively discharged by Miss Nessie Blackwood.

RECRUITING MARCH. — On Saturday morning last some 600 men from Ayr, including a brass and a pipe band, arrived per special train, and, headed by the local Scouts, under Scoutmaster Neill, had a recruiting march through Muirkirk. The men included territorials, yeomanry, &c. The company was disbanded for about half-an-hour, after which they again formed up and were marched to the station, and entrained for Cronberry, from whence they marched to Darneonnar, Comondyke, Auchinleck, and Cumnock. Some thirty units, mostly locals, were left behind to endeavour to sign on recruits, and these remained over Sunday. The thirty attended divine service in the Parish Church at mid-day headed by two pipers, and in the afternoon marched to Glenbuck, visiting Glenbuck House. On Monday forenoon they marched to the Southside, after which they entrained for Ayr.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT.

A post card from a football devotee at the Front has just been received by Mr Young, Springhill. The writer is evidently an enthusiastic supporter of the Athletic, for he says he takes great interest in the doings of "oor" football team. The wife sends him the *Advertiser*, and the first thing he looks is to see how the team got on. After stating that they fairly rubbed it into the boys from Auld Reekie, he says they must have a try for the Scottish Cup this year, but "for ony sake get the Ayrshire. Tell the boys I wish them luck." He says that James M'Donald, a letter from whom was recently mentioned in these columns, is lying beside him. "We could do with a football here, but, worse luck, we can't get one. Tell J. Park and B. Barrie to hurry up and get better. Good old Athletic."

Why the post card should have been addressed to our J. P. can only be conjectured, but the writer must have known Mr Young's weak spot, and, whether intentional or not, has succeeded in tapping it right away. Anyhow, a football is to be despatched, and that immediately. It may while away the time pleasantly in the trenches, and also assist in keeping up the heat during this cold weather. If any others of our readers desire to send comforts or small remembrances to this Southside man (John Ferguson) and his friends, they can be sent with the football, and may be handed in at the *Advertiser* Office up till Saturday evening first.

5TH ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS.

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WANTED—MEN! MEN! MEN! MEN!

By "SPECTATOR."

THE 5th Royal Scots Fusiliers stationed at Cambusbarron, Stirling, are adding honours to the annals of Ayrshire, especially in sporting affairs. Realising that the men were keen devotees of the national game the officers promptly organised eight football teams from the eight companies. These teams were completed with the necessary football kit and formed into a league to play for the championship of the regiment. The rivalry has been keen and most useful in developing that *esprit-de-corps* so necessary in barracks and on the tented field. Many keen exponents of the game have been discovered. Indeed, nearly all of our Ayrshire Junior teams are represented. This championship is still being contested. At the final every member of the winning team will receive a gold badge, while the runners-up get silver badges.

The usefulness of football for training purposes has also impressed Major-General Egerton, the officer commanding the Lowland Division. This alert officer has recently inaugurated the Lowland Division Football League. Almost every unit in the Division has entered a team, including the 5th R. S. F. And it is very interesting to record that the Fusiliers are now champions of the South Scottish Brigade and well on the way for a tussle to secure the championship of the Division. The most notable victory so far has been the defeat of the 4th R. S. F. at St. Ninians on Saturday. The Fourth Fusiliers have always been the keen and friendly rivals of the Fifth. Both regiments have excellent teams; indeed, the Fourth are lucky in possessing Dicky of Kilmarnock, also the captain of Swindon, and some other remarkably good men. The Fifth have the cream of South Ayrshire's Juniors and Juveniles. Both regiments met determined on victory, and both were supported by their commanding officers, many other officers, and hundreds of rank and file.

The game was hard all through. The men of the Fourth are fine big sturdy fellows, while the Fifth are rather light, but perhaps more tricky and alert on the ball. The backs on both sides displayed brilliant form, in fact the play of the backs was a feature of the game. It is a remarkable tribute to the Fifth that they beat down the stern defence of the Fourth in the first ten minutes and secured a goal. This whetted the ardour of all, and for the remainder of the game the pace was hot and strong. Although the Fourth were really brilliant in many ways they failed in combination and lost many opportunities, thus failing to secure the equalising goal. This

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The Officers are (reading from left to right)—Captain and Adjutant W. A. Farquhar, Lieut.-Colonel J. B. Pollok-M'Call, and Lieutenant G. B. Murray.
The players are :—Back Row—Semplo, Rae, Reid ; Centre Row—Hunter, Hill, Howie, Cappercauld, Brown, Hastie, and the Trainer ; Front Row—Hendrie and Wilson. Rae and Hastie belong to this parish.

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decision makes the Fifth Fusiliers champions of the South Scottish Brigade. And it will indeed be a great honour to Ayrshire if the 5th R. S. F. can wrest the laurels of victory in the Lowland Division. "To win" is their cry.

This is the proper spirit for a Foreign Service Battalion, and the spirit of winning will soon be evident on the plains of Flanders. The 5th R. S. F. are bound for the Front. It is expected that they will leave in March, and it is equally interesting to record that their military efficiency leaves nothing to be desired. The majority are Ayrshire miners—tough soldiers and fine gentlemen. Since mobilization the men have played the game in the true British way. They have borne long, hard days in the heat, the rain, and the snow. Nothing damps their ardour. At the end of the hardest day the regiment can sing "Tipperary" better than the chorus of a big Revue. Keep smiling is their motto—an excellent spirit. They are as loyal as they are efficient, and in the field of action will display a fidelity to their officers which should enhance still more the military history of the Fusiliers.

While the officers and men of this regiment are doing their best, it cannot be said the county is playing up to the regiment. Recruits are not coming forward as they ought. And apparently there is a lack of unity and determination in many parts for the furtherance of their interests. The men that are being enlisted seem to be drifting into "The New Army" and other units. No one wishes to disparage this force. It is an excellent organisation, but it must be obvious that the men now enlisting in Kitchener's Army will not have the same chance of getting to the Front as the 5th Royal Scots Fusiliers. The 5th R. S. F. will go out in March; the last-formed regiments of the New Army will not be ready by then. The 5th R. S. F. was formed in the time of peace. Such a regiment guaranteed safety in the case of a sudden invasion—a very likely thing in those anxious days of mobilization. Yet it is regrettable to observe that over 600 men are still required to fill the Reserve Battalion at Ayr. This Battalion, which must consist of Home Service and Foreign Service men, has to be completed before the other can leave. The object of such a unit is the defence of these shores as well as the furnishing of drafts to the Foreign Service Regiment abroad. The first draft from the Reserve Battalion to go abroad will likely leave about six weeks after the other has left. This gives all keen men a quick chance of getting into the firing line.

Now, there are many men in the county. Seventy-five per cent. of these men are fit for service. And surely no one requires the shame of compulsion to fill up the ranks. The voluntary system is the proper system so long as the supply is maintained, but when that fails our honour shall be dimmed and the whip of Parliament applied. Many believe that a better organization and greater enthusiasm on the part of our leading men and societies would help the cause. In any case men must be found. The ranks must be filled. The Germans must be defeated. And it is a grave reflection on Ayrshire to say that six months after mobilization one of its own Territorial Regiments has not yet had its Reserve Battalion completed. This is not cricket, and certainly not patriotic. The quoting of figures by leading men about the number of men enlisted from the county is no salve to the conscience. More men must be found. Do all realise that we are fighting for our very existence? Are men and women aware that if we fail in this combat our liberty, our existence, and happiness as a nation will go? The Huns will rule just as they rule in Belgium. The sabre will measure justice, the heel of the Prussian will crush virtue, childhood, and morality into dishonour and death. The man who shrinks at this hour will pass to his children the heritage of the skunk and the fool. The woman who will not yield her all is equally guilty of treason and neglect. Self-sacrifice makes a nation strong. Militarism, dollar patriotism, and fear mean annihilation and gloom. Do not argue the cost, but think of the cause. The country will see to it that all are repaid. Let us end this tyranny of a brutal war party. Let us have peace to till our lands and build up our trade. Let us have that air of liberty, love, and honour which has made us what we are. The hour calls the man. Let every man come forth. Let every Ayrshire man rally to the standard of the 5th Royal Scots Fusiliers. It is an honour to serve, and, if need be, an honour to die.

Any man who wishes to join should write or present himself to the

COMMANDING OFFICER,

5th Royal Scots Fusiliers,

Drill Hall, Burns Statue Square,

Alloway Street, AYR.

Note.—Men can enlist either for Home Defence or Foreign Service.

FOOTBALL PARS,

BY LINESMAN.

The Cherries had an easy win last Saturday on Ladeside, when they beat Cumnock Juniors by the handsome score of 6 goals to nil. The wonder is how the Cherries took so many games to do it, for on Saturday's form they could have beaten Cumnock by double the score already mentioned.

The Athletic were at Skares last Saturday; it should be called *Scarce*, for the Athletic's share of the gate was four shillings and five pence no-farthings. The game ended in a draw, there being no scoring. Jock Park made a trial run, but I understand the result was unsatisfactory, Jock being the worse of the game, and, in consequence, he wont be turning out against Blantyre. This will be a decided disappointment to many supporters, but Jock's health must be a first consideration.

Saturday first will be a red letter day with the Athletic and their supporters, and rightly so, for the Athletic have fought their way to this round of the Scottish Cup in a manner which ought to command respect, and they will carry my good wishes with them to Blantyre on Saturday. The team selected is—A. Park; Standing, Grant; Crawford, Hogg, Fleming; Rennie, Ward, Davidson, Gebbie, Nish, with G. Park as reserve.

There is a nice healthy feeling of victory abroad regarding this Blantyre game, which is commendable. It is not cocksureness, mind, but a confidence begotten from previous performances of the Athletic, and I join with these optimists in prophesying a victory for "The Allies" (as a Glenbuck woman called the Athletic after they defeated Glenbuck). If the Athletic play the same game as they did during the first twenty minutes of last year's Ayrshire final, they will win "in a walk."

The Juveniles got there all right last Saturday at Birnie. The score was two goals against one, and the members of the Muirkirk team had to "stump up" one penny per man to pay the referee. We live in stirring times.

Are you going to Blantyre? If so, and are travelling by Hunter's car, you had better get a ticket from Mr Secretary Thorburn.