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SOCIAL MEETING

(under the auspices of the Local Branch of the B.W.T.A.), in the LESSER TEMPERANCE HALL, at 7.30 o'clock.

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THE THIRD OF THE

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R. JACK, Interim Secy.

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Public Notices.

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The Executive Committee desire to have the Name, Number, and Regiment of all the Local Men who are in service with the Army or Navy. The names of those who are serving in Egypt, Mesopotamia, Salonica, France, as well as those at home should be given in at once.

The Committee desire to have as full a list as possible, and would ask the hearty co-operation of the relatives and friends to assist by filling carefully up the cards which are to be had from Mr Rodger, Glenbuck, Mr Smith, printer, and at the Post Office, and which, when duly filled up, can be left there or sent to the Manse, Muirkirk.

John Henderson, Convener.

P.S.—Don't let a soldier or sailor from the parish be missed.

J. H.

N. O. T. I. C. E.

ALL PERSONS having CLAIMS against the late William Pearson, Draper and Clothier, Muirkirk, are requested to lodge the same with the Subscribers within Fourteen Days from this date, and all persons INDEBTED to him are requested to make payment of their Accounts at the Shop, Main Street, Muirkirk, within the like period.

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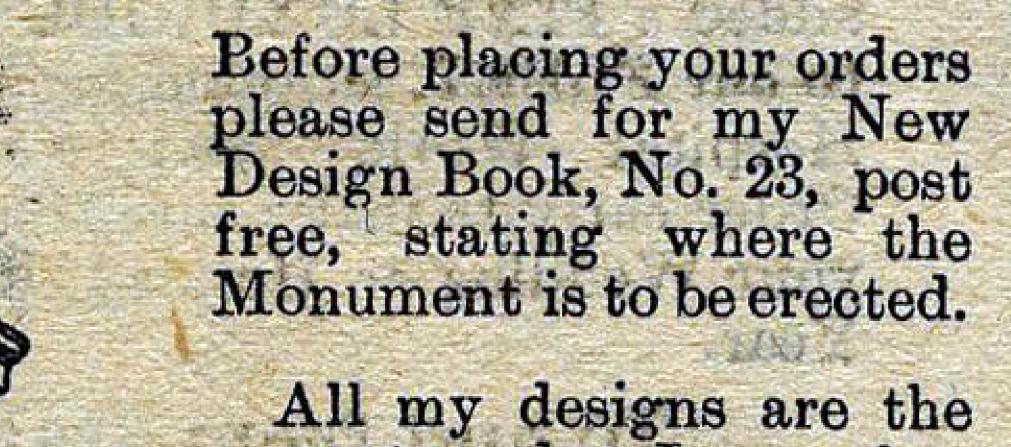
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LINDSAY.—In loving memory of Margaret Mills (beloved wife of John Lindsay), who died at 20 Midhouse Terrace, Muirkirk, 25th Nov., 1915.

> Her weary hours and days of pain, Her troubled nights are past; Her ever-patient worn-out frame Has found sweet rest at last. Yet again we hope to meet her, When the day of life is fled; And in heaven we hope to greet her,

> > Where no farewell tears are shed.

-Inserted by her Husband and Family.

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MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1916.

LADIES! Do you want to spend a pleasant time to-night? If so, put on your coats and hats and go to the social meeting in connection with the B. W. T. A. in the Lesser Temperance Hall. See advt.

WAR ITEMS.—James Ross, and Sam Ferguson, have both joined the R.S.F., and are located in England. Chārles Young (tailor) has enlisted as a gunner of the R.G.A., and is at Plymouth. Lance-Corporal John Falconer, Seaforth Highlanders, has been missing since 12th October.

THE GREAT JUMBLE.—Things should hum on the Southside this week-end, the event being a jumble sale with candy stall, tea-room, games, competitions, cup and card reading, &c., in aid of St. Thomas School funds. The orchestra will be present, and things should be lively. Have you sent in your goods yet?

Co-operation.—The usual quarterly meeting of the members of the local Society was held in the Lesser Temperance Hall on 16th ult., Mr Thomas Morrison presiding over a large attendance. The sales for the quarter showed an increase of £2001 over the corresponding quarter of last year, but to a great extent this was due to the increased price of goods. After allowing for interest, depreciation, etc., the divisable profit was £1656, which admitted of adividend of 2/9 per £1 being paid. Messrs John Mathieson, Hugh Bell, and the Secretary reported on meetings they had attended. Messrs Jas. Dempster and Thomas Hazle were re-elected members of Committee, while Messrs George Taylor and Robert Adamson were appointed delegates to the S.C.W.S. and Ayrshire Co-operative Conference respectively.

CO-OPERATIVE LECTURES. - The series of lectures arranged by the Educational Committee of the local Society is getting on apace. In the Boardroom Mr Andrew Welsh, Secretary of the Society, started the list by giving an interesting paper explanatory of the quarterly balance sheet. This was followed by a lecture on the taxation of co-operative dividends by Mr J. Wilkie, M.A., Langbank, but from the number that attended the meeting it appears that many more are interested in the dividends than in the taxation of them. To-morrow the third of the series is to be given in the Masonic Hall, the title being "Land Nationalisation." The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides, and there is to be a musical programme. See advt.

WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.—An association. under the title of the Muirkirk Schools War Savings Association, has been formed in Furnace Road and Main Street Public Schools. Some two hundred children have promised their support after obtaining the approval and consent of their parents. A committee has been constituted as follows :- Mr David Stitt (chairman), Miss Aird, Miss Bruce, Miss Ross, Miss Sunderland, Miss Janet Wilson, Mr Bell, Mr Gordon (honorary secretary and treasurer). Application has been made for affiliation with the Scottish War Savings Committee, and the necessary books and forms may be expected any day. A beginning cannot be made until these books arrive. It may be stated that about 114 Scottish Schools have already formed similar associations, and it is probable that a War Savings week will be held all over the Kingdom between 11th and 16th December, when special appeals will be made to the public to support these War Savings Associations. Such associations are not intended to compete with Savings Banks, but rather to supplement their valuable work. The best market and a second of the

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THE LATE REV. JOHN DUNDAS.—It was with something like a shock that this community learned on Saturday evening of the death of the Rev. John Dundas, which sad event took place suddenly at Levenhall, Musselburgh, the previous evening. To a few in the village it was known that Mr Dundas had been very ill for a week or two, and to these few the announcement of his demise was not unexpected. Some ten years ago Mr Dundas had a very serious illness, and at that time was granted six months' leave of absence, but from that illness he recovered wonderfully, and took up his wonted place in the pulpit of Main Street U. F. Church. About eighteen months ago Mr Dundas retired from active service and took up residence at Levenhall, Musselburgh, after 37 years' labour in the parish, and at that time the two U.F. bodies in the town joined hands. A few months later Mr Dundas was made the recipient of a public testimonial in the form of an illuminated address and a cheque for £60. As a youth Mr Dundas spent a short time in commercial circles in Dundee. and was also for a time a school teacher. During his stay of 37 years in Muirkirk (he was ordained in the U. P. Church on 17th December, 1878) he took a great interest in the religious and social life of the village, and was a member of the present School Board, resigning on his retiral. As a preacher Mr Dundas was no weakling, and was always anxious about the welfare of his flock, while he was at the call of the whole community. He was a strong advocate of temperance, and denounced the drinking habit in no half-hearted way. Mr Dundas was an orator, and at political meetings, in advocating the cause of Liberalism, he often took the shine off the party who was supposed to be the principal speaker. He was much sought after as a chairman at public meetings at which it was felt some tact and skill were required, while at repartee he was a master. His was a ready pen, and he published in 1897, in book form, a history of Muirkirk U. P. Church. For many years Mr Dundas' health has not been of the best, and although he had even more than his share of this world's troubles he was ever cheerful and did not carry his cares into the public. His independent spirit and straightforward actions, as well as his love of right and justice, were the admiration of all, and he was much respected in this place. Mr Dundas, who was 68 years of age, leaves a widow to mourn his loss. The funeral took place on Tuesday to Morningside Cemetery, Edinburgh.

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PARISH WAR RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of this body was held in the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr Jas. Clark presided over a fair attendance of delegates. The minutes of previous meeting held at Glen-

buck were read and approved of.

The financial statement for the month was read by Mr John Young, treasurer. In connection with the Naval and Military War Pensions Fund there was on hand from the previous month the sum of £9 10s, while there had been received during the month £40. There had been disbursed in allowances £6 10s, and there had been paid in rents £39 3s 6d, leaving a balance on hand of £3 16s 6d. There had been no payments made on behalf of civil distress, and there was still on hand £11 15s. The balance on hand from the previous month on behalf of the Belgian Fund was £12 13s 9d, and there had been paid out £1 3s, leaving on hand the sum of £11 10s 9d. The Local Relief Augmentation Fund started the month with a balance of 5s 11d, and £10 had been received from the Parish Fund. There had been distributed during November £10 11s, so that the Fund was in debt by 5s 1d. The collections and donations towards the Parish Fund amounted to £107 11s 6d, and there was left for

allocation say £105. (Applause).

Rev. John Henderson, as convener of the Work Parties, said that £20 had been voted to them at last meeting, of which £6 had gone to Glenbuck. The Glenbuck Party had made 163 articles during the month. Of these a muffler and two pairs of sox had been sent to a local soldier, and the bulk of the remainder to the Red Cross at Ayr. So far as finance was concerned the Glenbuck Party had a balance from October of £4 11s 1d, while they received from the Parish Committee £6, a total income of £10 11s 1d. All the expenditure was in one account for wool, viz., £8 19s 2d, and this left £1 11s 11d on hand. During the month the Muirkirk Party had made 1641 articles. Some of these had been sent to locals, a large share to the Red Cross at Glasgow, and some were being retained for Christmas parcels. The Muirkirk Party began the month with a balance of 12s 11d, while they had received from the Parish Fund £14, from the Carnival Fund £15 lls, and ls from the collection box, making a total income for the month of £30 4s 11d. There had been spent on grey wool £10 8s, on khaki wool £158s, and there was a balance on hand of £48s 11d. Only one thing he would like to mention, and that was the shortage of money amongst the Work Parties. For instance the Glenbuck Party had only £1 11s 11d, and the monthly expenditure ran from £9 to £10. As well as that, the price of wool had gone up, and he trusted to the

Committee's generosity. (Applause).

The Chairman said those present had just heard two excellent statements, and the work continued to be excellent. He was sorry the meetings had continued so long, or had been necessary, and presently there was no appearance of their discontinuance for a long time to come. Excellent support had been forthcoming from the people of the parish, and it spoke well for them that the Committee had been able to disburse over £100 per month. (Applause).

Questions were then invited, but none were asked.

Mr Clark then explained that there had been some little trouble in connection with the registration of the Committee under the War Charities Act. Had matters panned out according to the strict letter of the law all the money would have had to be sent to Ayr and disbursed there, but the speaker had approached some of the members of the Committee and explained the part Muirkirk parish had already taken in the raising of funds, and the way such had been disbursed. The Committee readily recognised the good work of the Parish Committee, and had granted the certificate, and to go on as at present. The position was that no body can collect money for war purposes except through this Committee, and all flag days had to be conducted through the Committee. The accounts had to be duly audited and a return sent to Ayr every three months, and the executive had taken it on themselves and asked Mr Jackson, banker, to do the auditing. (Applause).

A letter from the Vegetable Products Committee was read anent Christmas Puddings for the Grand Fleet being supplied by another source, but asking a contribution towards an effort in the same

direction for the smaller craft.

In view of the fact that a donation had lately been given to the minesweepers the matter was left over.

A letter anent a Sailors' Day was submitted, per Mrs Mitchell. This was an appeal on behalf of the Navy League and the British and Foreign Sailors' Society for a flag day to assist in training British lads for British sea service, providing facilities for naval training of sons of seamen lost in action, &c.

The Chairman asked that those present air their opinions, when

Mrs Baird said she favoured the holding of a

flag day for the purpose. Mrs Mitchell said she felt it was too cold weather presently to expect young ladies to sell flags.

It was ultimately left with Mrs Mitchell to arrange a flag day later on. (Applause).

In presenting a suggested allocation of the £105, the Chairman said the Naval and Military War Pensions Committee had sent good round sums to the parish, in rents, taxes, ic., and he thought they should get a good contribution. He suggested that the allocation be as follows:-Naval and Military War Pensions Fund, £30; Prince of Wales' Fund, £10; Red Cross, £20; Erskine House, £5; Lord Roberts' Memorial, £5; Work Parties, £20; Local Relief Augmentation Fund, £15; a total of £105.

The allecation was agreed to, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for

presiding.

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Correspondence.

THE LATE DISPUTE AT GRASSHILL. (To the Editor of the Muirkirk Advertiser).

4th Dec., 1916. Dear Sir,—In a letter in your last issue I notice that R. Robertson Muir (who some time ago criticised the action of the Grasshill miners in refusing to work) now admits that he knew nothing at all about the case. That ought to have ended the matter; but no, he wants to discuss the question not from an I. L. P. or Socialistic point of view, but from a patriotic point of view.

I have the honour to be a member of the Independent Labour Party, and, I hope, a good Socialist, but I have yet to learn that we ask any individual whether he happens to be a Liberal or a Tory when dealing with a mining dispute. We generally put the political question aside, and deal with the matter from a miner's point of view. I rather thought at first sight that it was some coalowner's point of view which was put by my friend,

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R. R. M. You see the men were not making a pound a day, although the Press and the coalowners generally say that they were. What they should have been making, under the Conciliation Board agreement, was 9s 6d a day, but as they were not even making that sum we deliberately decided to try and get the owners to pay what they said they were paying. I hope there was nothing very unpatriotic in that. I believe that R. R. M. himself would insist on being paid the wages he contracted to get, whether it was in the Army at a bob a day, or in the mine at 10s a day. If R. R. M. had carefully read my previous letter there would have been no need for him putting the question "whether I honestly believed the men were justified in the action taken." I said so in my first letter, and gave it as a considered judgment of men well qualified to know, namely, the S. M. U. Ex.

I am to note that R. R. M. directed his criticism against the eligible only. Why he should direct his criticism against what does not exist I am at a loss to know. It is probably some time since R. R. M. left this country, and he may not know that no coal miner is eligible for service in the Army meantime, whether there happens to be 4, 5, or 6, in one family; the Government of this country have decreed that they require their services as coal miners. They are in a position to know what is best for the country at this time, even better than R. Robertson Muir.-Yours faithfully,

DAVID S. STITT.

ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS PRISONERS OF WAR CARE COMMITTEE.

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Dear Sir, - Will you kindly allow me to draw the attention of your readers and the public generally to the work of the above Committee. This Committee is composed as follows: -Mrs James Arthur, of Montgomerie; Mrs E. Montgomery Cuninghame; Provost Mitchell: R. Jebb, Esq., R.S.F.; Bailie Learmont; Bailie Milne; Countess of Eglinton (chairwoman); Miss Vincent (honorary secretary); with headquarters at 26 Sandgate, Ayr.

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Glasgow & South-Western Railway. MUIRKIRK TO GLASGOW.

	Sats.	Sats.
	only	only
a.m. a.m.	p.m. p.m. p.1	n. p.m.
Muirkirk lve 7.0 9.25	1-15 3-50 6	10 8-30
Auchinleck,, 8.16 9.50	1-41 4.19 6.	39 9.0
Mauchline,, 8-25 10-0	1-51 4-29 6-	55
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Muirkirk	lve 7-15		1-0	7-15	3-15	
Cronberry	7-25		1-10	7-25	3-25	1.03
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Caledonian Railway. MUIRKIRK TO EDINBURGH.

	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Muirkirk	leave 7.35	10.15	3.40
Glenbuck .	,, 7-42	10-22	3-47
Inches .	,, 7-48	10-28	3-53
Douglas West -	7-53	10-33	3.58
Lanark -	arrive 8-21	10-58	4-36
Glasgow	,, 9-43	12-40	6-0
Carstairs -	,, 9-9	11-22	4-34
Edinburgh -	,, 9-53	12-35	6-20

EDINBURGH TO MUIRKIRK.

	a.III.	a.m.	p.m.
Edinburgh .	leave 6-30	10-15	4-15
Carstairs -	,, 8-0	11.40	5-38
Glasgow -	,, 6-10	10-25	+5-0
Lanark .	,, 8-31	12-0	6-5
Douglas West -	,, 8-57	12-25	6-35
Inches -	,, 9-4	12-32	6-42
Glenbuck -	9.9	12-37	6-47
Muirkirk -	arrive 9-17	12-45	6-57
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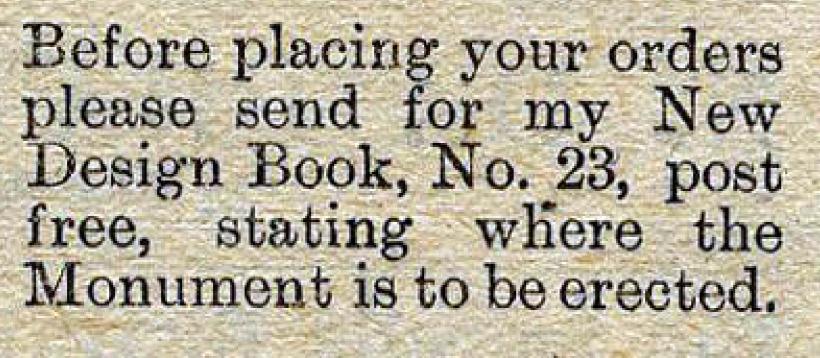
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ANGUS.—At Leith Hospital, suddenly, on the 9th inst., Daisy (dearly beloved daughter of the late James T. Angus, spirit merchant, late of Kingskettle and Muirkirk, Ayrshire, and of Mrs Angus, 16 Fort Place, Leith), aged 15 years; sadly missed and deeply mourned.-Funeral Private.

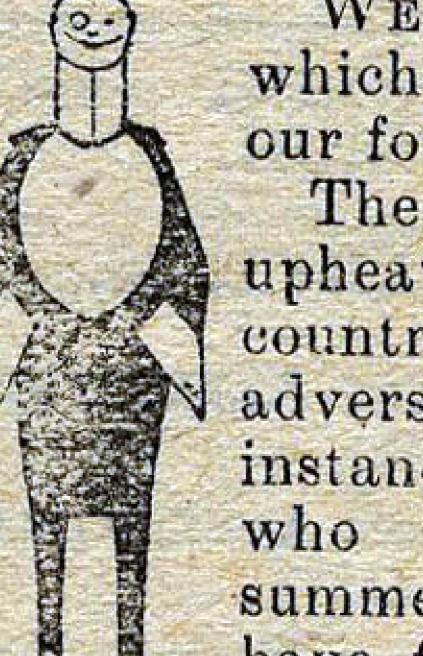
MONTGOMERY.—At Western Infirmary, Glasgow, on 5th inst., John Montgomery (beloved son of Mrs Montgomery, Manse Lane, Muirkirk), aged 54 years.—Mrs Montgomery, Mr Sam. Montgomery, and Mr John Montgomery's family desire to return thanks to their friends. for sympathy extended to them, and to the gentlemen for their attendance at the funeral.

.* We understand many readers express a desire to have more than one copy of the Advertiser weekly or occasionally. To meet this desire, extra copies may be had at the Office for 3d each.

THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1916.

THE JAM FUND.



WE live in stirring times—times in which our freedom, our homes, and even our food are in jeopardy.

The war is responsible for a great upheaval in social life all over the country, but some communities are more adversely affected than others. For instance, the lot of people at the coast who depend for their livelihood on summer boarders, as well as those who have fixed salaries, must be indeed in

straitened circumstances, if they needed all their money before, what with taxation and the necessaries of life doubled in price. The bulk of the people who reside in this

district may be believed fortunate in this way, for while they too are subject to the high prices for food, their pays are, to a certain extent at least, in comparison with these high prices, and their purses are elastic. In this way the war is not so much felt in this district as it is in some other localities, and while luxuries are in the market these luxuries will be had.

With the scarcity, and, as a consequence, greatly increased cost of paper and labour, many newspapers have been reduced in size, and a good few have gone to the wall. While a reduction in the size of the Advertiser would render it rather microscopic, the cost of paper has affected it in like manner to all others, but unlike some famous publications the price has remained the same.

The Advertiser may be considered a luxury, but it may also justly be considered a necessity. It is put into every home in Muirkirk and Glenbuck weekly. At its inception it was thought that the amount drawn from advertisements would pay for the labour of producing and delivering it, as well as the cost of the paper on which it is printed, but it was learned from experience that that was not so, and the Jam Fund was introduced, towards which each householder was invited to subscribe annually at Christmastime as a means of, metaphorically speaking, supplying jam for the bare bread derived from producing the paper. The sum suggested was one shilling per annum for each copy of the paper. The response given tothis appeal was such as to warrant the continuance of the Advertiser, and it may be stated that it takes a shilling to pay for the white paper alone, not to mention production, delivering, etc. The suggested amount is still the same, and so as to ensure its continuance it is hoped a hearty response will be given. An attempt is made to make the sheet as interesting and as readable as possible.

As usual, each reader who subscribes one shilling and over will receive one of our large-type calendars, which one customer was kind enough to say could be seen at one hundred yards.

Our usual collector, Mr Neil Buchanan, is too busy to undertake the collection this year, but Mr David Hamilton, Morton Place, Muirkirk, and Mr Thomas Tait, Jun., Glenbuck, will make the usual rounds of calls in their various districts one of these days and we bespeak for them a kindly reception. Subscriptions may be left at or sent to the shop if preferred.

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OUT OF ACTION.—Private Wm. Murphy, 5th R.S.F., is presently in hospital in Alexandria, Egypt, suffering from enteric fever. Private David Love, of the R.F.A., is in Stobbill Hospital, Glasgow.

PROPERTY SALE.—In the Temperance Hall, yesterday afternoon, there was exposed to sale, by public roup, that property known as Ashbank Cottage, Smallburn. The upset price was £110, and, after spirited bidding, the subject was disposed of to Mrs Holden, Kames Cottages, at £214.

For Ladies' Costumes, Tailor-made, try Pearson's. -Advt.

Sport s Committee.—A meeting of this Committee was held in the Masonic Hall on Monday night—Mr D. B. Greenwood presiding. The Chairman feelingly referred to the death of Mr Wm. Pearson, the treasurer of the Committee, and stated that he had had handed to him through Mr Pearson's representatives the books and a deposit receipt for £31. It was decided that the money remain on deposit in the Clydesdale Bank in the names of Mr D. B. Greenwood (president), Mr Thomas Hazel (vice-president), and Mr W. S. Smith, payable on the signature of any two of these three.

Ornithological Society.—On the evening of Friday last the committee of this Society met in Mrs Hendry's Tavern to spend a social evening. In the absence of the President (Mr Thomas Findlay) and the Vice-President (Mr Andrew Rae), Mr Charles Woodburn was called to the chair. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided by Mrs Hendry, the Chairman made a few remarks on the future of the Society, and made suitable presentations to the Secretary (Mr Jas. G. Torbett) and the Treasurer (Mr Wm. Brown), both of whom fittingly replied. The remainder of the evening was spent in song and sentiment.

Social Meeting. —On Friday last a meeting was held in the Masons Arms Hotel, to present to Mr Wm. C. Weir, son-in-law of Mrs Smith, of the Hotel, a testimonial of their good wishes on his joining the army next week. Between thirty and forty attended, and Mr Wm. M'Pherson presided. The testimonial was a luminous wristlet watch and cigarette case. This was presented by Mr Peter Mackie in a pithy and cheering address. Mr Weir replied, thanking the donors in graceful language, accepting his military position with pleasure, to do his duty and to aid his country in the present necessity for men. The remainder of the evening was spent in mirth and song.

B.W.T.A.—On Thursday evening last a very pleasant social meeting, under the auspices of the local branch of the B.W.T.A., was held in the Lesser Temperance Hall. Rev. John Alexander, M.A., occupied the chair. After tea and the Chairman's remarks, a fine programme was submitted. Solos were sung by Misses Dowman, Betty M'Intyre, and Maggie Wilson, a duet by Misses Wilson and M'Intyre, and a reading by Mrs Fettes, all of which were much enjoyed. Miss Lizzie Hamilton presided at the piano. During the evening, Mrs Young, Irvine, gave an earnest address on the work of the B.W.T.A., which was much appreciated. On the call of the Chairman, a vote of thanks to Mrs Young was heartily given, and also a like compliment towards the Chairman, the artistes, and the accompanist. The meeting was closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION. -The annual meeting of the Muirkirk Merchants Association was held in the Temperance Hall on Monday evening. Mr John Kerr presided over a fair attendance of members. It was decided to record in the minutes the loss the Association had sustained through the death of Mr Wm. Pearson, their treasurer, and also to send a letter of condolence to his family. The subscription for 1917 was fixed at 2s. - It was decided to observe a full holiday every month during the year as follows:-Jan. 3 (it was left optional with members whether or not they close on New Year's Day), Feb. 14, March 21, April 25 (or Ayr Show Wednesday), May 16, June 9 (or General Holiday Saturday), July 19 (Old Fast Day), August 22, Sept. 19, October 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19. Office-bearers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:-President, Mr John Kerr; Treasurer and Interim Secretary, Mr Robert Jack. Afterwards the books were audited, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

THE JUMBLE SALE.—The great jumble, also termed the "big push," in aid of St. Thomas' School funds, took place on Friday and Saturday last in the Ironworks Institute. The event was well organised by a staff of enthusiastic and energetic workers, and when "The Day" came for a massed attack on the trenches they were found to be well defended by a well equipped army, the assailants surrendering their ammunition on demand. On Friday the opening ceremony was performed by Mrs Baird, Wellwood, who delivered an interesting and appropriate address on mutual help, while Mr Dugald Baird, J.P., made a capital chairman, and shortly referred to toleration amongst the various sects. On Saturday Mr John Young, J.P., presided at the opening function, and delivered an interesting address on education. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr James Clark, J.P., who gave a wellreasoned address on the necessity of education and its National importance. The several departments were kept working at high pressure, particularly on Friday evening, the various entertainments proving an irresistible attraction. As a result of the sale the sum of £86 was realised. At the close Rev. Father Bohan expressed his satisfaction, and thanked all who had contributed in making the sale such a great success.

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SUBMARINED.—Mr Jas. Selkirk, of Muirkirk, was steward on the submarined Anchor Liner "Caledonia." All the crew were saved.

MUIRKIRK PENNY SAVINGS BANK.—On Friday evening last the trustees of this Bank met in Kames Church Vestry to receive the annual report for the year ending 20th November, 1916. Rev. John Henderson presided. Mr Robert K. Wilson submitted the report, which had been duly audited by Mr Young, and was accepted by the trustees with much satisfaction. The sums received for the year amounted to £271 ls 7d, while £69 2s 8d had been paid out to depositors. £204 had been transferred to the Savings Bank of Glasgow in depositors' own names, while £60 6s 7d in Savings Bank of Glasgow remains due to depositors as per Penny Bank ledger. There had been 2575 transactions during the year, and 166 accounts were open. This shows a record increase over the previous year, there being £102 19s 4d more deposited, £79 13s more transferred, 599 more transactions, and 23 more accounts open. The trustees, in re-appointing Mr Robert K. Wilson as cashier, and Mr T. R. Logie as ledgerkeeper, spoke very highly of the valuable services given by these office-bearers, and the utmost privacy which was observed. The work was bound to take up a great deal of time, and demanded careful attention in the interest and welfare of the clients of the Bank, and it was earnestly hoped that the people would take still greater advantage of the opportunity which they had in saving.

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MUIRKIRK PARISH COUNCIL.

The annual statutory meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday afternoon. There were present-Messrs Jas. Johnstone, John Kerr, D. B. Greenwood, Andrew Pringle, Walter Weir, David Stitt, and Rev. Wm. Bohan (Mr Johnstone presiding).

An apology for absence was read from Mr Young.

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

After the books, cash, debts, &c., had been formally handed over by the Chairman, the election of a chairman for the ensuing year was proceeded with, when Mr Johnstone was unanimously re-appointed.

For the ensuing year, Mr Stitt was re-appointed the Council's delegate to the Kyle Union Poorhouse Board, Mr Young re-appointed to the Ayr District Committee of the County Council, Mr Greenwood and the Inspector delegates to the Parish Councils Association, and Mr Pringle, Mr Crostie, and the Inspector a deputation to visit the Poorhouse, the Asylum, and Smyllum Orphanage, while the whole Council were to form the Finance, Clothing, and Cemetery Committees, with Mr Young convener of Finance, Mr Preston convener of Clothing, and Mr Weir convener of Cemetery.

Several claims were intimated by and against this parish, and there were also several alterations on the Roll of Poor through the death of an inmate of the Poorhouse and nomads entering and leaving that institution.

The aliment in a few cases was increased, as also was the rate for a dependant in Smyllum Orphanage.

It was reported that Matthew Mitchell had absconded from the farm on which he was employed near Ayr, that he had been detained in Ayr, and had agreed to return to the farm.

A circular-letter had been sent to the Chairman from the Society of Inspectors of Poor and Poor Law Officers of Scotland as to the granting of extra remuneration in view of the present exceptional circumstances.

After consideration, it was decided to raise the wages of the labourer in the Cemetery from 4s 8d to 6s per day, but not to consider the salaries of officials meantime.

It was decided to exempt all in receipt of parish relief from parish rates, as in former years.

A number of appeals to be relieved of assessment were submitted, and these were remitted to the Finance Committee for consideration.

The Chairman called the attention of the members to the fact that Mr John Hodge, M.P. for the Gorton Division of Lancashire, a native of Muirkirk, had just been appointed Labour Minister in the Cabinet of this country. It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Mr Johnstone, to send him the congratulations of the Council in that his services to the nation had been so fittingly recognised by the honour conferred on

We understand that, since the above meeting took place, the caretaker of the cemetery has been called up for active service.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FOR FIVE WEEKS ENDING 25TH NOVEMBER, 1916.

Brought forward from October, £2 13 3 DONATIONS.	District No. 7 — South Side of Main Street— From School to Bank. Collectors—Mrs Wm. Alston and Mrs Jas. Gibson.	District No. 15—Dalfram to Upper Whitehaugh, Aikencleugh, and Netherwood. CollectorsMisses Craig.
J. G. A. Baird, Esq., 10 0 0 Total—£12 13s 3d.	s. d. Thos. Jackson, 10 0 John Alston, 2 0 Mrs T. H. Wilson 5 0 Fred Wright, 1 0 Mrs Goldie, 4 0 Wm. Alston, 4 0	s. d. Mrs Gemmell, 5 0 Mrs Gardiner, 1 0 Mr Foster, 5 0 Mr R. Hyslop, 1 6 Mr Anderson, 5 0 Clark Gibson, 1 0 Mr Scott, 5 0 Mrs Blackwood 1 0
Employees of Messrs Wm. Baird & Co., Ld. Week ending 31st October, £10 2 11 ,, 7th Nov., 10 2 3 ,, 14th Nov., 10 1 10 21st Nov., 10 2 0	Total—£1 6s 0d. District No. 8—North Side of Main Street—From	Mr Findlay, 5 0 W. Davidson, 1 0 Mr Craig, 5 0 Total—£1 15s 6d. District No. 16.
Employees of Messrs The Kennox Coal Co., Ld.	Stile to Pearson's Corner. Collectors — Messrs Wm. Blackwood and Jas. G. Hodge. s. d. James Gibson, 4 0 Mrs Blackwood, 5 0	Collectors—Messrs Hugh Baird and Sam. Paterson. s. d. Mr Auld, 2 6 Mr Paterson, Mr Boyes, 1 0 Mr Baird, Mr M'Kenzie, 1 0 Mr Wight, 5 0
Resident in Muirkirk, £3 0 5 ,, Glenbuck, 1 9 3 4 9 8	Miss Robertson, 2 0 Mrs Brownridge, 2 0 Walter Weir, 2 0 Total—15s 0d.	Mr M'Callum, 1 6 Mr M'Kerrow, 5 0 Mr W. M'Callum, 1 0 Mr F. M'Kerrow, 1 0 Mr Thomson, 1 0 Miss M'Kerrow, 1 0 Mr M'Millan, 1 0 Miss McLay, 1 0 Mr Lambie, 1 0 Miss Murchie, 2 6
Railway Employees, per Mr R. Brown. Fortnight ending 9th Nov., £1 8 0 ,, 23rd Nov., 1 8 0 ——————————————————————————————————	District No. 9-Main Street (both sides)-Bank to Irondale. Collector-Mr George Taylor. s. d. s. d.	Mr Ferguson, 1 0 Miss Stevenson, 1 0 Total—£1 9s 6d. District No. 17—Catchyburn, Kameshill, Station House, Railway Buildings, and Kames Pit Row. Collectors—Mrs Gavin Dalziel and Mrs Edgar
Employees of Muirkirk Co-operative Society, per Mr Robert Taylor, 1 12 6 Employees of Muirkirk Iron Works Co-operative Society, per Mr James	John Hodge, Sen., 2 0 Robt. Kellock, 1 0 Jas. Strickland, 2 6 Miss Wilson, 1 0 John M'Culloch, 6 0 Miss Millar, 1 0 James M'Kie, 1 0 Nurse Macdonald, 1 0 George Taylor, 1 0	Anderson. s. d. Dugald Baird, 20 0 John Cairney, 2 0 Hugh Miller, 5 0 Total—£1 7s.
Houston, 1 1 4 Total—£50 8s 6d. District No. 1—Langloanhead, Crossflatt, Auld-	District No. 10—Wellwood Street.	District No. 18—Old and New Terraces, Kames Rows Nos. 1, 2, and 3. Collectors—Messrs Thos. Morrison and Jas. Samson. s. d. s. d.
houseburn, Bankhead, Burnside, Madeleine Place. Collector—Mr Jas. Rae. s. d. James Clark, 100 0 Robt. Thomson, 2 0	Jas. G. Richmond, 3 0 Hugh Wilson, 2 0	Andrew Steel, 1 3 John M'Call, 2 6 Total—3s 9d. District No. 19—High Weighs to Springhill. Collectors—Messrs And. Moreland and Wm. Morran.
D. Ferguson, 1 0 Adam Easton, 1 0 George Thorburn, 1 0 Jas. Brown, 1 0 J. & W. T. Watson, 0 6 M'Gillivray, 4 0 David Stitt, 2 0 F. J. Gordon, M.A. 5 0 Miss Johnstone, 1 0	John Wylie,20Neil Buchanan,10John P. Forbes,10Miss Ross,26Miss Black,16Jas. Caldwell,50Mrs Swann,10R. Cunningham,40Wm. Brown,80Miss Smith,26Miss Dowman,16Mr Leslie,40	S. d. Gavin Dalziel, 1 0 John Young, 20 0 David Campbell, 1 6 Andrew Pringle, 5 0 John M'Dougall, 1 0 Total—£1 8s 6d.
District No. 2—Lightshaw, Torhill, Manse to Burnbrae Cottage including Crofthead. Collectors—Messrs Neil Buchanan and Robt. Taylor.	Rev. C. Livingston 1 0 Total—£2 18s 6d.	District—Glenbuck East. Collectors—Messrs A. Wallace, R. Crosbie, T. Weir, and Andrew Crosbie. s. d. Mr C. Howatson, 60 0 Mr Halliday, 1 0
Jas. Lawson, 5 0 Alex. Semple, 5 0 Rev. John Hender- son, B.D., 20 0	District No. 11—Glasgow Road. Collectors—Messrs Hugh Bell and David M'Fegan. s. d. Miss Templeton, 1 0 James Nicol, Jr., 2 6 John S. Weir, 2 0 Wm. Hogg, 2 0	Mr C. Howatson, 60 0 Mr Halliday, 1 0 Mrs Howatson, 40 0 Mr Martin, 4 0 Mrs Arthur, 1 0 Arch. Robertson, 4 0 Margt. M'Crae, 1 0 James M'Kerrow, 2 0 Lizzie Jamieson, 1 0 Mr Lindsay, 1 0
Total—£1 10s. District No. 3—Bridge Street, Kirkgreen, to Old Bank including Co-operative Buildings. Collectors—Messrs George Bradford and John	Miss Weir, 1 0 Adam Ingram, 2 0 Mrs Jas. Marshall, 2 0 Gilb. M'Bride, 1 0 Jos. Falconer, 1 0 Mrs P. Campbell, 1 0 John Callan, 1 0 Total—16s.6d.	Total—£5 15s 0d. District—Glenbuck Central. Collectors—Messrs John Stitt and Thos. Brown. s. d. s. d.
Dempster. s. d. Thos. Hazle, James Hibberd, William Hunter, 1 0 Alex. Simpson, 4 0	District No. 12—Furnace Road.	Eliz. Kerr, 4 0 John Rodger, 5 0 Robt. Duncan, 6 0 Rev. C. M'Kenzie, 5 0 George Bain, 1 0 Mrs Stitt, 1 0 Alex. Wallace, 1 0 Miss Cassels, 1 6 Mary Wallace, 1 0 Miss Bain, 3 0
Wm. Dempster, 0 6 Wm. Gilfillan, 1 0 John Dempster, 0 6 Total—10s 0d.	James Gibson, 1 0 John S. M'Gill, 2 0 John Young, 1 0 David Hamilton, 1 0 Total—5s 0d.	Dick Bain, 1 0 John Barr, 1 0 Ronald Murdoch, 1 0 Robt. Murdoch, 1 0 Miss Scott, 1 6 Robt. Dalziel, 1 0 Total—£1 15s 0d.
District No. 4—Hedgegrove, Garronhill, and Holmhead. Collectors—Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Mitchell. s. d. Jas. M'Intyre, 2 0 Jas. Gilchrist, 1 0	District No. 13—Smallburn. Collectors—Messrs T. Anderson and T. Kerr. s. d. s. d.	District—Glenbuck West. Collector—Mr John Forsyth. s. d. Alex. Gibson, 1 0 J. & T. Johnstone, 2 0 Total—3s.
Miss M'Intyre, 1 6 Total—4s 6d. District No. 5—South Side of Main Street—From	Thos. Anderson, 2 0 Mrs Lochrie, 1 0 Mrs Aird, 2 6 James Clement, 4 0 John M'Donald, 1 0 Mrs Fettes, 1 0 Mary Stevenson, 1 0 Thos. Henderson, 2 6 Wm. Vallance, 4 0 Rev. Jas. Green-	District No. 20—Muirkirk Merchants. Collector—Mr Wm. Blackwood. Robt. Thomson, 4 0 Jas. Murdoch, 4 0 Miss Johnstone, 2 0 Jas. Dickson, 6 0
Masons Arms to Kateshall. Collectors—Messrs James Bell and Joseph Thomson. s. d. s. d. c. P. Bell, 4 0 Thos. Sloan, 1 0	Miss Sunderland, 1 6 shields, B.D., 5 0 Total—£1 5s 6d.	John Smith, 4 0 Mrs Alston, 4 0 John Armstrong, 2 0 Mrs Wallace, 4 0 James Kerr, 2 0 Alex. Vallance, 2 0 Mrs Hendry, 4 0 D. B. Greenwood, 4 0 Robt. Jack, 12 0 J. H. Preston, 4 0
Lizzie Hamilton, 0 6 Jos. Baird, 2 0 Mrs Steele, 10 0 Mrs Smith, 2 0 Wm. Blyth, 2 0 Total—£1 1s 6d.	District No. 14—Airdsmill to Beacon Hill. Collector—Miss Buchanan. s. d. Mr Nicol, Sen., 2 6 Mrs Baird, 40 0 Mr Wm. Nicol, 5 0 Misses Baird, 25 0	Wm. Blackwood, 3 0 Wm. Weir, 3 0 Andrew Findlay, 1 0 W. S. Smith, 4 0 Wm. Pearson, 7 6 Robt. Young, 4 0 John Halliday, 4 0 Mrs Scott, 4 0 John Kennedy, 4 0 Wm. Henderson, 4 0 Wm. Vallance, 4 0 James Cook, 2 0
District No. 6—North Side of Main Street—From Mr Wood's to the Stile. Collectors—Messrs Andrew Murdoch and Andrew Rae,	Mr M'Lean, 1 0 Mary Bell, 0 6 Messrs Moffat, 5 0 Martha Parker, 0 6 Mr Buchanan, 5 0 W. & W. Mr Laidlaw, 1 6 Buchanan, 4 0 Mr M'Culloch, 1 0 Annie Martin, 0 6	Miss Gibson, 4 0 N. Da Prato, 4 0 Jas. H. Mitchell, 4 0 Jas. Brown, 6 0 John Geddes, 4 0 John Kerr, 4 0 John Hogg, 4 0 James Steele, 1 6 John Dunbar, 4 0
John Wood, 2 0 James Dean, 4 0 Wm. Logie, 1 0 Thos. Rowe, 2 0 Dan Harkness, 2 6 Miss Wilson, 2 0 Mrs M'Skimming, 1 0	Mr Harvey, 5 0 Nellie Wardrop, 0 6 Mr Anderson, 5 0 Andrew Hannah, 1 0 Mr Leitch, 2 6 Mary M'Ausland, 1 0 C. M'Dougall, 1 6 Cath. Torrance, 0 6 Mr Fairbairn, 5 0	Total 66 180 0d
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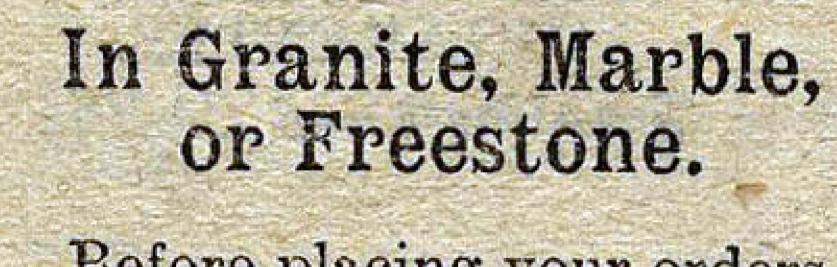
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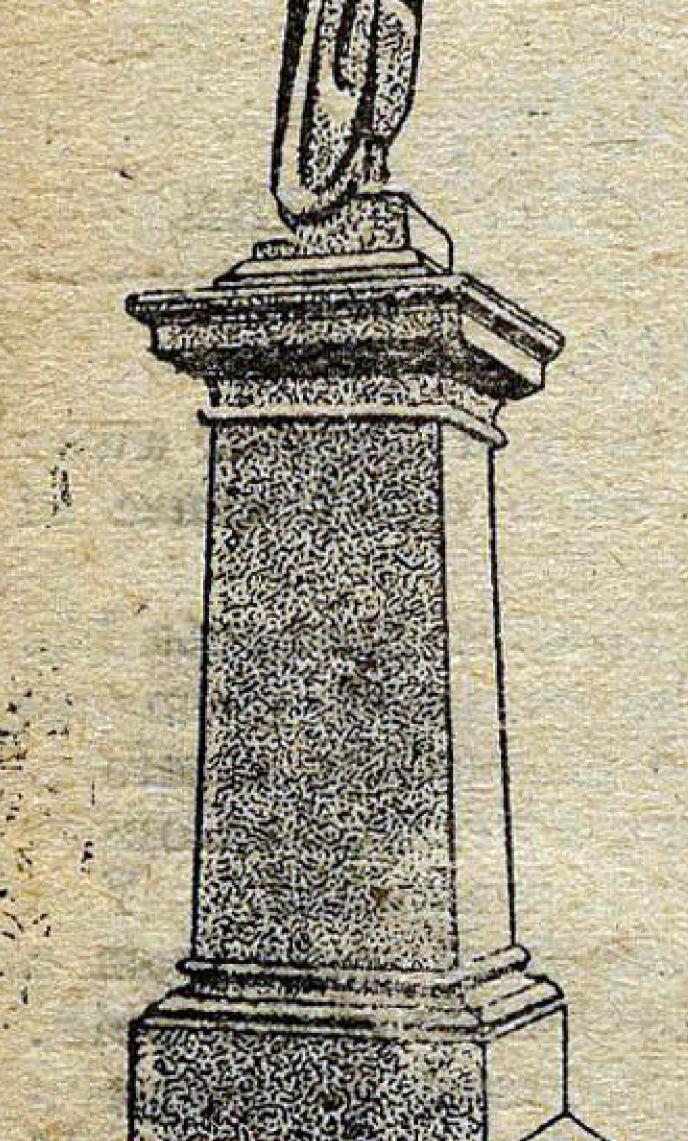
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Death.

MURRAY.—At 13 Belvidere Terrace, Ayr, on 16th inst., David (youngest son of David Murray, late of Railway Buildings, Muirkirk).—Mr and Mrs Murray and Family desire to thank all friends for kind expressions of sympathy, and those who sent flowers and attended the funeral.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1916.

Local Mews.

ECCLESIASTICAL.—On Thursday last Rev. Jas. Russell was inducted in the Parish Church of Greengairs, near Airdrie. Rev. John Henderson, B.D., of Muirkirk Parish Church, was present. Mr Russell was a former minister of Muirkirk E. U. Congregational Church.

Soldiers at Home.—Corporal Arch. M'Luckie, of the R.A.M.C., is presently enjoying a brief respite at home. He is attached to an hospital in a district in Belgium. Gunner John H. Preston is also presently sojourning in Muirkirk. The Gunner is one of the staff of the X Ray Department at Bangour Military Hospital, and has been slightly overwrought.

FANCIERS' DOINGS .- While ornithological shows are not quite so plentiful as in former years, still there are sufficient to satisfy the cravings of the majority of fanciers. Locally, the bird men have been keeping their end up. At Cleator Moor, Cumberland, Messrs D. and A. Loggie won first prize with a black rosecomb bantam hen. At Stonehouse Mr John Mathieson won first prize and special prize with a black self tumbler cock, and Mr Jas. G. Torbett 3rd prize with a yellow beard pigeon. At Dysart Mr Jas. Brown won two second prizes with red self tumblers, Mr Robert Barrie second prize with a black self tumbler, and Mr Thomas Lindsay second prize with a flying homer. At London Mr W. S. Smith was awarded three second and two third prizes with white tumblers.

IRONWORKS CURLING CLUB.—The meeting of this Club was held on Wednesday, 6th inst. There was a large turnout of members, and Mr John Young presided. Office-bearers for the season were appointed as follows:-Hon. president, Mr Dugald Baird, J.P.; president, Mr John Young, J.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs John M'Culloch and Jas. Strickland; secretary and treasurer, Mr Andrew Pringle; with a working committee of twelve members. The draws for the cup and the medal were then made, with the following result, the skips' names being mentioned in each case: - Cup-Sam Rae v. John M'Culloch, John Woodburn v. John Cairney, Wm. Anderson v. Dugald Baird, Wm. Vallance v. Henry Hastings, Robert K. Wilson, v. Jas. Strickland; Medal-John M'Culloch v. John Cairney, Robert K. Wilson v. Dugald Baird, Wm. Vallance v. Wm. Anderson, John Woodburn v. Sam Rae, Henry Hastings v. Jas. Strickland. Already the frost is being keenly looked forward to by the various rinks, and handles have been looked out. Last year's finals of both competitions are still to play; it is said that the heat generated prematurely thawed the ice.

PARISH CHURCH JUVENILE CHOIR.—The session's work of this well-known organisation had its culmination on Sunday last, when the youthful choristers rendered the service of song and story, entitled "One of His Jewels," before a large congregation. The solos and concerted pieces were tastefully performed, and the connective readings exceedingly well done. Interest in the piece was sustained to the last item, and the Gospel message inculcated by the story must have been impressed strongly on the minds of the listeners, coming as it did from the lips of earnest and anxious little ones. The following were the readers: - Misses Peggy Irvine, Mary M'Donald, Annie Park, Nan Samson, and Janet Thorburn, and Masters Chas. Baird, Andrew Rae, and Campbell Wilson. The following were the vocal soloists: -Misses Phemie Baird, Grace Dempster, Maggie Jack, Elsie M'Luckie, Mary M'Donald, Mary Murdoch, Annie Park, Nan Samson, Janet Thorburn, Jane White, and Priscilla Wilson, and Masters Chas. Baird and David Dempster. Rev. John Henderson conducted the devotional part of the service, whilst Mr Jas. G. Richmond, the organist and choirmaster of the church, controlled the cantata and accompanied the singers, the opinion being expressed that this effort will rank amongst the best yet submitted to the public by this wellknown combination.

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SALE OF WORK.—The Annual Sale of Work, in aid of Foreign Missions and the Central Fund of the United Free Church, was held in the Main Street Church on Saturday last. Rev. James Greenshields, B.D., presided and declared the sale open. The proceeds amounted to close upon £40.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS.—The last contingent of parcels for local soldiers (as a result of the Carnival) was despatched on Tuesday last. This brings the total number of parcels sent off to 290, at a cost of about as many pounds. This may be a suitable time to mention the contents of each parcel so that subscribers may know how the money has been spent. The contents of the parcels sent abroad were-1 currant bun, 3 cakes shortbread, 2 tins café au lait, 1 tin bovril lozenges, 6 packets refreshers, 1 muffler, 1 pipe, 4 oz tobacco, 10 packets woodbines, Is box chocolate, pair sox, writing pad, tin ham loaf, 2 cakes carbolic soap, packet spearmint gum, midget cooker or tin salmon and tin sardines. The parcels for the men on home soil contained all the foregoing with the exception of the bouril lozenges, the refreshers, the spearmint gum, and the midget cookers. Every lot, for home as well as abroad, was packed in a specially-made tin box. The packing and despatching were done by the work parties, although the work to a great extent fell on a few of the more enthusiastic spirits, with Rev. John Henderson as manager and commanderin-chief, and to all concerned the utmost credit is due for the time and trouble they have been at on behalf of our soldiers, although so far as the ladies are concerned they seem to feel they cannot do enough for the men who are facing death and privations on our behalf.

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Last Seturday I gaed ower tae the toon tae get a paper, and a man happened tae tell me that the minister wis gaun tae Lugar next day. I said naething, but I made up my mind tae hae a Sunday aff, an' jist tae cheat the parson I got up early on Sunday, put on my guid claes, and thocht I wid be on the Main Street so that the minister wid think as he passed that I wis ready for the kirk. Weel, I got up tae Greenwood's about 9 o'clock, an' for a Sabbath Day I never saw sic a steer. Six cars ready for the read, an' folk comin' frae a' directions-douce elders, herds, clerks, men that cudna be ca'd Sabbath-breckers. What's in the win'? They a' stuid about Greenwood's, an' they were age bein' coonted. Ane o' them says-"Are we a' here?" "No," said anither ane, "the plumber's awantin, but oo canna wait ony langer, for Lord French widna alloo it." Lord French, said I tae mysel, that's absolutely IT. If that's the sojer that held up the Germans I wid like tae see him, and it struck me that I could tak the place o' the plumber in ane o' the cars, an' I made up my mind tae watch my chance. What car should I get intae? Luck was wi' me. The cars filled, an' then something gaed wrang wi' the works o' the first car, an' they began tae shift this ane an' that ane, so I said tae masel-" Car No. 1 for me," an' I got aboard. The Major 'll no' ken whaur, but tae prove I wis aboard his car I cud tell him hoo often he took oot his watch, hoo fidgety he got when the snaw held them up. an' hoo mony cigarettes he wis made tae smoke tae keep him cool, altho' I can say that ane o' the fag ends ver near burned a hole in my Sunday breeks.

Weel, up the Glesca Road we gaed, through the Stra'ven muir, whaur we lifted ither fower or five, right through Stra'ven, on tae Glesca, on the streets o' which there wis great fun.

The toun wis fou o' pea soup, an' we cudna steer. If the motors hadna been fou o' volunteers, and solid anes at that, there wad hae been a serious disaster. The last three cars had stoppit sae as no' tae rin ower the Glesca weans, when a tramcar cam' roun' the corner an' bumpit intae Car No. 4, No. 4 bumpit intae No. 5, and No. 5 banged intae No. 6. They a' stottit aff ane anither like curlin' stanes. Whit a shindy there wis. Doon sprang the driver o' No. 4 and collared the carman. "Wha wis ye shovin'? Ye gomeril, what's yer name an' yer nummer? Ye've wreckit ma guid motor car, you an' yer bloomin' sparkin' scrap." An' I'm tellin' ye there wis some sparks fleein'; I dinna ken hoo it wis, but somebody maun hae been burnin' sulphur close by, for we were a' ver near chokit wi' the smell o't. When he got his braith the carman said-"I'm sorry, but are any of you hurt?" "Sorry," said the motorman, "ye thickheid, ye've nae mair brains than a hen. I'm frae Glenbuck, and I'll gie ye a lesson. Is there onybody hurt! Man, it wid tak' mair than a bash frae a Glesca car tae damage oor Volunteers. Crawford disna gie them physical exercise for naething. Get awa' wi' ye." An' the Glesca carman took his hook tae his car wi' a halesome respect for the Volunteers o' Ayrshire.

Oor destination was St. Enoch's Station. Major maun hae officers in the Company, for as sune as he got down he summoned ane o' the Volunteers tae the front and said-"I cannot wait for these last three cars, but when they come bring the men to platform 7, or if too late march them to the Green." Ay, an' the buddin' lieutenant fairly likit the job, an' did the ordering fine. Frae a' appearances the car colleesion hadna wasted lang time, becuz we had only cauld feet when the heroes arrived. I may say that my feet werena cauld, although I'm whiles bauthered wi' cauld feet, but thae cauld feet happen tae belang tae the wife! At platform 7 we sune made oor presence felt. On that platform there wid be aboot a thoosan' Ayrshire men, an' there were twa thoosan cauld feet (a' but twa), but, min' ye, no' ane o' the lot wid admit it. Hooever, somebody had said it, for ower comes the Major tae us, an' shouted-"Tion! Mark time. Left, right!" An', my certy, if ye had jist seen hoo we liftet oor clodhoppers an' oor roadrollers ye wid hae been prood o'us, an' it wis oor lot that saved the hale battalion frae foonderin'.

" Next cam' the presentation o' badges or something like that. Onyway, every ane o' us got an airmlet or brassard wi' twa big letters on't-G. R. Some said C. R. What a discussion! A schule board member explained in his best style that it wis Latin for George the King. A railway man said it was for Glesca Railway, but I kent better: it was a piece o' impidence tae show that we were frae the country, an' it meant "Green an' Raw," an' we had proof o't, for when the Major formed us up an' made us mairch through the streets tae a place ca'd the Glesca Green, we got naething but impidence. Fancy a chap in the pea soup cryin' tae ane o' us - "Hallo, Bill; ye're no' sellin' blackfaces the day." Then anither cries-" Look at thae twa; they're in the wrang regiments; ane should be in the bantans, an' the ither in the Scots Gairds." But they're a cowardly lot, for when we fixed oor military e'e on them they shirkit, an' in peace an' honour we got tae the green for the gran' parade. Weel, I ken very little about the parade, but we stuid at "Stand Easy," an' "Stand at ease," then "Tion," an' when Lord French cam' jist exactly opposite me he stoppit and said tae ane o' his attenlants-"A fine parade," an' efter he had seen me the show wis ower. Oh, if the fog had only lifted, the Glesca fowk wid hae gotten a lesson in the goose

Back tae platform No. 7. Mind ye, there were a thoosan' Ayrshire men on the platform, an' tae show ye the greatness o' oor fame the Colonel summoned oor Major, and the Major smilin' cried-" Muirkirk, three paces forward, quick march," and aff we gaed till we cam' tae a signboard-"Left Luggage Office." "Halt!" I wondert what luggage we had left there, or if we were to get portmanties or what, but no; it was cookies, an' buns, an' tea, an' I'm thinkin' the rest o' the men frae Carrick and Kyle wid be on very short commons, for they wid find oot that hill men hae rare appetites an' gran' capacities, an' that there wis very little luggage left. I heard a douce elder say that he wid never be hard on Sunday Schule bairns at a surree agane, for he cudna coont the buns he had shifted. The Major cudna get us awa' frae the left luggage office till he thocht o' orderin' oot the cars, an' as nane o' us wanted tae be left amang the pea soup we lined up an' took oor places.

step frae us.

The tram conductors had lairnt a lesson, for they didna try tae bump oor cars agane. On the road hame we sang some of the popular hymns—"Keep the Hame Fires Burnin'," Tipperary," etc., and reached Muirkirk in spite o' fog and snaw aboot fower o'clock. Eh, what a reception I got frae the wife, but she calmed doon when I whispered in her lug what Lord French had said tae me aboot the gran' parade, an' she gied me a tin o' salmon tae my supper.

I had a bad conscience about no' askin' the price o' the motor hurl, but I hear the Laird (bless him) is payin' the expense. I didna like tae send him the price o' my frolic, but I'm joinin' the Volunteers next week efter what Lord French said about our duties, an' as naebody'll be ca'd out till the last lap, at which time we'll a' be ca'd out onyway, I wid advise my brither miners tae dae the same, and be ready tae defend, if no' ither fowk's property, at least their ain wives an' weans, or their sweethairts.

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TO SAVE IIIS BROTHER.

BY JOHN CLAPKE.

Now, sir; this way, please; jump in!" And the energetic French railway official, opening the carriage door, hustled me in, shut it with a bang, the whistle llew, and we steamed out of the station en route for Marseilles, whither I was bound.

Settling myself comfortably in a corner and lighting up a good cigar, I found the carriage had but one occupant besides myself. I had only to glance at his face to determine at once, by his military appearance and bearing, that he had served his country in the army. On venturing to offer him my cigar case, he accepted a Havannah with the politeness inherent in a Frenchman. Thinking to draw him into conversation, I made some remarks upon MacMahon and the incidents of Metz, hoping, if he became talkative, to while away one of the hours we should be forced, otherwise, to pass in silence during our journey southwards.

"Marshal MacMahon!" The very name seemed to instil a new life into him; the further invitation to help himself from a flask of brandy, which I produced, had the desired effect. Remarking on its good flavour, and giving his moustache a twirl, he told me the following tale:

from St. Cloud, Jean and Henri Gascot, twin brothers, obtained commissions in the ——th Regiment of French Cavalry. Poor, but of noble birth, they both had the firm belief that the marshal's baton hung within their reach. During the two years that intervened, and before France became too jealous of Prussia, all that study and hard training could do to perfect and develop their knowledge of the science of war Jean and Henri took advantage of. At last war was declared, and their regiment was ordered to Forbach. There reverse followed reverse, until they were gradually driven towards Metz.

handing him a packet of papers, told him to try to reach Benzieres, and deliver them to General M—. Night fell, and with the darkness Jean set forth on his dangerous mission. He got but a few kilometres from the French camp when a squad of the ubiquitous Uhlans a peared, gave chase, and Jean was captured. His papers (which were in cypher, the key to you he he was acquainted with) were taken from him, and he himself was taken before the German Commandant

"Jean professed to be entirely ignorant of the key to the papers, but, on being pressed, and promised a large sum in gold and a safe passport through the German lines, providing he would disclose the necessary information, his avarice at length got the better part of his feelings, and he disclosed the whole contents of the papers to the Germans. Jean was allowed to go on his way, after being given an order signed by the German Commandant which would ensure him a safe conduct through the German lines.

the packet to General M——, and received another to take back in its place, the key to which he also carried. This information, for a further reward, he betrayed to the enemy, and Jean reached his own camp just when dawn was breaking. His colonel complimented him highly on his successful and expeditious mission, and promotion and decorations were assured him in the event of our being victorious.

"At daybreak the following morning we started to outflank the German right by making a detour of the woods of Venaillcourt, hoping to effect a junction with General M——. All seemed

cli with us, when we were suddenly shelled by some German batteries of Horse Artillery, whose presence there we were at a loss to account for, none being known to be in the neighbourhool. I heard I onri remark to Jean about winning their butous. "Le brother first smiled, and then turned ghastly pale; but in the confusion and excitement of the moment I paid little heed to it then. The German fire was well directed, and judge of our further surprise and dismay on hnding that they were supported both by Cavalry and Infantry! Well, we charged, and with what disastrous results you doubtless know. Nearly the whole of our two regiments were either shot r cut down. Jean was one of the first to fall, hadly wounded.

"After the carnage (for you could not call it a fight) Jean was carried to the hospital tents, and the Colonel of his regiment, standing by, was speaking to the surgeon who was undoing Jean's tunic, to better get at the wound, when from one of the pockets a white piece of paper fluttered to

the ground.

from the ground, read it through, and found it was a German passport for a French officer? White with passion, he confronted Jean with this evidence of his treachery, and the officer, racked with pain and with feelings of remorse, confessed his duplicity. He was placed under arrest and closely guarded, and, after his wound had healed, was tried by court-martial and sentenced to be shot on the following morning.

"During his brother's illness and subsequent trial by court-martial, Henri was nearly heart-broken with sorrow and shame, and, on learning the impending fate of Jean, he hit upon a desperate project for saving his brother's life, trusting to the remarkable likeness which existed beween them to enable him to successfully earry out his daring enterprise.

"His plan was to secure his brother a disguise, and, trusting to kind fate for the rest, to take Jean's place on the morning of the execution. Fortunately for his plan, the Germans advanced so rapidly that night that the French camp had to fall back hastily upon Laon. In the bustle and excitement Henri managed to give his brother a peasant's suit, telling him hastily to don it and escape at once to Belgium. Throwing the large coat around him, Jean managed at length to make good his escape from camp.

We reached Laon, and the following morning a firing party of twelve men were detailed for the execution of Jean. With his great-collar turned well up round his ears, and his cap down over his eyes, the brave Henri looked in the early morning hours sufficiently like his brother to escape detection.

tion, a d'he was led out to die.

"O tsi o the camp, with loaded chassepots, the firing party stood to attention, waiting the word to fire, and looking with undisguised contempt and disgust on the form of the man facing them, and yet, doubtless, wondering in their hearts how one so treacherous and debased could face death so bravely. Suddenly the order came, short, sharp, and incisive:—

"''Hiring party, attention! Present arms!

bire!

"As the smoke cleared away, the figure before them swayed and fell forward—dead. One more bero of France had willingly met an ignominious death—to save the brother he loved!

"When too late, they discovered who it was they had shot, and the men of the regiment wept bitterly over the fate of their brave young officer as with reverent hands they laid him to rest."

There were tears in the man's eyes as he finished his recital, but he brushed them rough y away as I said to him, "And what eventually became of the real culprit, Jean? Did you ever learn the sequel of his escape from the French camp?"

"I never saw him again until the fall of Paris. Desperate men were required then-men who feared not death—to try to break through the Prussian lines, to communicate with the Army of the South. One tall man, with a look of set sadness and despair in his face, volunteered to perform an extra dangerous mission. He was entrusted with the task, and next morning his body was found scarred with sword-marks and riddled with bullets. Around him lay seven dead He mans, whom he had killed in his last desperate fight for liberty and life. In his stiff, cold hands were clutched his sword and revolver, whilst in his pocket they found a piece of paper dated the day he left camp, bearing the inscription—'In expiation of my treachery to La Belle France, and in atonement for my beloved brother Henri's life, which he so nobly gave for me at Laon.' "

"And how came you so conversant with this listory?" I asked my travelling companion.
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	Sats. Sats. only only
a,m. a.m.	p.m. p.m. p.m. p.m.
Muirkirk lve 7.0 9.25	1-15 3-50 6-10 8-30
Auchinleck,, 8.16 9.50	1-41 4.19 6-39 9-0
Mauchline,, 8-25 10-0	1-51 4-29 6-55
Ayr arr 11-3	3-35 7-2110-3
Kilmarnock 8-42 10-18	2-11 4-41 7-10 9.30
Glasgow arr 9-31 11-32	2-58 5-31 7-5510.3

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Glasgow lve	6-45	9-30		2-30	4-17	5-35	8-15
Kilmarnock	8-10	10-12		3-10	5-6	6-21	9-4
Ayr	7-40	9-30			4-5		
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Cronberry	7-25		1-10	7-25	3-25	
Cumnock	7-32		1-17	7-32	3-32	
Ayr	arr 8-16		2-2	8-17	4-17	

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Ayr	lve	8-58	2-25		6-5	9-30
Cumnock		9-46	3-11		6-51	10-11
Cronberry		9-55	3-20		7-0	10-20
Muirkirk	arr	10-5	3-30		7-10	10-30

Caledonian Railway. MUIRKIRK TO EDINBURGH.

	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Muirkirk	leave 7.35	10.15	3.40
Glenbuck -	,, 7-42	10-22	3-47
Inches .	,, 7-48	10-28	3-53
Douglas West -	,, 7-53	10-33	3.58
Lanark -	arrive 8-21	10-58	4-36
Glasgow -	,, 9-43	12-40	6-0
Carstairs -	,, 9-9	11-22	4-34
Edinburgh -	,, 9-53	12-35	6-20

EDINBURGH TO MUIRKIRK.

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Edinburgh		leave	6-30	10-15	4-15
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Lanark		9.9	8-31	12-0	6-5
Douglas We	st -	,,	8-57	12-25	6-35
Inches		,,	9-4	12-32	6-42
Glenbuck		,,	9-9	12-37	6-47
Muirkirk		arrive	9-17	12-45	6-57
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BY ORDER.

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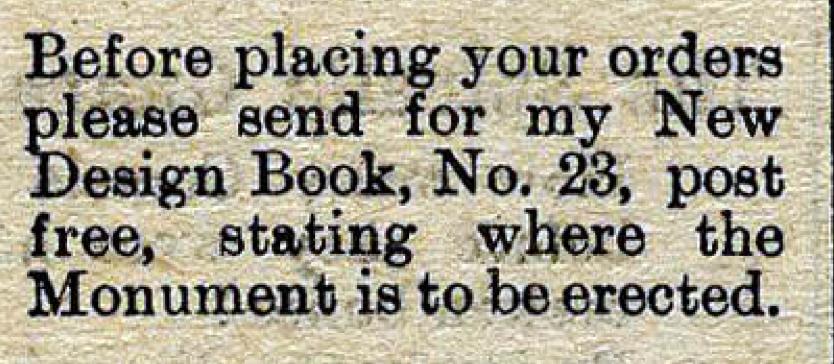
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Two years have passed since that sad day When our dear mother was called away; Thy purpose, Lord, we cannot see, But all is well that's done by Thee.

Her cheery ways, her smiling face, Are a pleasure to recall;

She had a kindly word for each,
And died beloved by all.

-Inserted by Jeanie and Lizzie Miller.

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THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1916.

Local Mews.

Local Wounded.—Private Robert M'Kinnon is in hospital in Manchester as a result of wounds in the arm and legs received in France. Private Tom Ballantyne, of the Royal Scots, with a Muirkirk connection, has been killed in France.

RAILWAYMEN'S ORPHAN FUND.—Mr T. Brown-ridge, secretary of the Muirkirk Section of the National Union of Railwaymen, has just received an official receipt and a congratulatory letter anent the sum of £14 14s being the amount derived from the efforts of the Branch by the concert recently held on behalf of the Fund.

Quoiting.—A quoiting match for £20 was played at Mauchline on Saturday last between John Kilpatrick, Jun., Muirkirk, and J. Alexander, Darvel. The weather was suitable only for being indoors, or for getting the "flu" outside, being very cold and wintry. The Muirkirk man, for once in a while, had to play second fiddle, whether from want of ability or the cold taking a greater effect on him, and he never headed his opponent. At different stages of the game the score stood 26.9, 31-26, and the final—61-44, all against Kilpatrick.

THE CINEMA.—With the probably depleted train service at New Year holidays it may be regarded as a blessing that the Cinema is still with us, at which the evenings may be spent cheaply, pleasantly, and profitably. In order to meet the expected demand for entertainment the management have arranged for a full change of programme on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the first week of the year, and as there are to be three houses on each of the first three days, there should be plenty opportunity—no matinces, but three houses at the usual prices. Patrons can therefore look forward to spending the evenings pleasantly. For particulars see advt. on page three.

SUCCESSFUL MUSIC STUDENTS.—At an examination held at Lanark, on 22nd inst., under the auspices of the London College of Music, the following local students were successful in gaining Certificates of Proficiency: -John M'Whinnie Wilson (1st Grade American Organ), 1st Class Pass; Priscilla M. Wilson (1st Grade Pianoforte), 1st Class Pass; Jacky Preston (2nd Grade Pianoforte), 1st Class Pass; Isabella M. M'Luckie (2nd Grade Violin), 1st Class Pass; Robert B. Mitchell (2nd Grade Violin), Pass; Maggie K. Muir (1st Grade Violin), Pass; Maggie Laidlaw (1st Grade Violin), Pass. The examiner was Frederick J. Karu, Esq., Mus. D.T.U.T., Mus. Bac. Cantab. The first-named candidate is a pupil of Mr J. Devine, the other six being Mr J. Johnstone's pupils.

PRESENTATIONS. -On Thursday afternoon the children of St. Thomas School presented Miss Dowman with an address, in which they expressed their appreciation of her services, their regret at her departure, and their best wishes for success in her new school. On Friday evening St. Thomas congregation met in a social capacity, and Rev. Father Bohan presided. After justice was done to a substantial repast, the Rev. Chairman explained the object of the gathering: to give expression to their appreciation of Miss Dowman's services in their school, and to present her with a tangible token of their esteem. He referred in eulogistic terms to Miss Dowman's abilities as a teacher, and her readiness at all times to assist any good work. He then called on Mrs Kearney to hand over the gifts—a handsome silvermounted umbrella, and a purse lined with Treasury notes—and she did so in a brief but pleasing speech. Miss Dowman replied in eloquent and suitable terms. A programme of songs was then submitted, followed by a dance.

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THE RAILWAYS.—Rumours are affoat anent impending alterations and curtailments in the train service, but at time of going to press no definite word had reached Muirkirk Station either as to the train service or the fares.

Ar the Post Office on New Year's Day the ordinary Sunday hours, or Sunday hour rather, will obtain, viz., for Post Office business only between 9 and 10 o'clock a.m. In an advt. in another column the business hours of the other part of the establishment are given for the same

NATIONAL BIBLE SOCIETY.—The collectors for the National Bible Society of Scotland have made their annual round of visits in Muirkirk, with the result that the sum of £6 14s 9d has been collected and forwarded to the treasurer in Glasgow by Rev. Jas. Greenshields, who has acted as Secretary and Treasurer for Muirkirk Auxiliary since Rev. Mr Dundas left this district.

PARISH CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL. - On Christmas night the Temperance Hall was literally packed to the door to welcome the concert party provided by the Sabbath scholars under the guidance of the Misses Hutchison. The high expectations formed from these ladies' previous efforts were not disappointed, for the children provided a acquitted themselves well, and splendid two-and-a-half hours' programme. Great attention had been devoted to spectacular effect; the staging of the various scenes was beautifully arranged, while the parents had made sure that their offspring would appear to the best advantage. The Rev. John Henderson was nominally chairman, but the children had their own representative to welcome the audience and introduce the business of the night. The rest of the programme was made up of action songs, sketches, and duets. The action songs were sustained by various groups of children, from tiny tots to the senior girls, and these songs reflected the greatest credit upon both pupils and teachers. "How would you like to be a Baby Girl?" "The Beautiful Rainbow," "The Baby Show," "The Dentist's Den," "Caller Herrin'," "Rag Dolls," and "The Sweeps" were each thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. The duets proved the undoubted capabilities of the chosen artistes in the vocal line, and reveal a rich promise of good singers in the coming years, the "Twin Duet," "Wilt thou be my little flower wife," and "Barney O'Hea" being deservedly encored. The dramatic talent of the children was a decided surprise to many of the audience. The dignity and the abandon of the young actors fairly captured the house, and the sketches, "Father Christmas," and the "Milliner's Shop," will be long remembered, while the "Nigger Baby," and the "Darkey's Bride," with her train bearers, were by no means the least interesting items in the night's programme. At the conclusion of the night's enjoyment Mr Henderson proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the children for their efforts, to all those who had given such splendid assistance in the arranging and decoration of the hall, a special vote of thanks to the Misses Hutchison for the capable way in which they had trained the children, and the ungrudging services they had rendered to achieve such a great success. Mr Gordon, in a few well-chosen sentences, proposed a similar vote of thanks to the Chairman. The following were the artistes: - Misses May Robb, Betty Brown, May Douglas, Nettie Clark, Lottie Bone, Grace Nelson, Jean Hazel, Mary Wallace. Grace Hogg, Cissie Rae, Bella Strathearn, Martha M'Vay, Nancy Cook, Cissie Douglas, Annie Mair, Annie Park, Jenny Henderson, Elsie M'Luckie, Marion Ramage, Agnes Jack, Agnes Hunter, Phemie Baird, Priscilla Wilson, Jenny Nelson, Mary M'Donald, Bessie Dempster, Jenny Stitt, Agnes Dempster, and Masters Jim Henderson, George Jack, Douglas Hazel, Logie Wilson, James Goldie, James Cook, John Brown, Robert Stitt, Robert Taylor, Charlie Taylor, Steven Fettes, Alex. Rennie, Willie Haugh, James Park, Charles Baird, Campbell Wilson, Willie Cook, Willie Dempster, David Dempster, James Loggie, Andrew Rae, John M'Call. We understand that it has been arranged to give a repetition of the concert later on in the Kames Institute.

MUIRKIRK SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of the School Board was held on Thursday afternoon, 14th inst. There were present-Messrs John Young, John M'Call, Robert Jack, Mrs Wilson, and Rev. Jas. Greenshields. Mr Young presided.

Before beginning with the business of the meeting proper, Mr Young shortly referred to the death of Rev. John Dundas, a former member of the Board, and it was unanimously decided to record in the minutes the Board's regret, and their sympathy with his widow, and also to send a note of condolence to her.

The Chairman also referred to the honour that had lately fallen to Muirkirk and Mr John Hodge, M.P., through Mr Hodge's recent appointment as the first Labour Minister of this country, with a place in the Cabinet. Mr Hodge, it appeared, had received his early education at Muirkirk. It was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Mr Hodge.

The minutes of previous meetings were held as

read, and were confirmed.

Several applications for exemption from attendance at school were submitted by the Clerk, two

being granted, one delayed, and the remainder refused.

It was reported that several of the children who had been granted exemption from attendance at the Day School on condition that they attended the Evening School were not fulfilling their part of the bargain, and the matter was remitted to Messrs M'Call and Stitt for their consideration. and to report and suggest a remedy.

Consideration of the question of granting merit prizes to the children was delayed.

The New Year holidays were fixed to run from

the evening of Wednesday, 27th December, till the morning of Tuesday, 9th January.

Circulars were submitted from the Ayrshire Branch of the Educational Institute of Scotland and from the Scottish School Attendance Officers' Association as to war bonuses, but there was nothing doing.

The Clerk reported several irregulars at the Day School, and it was decided that the parents be interviewed.

A circular was read from the Scotch Educational Department calling attention to the Parliament and Local Elections Act, 1916, providing for the postponement of School Board Elections for a year in all cases where they would take place before 1st June, 1917, and extending the term of office of existing members by one year.

A letter was read from Mr F. J. Gordon, stating that he had received two pictures entitled -"Faithful unto Death," in return for the children's contributions to the Jack Cornwell Fund, and the future of the pictures was left with the Furnace Road Committee to consider.

The Overseas Club requested that collections be made in the schools under the Board towards a fund for supplying tobacco and comforts for the soldiers, but the members of the Board did not agree to the request.

Mr Gordon, headmaster, Furnace Road School. reported that all the candidates presented lately for the merit certificates had been passed by Dr Mort.

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Admission (Including Tax)-6d and 1s. Tickets to be had from Shopkeepers in the Village.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE. — On Sabbath evening last a children's Christmas Service was held in the Glenbuck Parish Church, when there was a good attendance. After several suitable hymns had been sung—in one of which the congregation sang the first and last verses, the second being sung by Miss May Barr, the third by girl scholars, the fourth by boy scholars, and the fifth by Master Jas. Stitt-Rev. C. A. Mackenzie delivered an appropriate Christmas address. At the close of the service ninety parcels, including gifts of all kinds, were handed in by the Sabbath School children, and included 132 packets cigarettes, 3 boxes tobacco, 7 boxes safety matches, 49 bars chocolate, 76 cakes soap, 25 candles, 16 boxes vaseline, 4 tins boot polish, 19 writing pads, 7 pencils, 9 books, 1 pipe, 1 cake, 1 cake shortbread, 1 rubber, 1 shaving stick, 8 boxes oxo, 1 pair sox, 3 handkerchiefs, 1 tin café au lait, 2 tins sardines. l tin salmon, 2 mitts, 1 box raisins, 2 tins cocoa, 2 ham loaves, 5 kampite, 2 pairs boot laces, 4 tins health salts, I packet sweets-387 articles in all. These go to the local soldiers on home and foreign

FORTHCOMING ENTERTAINMENT.—From advertisement under the Glenbuck heading it will be seen that the good folks of Glenbuck are to have a visit from the well-known journalist and lecturer - Mr W. B. Gardiner, who writes under the noms-de-plume of "Ralph Fleech" and "Max Philpot." Those who have heard Mr Gardiner lecture, and they can be counted by the tens of thousands, are of one mind—that he is a great speaker. He is really an entertainer, and, given an opportunity such as the present, he can make his audience rock with laughter. Laughing is infectious, and Mr Gardiner's smile is of no ordinary width. It is said that a prophet has no honour in his own country, and that Mr Gardiner can draw large audiences on his own native heath as well as all over the Kingdom, but tends to prove his worth. Far from being a dry-as-dust lecture, on a stale subject, this should be a most enjoyable meeting, and several songs will also be sung by local vocalists. Admission tickets are now on sale.

For Boy's, Youths', or Men's Suits try Pearson's -Advt.

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TO-NIGHT, at 7 and 9.

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Another Clinking Chaplin Comedy-

CHARLIE CHAPLIN in

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FANNIE WARD in

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Original Poetry.

LINES TO "ORION," MUIRKIRK, on Reading Two of his Poems entitled

"A HINT,"
AND "THE YEAR IS GROWING OLD."

My freen, or brither should I say?
When aince this screed gets up your way,
'Twill maybe please, perchance it may

Cause you to huff,
That you should leeve tae see the day

That brocht sic stuff.

Perhaps the reason I should gie,
That moves me noo tae write tae thee.
Weel then, 'twas jist like this, you see,
I'll tell aff haun,
I read some verses that tae me
Were simply gran'.

Oor freen M'Leod, he telt me true,
That these bit lines were wrote by you,
Wha I hae kent a long while noo,
But a' the time
I never thocht, I maun aloo,
Ye dealt in rhyme.

Noo, in your verses 'boot the "fence,"
My freen, there is a deal o' sense,
An' everyane unless they're dense
Will lessons learn,
An' a' the "wherefor" an' the "whence"
They will discern.

Aboot the "year that's growing old"
A story you have sweetly told.
A wondrous picture you unfold
To humankin';
In fact it has got such a hold
Upon my min'.

Aroon your breezy uplan' home
Richt joyously you'll aften roam,
To study Heaven's lovely dome
As Nature's child,
Far frae the ocean's fleck and foam,
'Mang moorlan' wild.

When flowerets bloom supremely gran',
Your piercin' e'e will aften scan
The glorious landscapes will'd to man,
An' a' his kin.

Gin we forget 'tis Nature's plan, 'Twill be a sin.

An' so my far-off poet friend,
I houp I winna noo offend;
My solemn vow's I don't intend
By writin' this,
I trust forgiveness you'll extend,
Gin't be amiss.

We had a corner here in Ayr,
I wad be prood to see you there
At onytime that you may care
To come alang.
We'll had a crack on rhymin' ware—
Maybe a sang.

But, meantime, I will bid adieu,
My honest, worthy freen, to you.
May Heaven's blessin's, not a few,
Abide wi' thee;
Gin ye sae wish, a servant true

D. MILLAR.

Ayr.

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Ye'll hae in me.

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

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No scarcity of Writing Ink with us. We've as much as would float a ship—mostly on draught. Send a bottle.

SMITH, STATIONER.

Our Story.

DONNA CATALINA'S REVENGE.

DON CAYETANO BALBOA, a respectable and wealthy merchant of Eucija, in Andalusia, had an only son, named Don Pedro, on whom he bestowed a liberal education, and for whom he subsequently obtained a post in the Health Office at Madrid. In this city the young Pedro, who was left in a measure his own master at the early age of nineteen, formed connection which deeply implicated his own future peace and that of his family. He was of a generous disposition, but weak-minded in many respects, and easily biased by the arts of designing persons. The half medical character of Don Pedro's employment brought him into intimate acquaintance with most of the principal physicians and apothecaries of Madrid, and with their families. Among others whom he met in this circle was Donna Catalina, the widow of an eminent chemist who had been banished to Africa for participating some political conspiracies, and who had, it seems, died in exile. At the period of her husband's banishment, Donna Catalina was very young, and what her chars ofer was, may be in part imagined from the confession which her husband made to some friends before his departure that "his sentence was endurable, because it freed him from the bonds of his imperious helpmate." Donna Catalina was considerably under her thirtieth year, and yet very beautiful, when she became acquainted with Don Pedro de Balboa. Her wit and charms fascinated the young Andalusian, and she, in her turn, formed for him a deep and ardent passion. In Catalina's disengaged and widowed state there was no obstacle to the formation of a matrimonial alliance between them, and in all likelihood a marriage would have ensued, but for the discovery which Balboa made of Catalina's violent and intolerable temper. Still, after the advances he had made, he could not easily give up his imperious beauty. She had acquired a power over him, and he feared to dare the outburst of her passion. At length he found the means of withdrawing himself. His father sent an express order for his return home without delay, and as this injunction could not be disobeyed, or trifled with, Pedro tore himself away from the company of Catalina, and returned to the paternal mansion. When Don Pedro reached his father's house, he found that the old merchant had become anxious—probably from having heard of the state of matters at Madridthat his son should marry and settle in life. He had even provided a match for the youth, in the person of a young and lovely cousin, whom Don Pedro, at the period of his return, found resident in his father's family. Nor was Pedro long in becoming captivated with the simple and amiable character of his young relation. Everything, in short, went on as the father wished. But, meanwhile, the deserted Catalina, alarmed at the prolonged absence of her lover, wrote him letter upon letter, reproaching him with his apparent infidelity, and urging him in the strongest and most passionate terms to return to Madrid. By degrees the tone of her letters changed from reproach to menace, and the conclusion of one of these epistles ran thus:

"Yes, traitor! I now know why you went to Andalusia, and I know why you remain there so long."

Alluding to Don Pedro's cousin, she then continues:

"But beware! for, with the aid of the blessed Virgin, I will kill her, then I will kill you, and lastly I will kill myself!"

She then, with the same inconsistency of spirit which other parts of the letter betray, commends her lover to divine guardianship, and signs "Catalina."

This effusion fell by accident into the hands of Don Pedro's father, who opened it by mistake, and thus became fully acquainted with the serious nature of the ties which his son had contracted at Madrid, of which he was, perhaps, but in part aware. The result was that the old man, desirous that his son should be extricated from the connection fully, as well as honourably, wrote to Donna Catalina, informing her of his son's intended marriage with his own cousin, and offering at the same time to settle on his correspondent a respectable annuity, if she would pledge herself to abstain from seeking any further correspondence with Don Pedro.

The proud and passionate Catalina returned no answer to this proposal, nor did she again write to Don Pedro. Hoping that his letter had made her give up all thoughts of the matter, the old merchant hurried on the match between the cousins; and with that pliability which formed a prominent part of his nature, Pedro was also perfectly willing to have the marriage completed. Accordingly a dispensation from the church-necessary on account of the consanguinity of the parties—was obtained, and the counubial ceremony was fixed for an early day. When that day came the rites of the church were performed, and its blessing pronounced on Pedro and his bride-in peace. But the parties had scarcely left the altar, when a fearful and lamentable catastrophe took place. The newly married lady was just leaving the portico of the church, when she was met by some young ladies of her acquaintance, who presented

her with a nosegay. She blushed at this mark of attention, and raised the flowers to her face; but she had inhaled their perfume but for a very short time, when she instantly fell back a corpse in the arms of her husband. The nosegay must have been poisoned. It was sought for everywhere, but it had vanished.

The young ladies related that they had received the nosegay from a stranger, who was to have accompanied them, but who had failed to keep her promise. Then did the father of Pedro recollect the menaces of Catalina. Eager to avenge his niece's death he applied to the minister of justice, and had Catalina brought from Madrid. Catalina declared that she had not left Madrid, and numerous witnesses were brought forward to confirm her statement. Catalina was ordered to be set at liberty.

While in prison, she had addressed several letters to Don Pedro. "My affection for you," she wrote, "is the only cause of the persecutions to which I have been exposed. I am innocent, I am innocent!—but had I ever been guilty, it would only have been because I love you too well; surely you will not forsake me!"

Whatever may have been his motive, Don Pedro. it seems, visited her while in prison, and she succeeded in resuming her ancient influence over him. Not satisfied with this proof of her power, she succeeded, on her liberation, in involving him in a lawsuit with the family of his deceased bride, and was on the point of persuading him to return with her to Madrid, when his father once more interfered. and, by a vigorous exertion of parental authority. prevailed on Don Pedro once more to abandon all ideas of marrying her. Catalina found an opportunity that very day to enter the merchant's house, and the apartment of her vacillating lover. She played off all her arts of seduction, but in vain. for this sime Don Pedro proved firm in his purpose. Gradually giving way to the violence of her passion, "Dastard!" she exclaimed, "you allow yourself to be fooled by the words of a silly old man; but do not fancy that I am to be outraged with impunity! I have not yet forgotten how to take vengeance on those that insult me! Know it was I that killed your bride, and you also shall die!" As she said this, she seized him by the arm, and it was not without a feeling of dread that he contemplated the altered countenance of the fury. He perceived that she held between her fingers a pin that she had drawn from her hair. He had scarcely noticed this movement when he felt himself pricked in the arm. "I have killed thee!" she exclaimed, and rushed out of the room, flinging away the pin with which she had inflicted the wound. Don Pedro almost immediately felt his head grow heavy and his sight dim; he uttered a few faint cries; but before he had time to say a prayer he fell senseless to the ground.

She was condemned to the scaffold, and met her death with firmness. Her husband's skill as a chemist had of course given her the opportunity of acquiring that knowledge of poisons which ultimately caused her own end.

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