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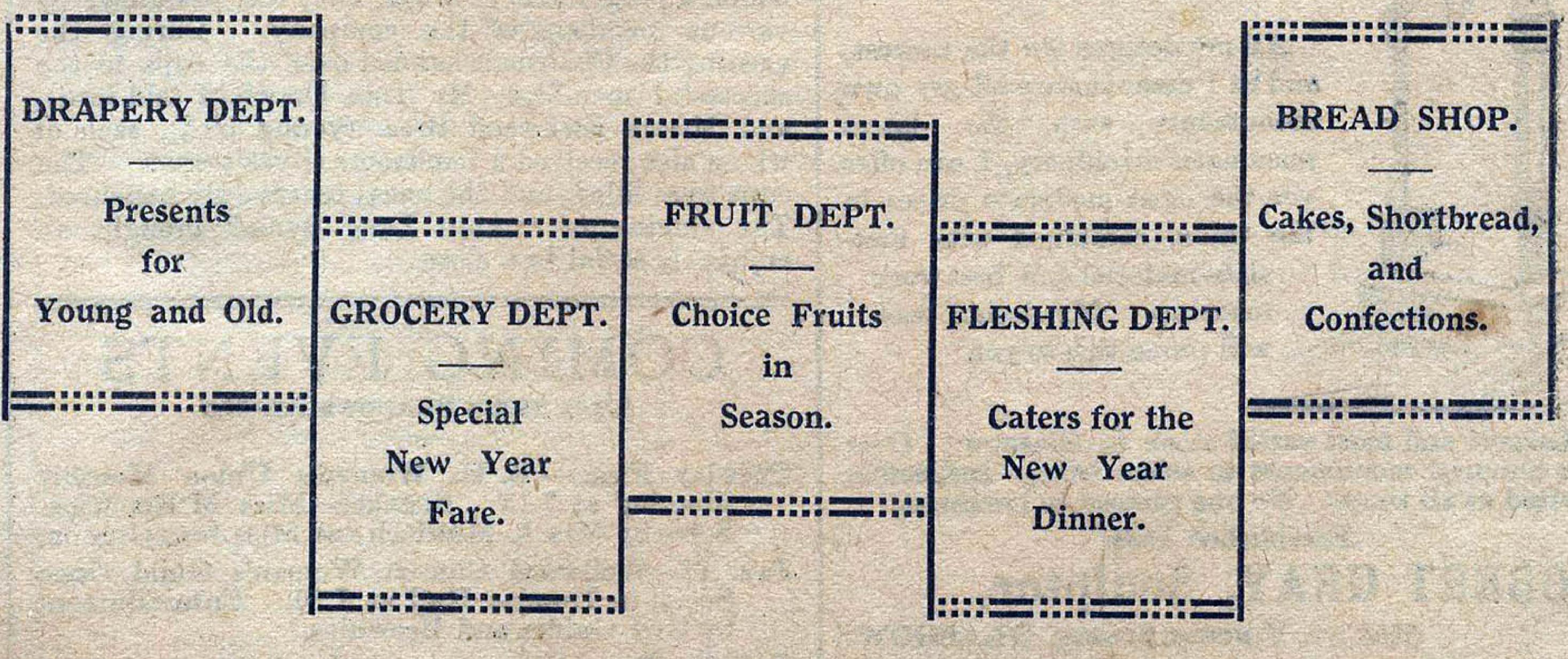
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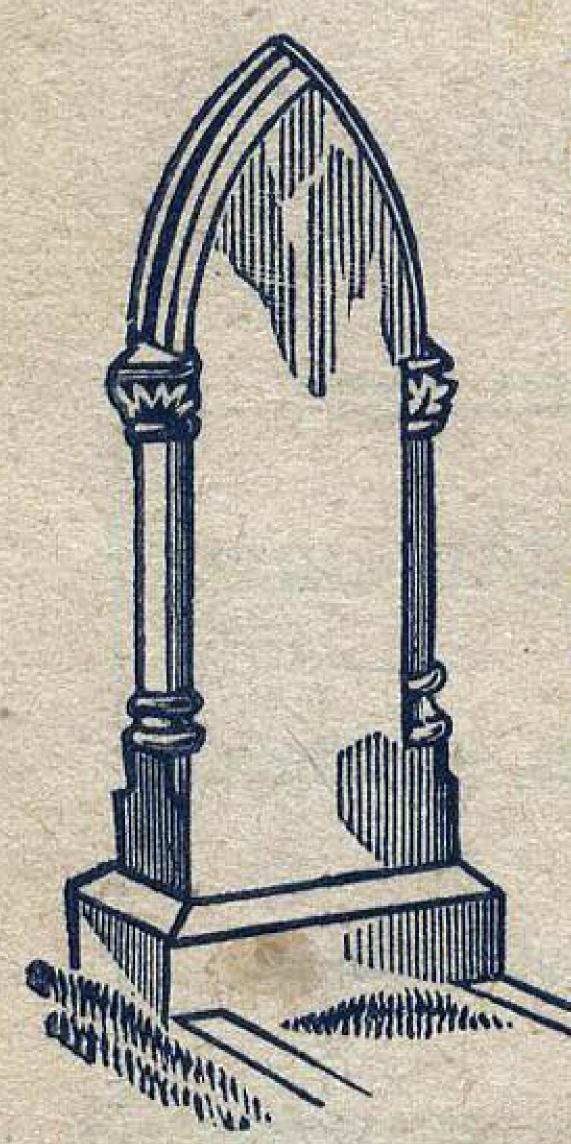
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# In Memoriam.

RENNIE.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Andrew, who died at Kilmarnock Infirmary on 5th January, 1933, aged 30 years.

Not just to day but every day In silence we remember.

—Inserted by Mr and Mrs Lindsay, 19 Furnace Road, Muirkirk.

THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

AND DOUGLASDALE GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1934.

WE WISH OUR ADVERTISERS

AND READERS

"A GUID NEW YEAR AND

ALL OF THE BEST."

# Local Mews.

Baird Institute at the week-end attracted a goodly entry of players, and the prize-winners proved to be:—1 Mr John Montgomery, 2 Mr Hector Walker. Mr John Clark won the prize for the highest break with a run of 47 points.

Musical.—At an examination held recently in Kilmarnock, under the auspices of the Trinity College of Music, Violet Bain, Store Cottage, Glenbuck, gained honours in the Intermediate Division for Theory and Harmony, and Maisie M'Inally, Muirkirk, gained honours in the Advanced Junior Division for Theory. Both are pupils of Miss Nan B. Hunter, A.T.C.L.

The New Year.—As is customary the New Year was welcomed with the ringing of bells and blowing of horns, and, of course, the precing of bottles. The Parish Silver Band expressed the auld, auld wish in music at various points just after midnight, while the Southside Pipe Band also paraded about mid-day. The weather on New Year's Day was wet and boisterous, but, in spite of the elements, a considerable number left the village by 'bus and rail. Most places of business were closed on New Year's Day, while the miners were idle on Monday and Tuesday.

New Year Dances.—As usual, the New Year dances proved very popular with the young folks, and, indeed, attracted many visitors from surrounding districts. A dance was held in the Picture House on Monday morning, when a huge crowd "tripped the light fantastic toe" to the rhythm and melody of Samson's Band, with Mr H. Walker as M.C. On Monday evening another dance was held, this time in the Ironworks Institute, and again there was a very large attendance. Samson's Band supplied the music, and Mr Hector Walker officiated as M.C.

IRONWORKS INSTITUTE.—The game of billiards is proving a popular feature in the Ironworks Institute this winter, and competition is keen, judging by the entries in the two latest tournaments. A tournament which has been in progress for two weeks past was concluded on Saturday, when the successful players were:—I (turkey) Mr George Gebbie, 2 (steak pie) Mr Joe Kirkwood. Nearly eighty players took part in this competition. Another tournament attracted an entry of seventy-five, and the successful cueists were:—I Mr P. O'Brien, 2 Mr A. Boland.

CAIRNTABLE HOMING CLUB.—The annual social and presentation of prizes was held in the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening, when Mr A. Dempster presided over a company of about twenty members. A splendid beef-steak pie tea, served in fine style by Mr and Mrs Haugh, was enjoyed to the full, after which a programme of songs, etc., was sustained by various members of the company. During the evening the Chairman handed over the cups to the successful members—Mr Tom Crawford (old bird), and Messrs Kirkwood Bros. (young bird), each of whom also received a handsome silver teapot. The cups were filled, and the usual toasts duly honoured. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought an enjoyable social to a close.

# COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

Tuesday First — E. U. Women's Union Monthly Meeting at 7.15 Speaker—Miss M'Kendrick. Solos by Mrs A. Murdoch and Miss Jean Gordon.

Jan. 17—Wellwood Church Woman's Guild Open

Social in Dundas Hall at 7.30. Entertainment by Girl Guides and Brownies. Jan. 19—Burns Supper under the joint auspices of

Co-op. Educational Committee and Women's Guild, in Dundas Hall. Lecturer—Rev. James Barr.

Jan. 25—Lapraik Burns Club Annual Burns Supper.

Charges under this Heading—For Events happening subsequent to next issue—2d per line; for Events happening prior to next issue, 6d per line.

DURING the past week or so quite a number of miners at Kames Pits have been suspended, let's hope only temporarily.

Curling.—Mr Brown's rink visited Crossmylo of on Tuesday and tried conclusions with the rink sponsored by Mr M'Glashan of Bridge-of-Weir in the first round of the Scottish Rink Championship competition. An enjoyable game ended in a win for the Bridge-of-Weir players.

BRIDGE.—The members of the Bridge Association held their fifth drive of the season in the Lesser Dundas Hall on Tuesday, 19th ult. Dr Hutchison (the president) gave a hearty welcome to all the members, and play was then begun. At half-time a halt was called, and the company enjoyed a dainty tea, presided over by Mrs Hutchison and Miss Mulvein. The second stage of play was commenced, and at the close the prize-winners proved to be Miss Dunbar and Mr Holden. The prizes were gracefully handed over by Mrs Hutchison, and the drive closed with a few remarks from the President.

VITAL STATISTICS.—We are indebted to Miss Hutchison for the following particulars of births, marriages, and deaths registered in the parish during the past year. During the year there were 85 births as against 98 last year, and 16 marriages compared with 25 last year. Deaths numbered 47, which was 3 more than last year. It is most interesting to note that the number of marriages recorded is the lowest since 1887, and along with the figures for 1869 is the second lowest since registration was commenced in 1855. There were no marriages in the months of March, May, August, and November, while there were also no deaths in March.

BADMINTON CLUB SOCIAL EVENING.—A pleasant function was held in the Ironworks Institute on Wednesday evening of last week, when the members of the local Badminton Club and several friends met in a social capacity. Proceedings commenced with a game of whist conducted by Mr Walter Crosbie, and at the conclusion of an enjoyable game the prizes were handed over by Miss Baird to Miss Wilson and Mr Robt. Pringle. The ladies now took charge, and in a short time an appetising repast was set out, to which one and all did ample justice. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing to the strains of Samson's Band, with Messrs Walter Crosbie and Geo. Vallance as M.C. A running buffet in the kitchen proved a popular feature during the evening. At the close of a happy evening the company joined in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

WITH THE FANCIERS.—The New Year shows at Kilmarnock and Paisley attracted quite a number of Muirkirk exhibits, and as a result several prizes came Muirkirk way. At Paisley show, held on Monday and Tuesday, Constable S. M'Crindle won a second and a third with silver spangled Hamburg bantams, Mr Jas. Wilson a first with a black rosecomb bantam, and Mr W. S. Smith a first and two seconds with tumbler pigeons. At Kilmarnock show, also held on Monday and Tuesday, Mr W. Lochrie won two second prizes with black rosecomb bantams, Mr John Hazle a first and a third with black wyandotte bantams, Mr John Ross a second with a black wyandotte bantam, and Mr John Samson a third with a flying homer pigeon. At a dog show held at Kilmarnock on New Year's Day Mr Jas. Brown was awarded a third prize with his fox terrier "Springhill Ava."

Workmen's Subscriptions.—We have been favoured with a list of subscriptions to public institutions, etc., by the employees of Messrs Bairds & Dalmellington, Ltd., Muirkirk, for the year 1933.

The subscriptions are as follows:—

Glasgow Royal Infirmary, £40 0 0 Glasgow Western Infirmary, 3 0 0 7 0 0 Glasgow Victoria Infirmary, 6 0 0 Glasgow Eye Infirmary, Glasgow Royal Hospital for Sick Children, 5 0 0 Kilmarnock Infirmary, 16 8 0 Muirkirk & Glenbuck Motor Ambulance Fund, 180 17 6 Muirkirk & Glenbuck District Nursing Association, 253 1 1 Kirkmichael Conval. Home, 320 10 10 Troon Convalescent Home,

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Dance Review.—Mr John C. Pollock's dancing pupils concluded their session with a review in the Ironworks Institute on Friday evening. There was a good attendance of spectators, and a lengthy, varied, and enjoyable programme was submitted. In addition to the local pupils, Mr Pollock had brought with him from Kilmarnock a clever troupe of specialty dancers, and no fewer than thirty items were given to the evident enjoyment and amusement of the audience. Ballroom, Highland, tap, and operatic dances were all performed with great gusto and a pleasing degree of skill, while Mr and Miss Pollock delighted with an exhibition of the tango, and several musical comedy items were warmly applauded. The pièce de résistance of the programme was probably "The Swan," a solo operatic dance by Miss Netta Pollock, who gave a most artistic interpretation of a really difficult study. At the adult dance which followed there was a good attendance, and a pleasant evening was spent. A short cabaret show was provided at an interval by Mr Meikle and Miss Pollock, and both were given a hearty reception. Samson's Band supplied up-todate music in lively style, and the proceedings lasted till well on in the morning.

MOTHERS' NIGHT.—The local Girl Guides and Brownies entertained their parents and friends in the Dundas Hall on Thursday of last week. There was a large attendance, and a lengthy programme of songs, dances, and a play was submitted by the girls, while an enjoyable tea was also served. A 'Xmas tree, well laden with handsome gifts all made by the girls themselves was on view, and Santa Claus appeared in person and distributed the gifts to the guests, the Guides, and the Brownies. At the close, on the call of Mrs Gordon, a vote of thanks to the girls and their officers for the happy evening they had provided was heartily accorded.

#### SANDY MACKIE, THE DRUMMER.

It will be interesting to many of our readers to learn that Sandy Mackie, of one-man-band fame, who used to visit this locality in highland dress and an enormous "tammy," with his pipes and drum, is still very much alive. I have just spent a week with him in the Convalescent Home at Kirkmichael, and I found him to be the best unprescribed tonic extant.

The younger generation may recognise him easily as the man who walked backwards from Kilmarnock to London and then back to Doncaster, covering over 700 miles.

As a young man Sandy was famous as an athlete, and in almost every phase of sport in which he took part he took a leading place. A few years ago he gave an exhibition of angling before 400 spectators at Timmer Brig, where every one declared him to be a marvel with the rod.

In his youth he was a crony of that select band of lads-Tim Callaghan, Ned M'Laughlan, Pudding Frew, and Johnny Boyle, names that will long be remembered around Ballochmyle, Auchinleck, and Old Cumnock, for their ready wit and love of a

" tare."

In his old age (he is now 69) Sandy is famous for his songs, poems, stories, and good nature. A wonderful man, with a splendid capacity for entertaining, he commanded the respect and admiration of all of us who had the honour and pleasure of his company for a week. Doors locked at 5.30 p.m., you'd see John M'Ginn, Ned Williamson, Willie Herbertson, Jimmy Fitzsimmons, and myself, and all who could get near the fire, close around Sandy, anxious not to miss a word he had to say. With an innocent smile on his face, Sandy would look around and say-" Weel, Johnny got his taes bashed wi'a lump o' coal when he was workin' wi' his son Hughie, an' of coorse we had tae cairry him hame on streetchers, takin' turn about in the trams. Every wee while Johnny wud let oot a groan an' ask Hughie tae rub his taes, so I thocht we'd better tak a short cut through a field. Aff we mairched, but half-way through the field a bull spotted us, an he doon wi' his heid an' efter us. Syne we drappit the streetcher, an' bolted tae get ower the fence tae safety. An' wud ye believe me, when I was ower an' safe I lookit roon', an' wha's at my heels but Johnny himsel', a guid second, an' mind ye at that time I could gang some." From story he would change over to song, and here again he was an easy first with "The Lass that I found at the Fair."

Having covered himself with glory at home, Sandy told us he crossed to America to gain further fame there, but on arrival at New York he met a nigger and saluted him with "Salaam, Sambo." "Double Salaam," returned Sambo, then, with a bright look at Sandy, he added—"You Scotch?" "Aye," replied Sandy. "Shake, brother," said Sambo, "you'se same as me." With a woeful look, Sandy says-"I cam back hame wi' the next boat, for it

was impossible tae beat that."

With laughter loud and long, at Sandy's stories we grew strong; and the more he told the stories that he knew, the more we laughed, and stronger still we grew; till came the time for us to part, each knowing with an aching heart, that ne'er again we e'er might meet, to spend a week made so complete with song and story of the knacky, so ably told by Sandy Mackie.

Back home I bring with me memories of men whom I shall never forget, and in conclusion, I would just say that to Miss Wylie, the matron, and her able assistant, Miss Wood, all of us are deeply indebted for the kindly and dignified manner in which they looked after our welfare, that we might enjoy to the full our evenings with the famous Sandy.

# SCHOOLS FOOTBALL.

MUIRKIRK H.G. V. AYR SELECT.-The H.G. School team visited Ayr on Saturday and played a return friendly match with the Ayr select team which they defeated at Muirkirk earlier in the season. The match was played at Somerset Park before a very sparse attendance, and in most unfavourable weather conditions. To add to the -visitors' discomfort, the ball used was two sizes larger than that with which they are used to playing, and when half-time arrived they were in arrears by 3-1. In the second half the Ayr boys continued to pile on the goals, and when time-up was called the score stood 9-1 in their favour. The Muirkirk team was composed of :- W. Dodds; J. Walker, G. Bradford; J. Hodge, T. Hazle, T. Wallace; T. Dempster, C. Wilson, W. Boland, J. Loggie, W. Hogg.

A little boy was saying his prayers in a very low voice. "I can't hear you, dear," his mother whispered. "I wasn't talking to you," said the

youngster firmly.

"A BRIGHTER SUNDAY."

Mr Wilson's article, in its personal aspect as relating to myself, contains an infinitesimal minimum of the precepts of the lowly Nazarene, and as negligible a quantity of the spirit of brotherly love. It teems with studied invective, designed malice, and it is honey-combed with personal abuse and gross misrepresentation.

I would be ashamed to append my name to a letter written for a public print which possessed, as did Mr Wilson's, the following hackneyed phrases, half truths, and completed falsehoods:-" Arrant nonsense," "grandiloquently declares," "this champion of pseudo-cultured paganism," "sadly lacking in ability to reason logically," "if he knew as much about ethics, philosophy, and psychology as he pretends to know," "his late lamented excursion," "he is writing sheer unmitigated drivel," etc.

What a wealth of personal bitterness these phrases Pity 'tis that these should have emanated from an earthly representative of the Man of

Humility.

Now for my Reply.

I must tell Mr Wilson, with emphasis, that he did covertly associate myself with the exploitation aspect of Sunday excursions. I must also tell him that I do not write "arrant nonsense," and those who know me best would, I feel sure, absolve me from this impeachment; this, if he believes it, is an unworthy and an unkind statement to make. Let Mr Wilson mark well that men of my type have little time and no inclination to pen "arrant nonsense." We leave that to others better fitted for the task.

What care I for the Kantian philosophy! It is for me, not for Mr Wilson nor any disciple of Kant, nor for any of the ancient or modern philosophers, to resolve my own ethical standard. I must decline to permit any authority, individual or collective, to set up for me an arbitrary ethical standard, for I have known for long that mass ethical standards and individual standards are seldom honoured unless by pretence.

Latin Quotations.

Mr Wilson, you have no right, the untruth and the discourtesy apart, to say of myself in respect of my personal standard—"a system peppered with a few Latin quotations culled from a dictionary." What do you know of this? What do you know of myself to justify you in glibly asserting-"culled from a dictionary."

Reluctantly, but effectively I hope, I must tell Mr Wilson that I started my Latin lessons at just over eight years of age, nearly fifty years ago, probably many years before he had made his bow to this world. I must ask readers to kindly free me from the charge of egotism when I say—and I say it because of the false and acrid assertion of Mr Wilson, that I was considered by my mentor, a man of high academic attainments, to be most proficient in my Latin studies at nine years of age.

# Debate Challenge.

Sir, I do not pretend to know, as you assert, "much about ethics, philosophy, and psychology." My dear Sir, I do know about these abstract subjects. and so much confidence have I in my knowledge and in my mental attributes that, I would say, if you will call up a sufficiency of moral courage for the task, which quality you did not manifest in a previous challenge I had issued, I shall be glad to meet you publicly for a debate, in Douglas or Muirkirk, to discuss any aspect of psychology, sexology, philosophy, sociology, or economics.

I will not accept Mr Wilson's view that the secularisation of the Sabbath Day is an advance towards the Devil, and I would remind him that in this Sabbath secularisation practically all of those who are "accessories before and after the fact" are Christians, leastways they would, I am sure, be deeply offended were they to be regarded as atheists or agnostics.

# People's Prerogative.

No, Mr Wilson, I am not ignorant of the meaning of the Continental Sunday. I have travelled in France, Belgium, and Germany on Sundays and on other days of the week, the first time being twentyeight years ago.

It is untrue to say, as does Mr Wilson, that "in most European countries the people now work six and a half days per week." But, I will tell Mr Wilson that I know of a comparatively large number who work seven days a week in this country of ours.

Mr Wilson did not say he would be a Crusader for the overthrow of systems which crush the people. This would be a higher task than dwelling upon the "sinfulness" of travelling in a railway train on the Sabbath Day.

He did, however, observe that it is a sin to tempt people to spend 13s 6d on a Sunday excursion. It is the exclusive prerogative of the people to decide this for themselves. It is not the function of a minister of the gospel to tell the people who earn their scanty wages by sweat and toil as to how they are to spend such wages.

I rather think that Mr Wilson would resent any person presuming to inform him as to how he should disburse his income, or as to whether, say, he should live in a manse or a stable, although en passant Jesus Christ was familiar with the interior of a stable.

Personal Freedom.

I am not in the least concerned about the actions of those professionals in sport to whom Mr Wilson referred in respect of their declining to play on the Sabbath Day. That was their decision.

I stand always for the complete expression of individuality, consistent with no injury being inflicted upon our neighbours. Let every person use every day as properly and as justly as he or she thinks fit, uninfluenced by prejudiced mentors who, betimes arrogantly and often unwisely, set themselves up as the teachers of men.

It is for me to decide for myself, not for Mr Wilson to decide for me, as to my "sacred standard of life." The term "sacred" must not be regarded as the prescriptive quality of any creed or sect. I use this in respect of the following reference taken from his letter-"The sacred standard or ideal for us and for people in all Christian lands is Christ." Let each resolve this for himself or herself. I shall not interfere with the beliefs of any person, and I am equally determined not to permit any person to interfere with my beliefs.

In passing, and in conclusion, let me state that it is obvious that the name and the teachings of Christ have been exploited by people whose only claim to be Christians is their simulated beliefs and their simulated devotion to the Christ whom, were He again amongst them, they would offer Him gall to drink, and again crucify Him on another Cross of Calvary.

WILLIAM QUEEN.

P.S. I am glad to be able to state, as an addendum to my "Advertiser" article of December 21 last, wherein I had given a reference to my position with the L.M.S. regarding the financial aspect of the Blackpool excursion, that after writing and posting that particular article I had a meeting in Glasgow with Mr J. Ballantyne, Chief Officer for Scotland, L.M.S., and Mr W. Yeaman, Commercial Manager, the result of which was that matters were completely, amicably, and finally adjusted, to the mutual satisfaction of the gentlemen concerned and to myself. I write this especially for those who had supported me in the Blackpool outing. W.Q.

# Original Poetry.

# NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION-I'M GAUN HAME.

Oh, I'm a happy mortal, you can tell the worl' 'tie

I've never felt sae cheery as I'm feelin' jist the noo. I've had my share o' ups an' doons since leavin' Scotia's shore,

But noo I'm heidin' back again— my ramblin' days are o'er.

I'm gaun hame. I'm gaun hame the morn's mornin',

Back without the fortune or the fame, Tae the clachan an' the cot that I was born in; I'm as happy as a king, for I'm gaun hame.

"The savage loves his native heath," tho' hard his lot may be; Secure indeed, that pagan creed is planted deep in

An' tho' the wey be gey an' stey I'll get there never

tear — Whaur Setterday nicht comes yince a week, while it's always Monday here.

I'm gaun hame. I'm gaun hame the morn's mornin',

Smilin' yet tho' worsted in the game. There's a corner that I still can blaw my horn in, So long, buddies, I'm gaun hame.

JAMES DONAGHY.

Bayonne, N.J., U.S.A.

# A GUID NEW YEAR.

A guid new year! A guid new year! Wi' health, an' wealth, an' rowth o' cheer, A liltin' sang your he'rt tae warm, An' banish carkin' care's alarm, Thus wad I greet each worthy fier-A guid new year! A guid new year!

D. MILLAR.

# GLENBUCK.

WHIST DRIVE. - The Committee of the Public Hall held a whist drive on Thursday night of last week. There was a splendid turnout, with Mr John Shankly conducting, and after an enjoyable drive the following were declared the winners:-Ladies-1 Mrs Jas. Currie (175), 2 Mrs John Hastie (170). lowest score Mrs John Samson (135); gentlemen-1 Mr Adam Brown (175), 2 Mr Thos. Park (167), lowest score Mr Peter Currie (141). At the close of play Mr Shankly thanked the patrons for the splendid turnout.

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# Local Intelligence.

Welfare Whist.—The largest crowd of the present season attended the whist drive on Wednesday evening, when the prize awards were:—Ladies—1 Mrs W. Foggo, 2 Mrs J. Cornelius, consolation Mrs Jas Jackson; gentlemen—1 Mr John Taylor, 2 Mr Jas. Archibald, consolation Mr Jas. Slean.

School Party.—The senior pupils of Douglas Public School held their annual party on Thursday evening, when a large number of the young folks and the teaching staff spent a few hours in music, games, and dancing. Mr Jas. Walker, headmaster, made a genial Master of Ceremonies.

Golf Whist.—At last week's card contest in the Lady Home School, after tea had been served, Mr John Hamilton (captain of the Club) announced the result as:—Ladies—1 Miss M. R. Smith, consolation Miss R. Bannatyne; gentlemen—1 Mr John Hamilton (Douglas West), consolation Mr A. Crawford.

YEARLY SOCIETY'S MEETING. — The annual meeting of Douglas District Yearly Society was held in the Welfare Institute on Friday evening. Mr D. Johnstone presided over a fair attendance of members, and the annual report, despite the impost of two levies, showed that this year the Society had just managed, owing to a heavy sick list, to cover its outlays. During the past year sick benefit had been paid out totalling £264 12s 6d, which again proves the useful purpose served by this organisation.

FOOTBALL WHIST.—The top score prize at the special New Year whist drive run by the Football Committee in the Masonic Hall on Saturday was won with the exceptionally high score of 196. Again Miss M. Scott was the winner. The other prize awards were:—Ladies—1 Miss B. Gardiner, 2 Mrs D. Burnside (Glespin), consolation Mrs T. Sloan; gentlemen—1 Mr Rich. Clelland (Douglas West), 2 Mr T. Gibney (Douglas West), consolation Mr J. Hood (Glespin). As the prize list shows, all the district was represented in the good assembly of card enthusiasts.

CURLING.—Two local rinks of curlers took part in the Harrogate Cup Competition at Crossmyloof Ice Rink last week. The rink skipped by Mr J. Brown was narrowly beaten in the first round, but the other rink (composed of Messrs A. Clarkson, A. Affleck, Jas. B. Gardiner, and J. Sandilands) went on till in the fourth round, when they were beaten by one shot by a rink from Moffat (Beattie).

The New Year.—1934 came in very quietly in Douglas. As customary, Douglas District Silver Band turned out and paraded through the Main Street to the Cross, where, as midnight was proclaimed from Old St. Bride's steeple, "A Guid New Year" was lustily played. There was a fair gathering present, but there was a curious lack of enthusiasm, and they speedily dispersed. Some first footing took place, but all over it was very quiet and orderly.

W.R.I. OLD FOLK'S PARTY.—To mark the festive season appropriately, the local W.R.I. held a Christmas party and treat for local old folks in the School on Friday. Thirty-eight elderly people were entertained to tea, after being welcomed by President Mrs E. L. Macmullen. Songs were rendered by Miss Copland, and Miss L. Broche of Edinburgh gave elocutionary recitals which proved both impressive and amusing. Messrs Gavin Grant and W. Wood also joined in strengthening the programme, and some of the guests also contributed items. All over, it was a very successful function, and, on the motion of Mr Dugald Cameron, the W.R.I. were cordially thanked for the evening's enjoyment. In addition, the elderly guests were made the recipients of gifts from the members and a special gift from the President of the Institute. "Auld Lang Syne" closed down a pleasant meeting.

Successful Fancier.—At Paisley Ornithological Show on New Year's Day Mr Jas. Russell had as usual a splendid result with his fancy bluebar and chequer pigeons. He was awarded two first, one second, one third, and two fourth prizes. His birds also won two specials and the cup for the best bird in the section. This is the eleventh time Mr Russell has won the last-named trophy.

SPECIAL NEW YEAR WHIST AND DANCE.-Almost a record turnout of card players were in the Institute Hall on Tuesday night, when the Institute Committee had two easy chairs to offer as first prizes. It took nearly fifty tables to accommodate the players, but the contest ran very smoothly under the guidance of Mr Jas. Jackson. At the close, after thanking those present for their patronage, President W. Prentice, J.P., announced the result as follows: - Ladies-1 Mrs M. Kerr (184), 2 Mrs Geo. Smith (183), 3 (after a cut) Mrs A. Murray (Douglas West), consolation Mrs T. Cook; gentlemen-1 Mr H. S. Paterson (Newmains) (185), 2 Mr W. Welsh (Douglas West) (181), 3 Mr Jas. M'Culloch, consolation Mr R. Wells (Glespin). After the floor had been cleared, a splendid dance followed. The crowd was just large enough to make dancing comfortable, and the musical numbers supplied by the Tic-Tac Band from Motherwell were repeatedly encored. Mr C. G. Murray made an efficient M.C., and a pleasant night was spent by all present.

#### DOUGLASDALE ECHOES.

Now the New Year festivities are over, the Sunday School treats form the next item on the local children's programme.

The 'Dale made a rather bad end of the year's playing at Stonehouse on Saturday, but the fortnight's rest may do them good.

The Rev. Jas. W. Girvan last week lost his brother by death. By a sad coincidence our two local clerics have thus suffered a similar bereavement during December.

The local police had a clean sheet during the New Year festivities.

All the district was represented at the New Year whist, and play was keen.

#### DOUGLAS WEST.

STATION BURGLARY.—Sometime during Thursday night or on Friday morning the L.M.S. Railway Station at Douglas West was forcibly entered. The door of the waiting-room had been forced, and access to the office was obtained by means of the ticket window. All cash and other valuables, however, had been locked up in the safe, and the only loot obtained was a small parcel of boots, etc., consigned to the local Co-operative Society. Strange to say, a much larger package was untouched.

Women's Whist and Dance.—The Women's Social Club held another cheap whist-tea on Friday evening. The attendance was somewhat disappointing, but a pleasant card competition, conducted by Mr S. Prosser, resulted. The awards were:—Ladies—1 Mrs A. Murray, 2 Mrs M'Arthur, half-time prize Mrs J. Hastings, consolation Mrs Young; (Glespin); gentlemen—1 Mr Jas. Taylor (Douglas), 2 Mr R. M'Cartney, half-time prize Mr F. Cornelius, consolation Mr John Ronney. A short dance followed the card contest.

NEW YEAR DANCE.—The New Year was quietly ushered in at Douglas West, but at 12.30 a.m. a dance organised by the local Physical Culture Class was commenced. It was a crowded success, and the music as provided by the Tic-tac Band from Motherwell proved attractive, and thus 1934 was merrily welcomed by the dance enthusiasts. Two gold watches were allocated during the dance.

Marriage Presentation.—On the occasion of his marriage the members of the Welfare Women's Social Club have presented Mr John Welsh with a beautiful carpet square. Mr Welsh has proven a faithful friend to the Club as an instrumentalist and vocalist at their social functions.

#### WEST WHISPERS.

Many local men worked during the holiday period. It is at such times a chance is given to overtake many necessary tasks connected with a colliery.

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# FOOTBALL.

DOUGLASDALE V. STONEHOUSE VIOLET.--It was unfortunate that Douglasdale had to visit Stonehouse on Saturday minus several of their usual team. For various reasons Graham, Johnstone, and Bone were absent, and substitutes had perforce to take their places, with the result that they were defeated by 7 goals to 2. A Press report of the game reads:-"The pitch was heavy and sodden, making ball control difficult. It was soon evident that the long-swinging game of Douglasdale was unsuited to the conditions. Although they drew first blood, converting a penalty through Menzies, their subsequent showing was that of defenders. In marked contrast to their style, the Violet played a close game. It paid. They counted six times in the second half, Kerr having his fifth hat trick of the season. M'Millan came next with two, and Kirkland and Newman had one each. Towards the close Drennan scored for the 'Dale in a breakaway."

'Dale's Doings.—At last Thursday's meeting of the Lanarkshire League Committee, Douglasdale's claim for £1 12s 6d against Shott's Battlefield in connection with the League cup tie at Shotts was sustained. At the same meeting it was decided to have no League matches on 6th and 13th January.

A school teacher asked his pupils recently for an example of "uniform success." "A policeman who's been promoted to sergeant, sir," called out a little boy quickly.

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A party of American tourists in a motor coach were being driven among the mountains of Switzerland. "Say, where did those large rocks come from?" asked the man next to the driver. "The glaciers brought them down," replied the driver. "But where are the glaciers?" was the next question. "They've gone back to fetch more rocks," was the weary reply.

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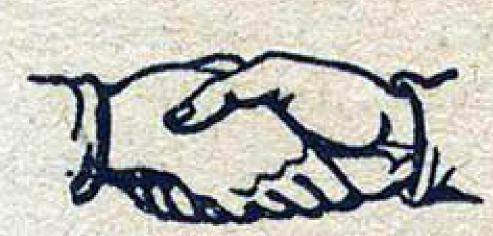
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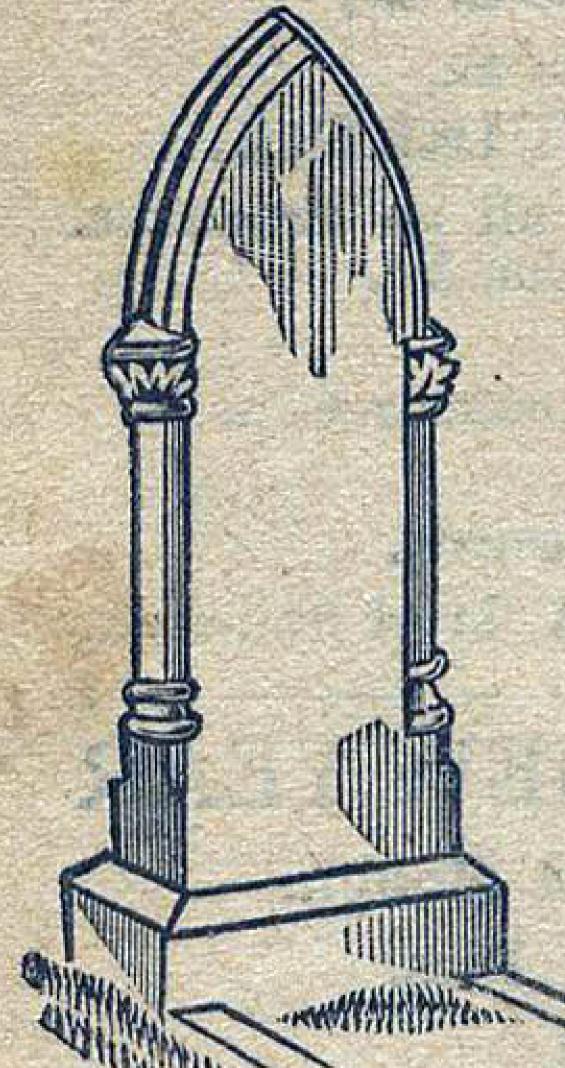
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# Local Mews.

WITH THE FANCIERS.—At an exhibition held recently at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Mr Robert Hannah was awarded a first prize with a black rosecomb bantam.

MR JAMES LOGGIE, hairdresser, Garronhill, who has been employed by Leon, Glasgow, for some time past, and who served his apprenticeship locally with Mr J. H. Preston, has signed-up on the C.P.R. liner, Duchess of Bedford, for a three months' cruise to the West Indies. Jamie sailed from the Clyde at the weekend.

Pantomime.—Last night Muirkirk had a pantomime all to itself. The management of the Picture House very thoughtfully arranged for an excellent company to produce "Robinson Crusoe," and the result was three splendid entertainments, with gratifying "houses." There were some twenty artistes, who all gave of their best. The performances of the unicyclists were worth more than the prices of admission.

BILLIARDS.—A billiards tournament in the Baird Institute on Friday evening last attracted a goodly entry of players, and some keen play was witnessed. The ties were limited to 80 points up, and the players were handicapped from 10 points behind scratch to 45 points. Friendly rivalry was keen throughout, and eventually the prizes were won by:—1 John M'Skimming, 2 G. Wallace. George Samson (Wellwood Avenue) won the prize for the highest break with a run of 51 points.

Co-operative Women's Guild.—A meeting of the Guild was held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening of this week, when, in spite of the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance. Miss Agnes Gibson, president, was in the chair, and introduced Mrs Ferguson, Kilmarnock, the speaker for the evening. Mrs Ferguson took as her subject "A Trip to Ireland," and her description of a visit to the Green Isle was both eloquent and witty, and was fully appreciated by the members, who demonstrated their thanks in a cordial manner at the close. During the evening tea was served, and the meeting proved enjoyable in every way.

PIPE BAND WHIST DRIVE.—A whist drive in aid of the funds of the Southside Pipe Band was held in the Ironworks Institute Gymnasium on Friday evening. There was a good attendance of players, seventeen tables being occupied, and Mr David Hendry conducted. A pleasant drive resulted, and at the close of play the prizes were awarded as follows:—Ladies—1 Mrs John Fleming (180), 2 Mrs Wm. Towle (178); gentlemen—1 Mr T. Morran (176), 2 Mr W. Higgins (169). The consolation prizes fell to Mrs Jas. Smith (131) and Mr John Turner (139).

BAND WHIST.—An enjoyable whist drive was held in the Parish Silver Band's practice-room on Monday evening. Over sixty players took part, and under the conductorship of Mr S. C. Matthews play ran smoothly throughout. An unusual feature was the annexation of the ladies' second prize by a gentleman playing as a lady, and the gentlemen's second prize by a lady playing as a gentleman. Result:—Ladies' prizes—1 Miss Mary B. Anderson (179), 2 Mr T. Samson (174), 3 Mrs R. Bradford (170); gentlemen's prizes—1 Mr J. M'Morran (184), 2 Mrs Peter Graham (176), 3 Mr John Thomson (171).

E.U. Women's Union.—The monthly meeting of the E.U. Congregational Church Women's Union was held in the Church on Tuesday evening, when there was a good attendance, notwithstanding the boisterous weather conditions. Mrs Campbell Wilson occupied the chair, and appropriately introduced the proceedings. The speaker on this occasion was Miss M'Kendrick, and she took as her subject—" In the beginning — God." M'Kendrick proved a fluent speaker, and treated her subject in a delightful manner, while her recitation of an appropriate poem was also appreciated very much. Rev. J. B. Wilson also briefly addressed the meeting. During the evening tea was served and enjoyed, while vocal solos were contributed in pleasing voice by Miss Jean Gordon and Mrs A. Murdoch. Miss Nan B. Hunter. A.T.C.L., effectively played the various piano accompaniments, while Miss Wylie ably presided at the organ. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed, and, on the call of Mrs Jack, the customary vote of thanks was heartily accorded at the close.

# COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORM.

Jan. 17—Wellwood Church Woman's Guild Open Social in Dundas Hall at 7.30. Entertainment by Girl Guides and Brownies.

Jan. 24—Wellwood Church Woman's Guild Open Meeting in the Church at 7.30. Speaker—Miss Mulvein. Subject — "Faith." (Please note change of night).

Jan. 25-Lapraik Burns Club Annual Burns Supper.

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Dance.—A dance held in the Picture House on Friday evening last was fairly well patronised. The music was supplied by the All-Star Rhythm Band from Strathaven.

The members of Muirkirk Merchants' Association hold their usual monthly holiday on Wednesday first. The January vacation is recognised as the annual pantomime holiday, and, as will be seen from advertisement, a special late train is to be run to suit theatre-goers.

#### "A BRIGHTER SUNDAY."

As far as the discussion of this subject is concerned I've had my say. I now write to correct Mr Queen on several points which arise out of his last article.

In commenting upon my criticism of his point of view, criticism which I still maintain was justified, he writes:—"What a wealth of personal bitterness these phrases reveal! Pity 'tis that these should have emanated from an earthly representative of the Man of Humility." Upon that I make no comment: but here are two excerpts in which the Man of Humility is the central figure:—

"Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity..... Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" (Matthew xxiii., 27,28, and 33).

Would Mr Queen have liked me to criticise his article in such terms in preference to the ones I did use, and which, in comparison with those just quoted, were decidedly restrained?

The second excerpt shows the Man of Humility not in speech, but in action :—

"Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: and when He had made a scourge of small cords He drove them all out of the temple." (John ii., 13, 14, and 15).

Bitterness of speech and violence of action were not unknown to the Man of Humility whenever the necessity for them arose.

He further states:—"It is not the function of a minister of the gospel to tell the people who earn their scanty wages by sweat and toil as to how they are to spend their wages."

That, I suppose, is to be left to men like Mr Queen. According to his dictum I have no right to tell people to keep their 13/6, while he, seemingly, has every right to tell them to spend it, and to call them unethical if they don't spend it the way he expects. I refer Mr Queen to the quotation from Matthew, and tell him to take its contents to himself.

He also suggests that I would resent any person presuming to tell me as to whether I should live in a manse or a stable, although, en passant, Jesus Christ was familiar with a stable. Mr Queen's boasted knowledge of psychology must have forsaken him when he penned these words, for although Jesus was born in a stable it is very questionable if He was familiar with it, as His parents removed Him when He was only a few days old. However, the purpose of Mr Queen's innuendo is plain in its endeavour to portray ministers as occupying a false position because they live in manses and enjoy a modicum of comfort, while it is inferred that Jesus Christ was poverty-stricken. Mr Queen certainly did not get that idea from the New Testament, where Jesus is referred to not as a carpenter but as the carpenter of Nazareth; as such He would be one of the leading craftsmen in the town, and would occupy an honourable place in it. As my authority in this is likely to be disputed by Mr Queen, let me quote to him the authority of Rev. Prof. E. F. Scott, D.D., who says—"The early life of Jesus has sometimes been pictured as one of grinding poverty, but this is far from the truth. His position was one of dignity and comfort, perhaps of modest wealth."

In closing, allow me to say that the refusal to debate with a man who makes statements which he does not attempt to prove or substantiate, for the obvious reason that in many cases they cannot be proved or substantiated, is not moral cowardice, as he childishly asserts, but downright common sense.

JOHN B. WILSON.

[As the consideration of the subject at issue—"The Brighter Sunday," seems to have ended with the initial efforts of the two writers, we think it opportune to end the discussion now.—Ed.].

# GLENBUCK.

WHIST DRIVE.—The Committee of the Public Hall held a whist drive on Thursday night of last week. There was an excellent turnout, and Mr John Shankly conducted what proved to be an enjoyable drive. The following were the prizewinners:—Ladies—1 Mrs Jas. Wallace (Muirkirk) (175), 2 Mrs Jas. Dalziel (168), 3 Miss Betty Clark (Muirkirk) (167) (after a cut with Mrs Thos. Davidson); gentlemen—1 Mr Wm. Frew (175), 2 Mr Thos. Brown, Jun. (174), 3 Mr Wm. Johnstone (172). At the close of play Mr Shankly thanked the patrons for their splendid support.

#### TIBBIE PAGAN.

In the British Museum, London, is to be seen the only copy of the poems of Tibbie Pagan, the Muirkirk poetess, of which the writer is aware. There is not a copy in the Scottish National Library in Edinburgh. Some people, indeed, did not believe that such a book ever existed, but on a recent visit to London I had a look over the volume. It is a small thin book, bound partly in leather, and extends to 76 pages. Title page—

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A New Song.

ACCOUNT OF THE AUTHOR'S LIFE-TIME.

I was born near four miles from Nithhead, Where fourteen years I got my bread; My learning it can soon be told, Ten weeks when I was seven years old, With a good old religious wife, Who lived a quiet and sober life; Indeed she took of me more pains, Than some does now with forty bairns. With my attention and her skill, I read the Bible no' that ill, An' when I grew a wee thocht mair, I read when I had time tae spare, But a' the whole tract of my time, I found myself inclined to rhyme; When I see merry company, I sing a song with mirth and glee, And sometimes I the whisky pree, But 'deed its best to let it be. A' my faults I will not tell, I scarcely ken them a' mysel'; I've come through various scenes of life, Yet never was a married wife.

The second poem is

ON BURNS AND RAMSAY.

Now Burns and Ramsay both are dead,
Although I cannot them succeed;
Yet here I'll try my natural skill,
And hope you will not take it ill.

You know their learning was not sma', And mine is next to nane at a'; Theirs must be brighter far than mine, Because I'm much on the decline.

I hope the public will excuse
What I have done here by my Muse,
As different men are of different minds,
My metre is of different kinds.

The last verse of "The Putting Begins" runs—

My name is Pagan, I lived at Muir-mill,
My learning's so weak, how can I speak with skill?
But yet I take pleasure these verses to sing,
Success to the hunting, and God save the King.

#### MUIRKIRK LIGHT WEIGHTS.

In Muirkirk there lives a taylor,

He scrimpit weight for greed of siller;

He scrimpit weight, he counts not fair,

Till he's made three hundred pounds and mair.

The oldest dealer he did say,
What will be said at the last day?
The taylor said, ne'er mind the last,
If we can but make money fast,
There will be large allowance gaun
For every dealer in the land.

#### THE SPINNING WHEEL.

When I sit at my spinning wheel,
And think on every station,
I think I'm happiest mysel
At my small occupation.
No court, no freet, or dark debate
Can e'er attend my dwelling,
While I make cloth of different sorts,
Which is an honest calling.

Indeed you know the nights are long,
And sometimes I do weary,
But, as they'll shortly turn again,
I hope I'll grow more cheery.
I'll sing a song with noble glee,
And tune that I think canty;
But I sing best, it is no jest,
When the tobacco's plenty.

I live content, I pay no rent,
In my quiet habitation,
For B——e he did order it,
Which shows his great discretion,
To favour one so low as me
While I was no relation;
But now he's dead and in the clay
I hope he's won the blessing.

M'A——m brave, agrees to this
Kind, honest disposition,
He's charitable, just, and true,
Not like most men of fashion.
I have no reason here to fret
That I was never married,
Since I a free possession get
Of freedom I'm not worried.

For when around me I do look

And see the merchants dealing,

For they do triple profit take

For everything they're selling;

For honesty is grown so weak,

It is so old a fashion,

'Tis not regarded in our day—

'Tis scarce throughout the nation.

Kind Providence sent a good crop,
For to support our nation,
But Satan's crew sent it abroad,
Which is a sad vexation,
That ere such blackguard vagabonds
Should have a habitation
Below our British government,
That takes this occupation.

A NEW SONG.

Although I have no company
Yet cheerfully I'll sing,
I hope M'——m will win the plea,
Good news to us to bring.
The work it has been dull this while,
But now it's got a turn,
Weel may he prosper in his way,
Long may his tar kilns burn.

CHORUS.

Rejoice, ye colliers, all rejoice,
Cheer up your hearts to sing,
The fine appearance of the coal
To us great honour bring.

Although the colliers they rejoice,

The merchants they may mourn,

They'll get their cash at twa weeks' end,

Which is a clever turn.

For money is better than company's lines,

By which men are oppressed,

If you get your money in your hand,

You'll war't as you think best.

Rejoice, etc.

The foregoing are a few of the efforts in the booklet. Is it not passing strange that what are considered by repute two of Tibbie's best poems—"Ca' the Yowes tae the Knowes," and "The Crook and Plaid," are not mentioned in the volume? The former is in all editions of Burns' poems. There are two versions, but both versions have the same chorus—

Ca' the yowes to the knowes,
Ca' them where the heather grows,
Ca' them where the burnie rowes,
My bonie dearie.

The first stanza of one runs—

As I gaed doon the water-side,

There I met my shepherd lad;

He row'd me sweetly in his plaid,

An' ca'd me his dearie.

With regard to this version the Masonic Edition of Burns has this note—"The original of this is generally attributed to Isabel or Tibbie Pagan, a singular character, who died in the neighbourhood of Muirkirk, Ayrshire, in 1821, aged eighty. The poet, curiously, appears not to have known of Tibbie. Mrs Burns was fond of singing the song, and used to point out that the second verse—'Will ye gang doon the water side,' and also the closing one were wholly her husband's own. Writing to Thomson, Burns says—'When I gave it to Johnson I added some stanzas to the song and mended others.'"

The first stanza of the other version is—

Hark the mavis' e'ening sang

Sounding Clouden's woods amang;

Then a-faulding let us gang,

My bonie dearie.

In connection with this version the note has it—
"Written for Thomson in 1794, this is the second song on the same subject, and the genuine Burns every line."

Now, Tibbic says "Burns and Ramsay both are dead." Can anyone hazard an opinion why at least "Ca' the Yowes" is not in Tibbie's volume? It is not under any other title.

# WELLWOOD.

CARPET BOWLING. -A rink of Wellwood bowlers competing under the sobriquet of "Rose of Wellwood" put up a fine performance in the annual rink tournament for the Campbell Cup, held in the Masonic Hall, Ayr, on New Year's Day. There was a record entry of 51 rinks, including sixteen from Dumfriesshire, the acknowledged hot-bed of carpet bowlers, and indeed three of the four rinks competing in the semi-finals claimed a Dumfries connection. The fourth rink was no other than our "Rose of Wellwood" rink, who had been showing invincible form throughout, and, after disposing of Dumfries A. rink in the semi-final, they proceeded to gain the highest honour by defeating the Dumfries B. team in the final by 9 shots to 3. The victory of the Muirkirk rink was hailed with satisfaction, especially in the face of the strong opposition from the South, and the players were heartily congratulated on their win for the county. Here is the "Rose of Wellwood's" record in the competition: -First round-Rose of Wellwood 13. Alloway C. 5; second round—Rose of Wellwood 14, Barskimming A. 5; third round-Rose of Wellwood 14, Lower Stinchar A. 7; fourth round-Rose of Wellwood 12, Craigie A. 4; semi-final—Rose of Wellwood 6. Dumfries A. 3; final-Rose of Wellwood 9, Dumfries B. 3. The rink was skipped by Mr Alex. M'Gill, and was composed of Messrs A. M'Gill, R. M'Gill, J. Bryce, and J. Kay.

Final injunction from fond mother:—"Noo, see an' bide back frae the watter, bairns. An' if ye come hame droon'd Ah'll murder ye."

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# Local Intelligence.

Douglas Man's Motoring Offence. — A Douglas man was fined £10 at Hamilton Sheriff Court on Friday, and was disqualified from driving a motor car for a period of twelve months. He admitted that, when driving a motor van in Uddingston the previous day, he had been under the influence of drink to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of the vehicle, contrary to Section 15 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930. Fiscal Patterson said that the accused was thirty-eight years of age. On Thursday evening about half-past five, when driving his van, the accused collided with a motor 'bus which had stopped at Uddingston Cross because the light signal was against it. He was observed to be under the influence of drink, and was taken to the police office, where a doctor certified that he was incapable of driving a motor car. Mr Robert Ferguson, solicitor, said that the accused had held a driving licence since 1916, and this was the first time there had been any trouble arising out of his driving. He had gone to Glasgow with his Ford van in order to get provisions to stock his shop, and on the way back, unfortunately, he had gone into an hotel, one owned and carried on by his brother. The accused had had a lot of worry recently, owing to the difficulty of getting in his accounts, and that perhaps explained his lapse. If there could be any degree of incapability, then he thought the degree in this case was very slight, because the collision in which the accused had been involved was one that might quite well have been brought about by a man who was perfectly sober. It was not the usual case of a collision on the wrong side of the road; he was driving too close to the rear of the 'bus, which stopped suddenly, and he went into it. The impact was slight, and little or no damage was done. The van was required in connection with the accused's business, being in daily use, the agent added, and he therefore asked the Court to consider at least the advisability of not suspending his licence. "I think the case is the more serious because of the position you hold," said Sheriff M'Donald to the accused in passing sentence.

MASONIC—MASTER INSTALLED.—At the regular meeting of Lodge St. Bride, No. 118, held in the Masonic Hall on Thursday, I.P.M. Bro. John T. Gray presided over a fair assembly of brethren. The main item on the agenda was the installation of Bro. Alex. S. Wallace as R. W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. D. Watson, P.M. acted as Installing Master in his usual manner. After taking the chair the new R.W.M. thanked the brethren for the honour done him, and moved a vote of thanks to the Installing Master which was readily accorded.

CARPET BOWLING.—To mark the festive season an open double hand tournament was held by Coalgill Carpet Bowling Club. There was an entry of twenty-eight pairs, and owing to the approach of midnight the first and second prizes were divided between Messrs W. Kennedy and T. Clark and T. Prentice and T. Scott. The third and fourth prizes were won by Messrs R. Stoddart and A. Stoddart and T. Hamilton and J. Fleming. Songs were sung at the close, a fine rendering of "The Old Rustic Bridge" by the well-known Douglas Water vocalist, Mr W. Kennedy, being an impressive contribution.—The ordinary weekly pairs competition resulted:—I A. Rettie and D. Core, 2 R. Kirkhope and C. Bell.

DRAMATIC ATTRACTION.—The Welfare Players make an appearance to morrow evening at a concert in aid of the funds of the Welfare Orchestra. They have been strengthened by some talent from the Glespin Players, and will appear in two of Joe Corrie's plays, viz., "The Shillin' a-Week Man" and "The Darkness." The latter playlet, a mining drama, has never been produced locally. In addition, several local singers and step dancers will perform, and the orchestra is to play two pieces.

GOLF WHIST.—There was a goodly turnout in the Lady Home School on Thursday, when, after tea had been enjoyed, the result announced was:—Ladies—1 (after a cut) Mrs R. C. Kay (Douglas West), consolation Mrs Geo. Smith; gentlemen—1 Mr Jas. Taylor, consolation Mr R. Ronney (Douglas West).

Social and Presentation.—A very pleasant and interesting ceremony took place in the Masonic Hall on Friday evening, when the members and exmembers of Old St. Bride's Church Choir met in a social capacity. Dancing, to the well-marked music supplied by Messrs P. Wilson, Wishaw (accordeon). and G. Burt, Douglas West (drums), filled in the major portion of the programme, but after tea had been served by the young ladies and enjoyed by all, the Rev. A. Salmond Smith, B.D., mounted the rostrum, and, on behalf of the Choir (past and present), presented Mr Jas. Davidson with a Tempix electric timepiece, an umbrella, and a set of cut crystal table ware for Mrs Davidson, to mark the completion of his twenty-fifth year as organist and choirmaster. The pastor, in a genial, witty speech, conveyed the good wishes of all present to Mr and Mrs Davidson, and Mr Davidson effectively expressed their thanks for the beautiful gifts, amidst applause. Mr John Jackson made an efficient M.C., and the dance went merrily on till "the wee sma' 'oors."

# COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

January 19—Glespin W.R.I. Scotch Variety Concert. Dance to follow. BADMINTON.—In Douglas Badminton Club's gentlemen's single-hand tournament Messrs Jas. Ellis and W. Newbigging have qualified to contest the final.

JUVENILE BALL.—The pupils of Mr A. K. Watson's juvenile dancing class hold their midseason ball next week (see advt.) Those who have already been present at these interesting exhibitions will anticipate this event with pleasure. The young dancers enter into the function with somuch gusto and skill that it is a pleasure to watch them perform under their teacher's guidance.

FOOTBALL WHIST.—The Masonic Hall was well-filled on Monday night, when the Football Committee resumed their weekly card contests. The contest was as keen and pleasant as usual, and the prize awards were:—Ladies—1 Mrs P. Knowles, 2 Mrs W. Foggo, consolation Mrs M. Davidson; gentlemen—1 Mr F. Bonomi, 2 Mr A. Buchanan, consolation Mr Dug. Cameron.

THE LATE LADY ISSOBEL DOUGLAS HOME. The death occurred on Monday at her residence, 62 Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, of Lady Issobel Charlotte Douglas Home, youngest daughter of the 12th Earl of Home, and sister of the present Earl. Lady Issobel Douglas Home, whose name has been prominently identified with the welfare of limblessex-servicemen, received the Royal Red Cross decoration for her war services. When Edenhall, the mansion near Kelso, which had for some time been the residence of Major and Lady Laura Douglas, was converted into a hostel for limbless men some time after the outbreak of the Great War, Lady Issobel Douglas Home was made Commandant. Edenhall Hostel, opened in June, 1915, under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, was the first institution of its kind in Scotland, and the second, after Roehampton, in Great Britain. It owed its origin to the energy and enterprise of the Countess of Home, while the great success with which it met was largely due to the management of the Commandant. The men received for artificial-limb fitting at Edenhall were drawn from hospitals in various parts of Scotland and England, but, after the opening of Erskine House, Glasgow, it became desirable to allocate definite areas to the two institutions, and Edenhall was recognised as the hostel for limbless men in the East of Scotland. It was decided in January, 1918, to purchase Pinkieburn House, near Musselburgh, with its grounds, and to provide accommodation there for about one hundred men. The hostel was then transferred to Pinkieburn House, the name Edenhall being retained, and Lady Issobel Douglas Home continuing to act as Commandant. She remained in that position, rendering further valuable service in the cause of the limbless men. until the new Edenhall Hostel was taken over bythe Ministry of Pensions in September, 1919... Lady Issobel Douglas Home took a keen interest in the work of the Edinburgh Branch of the Limbles. Ex-Servicemen's Association, of which she was patron, and in the formation of which, in 1919, she had a leading part. Other bodies caring for the welfare of disabled men also had her untiring support. Lady Issobel Douglas Home continued to take a great interest in Red Cross work, and for a considerable period was at the head of the Midlothian branch of the movement. interment of Lady Issobel took place yesterday (Wednesday) at Douglas New Cemetery, her grave adjoining that of her father, the 12th Earl of Home. A short memorial service was held in the private chapel at Douglas Castle, conducted by the Rev. Dr Reid, Episcopal Bishop of Edinburgh and St. Andrews, who also officiated at the graveside service. The coffin was carried from the hearse to the grave by Douglas Castle employees, and the principal pall-bearers were The Earl of Home, K.T. (brother), Hon. Reginald Walsh (brother-in-law), Lord Dunglass, M.P., Hon. Henry Douglas Home, Hon. William Douglas Home, Sir Philip Dundas, Mr Jas. Dundas (nephews), and Messrs Jas. M'Laren, Jas. Scott, W. Scott, and W.

### DOUGLASDALE ECHOES.

Mrs Macmullen, Crossburn, was in the prize-list at the recent show of the Bulldog Club of Scotland.

The Football Committee this week at least are holding their card contest on Monday, not on

Saturday as suggested.

### FOOTBALL PARS.

All concerned would be glad that the 'Dale had no fixture on Saturday. The rain storm would have meant a poor gate and financial loss.

Douglas Water Thistle have been ordered by the Lanarkshire League to provide a pavilion on their field for next season. Perhaps their new pitch, with such an adjunct, may be ready for the opening game.

Bobby Shankly, our local lad who plays for Rutherglen Glencairn, has been hitting the high spots in recent games, and again his name is being connected with senior clubs.

Douglasdale received loyal support at their recent whist drives, and the financial benefit should prove useful.

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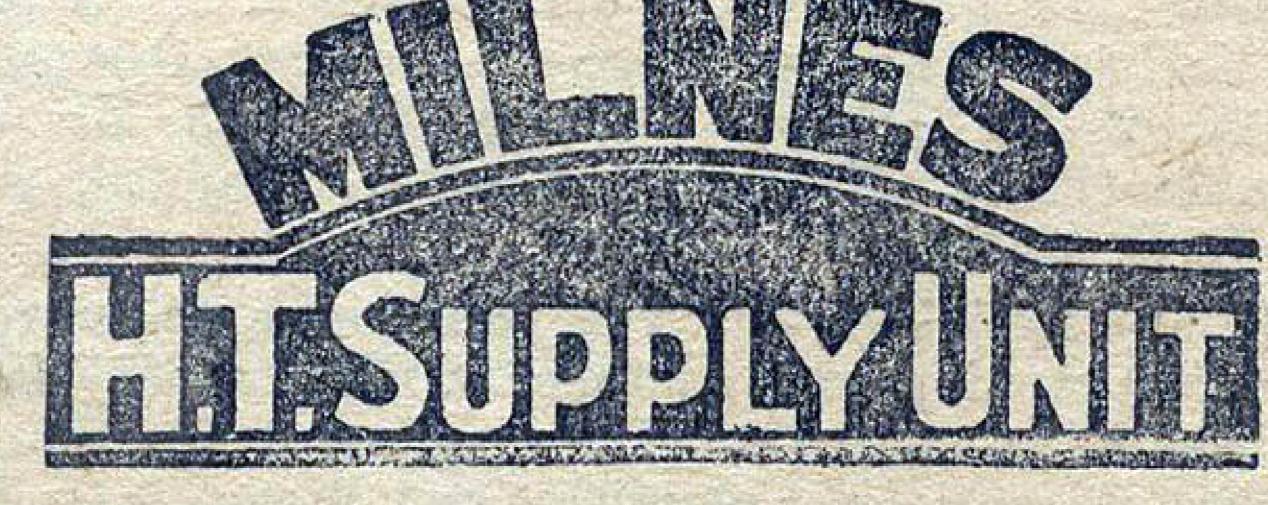
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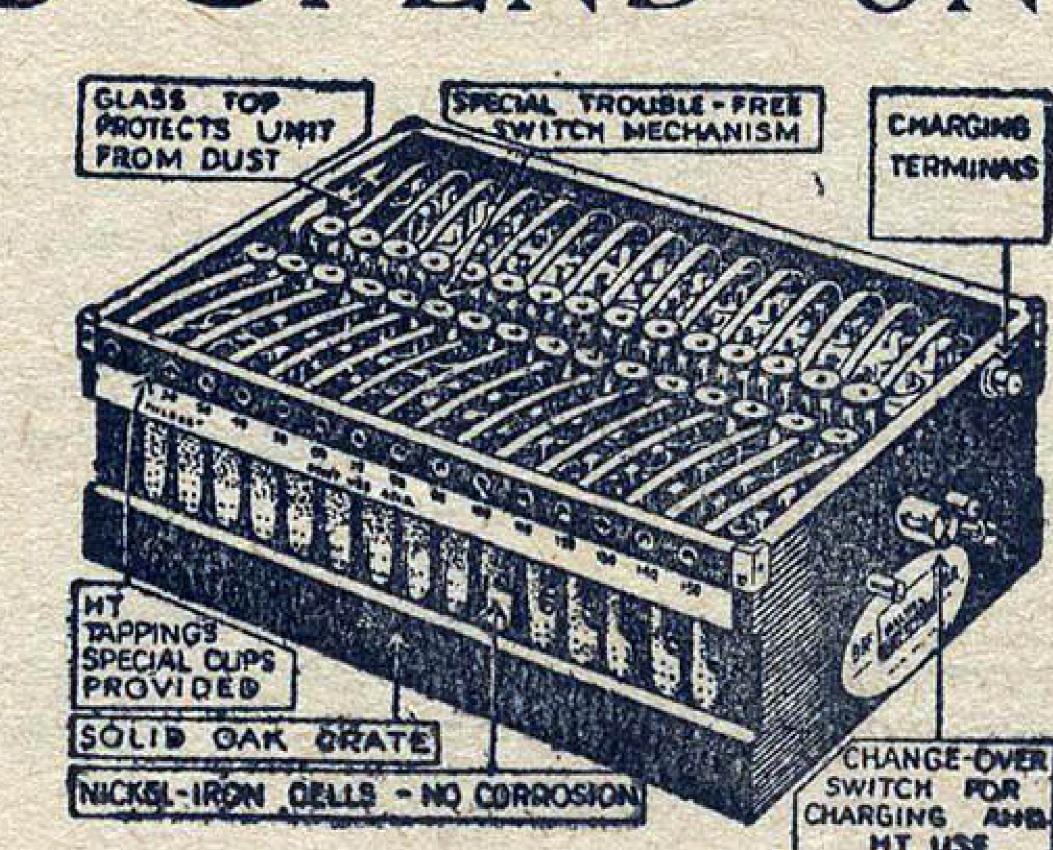
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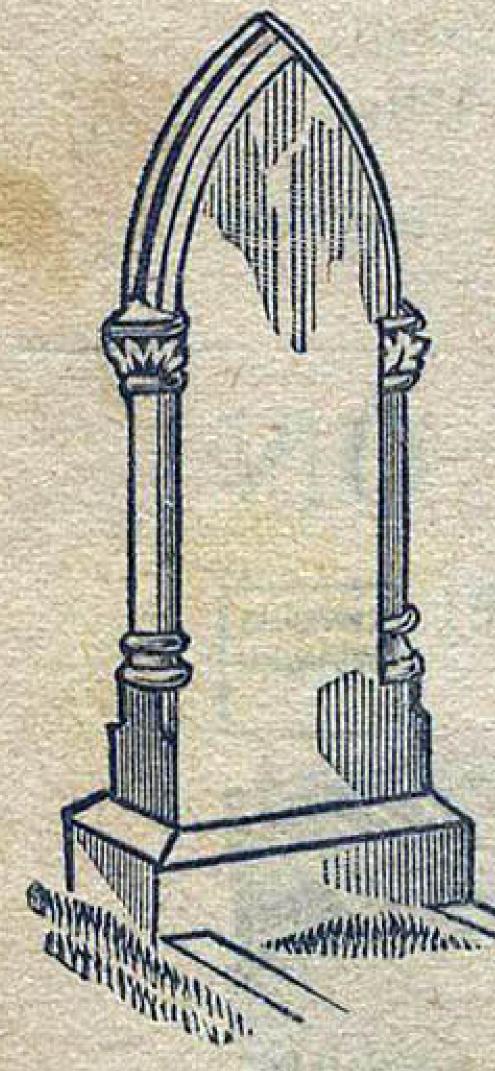
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#### In Memoriam.

DEMPSTER.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, John W. Dempster, who died 15th January, 1932.

A shadow rests upon our home;
We miss his well-loved face;
Where'er we turn, where'er we look,
We see his vacant place.

—Inserted by his widow and family, Smallburn, Muirkirk.

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#### Local Mews.

WITH THE FANCIERS.—At Kilbirnie Show on Saturday Mr W. Shaw Smith was awarded a second prize with a tumbler pigeon.

It seems that when several of our readers perused the advert. of the Southside Flying Club in last issue, visions of aeroplanes or gliders came before their minds' eyes. The Flying Club mentioned is a racing pigeon club, however, so that the aeroplanes are not yet.

PIPE BAND WHIST.—Sixteen tables were occupied at a whist drive held by the Southside Pipe Band Committee in the Ironworks Institute on Friday last. Mr David Hendry conducted, and the following were the prize-winners:—Ladies—1 Mrs Peter Paterson (174), 2 Mrs John Collow (170), 3 Mrs A. W. Logie (169); gentlemen—1 Mr Ben. Hendry (175), 2 Mr John M'Morran (174), 3 Mr Norman M'Kenzie (172).

BILLIARDS.—A billiards tournament held in the Baird Institute on Friday evening resulted:—1 John Clark, 2 J. Torbett. The prize for the highest break was won by Geo. Samson (Wellwood Avenue) with a break of 41.

SILVER BAND WHIST.—The prize-winners at a whist drive held in the Silver Band's practice-room on Monday night were:—Ladies—1 Mrs Peter Graham (175), 2 Mrs Logie Davidson (172), 3 Mrs A. Hodge (171); gentlemen—1 Mr Bert Dempster (173), 2 Mr D. M'Skimming (172), 3 Mr W. Cannon (170). Nineteen tables were occupied, and Mr S. C. Matthews conducted.

Burns festivities this year commence to-morrow (Friday) evening with a supper in the Dundas Hall. This event is under the joint auspices of the Co-operative Educational Committee and Women's Guild. The speaker is no less an authority than Rev. Jas. Barr, B.D., so that patrons are assured of hearing something really interesting. The fare will consist of haggis and tatties, followed by tea, etc., and a real Burns nicht is anticipated. The musical programme will also be of an appropriate nature, so secure your ticket now, and take part in the anniversary arrangements.—See advt.

DROWNING TRAGEDY .- Quite a wave of regret swept over the town on Tuesday afternoon when it was learned that Mr Thomas Gourlay, printer, Girvan, had been the victim of a drowning accident an hour or two previously. Tom and ex-Provost M'Phail had been to attend a funeral at Dunure, and after landing the Provost at Dunure Post Office Tom was to turn the saloon motor car at the harbour, but in reversing the car ran into the harbour. About half-an-hour elapsed before the body was recovered, and although artificial respiration was resorted to it was of no avail. Although not exactly a native of this parish, being only a year or two old when he was brought to Muirkirk, he was reared within its confines. After a year or two underground. he began to learn his trade in the "Advertiser" Office here, and after about ten years' tuition he entered into partnership with his employer in a business in Girvan, but shortly after returning from France in 1919 he secured the sole control of the business. Tom was a frequent visitor to Muirkirk and his friends here. He took quite a part in the social life of Girvan, especially in the sporting side, he being a fair football player in his youth, indeed many hold that the Rennie-Gourlay combination formed the best right wing that ever donned the Muirkirk Athletic's colours. For a time Tom was on the board of the Ayrshire and the Scottish Football Associations. He leaves a widow, a son, and a daughter, his son assisting him in the business.

# HEALTH STATISTICS AS PER THE REGISTRATION RETURNS.

Since the Registration Returns were published a week or two ago, it excites one's interest to probe into the health statistics of our Parish. These are most interesting, and prove that although many of the younger generation may think times hard, yet we are living under healthier conditions, which tend towards longevity of life.

For the year 1933 there were 47 deaths registered in Muirkirk, and of these

1 was over 90 years,

4 were over 80 years,

11 between 70 and 80 years,

8 between 60 and 70 years.

It is remarkable to think that more than the half of our deaths last year were of those of over 60 years of age.

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To further show that our people are more healthy, we have patiently searched records, and find that for ten-year stages the averages were as follows:—

1873-1883 average deaths 99.6 per year, 1883-1893 ,, ,, 86.1 ,, 1893-1903 ,, ,, 74.6 ,, 1903-1913 ,, ,, 62.8 ,, 1913-1923 ,, ,, 55.4 ,, 1923-1933 ,, ,, 42.2 ,,

Yet some people talk of "the good old days," and decry those who advocate improvements in all our health services.

Our heaviest death rate occurred in the following years:—

1863—117 deaths, 1877—156 deaths, 1879—112 deaths, 1880—110 deaths, 1887—100 deaths, 1888—107 deaths.

Many of our older people can recall the occasions mentioned, and assume the causes. Black plagues, etc., are blamed, but the true causes were undoubtedly (1) overcrowded and poor housing conditions, (2) lack of sanitation, (3) scarcity of proper nourishment, (4) inadequate medical services.

When the effects of the improvements are studied closely, one should appreciate the more the time we are living in, and compliment our forebears in bringing about improvements and leaving the world so much better than they found it—a policy we all should follow.—Contributed.

#### GLENBUCK

Whist Drive.—The Committee of the Public Hall held a whist drive on Thursday night of last week. There was a splendid turnout, Mr John Shankly conducting, and after an enjoyable drive the following were declared the winners:—Ladies—1 Mrs Jas. Wallace (176), 2 Mrs Peter Graham (173), 3 Mrs Wm. Bone (170); gentlemen—1 Mr Wm. Brown (176), 2 Mr Jas. Nisbet (172), 3 Mr Walter Livingstone (171). At the close of play Mr Shankly thanked the patrons for the splendid turnout.

# COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

Jan. 24—Wellwood Church Woman's Guild Open Meeting in the Church at 7.30. Speaker—Miss Mulvein. Subject — "Faith." (Please note change of night).

Feb. 21-Catrine Corrie Players in Dundas Hall.

Charges under this Heading—For Events happening subsequent to next issue—2d per line; for Events happening prior to next issue, 6d per line.

#### OLD FOLK'S RE-UNION.

The interior of the Dundas Hall presented an animated appearance on Thursday evening of last week, when Muirkirkers of sixty years and over assembled for their annual re-union, once again organised by the Muirkirk Trades and Labour Organisations, with the financial assistance of many friends.

Mr Robt. M'Call, Glasgow, a true son of Muirkirk, occupied the chair, and the platform party also included Mrs M'Call, Mr Jas. Brown, ex-M.P., Rev. John Henderson, B.D., Rev. W. Greig Alexander, M.A., Rev. John Richmond, Rev. J. B. Wilson and Mrs Wilson, Mr and Mrs John Colthart, Mr Peter M'Luskie, Mrs D. Stitt, Mr and Mrs John Gold, Mr and Mrs Jas. Marshall, and Mrs H. Love (Secy.).

After Rev. John Henderson, B.D., had said the grace, a band of ladies appeared and proceeded to serve out a most enjoyable knife-and fork tea, which, needless to say, met with the hearty approval of the large company, and which did credit to the caterers-Muirkirk Co-operative

Society, Ltd. As at the last re-union, the speeches came first

and the musical entertainment afterwards. The first speaker proved to be Rev. J. B. Wilson, who, owing to another engagement that night, had only a short time at his disposal. Rev. Mr Wilson expressed his pleasure at being present, remarking that it was his first appearance at a public function in Muirkirk, and he was doubly pleased that it was the Auld Folk's re-union. At least, the invitation said it was "old folks," but on looking round he was pleased to see everyone looking hale and hearty. The minister suggested, amid laughter, that the re-union ought to be held four times a year, apologised for having to go away so early, and again expressed his pleasure at seeing all looking so hale and hearty and

so young. (Applause).

The Chairman, after asking if he would be allowed to call the company his ain folk, wished all a happy and prosperous New Year. He thought one could express the wish with a freer mind and a feeling that the outlook was better this year. He wanted to thank the Committee for asking him to preside at the re-union, as he felt that it was the greatest honour he had ever received. Continuing, the speaker said he was pleased to see several Glenbuck faces present. He would always have a warm corner for Glenbuck, where his wife came from. At a re-union such as this, some would probably be looking back to previous functions and remembering friends who were no longer with them. Striking a reminiscent chord, Mr M'Call paid tribute to his old teacher-Mr Richmond, and coupled him with Mr Cunningham, describing them as a wonderful combination. Then there was Mr Charles Bell, who was sure to be mentioned whenever prominent Muirkirk men were spoken of, and Mr Donald, while his wife declared that Mr Rodger had been the finest teacher ever in this parish. He mentioned these gentlemen, he said, because there were few districts which had reached a standard of education as high as that in Muirkirk. Proof was afforded in such names in the mining world as George Knox, Bob Steven, and Colin M'Luckie, while he could name dozens of sons in various vocations-John Maxwell, Chief Constable of Manchester, and doctors, ministers, etc., who had made their mark. The foundation work of the old School Board was to be admired, as also were the efforts of Jock Colthart and Rev. John Henderson, who, although not a native, could not work any harder though he was. He found the Muirkirk people just the same, he said, and told of the pleasure experienced in the meeting of Muirkirk folk elsewhere, mentioning a meeting in England with Dr Young, late of Springhill, in most peculiar circumstances, to bear this out. Mr M'Call paid tribute to the Muirkirk draughts experts-Hugh Henderson and John Kirk. He was pleased to see Mr Jas. Brown, ex-M.P. (Annbank), present, and said he had had the unique honour several years before of presiding at a meeting held in one of the rooms in the Houses of Parliament. He had also been chairman to a great colleague of Mr Brown-Mr Wm. Graham, but his reason for mentioning this was because he felt that that night he had received a greater honour—that of being chairman amongst the folk that kent him. (Applause).

Rev. John Henderson, B.D., said that those folk of sixty (he was now sixty, too), should get some one to tell the world just how important they were. He might have asked Mr Bell to do it, but he lived on the Southside. Mr Richmond said that all the brains were on the Southside. (Laughter). The Minister spoke of the Southside improvements, and also made reference to the bad conditions of the roads. Referring to the comforts young folk had nowa-days, the Minister pointed out as an example the pit baths. They liked to see these improvements, although they had come through the hard themselves. In their young days there were nae lamps, pay once a month, nae cinemas, nae dancing-daft or bridge-daft folks, yet in spite of that it was they themselves who had produced the men who had made Muirkirk famous. The Minister mentioned the names of George Gebbie, Tam Floyd, the Whytes-men who had played their parts, he said, and come through the hard. Thereafter, in conclusion, he expressed the hope that they would have a guid New Year-good health, prosperity, and all be spared to meet again next year.

Mr Jas. Brown said it was nice to see so many present that night to tell the tale. It was quite true that there were no old folks nowadaysespecially among the women folks. (Laughter). With the advancements which had been made, it made one wonder how they had got on at all, because the young folks now had practically everything to make life pleasant. All would appreciate the pithead baths, which encouraged self respect. Mr Brown paid tribute to the late Mr D. S. Stitt, and asked "Wha didna ken Colthart?" He wanted all to be proud of the village and district, and always to endeavour to maintain its good name. He also trusted that the Chairman's ideas in regard to 1934 would prove to be right. "May 1934 be a good deal better than any year we have ever seen," said Mr Brown, "with every happiness, enjoyment, and prosperity." (Applause).

Rev. John Richmond remarked that Mr Henderson had mentioned that all the wisdom was in the Southside, but after his experiences in Africa, the "Jungle" just suited him. (Laughter). Mr Richmond paid a sincere tribute to his bosom friend—the late Mr George Gebbie, whom he described as one of the old school, and a genuine gentleman. Mr Richmond said they must never forget what had been done by the Covenanters, John Brown and Richard Cameron, and that they should not rest on their oars, but look forward in 1934 for better things.

Rev. W. Greig Alexander, M.A., described his remarks as a sermonette which he gave under three heads-(1) That there is an advantage in being old: (2) That old people are of great value to the community, and especially to the rising generation; (3) That old people of integrity, good living, and of Christian character, can look forward to the future. to a better, fuller, and richer life. Mr Alexander advanced very sound reasons for his views, and in conclusion wished all a happy and good new year.

The "Sparklets" Concert Party next assumed command, and for about two hours a variety of songs, dances, sketches, etc., etc., was submitted in a manner which drew forth spontaneous and hearty appreciation from the party.

At the conclusion, Mr John Colthart wished all the compliments of the season, and expressed the hope that 1934 would bring better luck and prosperity. He paid a fine tribute to the M'Call family, and called for a hearty vote of thanks to Mr M'Call for the kindly and capable manner in which he had filled the chair.

Mr M'Call returned thanks, complimented the Committee (Mrs Love, secy., and Mr Gold, chairman) on their organising ability, and again wished Muirkirk folks the very best in 1934.

Mr Peter M'Luskie, who said he sometimes thought it a misfortune that he was not a son of Muirkirk, called for a vote of thanks to the Co-operative Society, the motor and 'bus owners for driving the guests to and from the event, and the artistes, and this was heartily accorded.

Mr John Gold called for a similar compliment to the donors, at home and elsewhere, and this met with a very cordial response.

The final item was the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and right lustily was it sung.

Thereafter, the womenfolks were presented with gifts of tea and sugar, and the menfolks with cigarettes or tobacco.

The re-union was indeed a splendid success, and the Committee and all who made it possible are worthy of congratulation.

The following are the names of the guests:-

#### MAIN STREET.

Mrs Wilson, Mr and Mrs A. M'Donald, Mr and Mrs W. Caldew, Mr and Mrs G. Willock, Mr and Mrs P. Devlin, Mr and Mrs P. M'Garry, Mr and Mrs J. M'Call, Mrs M'Kinnon, Mrs M'Kie, Mrs T. Shields, Mrs W. Ross, Miss Park, Mrs Boyes, Mrs Vallance, Mrs Love, Miss M'Millan, Mrs Moffat, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Gibney, Mrs J. Millar, Mrs Blyth, Mrs Strickland, Mr Sam Rae, Mr And. Rae, Mr Jas. Elmslie, Mr Jas. Kerr, Mr D. Samson, Mr Thos. Bone, Mr John Brown, Mr T. M'Kean, Mr R. Blyth, Mrs J. Thomson, Mr T. Samson, Mr J. Mitchell, Mr and Mrs J. Thomson, Mr Jas. Millar, Mr Jas. Brown, Mrs G. Wallace, Mrs Jas. Mathieson.

#### BRIDGE STREET.

Mr and Mrs T. Morran, Mr and Mrs W. Gourlay, Mr and Mrs J. Dempster, Mr and Mrs T. M'Donald, Mrs Anderson, Mrs A. Samson, Mrs Anderson (Co-op. Bldgs.), Mrs Samson Mr John Cameron.

TORHILL.

Mrs M'Garrity.

WELLWOOD STREET.

Mr and Mrs Guthrie, Mrs Wood.

BANKHEAD.

Mr and Mrs Jas. Purdie, Mr and Mrs Jas. Menzies.

WELLWOOD AVENUE.

Mr Jas. Samson, Mr Jas. Smith, Mrs Jas. Mitchell.

WELLWOOD ORESCENT.

Mr and Mrs Thos. Morton, Mrs Aitken.

FURNACE ROAD.

Mrs Ferguson, Mrs White, Mr and Mrs A. Walker, Mr John Laidlaw, Mr John Young.

SMALLBURN.

Mr and Mrs Hamilton, Mr and Mrs R. Symington, Mr and Mrs G. Pickering, Mr and Mrs J. Flannagan, Mr J. Holden, Mr W. Ferguson, Mr C. Lowe, Mr R. Samson, Mr J. M'Leod, Mr J. M'Call, Mrs J. Murphy, Mrs R. Rennie, Miss Watson, Mrs Vallance, Mrs Dempster, Mr Jas. Weir.

GARRONHILL.

Mr and Mrs Jas. Vallance, Mr and Mrs D. M'Orone, Mr and Mrs J. M'Call (Old Bank), Mr and Mrs W. Logie, Mr and Mrs J. Gilchrist, Mrs Barrie, Mrs Clowes, Mr Jas. Higgins.

GLASGOW ROAD.

Mrs W. Anderson, Mrs J. Bain, Mrs J. Ross.

BURNSIDE AND ISLE.

Mr Geo. Caldow, Mrs W. Leslie.

COUNTRY.

Mr and Mrs D. Hamilton (Langloanhead), Mr and Mrs Gardiner (March House), Mr Crosbie (Entryhead), Mr R. Irvine (Wellwood Row).

KAMES ROW.

Mr G. Montgomery, Mr Matt. Peacock, Mr W. Bell, Mr H. M'Dade, Mrs J. Peacock, Mr and Mrs John Torbet, Mr and Mrs D. Millar, Mr and Mrs D. Goodlet, Mrs R. Park.

SPRINGHILL TERRACE.

Mr and Mrs W. Logie, Mr and Mrs Greenhowe, Mr and Mrs W. Vallance, Mr and Mrs Bennie, Mr and Mrs Thos. Findlay, Mr A. Irvine, Mr Jas. Bradford, Mr H. Parker.

PARK TERRACE.

Mr and Mrs J. Caldow, Mrs R. Parker.

MIDHOUSE Row.

Mr and Mrs Hugh Samson, Mr and Mrs J. Murdoch. Mr Geo. Williamson, Mr C. P. Bell, Mr John Murdoch.

LINKIEBURN AND SQUARE.

Mr and Mrs G. Anderson, Mr and Mrs J. Peters, Mr M. Anderson, Mr Jamie Mullen, Mrs Close.

NEW TERRACE.

Mr and Mrs J. Fleming, Mr W. Stoddart, Mr W. Torbet, Mrs G. M'Dade, Mrs Collow.

OLD TERRACE.

Mr and Mrs R. Lowe, Mrs Ferguson, Mr A. Kerr.

STABLEYARD.

Mr and Mrs W. Vallance, Mr J. Connor.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AREA No. 5.

The first meeting since the Christmas holidays was held at Millbank, Cumnock, on Monday night. Mr Colthart was asked to take the chair in the

absence of the Rev. Jas. Hill. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been approved, the correspondence from the County Clerk was read. That referred to the negotiations

concerning New Cumnock H.G. School playground, and these showed that the terms offered by the proprietors of the ground wanted were not accept-Then the arrangements for housing the children at Dalleagles School after the fire during the

holidays were approved. The cookery accounts from the Bank P. School were submitted for the past four months and accepted. The accounts were next passed for payment, and with regard to these it should be noted that accounts not rendered seven days before the meeting are inevitably delayed a month.

The Continuation Classes enrolments were then gone through, and it was noticed that some of the Classes were falling under the line of life.

One parent was interviewed by the Committee, and had an attendance order passed on.

There were not more than ten applications for exemption, and the Committee did not grant many, as their actions of the previous meeting had been

criticised at Ayr. Under "any competent business" one member brought up a complaint that two headmasters had refused application forms to parents who asked them, as they desired to apply for boots and clothing. To the astonishment of the member, he was informed that no parent has a right to ask for a form, nor has the headmaster a right to grant the form. It lies with the headmaster and the teacher to notice that a child is not able to be educated for the want of boots and clothing, and after warning the parent he supplies the need, and the parent afterwards is summoned to see whether he can provide these from the income of the house. It was a distinct revelation to the member, and it may be to many others.

· Mr Smythe (entertaining a few friends)—"You did not brush the cobwebs off this bottle, William." William-"Excuse me, sir, but I saw you putting them on, so I thought I had better not touch them."

Minister-"Ah, my friend, you must strive against this feeling of dissatisfaction. It is one of the weaknesses of human nature that no matter how much a man gets, he wants more." Partially Reformed Character-" Well, I dunno bout that; not in a P'lice Court, 'e don't."

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A SALMOND SMITH B.D.

12 noon—Rev. A. Salmond Smith, B.D. 4 p.m.—Service at Glespin. 5 p.m.—Young People's Guild.

MONDAY at 7.30 p.m.—LANTERN LECTURE—
"Fisher-Girls' Work." Lecturer, Mrs M. C.
Murray, B.D. All Women Invited. Tea.
Collection.

#### Public Rotices.

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Douglasdale v. Larkhall Thistle.

Crabtree Park. Kick-off 2.45 p.m.

The Usual Weekly WHIST DRIVE will be held in the Masonic Hall on MONDAY at 7.30 p.m. Score Cards, 6d.

OUGLAS W.R.I.

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# Aocal Intelligence.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

I.E.M.—Your letter received, but we await receipt of your name and address, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.—Ed.

Institute Whist.—At last Wednesday's card contest in the Welfare Hall the prize awards were:—Ladies—1 Mrs J. G. Galbraith, 2 (after a cut) Mrs James Hamilton, consolation Mrs S. Douglas (Douglas West); gentlemen—1 Mr James Taylor, 2 Mr D. Newbigging, consolation Mr L. Layman.

Lanark Dramatic Festival.—Douglas Old St. Bride's Guild Players have entered three teams in this season's Dramatic Festival, and they have been drawn to perform on successive nights—Wednesday, C Team, "Glensheuch"; Thursday, B Team, "Blood Royal"; Friday, A Team, "Devil Among the Skins." With "Diplomacy and the Draughtsman" last year one of the teams just missed going further in the contest, and it is to be hoped that still further success will attend their efforts this

Badminton.—The final of the gentlemen's singles of the Douglas Club on Friday evening proved to be a keen clever contest, and resulted in James Ellis beating W. Newbigging 15-11. At Lanark gentlemen's district double-hand championship Robert Ellis and E. V. Stewart of Douglas were defeated in the semi-final by W. Wilson and D. Ross of Lanark, who went on to defeat James Ellis and D. Miller of Douglas in the final tie.

SABBATH SCHOOL SOCIAL. - The annual social of Old St. Bride's Sunday School was held in the church last Wednesday evening, when a large crowd of pupils attended. After tea had been served adult friends were admitted, and after the Rev. A. Salmond Smith (who presided) had offered a few introductory remarks a long and varied programme of concerted and solo vocal and instrumental music with many recitations was submitted by the children. Their performance reflected the greatest credit on the teachers and other friends who had helped to make the children so perfect in their efforts to interest and amuse. During an interval the presentation of book prizes for attendance was made. No fewer than seventy-one such awards were made, and some surprising attendance records were announced, the most wonderful being that of May Kelly with eight years perfect attendance. A new feature this year was the presentation of prizes for attendance at Church, thirty-five children qualifying for such awards, and the Minister pawkily urged them to "bring their parents with them." The usual votes of thanks were acclaimed with lusty cheers, and on retiring each pupil received a gift of fruit.

GOLF WHIST.—Mr and Mrs G. Marchbanks carried off the principal awards at the card competition in the Lady Home School last Thursday, while the consolation prizes went to Miss L. Fell and Mr W. Watson.

W. R. I.—The local Institute hold a supper to mark the anniversary of our National Bard's birthday. Mr Jas. Walker is to give a lecture on Burns, and an interesting programme is promised.—See advt.

FOOTBALL WHIST.—Awards in Football whist this week:—Ladies—1 Mrs A. Murray (Douglas West), 2 Mrs J. M'Dougal, consolation Mrs R. C. Kay (Douglas West); gentlemen—1 (after a cut) Mr W. Clarkson, 2 Mr John Gardiner, consolation Mr D. Taylor.

LANTERN LECTURE.—The lantern lecture in Old St. Bride's on Monday, illustrating work amongst the fisher girls, ought to prove interesting.

Welfare Whist.—The usual card contest took place on Tuesday this week. The result was:—Ladies—1 Miss M. Jackson, 2 Mrs D. Calder (Douglas West), consolation Mrs W. Mitchell (Douglas West); gentlemen—1 Mr R. M'Cartney (Douglas West), 2 Mr H. Burrell (Douglas West), consolation Mr W. Wilkinson. The gentlemen's first prize was won with the high score of 191.

Welfare Orchestra.—Local talent got a show on Friday evening in the Institute Hall, when a dramatic entertainment, concert, and dance, in aid of the funds of the Welfare Orchestra, was held. The programme was sustained by local artistes, and the entire performance revealed the wealth of talent in our midst. A. W. Crow, Esq., of Messrs Wilsons & Clyde Coal Coy., made a genial chairman. The programme was opened by the Orchestra, who, under the conductorship of Mr A. Ireland, played two selections during the evening, and made a promising debut. The major part of the evening, however, was filled up by the Welfare Players, who performed two of Joe Corrie's playlets. Although contrasted in style both these playlets ran very smoothly, and where all did so well it is rather invidious to particularise, yet mention must be made of the splendid work done by Mr James Burnside in "The Darkness," and Mr Charles G. Grieve in "The Shilling-a-Week Man." Both these players had heavy roles, and were ably supported in both instances by Mrs R. Gardiner, who played her parts with fine verve and swing. Both efforts received enthusiastic reception. In addition, songs were rendered by Mr James Allan and Mr C. G. Grieve, violin solos by Mr James Ireland, and step dances by Miss C. Flyn and Mr C. G. Murray, with Miss I. Morrison as accompanist. All these artistes had to respond to encores, and the versatility of Mr C. G. Grieve, who in addition to appearing in both plays sang several songs, both sentimental and humorous, and also danced, was the subject of comment. Behind the scenes the plays owed much to the labours of Mr James M'Lachlan (producer) and Mr G. Grant (stage manager). A very successful dance followed, the music being supplied by a local combination, with versatile Mr Murray as M.C.

FAILED TO MAINTAIN HIS FAMILY.—Charged at the instance of Mr Robert Anderson, Inspector of Poor of the County of Lanark, with having failed to maintain his wife and child, Edward Hunter, coal miner, formerly living at Redhall, Douglas, appeared before Hon. Sheriff James Annan at Lanark Sheriff Court on Thursday, and was sentenced to two months imprisonment with hard labour.

#### GLESPIN.

#### SAD MINE FATALITY.

A sad mine fatality cast a gloom over the Douglas Valley on Sunday morning, when a young married miner was swept to death by an inrush of water at the Kennox Mine (the Kennox Coal Co.) at Glespin.

The spot where the break-in took place is a bleak: moorland scene, with only two houses in sight. Douglas Water and its tributaries had been in spate during the weekend, and at a bend in the Lane Burn near where the colliery workings are situated the flood had evidently worn away the soil and forced an entrance into the mine. Soon an aperture twelve feet wide was made, and practically the entire burn was diverted into the underground.

workings.

It being Sunday morning, only two men-Johns Robb (30), Water Row, Glespin, and David Goodlet, Glespinside, were employed in repair work. The latter, who survived the ordeal, gave our representative a graphic account of his thrilling experience. About 2 a.m. the two men were having their "piece," when Goodlet exclaimed-" What's that soond, Jock? It's no' the pump." "It's water," replied Robb, and the two miners made their way to the main inclined shaft or "dook" and found a strong stream of water rushing down the shaft. They managed to struggle up into an adjoining air shaft by the aid of the pit props which lined the walls, but here again they encountered water, and, deeming it most advisable, they returned to the main shaft as a means of escape. "We are trapped," Jock, an' will have tae dae oor best," said Goodlet. The shaft is six feet broad and about seven feet in height. Further misfortune, however, befell them when the flood extinguished their lights, and they were left to struggle in total darkness. The water was nearly filling the shaft, and Goodlet, being a tall man, was able to catch hold of the cable which ran along the top of the shaft side, but Robb evidently was unable to reach it. "Gie's a hand, Davie," he said, and in the dark Goodlet gallantly got hold of his workmate either by the sleeve or the back of his coat, but the force of the flow drew Robb out of his grip. Again he got hold of his mate, but again the force of the current proved too. much for him, and Robb was swept away out of his reach. By the aid of the cable Goodlet was able to slowly ascend the shaft, getting through two trap doors which are used to regulate the supply of air underground, and at length reached the main level out of the flood. He managed to reach safety to give the alarm.

Mrs Goodlet, who was peacefully sleeping beside her bairns, was awakened by her husband's knocking at the door, and, hurriedly opening it, was surprised to see him fall into the lobby murmuring "For God's sake save Jock." Apart from many bruises caused by stones carried down with the water, Goodlet is unhurt, but suffering from shock after

his thrilling escape.

Soon Mr W. Jack, manager, was summoned from his home in Douglas, and under his guidance valiant efforts were made to stem the inflow of water to the mine. Local farmers were awakened, and carted loads of hay, which were thrown in in an effort to stop up the inlet, but ultimately a new bank for the stream had to be built, composed of coal hutches, trees, and sods, and after several hours' eager labour the stream was diverted back to its natural course, but not before the entire underground workings had been flooded, and all hope of saving Robb was abandoned.

If the catastrophe had occurred on a week day, about fifty men would have been involved, and although a powerful pump is being installed, it may be several days yet before the body of the unfortunate man can be recovered. Robb leaves a widow to mourn his loss, and his aged parents also reside in Glespin. This is the second son they have lost in a mine fatality, another son, Thomas, being killed in a Coalburn mine three years ago.

This is the first fatal underground accident in Kennox Mine since it was opened over thirty years ago, and, although the other section of the pit has not been affected by this disaster, many men will be thrown out of work until this section has been cleared of water.

# COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

January 19 — Glespin W.R.I. Concert and Dance postponed meantime.—O. Steele, Secy.

### FOOTBALL.

'Dale's Doings.—After a few weeks' rest local football is to be resumed on Saturday, when Larkhall Thistle are the guests at Crabtree Park. This should prove an interesting game, as the Thistle are well in the running for the League championship, and it is hoped that Douglasdale will make them exert themselves to save the points. The kick-off is 2.45 p.m.

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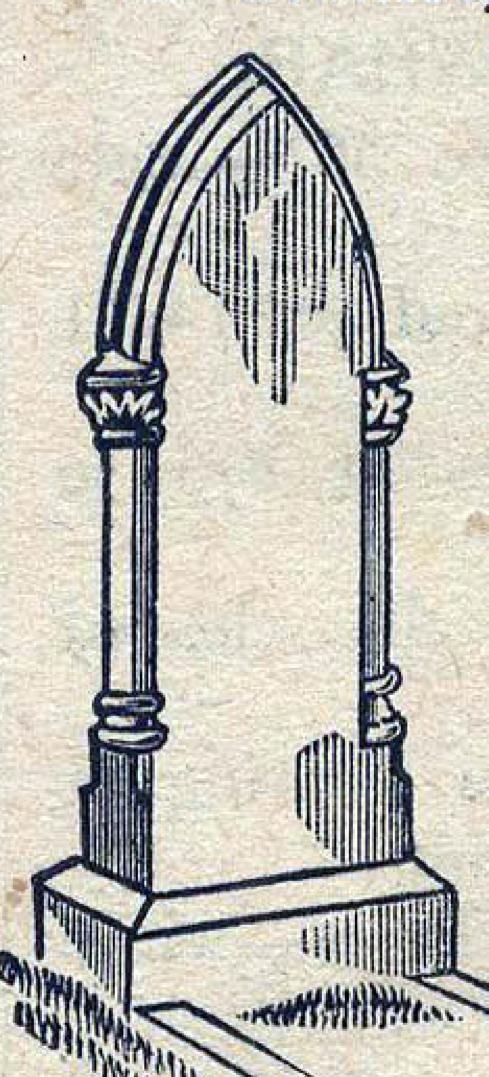
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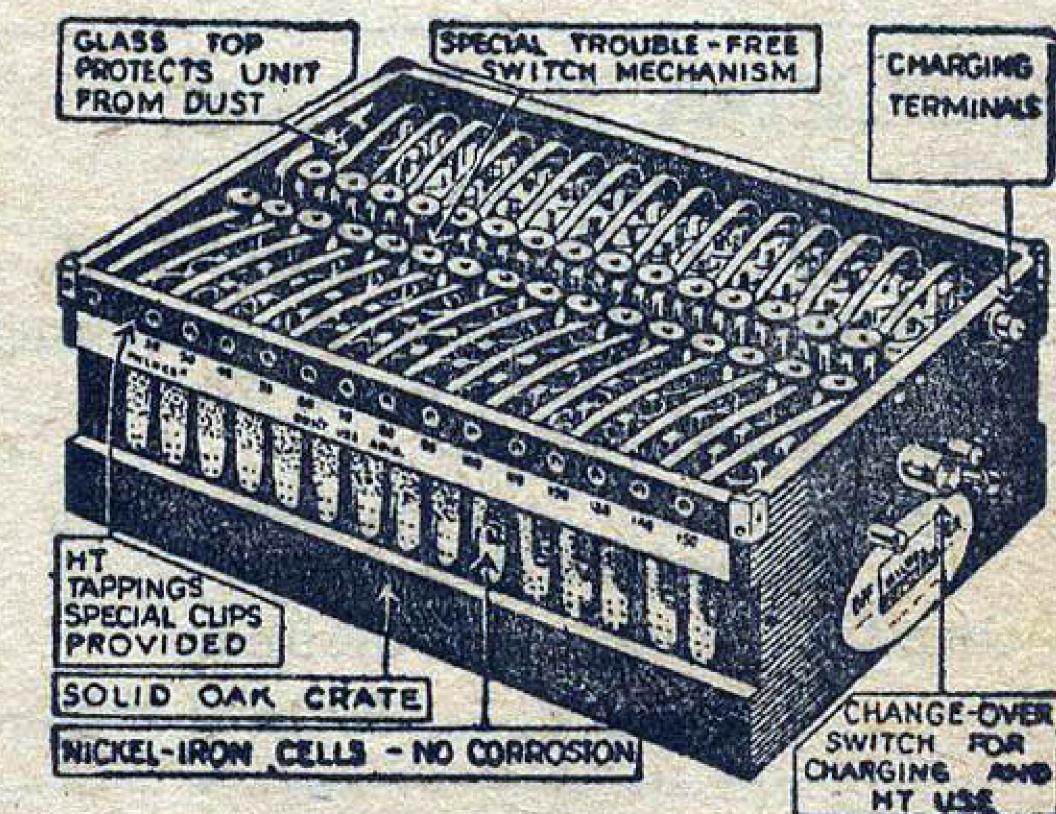
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# Death.

ARTHUR.—At 123 Main Street, Muirkirk, on 25th January, 1934, James Arthur, aged 81 years. Funeral Private.

#### In Memoriam

BRADFORD.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, Rachel Manley, who died at Wellwood Street, Muirkirk, 24th January, 1931.

What peaceful hours we once enjoyed,
How sweet their memory still.
But they have left an aching void
This world can never fill.

-Inserted by her husband and family, 25 Springhill Terrace, Muirkirk.

YOUNG.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Margaret Docherty, who died 25th January, 1933, also my dear father, Archibald Young, who died 10th March, 1931.

—Inserted by their daughter, Margaret, 7 Woodburn Ave., Airdrie, Lanarkshire.

#### THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

AND DOUGLASDALE GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1934.

# Local Mews.

BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT. — Another billiards handicap tournament was held in the Baird Institute on Friday evening, when the result was:— I and prize for highest break (34) John Clark (Mansefield), 2 J. M'Cann. This is the second week in succession the first prize has been won by Mr Clark, who started 20 points behind scratch in the latest tournament.

BRIDGE DRIVE,—Muirkirk Bridge Association held another successful drive in the Lesser Dundas Hall on Tuesday evening, when the participants were welcomed by Dr Hutchison. Keen interest was shown in the play, while at an interval Mrs Hutchison and Miss Mulvein presided over a splendid tea. The prize-winners proved to be Miss May and Mr M'Aulay, and the prizes were handed over by Mrs Hutchison.

Presentation.—On Thursday evening last Mr Wm. C. Muir, of the local branch of the Clydesdale Bank, was honoured by his former colleagues and friends at Motherwell in recognition of his appointment as agent at Muirkirk. Mr Muir, who was accountant in the Motherwell branch for fourteen years before coming to Muirkirk, was made the recipient of a mahogany bureau and mantel time-piece, suitably inscribed, as well as all good wishes for his future happiness and prosperity.

Soiree.—The annual soiree in connection with Kames Mission Church Sunday School was held in the Ironworks Institute on Friday evening, when the hall was filled to its utmost capacity. A service of tea and buns was followed by a concert programme by the children, and one and all enjoyed the hour and a half of continuous entertainment submitted, the youthful artistes acquitting themselves splendidly. The usual votes of thanks were heartily accorded at the close of a most enjoyable evening.

Burns lovers will be interested in the anniversary supper of the Lapraik Burns Club, which is to be held in the Dundas Hall to-night (Thursday). "The Immortal Memory" is to be proposed by Mr Wm. M'Intyre, Schoolhouse, Cronberry, while Mrs Fettes gives the "Address to a Haggis." What should prove a most enjoyable musical programme has been arranged, while the fare will be typical of the occasion. There is still time to secure a ticket.—See advt.

SILVER BAND WHIST.—Eighty players took part in a whist drive held in the Parish Silver Band's practice-room on Monday evening. Mr S. C. Matthews conducted, and after a pleasant contest announced the result as follows:—Ladies—1 Mrs J. Wilson (180), 2 Miss J. Oliver (175), 3 Miss M. Kirkland (173); gentlemen—1 (after a cut) Mr W. Dempster (172), 2 Mr John Morrison (172), 3 Mr A. Prentice (169) (after a cut with Mr T. Samson).

Pipe Band a whist drive was held in the Ironworks Institute on Thursday of last week. Seventeen tables were occupied, and Mr David Hendry conducted. The prizes on this occasion were won by:— Ladies—I Mrs Jas. Morran (195), 2 Mrs Jas. Stein (176), 3 Mrs Jas. M'Ginley (174); gentlemen—I Mr Ben Hendry (173), 2 Mr A. Hunter (167), 3 Mr A. Moreland (165) (after a cut with Mr R. M'Kay).

# COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BUFORE.

February 16 — Muirkirk Co-operative Society's Annual Social, Concert, and Dance.

Feb. 21—Catrine Corrie Players in Dundas Hall.

Charges under this Heading—For Events happening subsequent to next issue—2d per line; for Events happening prior to next issue, 6d per line.

THE local merchants were not favoured with a good day for their full holiday last Wednesday, indeed the rain never devald (fine old Scots word. Ever see or hear it?)

AT THE SHOWS. —At a dog show held at Edinburgh last weekend Miss A. L. S. Smith won two second prizes with her West Highland terrier puppy, "Sammy," while at a feather exhibition at Patna Mr Tom M'Kean secured a third prize with a canary.

#### BURNS SUPPER.

"The Lassies" were in the majority in the Dundas Hall on Friday evening, when a goodly company attended a Burns supper held under the joint auspices of Muirkirk Co operative Women's Guild and Educational Committee. Mr Thomas Morrison occupied the chair.

The fare was of the customary variety-haggis, tatties, and mashed neeps—and after the Rev. Jas. Barr, B.D., had said the Grace, the king o' a' the puddin' race was ushered to the lively skirl of Pipe-major Hendry's pipes, while Miss Agnes Gibson gave the "Address to a Haggis" in spirited fashion. Needless to say, the supper and tea which followed were amply enjoyed.

The Chairman introduced the proceedings in brief but appropriate fashion, commenting that of all the admirable traits in Burns the Poet he admired Burns the Rebel most of all. Burns was a man who

had the courage of his convictions.

Rev. Jas. Barr, B.D., in proposing "The Immortal Memory," commenced with a brief summary of the life of our National Bard, describing the poet's life throughout its various and momentous stages to the time of his death, when a nation had mourned the loss of a man who was not only a national poet, but who, notwithstanding his follies and errors, was a man of integrity and honour, and of immortal worth. Rev. Mr Barr said that Burns's noems were remarkable for their purity—he had purified the stream of Scottish song-while they were no less remarkable for their boldness, simplicity, keen edge of humour, and tragic pathos. Burns believed that a man should hold a fairly good opinion of himself, and he himself had never cringed before the rich or great. Indeed, he had remained unmoved before the loud chorus of applause he received when in Ediuburgh. The speaker also commented upon the poet's love of honesty, and his love of home, which had gradually broadened out to love of country, love of all mankind, and love of animals and birds, concluding with Burns's idealthe equality of brotherhood of man. Thereafter, the company were upstanding, and the toast was duly honoured.

Rev. Jas. Barr received quite an ovation at the conclusion of an address which had been delivered in whole-hearted and spontaneous fashion, and the manner in which he reeled off dates and happenings in the poet's life, as well as reciting quite a number of Burns's poems, all from memory, proved that the toast could not have been in better hands.

Other toasts honoured were-"Bonnie Jean," proposed by Mr G. M. Bain; and "The Lassies," proposed by Mr Jas. G. Samson, to which Miss

Agnes Gibson replied.

The company joined in singing a verse of "There was a lad," while appropriate songs were contributed throughout the evening by Miss Rae, Mrs Bradford. Mrs Clements, and Mr S. Bradford, Miss Hamilton, A.L.C.M., playing the various piano accompaniments. Miss Agnes Gibson also recited "Bonnie Jean "by "Wellwood."

The customary votes of thanks were accorded at the close, when the company joined in singing

" Auld Lang Syre."

#### EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF AYR.

The first meeting for 1934 was held in the County Hall on Tuesday of last week. In the unavoidable absence through illness of Dr Hamilton, the Earl of

Glasgow was asked to preside.

After the minutes of the last meeting were approved, the minutes of the Sub-committee of the Teachers and Staff were submitted, and the first item of business was to interview the short leets for the headmasterships of Coylton and High St. School, Kilmarnock. For Coylton three teachers were interviewed, and after two votes Mr Smith, headmaster of Littlemill, received the appointment. For the Kilmarnock School the leet consisted of one male and two female teachers, and again after two votes Mr Wm. Kerr of Saltcoats got the appointment.

This Committee intimated six resignations and

thirteen appointments in the schools.

A new departure was made with regard to Domestic Science Instructresses, in that a preferred list of three was made to get appointments as vacancies arrive.

A long discussion arose over the proposal to make the Headmaster of St. Mary's R. C. School responsible for the new school to be started in the old Ardrossan Academy. The attempt to defeat the Committee's proposal was defeated by 14 votes to 13, but another amendment to remit back the minute was carried by 15 votes to 12. However, the Clerk intimated that the Committee could do nothing else but abide by its previous decision, so it will be interesting to see what transpires at the next Education meeting.

The Dalrymple headmastership was given by the Committee to Mr Cochrane, first assistant in Annbank.

The Cleaning Staffs in Area No. 8, which the local School Management Committee refused to fill, were announced, and there was no criticism. Then came the revised Scheme for Janitation and Cleaning, and, with two exceptions—Ayr and Fairlie, the new scales were adopted. The washing of towels in most schools is now to be done by laundry, and when the cleaners in small schools have to wash the towels the rate of remuneration is 2d per towel.

Muirkirk H.G. School was granted 25 new dual

desks.

The School Management Committee submitted a minute containing many items of detail. The byelaw for school children being employed on non school days was attacked, so that no child should be allowed to be employed before nine o'clock, and for not more than four hours, and was rejected by 11 votes to 9 in favour of the Committee's proposal that a child may on a non school day be employed for a period not exceeding six hours between six am. and seven p.m., but that won't make much difference, as the bye-laws prohibit any school child from being employed in the morning of any school

The proposal for the provision of a suitable recreation ground for Cumnock Academy, which had been sent on by the local School Management Committee, was remitted for investigation and report to Bailie Kirkland, the Rev. James Hill, Mr Colthart, and the Director, and after that it will be

discussed.

The Bursaries Report could hardly be termed a Committee's report, as only three members turned up at the meeting, but the three conducted the business and submitted their findings to the Authority, and the Education Committee very decently accepted the work of the three. The most important item was the Bursary Scheme for the next year. It was the same scheme that has been in operation for the last two years, but Mr Sloan asked the Bursary Committee to reconsider two points—one with regard to those entering for the first three years, whether, after the age of fourteen, a grant should not be made to the pupil; and the second point was with regard to Secondary Bursars, whether those within the three-mile limit, if they could not return home at mid-day, should not be granted a meal allowance. The Convener agreed to consider these points at the next Bursary meeting.

Then after some miscellaneous business the meet-

ing terminated at one o'clock.

# Original Poetry.

TO ROBERT BURNS, 25th January, 1934.

O if my art could but contain One humble spark of thine, E'en though it told of grief, of pain, I would not then repine.

Or if some happy thought it gave, And dancing as your pen In joyful mood, oh could it pave The weary paths of men.

If with a passion deep, sincere, Some maiden fair 'twould charm, My heart would never hold this sear, But in its blood would warm.

O if I could have choice of all, Yet all I would refuse Except for this: my voice would call-"One moment of your muse."

WELLWOOD.

## BURNS VERSUS JAZZ.

Thro' this age o' jazz an' jingle, Syncopated senseless sang, Scotia's bard's rich notes commingle, Soothin', sweet, whaure'er we gang. Blare o' brass, an' crash o' cymbal Tae me produce nae melody Like the stented string a-tremble Wi' "Afton Water's" lo'esome lay.

Doon the years aye clearly ringin', Far an' near, by every airt, Lads an' lasses hae been singin' Sangs o' Burns that cheer the he'rt-Sangs o' love an' tender passion, Stirrin' sang an' liltin' lay— Auld, yet new an' aye in fashion, Ever welcome come what may.

Thro' this age o' jazz an' jingle— Thro' this age o' Yankee slang, Scotia's bard's pure notes commingle, Soothin', sweet, whaure'er ye gang, An' when jazz an' syncopation Tae oblivion passes by, Liltin' lays will bring elation; Sangs o' Burns will never die.

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# Correspondence.

A BRIGHTER SUNDAY.

(To the Editor).

Dear Mr Editor, -I think you are not an impartial

In the Galbraith-Queen controversy in the "Advertiser" the former had the first and the last shot, as editorially ordained.

In the Wilson-Queen discussion the former had the first and last shot, also as editorially ordained. The first-named was your accredited Douglas

representative, the latter-named a Muirkirk minister. I may be pardoned for linking these facts with your obviously unimpartial decision to close each of the discussions as you did, and which resulted in giving my "foemen" an advantage over myself, and thus making me the vicarious victim on both occasions.

I hope that this letter, together with your observations thereon, will appear in the "Advertiser." The circumstances, I am convinced, call for further publicity.—Yours faithfully, WILLIAM QUEEN.

[We are pleased to accede to this request. exercise the editorial prerogative when we consider any discussion has reached a stage when insertion is not of sufficient importance to interest our readers, or when we have other matter which has a prior claim to our space, or, to be quite frank, just when we think fit, having due regard to fair play. As to who had the first shot in each of these cases that is a matter of opinion, and in the latter instance the chosen subject was completely departed from. We acted as other referees occasionally do in calling a comparatively early halt, and, like any other referee, we brook no interference. - Ed.]

Correspondent for Douglas and District-

Mr JOHN G. GALBRAITH,

Blue Tower, Douglas,

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#### Sabbath Services.

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#### Public Notices.

Remember the W.R.I. Burns Supper TO-MORROW NIGHT in the School. All Welcome. Tickets 1/6.

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# Local Intelligence.

ROAD BLOCKED.—The gale on Wednesday did some minor damage locally, but more serious consequences took place on the outskirts of the parish. On the Glasgow-Carlisle highway, between Douglas Castle Main Lodge and Happendon Station a large spruce tree was blown down right across the road, and traffic was held up till it could be sawn asunder. The Lesmahagow-Douglas 'bus had to make a detour via Cairn Houses, Douglas Water, and Rigside, and consequently the 'buses were behind time. At Millbank two smaller trees were blown down, and another temporary road hold-up was the result.

JUVENILE BALL.—As usual a large turnout of interested spectators were present when the midseason ball of Mr A. K. Watson's juvenile dancing class was held in the Institute Hall last week. This is certainly the best appearance these young dancers, ranging from tiny tots to maids in their early teens, have made, and right from the picturesque promenade till the final number their efforts evoked hearty applause. No one seemed to enjoy the performance better than the youthful dancers themselves, but on the call of Mr Jas. Walker, who occupied the chair, the performers and their teacher received a very enthusiastic vote of thanks. A similar compliment was paid the genial Chairman.

Badminton.—New Lanark Badminton Club were the guests of Douglas Club in the Victoria Hall on Wednesday evening. A very enjoyable game, in which many spirited rallies were seen, resulted in a victory for the home team. As usual, both teams were entertained to tea, and the visitors seemed to enjoy heartily their visit to Douglas.

GOLF WHIST.—At last Thursday's whist contest in the Lady Home School Miss M. Thorburn and Mr John Murdoch won the first prizes, while the low score awards went to Mrs M'Dowell and Mr W.

Taylor.

Mission S.S. Social.—The annual soiree connected with Douglas Mission Sunday School is an event that is eagerly anticipated by many adults in addition to the children connected with the school, and the Welfare Hall was comfortably filled on Friday evening when it took place. Mr Simon M'Bain from Bellshill (formerly of Douglas) made an effective chairman, and in his opening remarks welcomed the large party of adult friends present. The pupils then submitted, under the control of their superintendent (Mr Robert Beattie), a long programme of concerted musical items, dialogues, and recitations, which again demonstrated the fund of budding local talent we possess, and the large audience repeatedly applauded the efforts of the young scholars. An amusing and instructive address on "Flags" was given by Mr Wilson from Irvine, who received a good hearing, and another important part of the programme was the presentation of the season's book awards for regular attendance. A large number of such gifts were handed over. In his closing remarks Mr M'Bain said that he had attended several such functions in the vicinity of Bellshill, and the programme sub. mitted by the Douglas bairs could compare with any of them, and pointed out how much they owed to the labours of youthful Mr R. Beattie. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

YEOMANRY CHANGE.—Capt. Hawker, Captain-Adjutant of the Lanarkshire Yeomanry, retires from his duties this week and re-joins his regiment, at present serving in India. Capt Hawker has resided at Springhill, Douglas, during the period he has served in this capacity, and was very popular in the district. His successor, Capt. Anson, is taking up residence in Biggar, and thus, although Douglas is the official depot of the corps, Sergeant Hales, in charge of the armoury at Addison Avenue, will now be the only resident official.

LECTURE ON FISHER FOLK.—There was a good attendance in Old St. Bride's Church on Monday evening, when a lecture on Church Work amongst Fisher Folk was given by Mrs M. C. Murray, B.D. The Rev. A. Salmond Smith, B.D., presided, and introduce the lecturer, who in a graphic manner described the life of the Scottish fisher men and women, and what the Church of Scotland did to help them in every way. The interest of the address was enhanced by the display of a series of lantern slides, the lantern being operated by Mr W. Martin. Solos were sung by Miss A. Cook, and tea was served to those present. The usual votes of thanks were cordially endorsed.

FOOTBALL WHIST.—In the Masonic Hall on Monday, when a card contest was run by the local Football Club, the awards were:—Ladies—1 Mrs W. Wilkinson, 2 Mrs Jas. Allan, consolation Mrs A. Murray (Douglas West); gentlemen—1 Mr L. Mitchell, 2 Mr T. Gibney (Douglas West), consolation Mr F. Bonomi.

ELECTRIC LIGHT CANVASS. — Agents visited Douglas last week to test the number of probable users of electric light, if the Clyde Valley Power Co. decides to extend their service to our village. The canvass seemed very favourable, and it is expected that the installation will take place ere the autumn.

FOOTBALL ENTERTAINMENT.—The visit of Wanlockhead Dramatic Society in aid of Douglasdale Junior F.C's. funds should arouse interest. Despite "talkies" the real thing can still attract the crowd, and in regard to the dance the band is an attraction, and on this occasion the Wishaw combination comes with a great reputation.

#### DOUGLASDALE ECHOES.

The 'Dale made a better show against Larkhall' than some of their faint-hearted supporters anticipated.

Perhaps dire forebodings made the gate a poor one?

Again it seems to be left to local womenfolk to celebrate Burns's natal day. What has come over Douglas Burns Club?

Burglaries are a rarity in our district, and the two recent break-ins are causing some comment.

# DOUGLAS WEST.

Another Burglary.—On Monday it was discovered that the joiners' shop at Douglas Castle Colliery had been forcibly entered and a quantity of valuable tools removed. The stolen tools are mostly the private property of mine employees. This is the second such exploit in the district recently, Douglas West Station having been entered early this month.

MILITARY WHIST.—The whist drive in the Institute Hall on Tuesday evening was a team contest in the form of military whist, when the competition is for miniature flags. It is a cheerier form of competition, and caused great interest. The winning team was Mrs T. Gibney, Miss M. Fell, Mrs H. Hamilton, and Jas. Taylor (the latter three from Douglas), with 33 points.

#### FOOTBALL.

DOUGLASDALE V. LARKHALL THISTLE. - The League contest on Crabtree Park was packed full of thrills, and, even if the football fare was not of superlative quality, the game was ever interesting. If ever a draw was a just verdict it was in this keenly-fought tussle, and even the most rabid. supporter would have been sorry if either team had won the double points. The ground was hard, ball control difficult, and the footing uncertain, but although the game was keenly contested it was fought out in a fine sporting spirit, with no sign of unfair tactics by either team. The game opened briskly, and in the first minute Larkhall forced two. corner kicks, while a moment later Douglasdale were also twice granted similar awards, but they were all fruitless. This was a fair epitome of the contest as a whole. Both goalkeepers were repeatedly tested, but defence prevailed over attack. although good shots were fired in by both attacks. A brilliant save by Stannage of a point-blank shot: from close range was a notable feature. There were again plenty of thrills during the second portion, and on one occasion Paul missed a glorious chance to score for the homesters, but a goal mouth scramble, with a free kick for the goalie being foul d, was the only outcome. A few minutes later Lark. hall had an exactly similar fate. In the last quarter of an hour the Thistle made valiant efforts to obtain a goal, but the home defence held out, and time and again Stannage in the home goal saved when all seemed lost. Thus Larkhall had to be content with only one point. Both goalies were good, with Stannage at times brilliant, and for Douglasdale Dickson was the best back on the field, with Wilson a forcing pivot, and Davidson outstanding in an eager front line. In accuracy of passing Larkhall were the superior team, and both defenders kicked cleanly and decisively. Henderson was the best of a good middle line, while Douglas and Simpson were. their best forwards. The contest was worthy of a better gate, and was never like the runaway victory some locals expected for the visitors. Teams:-Douglasdale-Stannage; Dickson, Pollock; Graham, Wilson, Johnstone; M'Douglas, Davidson, Paul, Menzies, Bone. Larkhall Thistle-Munro; Baird, Bell; Henderson, Clark, Cunningham; Simpson, M'Donald, Hutcheson, Weir, Douglas.

'Dale's Doings.—Douglasdale have been drawn to face Quarter United away in the first round of the Consolation Cup, and the match takes place on Saturday. Quarter, on their own park, are a stiff proposition, yet, encouraged by their good result against Larkhall Thistle, our local team should be undismayed, and a draw would be a very creditable result.

# GLESPIN.

THE pumping of the water from the mine is being conducted with all speed, and although a considerable part has been cleared it is probable that some weeks will elapse before mining operations can be resumed. Only one section is affected; the others are working as usual every day.

# COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

January 26—Stablestone School Children's Fund Committee Lantern Lecture postponed for an indefinite period.—L.O., Secy.

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