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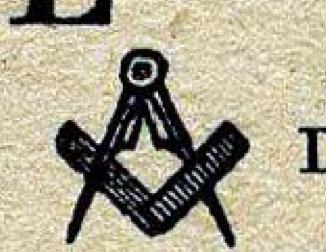
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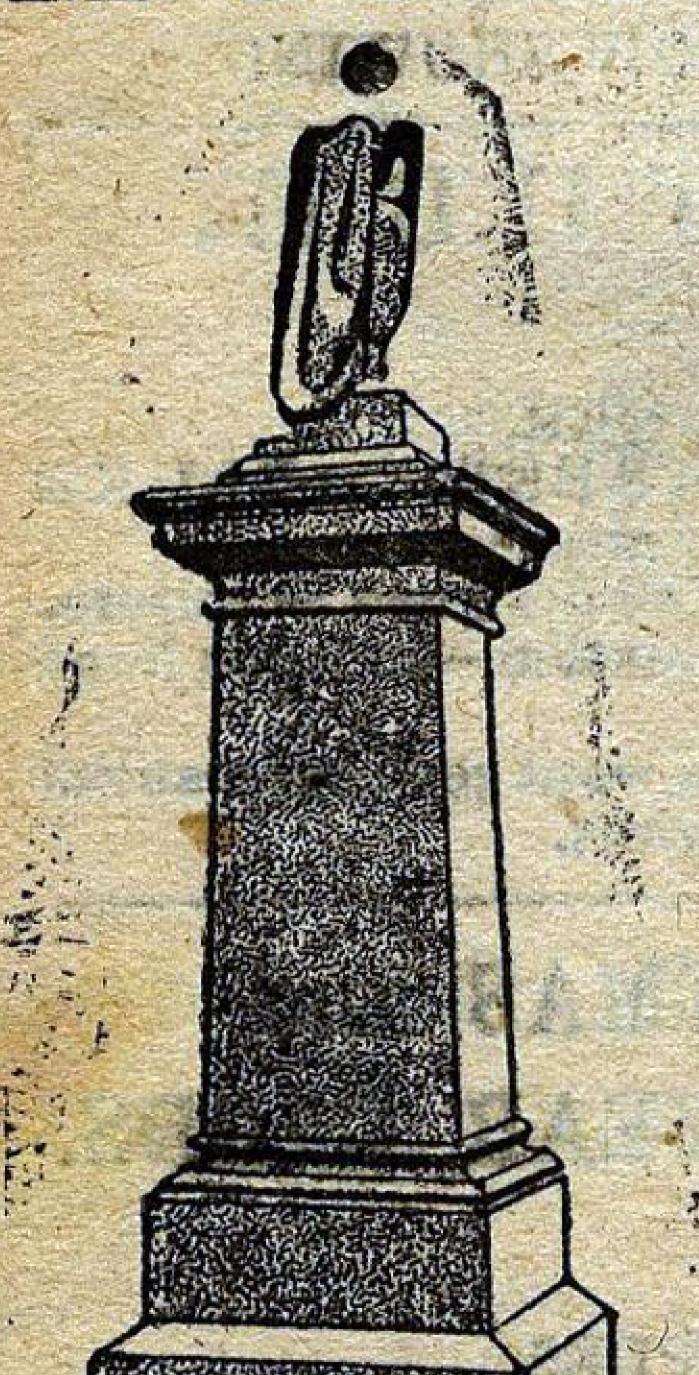
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MONTGOMERY. — In loving memory of John Montgomery (beloved son of Mrs Montgomery, Manse Lane, Muirkirk), who died at Western Infirmary, Glasgow, 5th December, 1916.

A light is from our household gone, A voice we loved is still'd; A place is vacant at our hearth,

Which never can be filled.

—Inserted by his Mother and Brother.

MONTGOMERY.—In loving memory of our dear Father, who died at Western Infirmary, Glasgow, 5th December, 1916, aged 53 years; also our dear mother; who died at Pool Row, Haywood, Lanarkshire, 3rd March, 1896, aged 31 years.

Dear father's at rest, his troubles are o'er;
The crown that ne'er fadeth is won;
Now safely he dwells on a happier shore,
Redeemed by the blood of God's Son.

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.

Her name is dear to memory,
'Tis graven on our hearts;
Her kindly smile is with us still,
Lingering loth to part.

Manse Lane,

Muirkirk.

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THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1917.

## Local Mews.

THE CINEMA.—The attention of the patrons of the Cinema, and especially those who frequent it on Thursday evenings, is drawn to the advt. in another column where it is announced that as the hall is otherwise engaged next Thursday evening, there will be no show, but, instead, there will be two houses on Wednesday evening.

COLLECTION OF WASTE PAPER.—A collection of waste paper throughout Muirkirk has been arranged for Saturday first. The village has been divided into districts, and schoolboys who have volunteered their services will make a door-todoor collection. They have already secured numerous promises of both large and small bundles of paper, and hope to fill their sacks on Saturday. Perhaps it should be explained that waste paper is a very comprehensive term, and includes paper and cardboard of every description. Paper of any colour or quality and in any condition, books, magazines, &c., will all be gladly accepted. The boys will be particularly pleased to have bundles of clean newspapers, which will be kept separate from the rest of the paper.

MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of this association was held in the Temperance Hall Committee-room on Monday evening. Mr John Kerr, president, occupied the chair. After the minutes had been read and approved, a letter was read from Miss Isa A. Pearson, thanking the members for the letter of condolence on the death of her father. An account of the Treasurer's intromissions was submitted, and this showed a credit balance of 17s 7d. The rate of annual subscription was fixed at 2s, and the office-bearers were re-elected. It was decided to have a monthly holiday during 1918, and the following dates were fixed for these: -January 1 (with half-holiday on the Wednesday), February 13, March 29, April 24, May 15, June 8, July 18, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18.

PRICES.—According to Margarine (Maximum Prices) Order, 1917, the Food Controller stipulates that (1) on and after the 26th November, 1917, no margarine may be sold at prices exceeding the maximum prices applicable under the provision of this order. (2) The maximum price applicable on the occasion of any sale of margarine, other than a retail sale. shall be at the rate of 10d per lb, except that Oleo Margarine, one of the wrappers of which bears the words "Oleo Margarine" and the name and address of the maker, may be sold at the rate of Is 2d per lb. (3) On the occasion of a retail sale of margarine the maximum price shall be at the rate of 1s per 1b., except that Oleo Margarine. having such a wrapper as is hereinbefore mentioned, and sold in the original package, may be sold at the rate of 1s 4d per lb. The maximum prices fixed by this clause shall include all charges for delivery, credit, and suitable wrappings, and no additional charge may be made in respect thereof.

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

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Nursing.—Miss Lizzie G. Young has been successful in passing the final examination for Trained Nurses held recently in Glasgow University under the Local Government Board. Nurse Young, who has been over three years on the staff of Merryflats Hospital, has received an appointment on the staff of the Park Nursing Home, Glasgow, and commences her duties early in January. Nurse Young is the youngest daughter of the late Mr James Young, plumber and slater, Muirkirk.

VOLUNTARY RATIONING. -At the close of the business at the monthly meeting of the Local War Relief Fund Committee held on Tuesday evening, Mrs Baird said she had been asked to mention the claims of the League of National Safety to the meeting. She referred to the object of the League as to food economy, and the voluntary rationing of those who signed the pledge-card and in return received a badge. Every ounce of food brought into the country at this present time was at the risk of the lives of brave men, and it was acknowledged that notwithstanding this, the waste of food in every part of the country was enormous. It was quite a common thing to see bread lying on the streets. She believed such was due in great part to thoughtlessness, and that the matter only needed to be brought before the people. The purpose of the League had been taken up whole-heartedly elsewhere, 25,000 cards having been asked for in Ayr, and 20,000 in Kilmarnock. Mrs Baird said she had brought up the matter seeing this was a representative meeting, in the hope of hearing some suggestions. Mr Clark said that as a Committee they could not take it up. Mr Henderson thought the best plan would be for Mrs Baird to convene a public meeting, and consider it there. Mr Clark said he was with Mr Henderson in that, and said that a great deal of waste went on with the military, as well as with the civil population, and he felt that if the scheme could take the military in it would be a good thing. He did not care much for the rationing idea, but he was with them as to waste, for he saw a good deal of it.

#### PARISH WAR RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE.

The usual monthly meeting of delegates from the various local bodies was held in the Drill Hall, Muirkirk, on Tuesday evening. Mr Clark presided over a fair attendance of members.

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to Miss Baird, stating that he hoped she would interest herself in the meetings, and that she would attend as often as she could.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held at

Glenbuck, were read and approved.

Mr Young, treasurer, submitted the financial statement for the month of November. On behalf of the Naval and Military War Pensions Fund there was at the beginning of the month £2 8s 7d on hand, while there had been received from the treasurer of the Fund £10, making a total income of £12 8s 7d, while £9 had been paid out, leaving on hand the sum of £3 8s 7d. £2 had been paid out on behalf of civil distress, and there was still on hand £7 5s. At the beginning of the month there was a balance on hand at the credit of the Belgian Fund of £2 7s 4d, while there had been expended, mostly on old age pensioners, the sum of £2 2s, leaving 5s 4d on hand. On behalf of the Local Augmentation Fund £36 15s 4d had been carried forward from October, and £60 had been allocated from the Parish Fund, making a total of £96 15s 4d. Of that £17 2s had been distributed, and £62 18s 6d paid for rents, leaving £16 14s 10d on hand. The collection for the Parish Fund, including balance brought forward and donations, amounted to £103 14s 1d, but there was still a little to come in, and the Treasurer suggested that £100 be allocated that night.

Mr Henderson, convener of the Work Parties, reported that at last monthly meeting £30 had been allocated to the Work Parties, of which Glenbuck had got £9 and Muirkirk £21. During November the Glenbuck Party had made 126 articles, and these had been sent to the Red Cross at Ayr, and to local soldiers. The income for the month amounted to £9 2s 93d, and the expenditure to £9 13s 2d, so that the Party were due the Treasurer 10s 45d. The expenditure was on wool, cretonne, etc. The income of the Muirkirk Party had been £27 16s 4d, of which £6 13s 3d was brought forward from the previous month, and £21 was got from the Parish Fund. The expenditure on wool amounted to £34 ls, muslin £3 1s, carriage 8s, a total of £37 10s, the amount of expenditure over the income being £9 13s 8d. The articles made numbered 1312, and these had been sent to the Sphagnum Moss Depot, Glasgow. to Queen Mary's Guild, and to local soldiers. Mr Henderson said the Chairman had visited the afternoon and evening Work Parties in Muirkirk the previous day, and had expressed himself as very much satisfied with the work done.

Mr Clark said he was very sorry to hear of Mr Stitt's illness, but they all hoped he would return a new man. They had just heard two very satisfactory reports from Mr Young and Mr Henderson, and their thanks were due the Curling Club for the donation. He had had great pleasure in visiting the Work Parties, where harmony and enthusiasm prevailed. The Chairman said he would like to submit for their consideration the claims of wounded soldiers at Rouen Hospital, and he suggested that a little might be allocated to that Hospital, so that

wounded men on their arrival there from the battlefields might get something given them. Lady Dalziel's daughter had charge of 84 beds there, and any donation for this purpose would receive her personal attention. He suggested a donation of £5.

Mr Clark then invited questions or suggestions. Mrs Baird asked what kind of present the men

would get.

Mr Clark replied that it would be in the way of cigarettes or extras of some kind. He knew that the nurses there gave a great deal of their pocket money for this purpose, and it was felt that they shouldn't run away with the nurses' pocket-money. Money, too, had been sent by the friends of the nurses for this purpose.

The proposal was received sympathetically, and the Chairman submitted the suggested allocation, viz:-Work Parties, £30; Red Cross, £20; Local Augmentation Fund, £20; Local Rents, £15; Lord Roberts' Memorial Fund, £5; Erskine House, £5; Rouen Hospital for Wounded Soldiers, £5total £100. This allocation was unanimously approved.

Mr Henderson suggested that on the same night as the next monthly meeting, say half-an-hour before it, a meeting of the Carnival and Fete Committees be held so that a general statement of the income and expenditure be given, as the parcels would all be away before then, and this was agreed to.

Mr Hugh Bell asked if it was within the scope of the Committee to recognise distinction won on the field.

The Chairman said that that was not dealt with by the Committee. It was fully expected that at the end of the war the Committee would do something in that way.

Mr Bell said that reports were to be seen weekly in the newspapers of meetings held elsewhere. A local man in Sgt.-Major Moffat had been awarded. the Military Medal and had been wounded four or five times, and was home recruiting presently. Mr Bell said he had been asked to put the question at the meeting. A few friends were willing to get up something, but they wished to know the position of the Local Committee on the matter so that no slight might be given.

The Chairman said he was very pleased that Mr Bell had raised the question. There had been such a function held at Glenbuck to which they had all the pleasure of contributing, and it could be taken up in the same way. At the same time it looked like beginning in the middle of things. perhaps slighting others. The business of that Committee, however, was to collect and disburse money for war funds.

Mr Bell having expressed himself as quite satisfied,

It was intimated that the next meeting would be held in the same place on 8th January, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

#### WITH LOCAL SOLDIERS.

Adam Gordon, Stables (Royal Engineers), and William Smith, Glasgow Road (R.S.F.,) were home last week, and Tom Thomson, Glasgow Road (A. & S.H.,) is here now enjoying a wellearned furlough. All are with the British Forces in France.

Alex. Wallace, Canadian Contingent, who left Kirkgreen a few years ago, with his parents, paid a visit to his native haunts this week. He is recuperating from the effects of gas. .

Sam Ferguson, R.S.F., is suffering from Malaria in Salonica.

Duncan Robb, A. & S.H., is in hospital as a result of shell shock.

The following are suffering from wounds—Jas. Kelly (chest), Thos. Kelly (leg), J. Duke (leg), S. M'Culloch (ankle), D. Torbett (thigh), J. Blane (shrapnel wound in back). All are in the R.S.F., in the Egyptian Forces, and, naturally, a few are. more or less seriously injured.

## Wit and Humour.

Customer: " Half-a-crown for making up this prescription? Why, at the stores they only charged me eighteenpence!" Chemist: "That's all it's worth at the stores, madam. They put about sixpence worth of drugs into the bottle, and fill it up with water. I put in the same drugs and fill it up with the finest aqua pura."

Burglar, thrashing his son-"And yer won't go to school, won't yer? How are yer goin' to know when the cops are after yer if yer can't read yer paper? How are yer goin' ter know how to disguise yerself if yer don't read the descriptions on the walls? Wot's the good of all yer trainin' if ye're goin' to retire in early life at the expense of the Government? Not go to school, won't yer? We shall see!"

Two bicycle messengers collided the other day. The contents of a basket were pitched out, and some chops and sausages flopped into the mud. The messenger rescued them, "dichtit" the chops carefully with his sleeve, and cleansed the sausages by drawing them through his bonnet. "What fouk dinna ken does them nae herm."

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#### GLENBUCK.

MINSTRELS.—The Amateur Minstrels paid a visit to Coalburn lately, where, in the Victoria Hall, they gave a performance to a crowded and appreciative audience. The entertainment was to assist in raising funds for the local Ladies' Work Party. That the object and the company were popular may be judged from the fact that the tickets sold, with the exception of a few pounds in donations, realised £638/-, and after deducting all expenses, the Party benefited to the extent of £55 10/-. The Minstrels were also splendidly entertained.

PATRIOTIC CONCERT. -On Friday evening last, in the Public Hall, a most enjoyable concert was held to do honour to two of our local heroes, viz., Lieut. R. Mackintosh, M.C., and Sergeant John Halliday, M.M., who have so far distinguished themselves for bravery and devotion to duty on the battlefield as to win the Military Cross and the Military Medal respectively. Mr David Martin occupied the chair, and the hall was packed. After the singing of "God save the King," an excellent programme was submitted. The talent was mostly new to a Glenbuck audience, and reflected great credit on everyone. The only local singer was an old favourite, Miss Kitty Keir, who was in excellent voice, as was Miss Olive Weir, London, whose efforts gave great delight to the audience, while Mr David Bradford, Muirkirk, Mr Pate, Douglas Water, and Mr Jas. Wallace, Muirkirk, excelled themselves; in fact every artiste was better than another. Miss L. Hamilton was accompanist. After the first part of the programme had been enjoyed, it fell to Mr Rodger, in the unavoidable absence of Mrs Howatson of Glenbuck, to make the presentations, and who in an eloquent speech handed a gold wristlet watch with suitable inscription and an envelope with Exchequer notes to each of the heroes, while the chairman in a happy speech presented to Mrs M'Intosh, wife of Lieutenant M'Intosh, a gold sword brooch, and to the father of Sergeant Halliday a smoker's outfit. At the close of the programme, votes of thanks were proposed by the Rev. C. A. Mackenzie, Lieut. M'Intosh, and Mr Jas. Crosbie, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought one of the most successful and memorable gatherings ever held in Glenbuck to a happy termination. The hall was cleared for a dance, where young and old engaged in the "merry go round," at which a looker-on was heard to say-"I kent that auld chap had legs, but losh I didna think he could fling them about like that." About three o'clock in the morning the auld men led their auld wives away home, and the young lads their lasses, all happy, and saying that this had been the best dance they had ever been at in Glenbuck.

#### THE PRICE OF MATCHES.

Mr J. Raeside Auld, one of the representatives in Glasgow of the Tobacco and Matches Control Board, has received a communication from the Board dealing with the point which has been raised as to whether the retailer is obliged to give change in the event of a purchaser tendering, say. a penny for a box which is priced under the Control Order at ad. The letter states:—There is some doubt in the minds of many as to the legal position with regard to farthings, and an official legal opinion has been sought and given. This is to the effect that no dealer can be required to give change-further, he can insist that the purchaser who wishes to buy one box only should tender the precise amount of 3d. This statement makes it clear that the onus of finding the precise amount lies on the purchaser. The boxes referred to are those generally sold at 1d each before the warnow priced at 3d. It would be a contravention of the Order, Mr Auld points out, for the retailer to sell these boxes singly at a price other than 3d, and he holds that while the dealer is not obliged to give change, he cannot legally accept a penny for the box. To keep himself right, the retailer must decline to supply the box if the correct amount is not tendered by the purchaser. Owing to the scarcity of farthings it would be difficult to observe this condition, but the matter is simplified by the further ruling given by the Board that "there is nothing to prevent any retailer selling two boxes for 13d," although that is not a quantity specifically priced in the Matches Control Order. It should be emphasised that the point raised does not relate to those sizes of box which used to be sold at 1d each in peace time, and are now priced at 1d each.

The scene was in a school-room. Lady teacher to schoolboy-"What is a bachelor?" Schoolboy-"A happy man." Teacher-" Who told you that?" Schoolboy-"Father." Another brute!

The head of the house had told the new assistant to try his hand at window-dressing. "I want you to make every woman on the street look at that window," he said. The assistant went at it. He made a curtain of solid black velvet, and hung it close inside the plate-glass. "What on earth are you doing?" asked the senior partner. "Making a mirror of the window," said the assistant. If the women won't look at that they won't look at anything." The assistant is a member of the firm now.

#### INLAND POSTAL INFORMATION.

LETTERS-Not exceeding 1 oz. 1d, 2 oz. 2d, and d for every 2 oz. additional.

BOOK POST-Not exceeding 2 oz. in weight 1d, every additional 2 oz. or fraction of 2 oz., 3d.

NEWSPAPERS-Every Registered Newspaper not exceeding 6 ozs., ad; and ad for every additional 6 oz. or fraction of 6 oz.

PARCELS POST-Not exceeding 1 lb., 4d; 2 lbs. 5d; 3 lbs., 6d; 5 lbs., 7d; 7 lbs., 8d; 8 lbs., 9d; 9 lbs., 10d; 10 lbs, 11d; 11 lbs., 1s. Maximum length, 3 ft.; maximum length and girth combined, 6 ft.

REGISTRATION—For a fee of 2d, any letter in packet may be registered to any place or the United Kingdom, subject to certain conditions, and compensation (in the event of loss) is paid up to £5. A higher fee is charged for larger amounts.

MONEY ORDERS-Not exceeding £1, 2d; £3, 3d; £10, 4d; £20, 6d; £30, 8d; £40, 10d,

POSTAL ORDERS-With counterfoils, for 6d and every multiple of 6d, up to 21s. Commission up to 15/-, 1d: 15/6 to 21/-, 13d.

TELEGRAMS-For 12 words, 9d; every word additional, id. Name and address are charged for.

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Week days-9 a.m. till 7 p.m. with an interval for dinner from 11.30 till 12.30. Wednesdays-9 till 1.

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

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Box closes at 6.40 a.m., letters only. 5.30 p.m., letters and parcels. . 77

Inward Mails.

Deliveries at 10.15 a.m. and 4.35 p.m.

#### RAILWAY TIME-TABLE FOR DECEMBER.

# Glasgow & South-Western Railway.

MUIRKIRK TO GLASGOW. a.m. a.m. p.m. p.m. Muirkirk lve 7.10 9.30 2-20 6-0 Auchinleck,, 8.19 9.53 3-38 6.24 Mauchline,, 8-29 10-8 3.48 8-22 Ayr arr 9-10 11-25 4-30 7-25 Kilmarnock 8-48 10-22 4-3 8-43

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\*10 minutes later on Saturdays. MUIRKIRK TO AYR (A. & C.).

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A train leaves Lanark for Edinburgh at 4.5, arriving at Edinburgh at 5.20, but a connection between this train and the 3.10 from Muirkirk is not guaranteed. The next train for Edinburgh leaves Lanark at 5.15.

#### EDINBURGH TO MUIRKIRK.

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GRATIS.

#### Sabbath Services.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

SABBATH FIRST-11.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Preacher-Rev. Colin Livingston. Evening Subject-

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Everybody Welcome. Every Seat Free. Hymn Books Provided.

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SABBATH FIRST, will be conducted 16th inst., at 11.30 and 6, by

Rev James Barr, B.D., Govan.

Collections for Central Fund.

Public Aotices.

#### Funeral Intimation.

JOHN BROWN, my Husband, died here this morning, at 6.40 o'clock, aged 61 years.

Funeral on SATURDAY FIRST, 15th DEC., at 1 o'clock, from here to the place of interment in Muirkirk Cemetery, to which you are respectfully invited.

MARY ANGUS or BROWN.

20 Old Terrace, Muirkirk, 13th December, 1917.

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TO-NIGHT!

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OPENING SOCIAL,

in LARGER TEMPEBANCE HALL,

TO-NIGHT (THURSDAY).

Chairman-Rev. JOHN ALEXANDER, M.A.

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Farcical Sketch entitled-

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Choruses by Members of Y Branch.

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Doors open at 7.30; Commencing at 7.45. Tickets, 1s each, to be had from Members; Mr Hogg, baker; Mr Brown, fruiterer; and Mr Weir, newsagent. Price inclusive of Tax.

COAL!

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#### PRICES OF COAL.

The COUNTY COUNCIL of the COUNTY OF AYR (under the powers conferred on them by the Retail Coal Prices Order, 1917) have fixed the Retail Prices of Best House Coal for Muirkirk at

1s 7d PER CWT., in Bags, Delivered,

and 28s 4d in TON LOTS;

in Glenbuck, 1s 8d PER CWT.

These Prices to take effect after this date with all Coal Dealers.

GAS-LIGHT

TO THE CONSUMERS.

The Directors of this Company are compelled, owing to increased costs, to raise the price of Gas Tenpence per 1,600 feet, making the price 5s 10d per 1.000, or 7d per 100 feet as from last survey. It has also been decided to charge Slot Meters a meter rent of Two Shillings per annum, to save altering the meters for reduced supply.

THOS. JACKSON, Secy.

Public Motices.

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A MEETING of those interested in the above will be held in the BLACK BOTTLE TAVERN, on TUESDAY FIRST, at 7 o'clock.

H. Bell, Secy.

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(Towards the Funds of above), in the DUNDAS HALL,

on FRIDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

Chairman-James Clark, Esq., J.P.

ARTISTES :-Miss HANNAH P. MORRIS, Soprano.

Miss JEAN M. AULD, Contralto (Winner of Scottish Festival Competition).

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R. JACK, Secy.

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KENNEDY'S AND DONAGHY'S

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QUADRILLE BAND (4 players).

Particulars Next Week.

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All Parties owing Accounts to Deceased's Estate are requested to make payment within Fourteen Days to Thos. JACKSON, Bank, Muirkirk. The estate will thereafter be wound up and the debts sold. THOS. JACKSON, Trustee.

Muirkirk, 13th December, 1917.

Public Notices.

To FARMERS and PIG-FEEDERS

in Muirkirk and Surrounding District.

A. POLLOCK, Fishmonger, having been appointed Agent for an Old Established Firm of Ham Curers, is prepared to buy any number of Fed Pigs. Highest Prices Given.

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Father Bohan begs to thank those who kindly lent tables and cards for Whist Drive.

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TILLA, known as Ballater Lodge, Muirkirk, containing Seven Rooms, Kitchen, Scullery, and Outhouses (H. and C. Water). Extent of Ground 49 poles; Feu Duty £1 12s 9d. Offers with Thos. Jackson, Bank, Muirkirk, till 20th December.

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TO LET, Single House. Apply T. Watson, Glasgow Road.

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Business Notices.

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Trousers, Overcoats, Suits, Made to Order. Costumes Tailor Made. Men's Semmits and Pants.

Toilet Covers. Cushion Covers. Duchess Sets. Sideboard Covers. Tea Cosy Pads. Cushion Pads. Table Centres. Table Cloths.

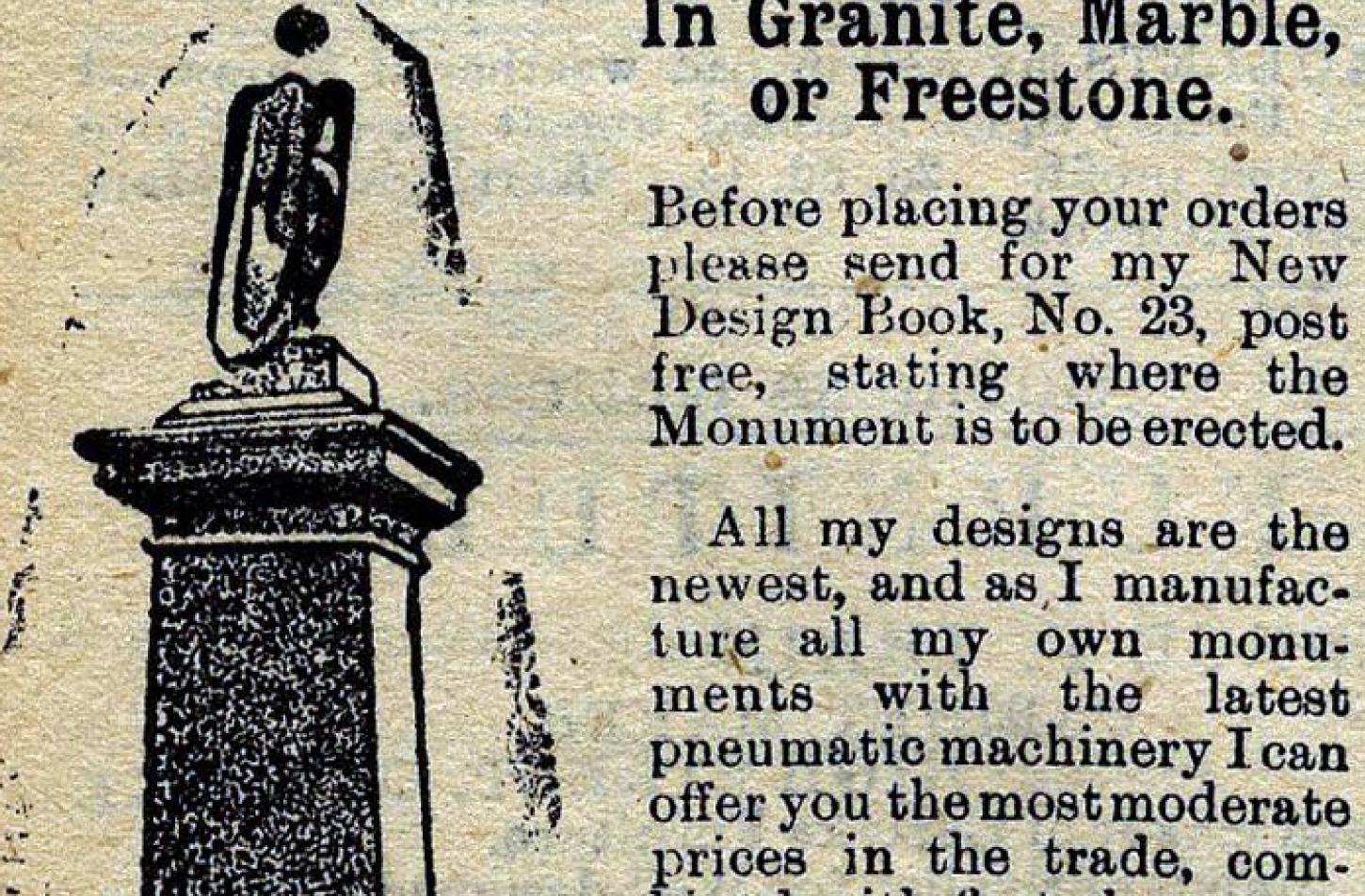
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Shirts, Etc., Etc.

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THE HOUSE FOR VALUE.

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THE BONNINGTON ELECTRIC LAUNDRY CO., LTD., LANARK.

Has appointed Mr J. S. WEIR, STATIONER, as their Agent for Muirkirk.

Price Lists and full Particulars can be had on application.

The Largest or Smallest Orders will have our best attention.

Customers' Goods will be Received on MONDAY and Returned on SATURDAY of Each Week.

First-class Work Guaranteed. A Trial Solicited

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Charges Moderate. Ask our prices per mile or for the day.

Car to or from Station,

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Fine Comfortable Saloon Car, suitable for Hospital Work, nothing could be better. Moderate Charges.

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GARAGE and CYCLE DEPOT, MUIRKIRK.

Even with War Bread an Unknown Quantity and Quality,

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WHY GET INTO THE DUMPS? Are you Down-hearted?

Yes!

Well, visit DA PRATO'S

and you'll get a Solid Meal—the Pure Products of Nature, at once Delicious, Satisfying, and Appetising, and served in Rare Order. We are keeping the Flag Flying.

# FRIED FISH & POTATO SUPPERS.

Raspberry Drinks, and Icecream Drinks or Long Pulls, 41d.

TOBACCOS. CIGARETTES. SWEETS.

Cleanliness and Civility.

A VISIT SOLICITED.

N. DA PRATO'S, MAIN STREET, MUIRKIRK.

#### Deaths.

ON SERVICE.

BAIRD.-Killed in Action on 20th November, 1917, Sapper George Baird, R.E. (dearly beloved son of Hugh and Jessie Baird, Netherwood, Broadloan, Renfrew, and of Garronhill, Muirkirk).-Mr and Mrs Baird and Family desire to thank all friends for their kind expressions of sympathy extended to them in their sad bereavement.

> Netherwood, Renfrew.

their sad bereavement.

KILPATRICK. - At Bankend Terrace, Coalburn, on 4th inst., Mary Watters, aged 61 years (beloved wife of William Kilpatrick). - Mr Kilpatrick and Family return thanks to their many friends for kind sympathy expressed in

TAIT.—At Grasshill Row, Glenbuck, on 5th Dec., Wee John (beloved son of William and Bella Tait), aged 17 months; deeply regretted.

Empty is the cradle bed.

#### In Memoriam.

MARSHALL.—In affectionate remembrance of our beloved brother, Frank Marshall, who was killed in action abroad with British Expeditionary Forces, betwixt 4th and 12th November, 1914, aged 39 years.

Three years have gone, our hearts still sore, As time goes by we miss him more; His memory is as dear to-day As at the hour he passed away.

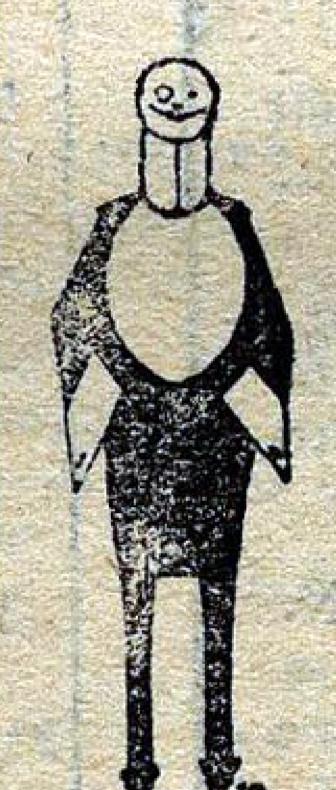
-Inserted by Mr and Mrs Thos. Strathearn, Victoria Buildings.

THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1917.

## Local Mews.

THE JAM FUND.



In this week's issue we have to present to our readers our usual Christmas Card, in the way of the "Jam Fund" intimation.

It is unnecessary here to rehearse at length the why and wherefore, and the meaning of the term, the same having been presented at this season for several years. For over a decade the Advertiser has been delivered gratis

weekly into every home in the district, and a year or two after its birth it was found neces ary that such a fund should be instituted for its continued existence.

The response made in previous years for a subscription of one shilling from each householder at Christmas time was so encouraging that the sheet still exists, and it may at once be said that, but for such encouragement in this particular way, it would have a sudden and early demise, and while we feel that in such an extremity many would grieve for it, at least with one it would not be deeply regretted although it might be fondly remembered.

We believe we are not over-stating the facts when we say that the Advertiser is looked forward to with pleasure every week, both at home and We do our best to make the matter interesting, and to be fair with all reports.

We have to thank patrons of the advertising columns for their support, and correspondents for news handed in as well as delivered by "word of mouth." Naturally, we court both.

Notwithstanding the greatly increased cost of production (paper averages over £100 per ton), the suggested subscription per head is still one shilling, but if friends wish to subscribe more well-"tanks."

As usual, subscribers of one shilling and upwards will receive one of our large-type calendars, and these will be handed over at the time the subscription is given.

Our collectors (Mr David Hamilton for Muirkirk and district, and Mr Thomas Tait, Jun., for Glenbuck and district) will commence their rounds one of these days, and we trust they will be cordially received. If preferred, subscriptions may be left at the shop.

THE EDITOR.

NEW J.P.—The name of Mr John Kerr, Holm. head, has just been added to the Commission of the Peace for the County of Ayr. This honour is quite due.

#### LATE ADVERTISEMENT.

TAMES PENNY SAVINGS BANK.

Held in Kames Church Vestry

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING.

Will Depositors please come from 6.15 till 7 p.m.

during the winter months. We trust this will suit

all interested.

R. K. Wilson, } Office-bearers. T. R. Logie,

\* \* Several items of news and reports of meetings held over till next week through pressure on our space.

A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT.—The many friends of Mr and Mrs Young, Springhill, will be pleased to learn of the success of their eldest son, David Murray Young, he having just passed his final professional examination in medicine and surgery, and having gained the degrees of M.B., Ch.B., of Edinburgh University, and David is to be congratulated.

Soldiers' Parcels.—The final consignment of Christmas parcels to local soldiers has now been despatched. Last Thursday 98 were sent off, and seven since. The total number accounted for is 323—93 to men in the Mediterranean Forces, 138 to France, 8 to seamen, and 84 to soldiers on home soil. As mentioned before, the value of each parcel was about 25s.

To-NIGHT.—To-night the Temperance Hall is occupied by the local branch of the British Women's Temperance Association, who are holding one of their most enjoyable social meetings. Mrs Gemmell, Glasgow, comes with a splendid reputation as a speaker. A very special programme has been arranged, and will include a farcical sketch by Mrs Fettes & Co. There will, of course, be the usual set tea. A little discrepancy appeared in the advt. last week, it being represented that the admission was 1s exclusive of tax, whereas in reality the shilling includes all payments. See advt.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.—A most successful and enjoyable social function in aid of St. Thomas Church and School funds took place in St. Thomas School on Friday evening. It opened with a whist drive, in which one hundred took part. After a very keen contest, the following were declared the winners: -Ladies-1, Mrs R. Grieve; 2, Miss L. M'Garry. Gentlemen-1, Mr R. Gebbie: 2, Mr H. Marshall. Rev. Father Bohan officiated. The next item was a distribution of gifts amongst subscribers, which proved highly interesting. The concluding event was a dance, which was very largely attended, music being supplied by Messrs Donaghy (violin), Higgins (cornet), and Dignam (piano), while Messrs M'Cann and M'Dade were M.C.'s.

#### HOW LOCAL SOLDIERS FARE.

Donald Hunter and Geo. Gebbie are presently in Muirkirk enjoying a short furlough.

John Bone is also at home at present, and is to

teloperated upon shortly.
William Mitchell, after spending a few days in

Muirkirk, has again returned to France.

Wm. Cowan, in Palestine, was wounded in the

leg on 24th Nov.

Official intimation has been received by Mr and Mrs Hugh Baird that their son George has been killed in action in Palestine. George, who was 24 years of age, joined the R.E. in October of last year, and left for Egypt fully a year ago. He was a native of Muirkirk, and was a regular visitor at holiday time.

Thomas Mitchell, H.L.I., who has for the last eighteen months been a prisoner of war in Germany, has been transferred to Switzerland. It appears that Thomas was wounded in the lung when taken prisoner, and has been in ill health ever since, hence probably his transfer.

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

#### H Mixed Bag.

The spirit of revolution is in the air, and some Furnace Road schoolboys are the latest to succumb. Neither blood nor mud is in the picture so far, but stones accounted for 21 panes of glass in Furnace Road School windows between Saturday night and Sunday morning. Bloodshed has been averted, but it is to be hoped that retribution in the way of blisters and the shedding of tears is not far distant.

There are some "heady" ones amongst the boys. Last Monday night, the while the Parish Councillors were deliberating, a crowd of boys had great sport sliding in Wellwood Street, just opposite the Council Chambers. As it was a shade dark for their complete enjoyment, a naptha lamp was hung on a convenient lamp-post, and this added the finishing touch.

At the Parish Council meeting referred to Mr Jas. Clark, Crossflatt, was unanimously appointed a member and chairman of that body in room of Mr Jas. Johnstone (resigned), while he was also

the Council's nominee to the County Council as Mr Johnstone's successor there.

It is perhaps just as well that the popular farmer did not hear all the good things said of him as a business man and a gentleman, as it might have been difficult to have got a hat to fit him when he emerged from the meeting.

Muirkirk led in the way of fancy dress and mask dances, and successful events on the very same lines, even for the same purpose, have been held at Lugar, Auchinleck, Ochiltree, &c. Girvan, where, by the way, a Muirkirk girl is joint secretary strikes off the prescribed course, probably of necessity. "Bring your own sugar," appears in large type.

Rightly or wrongly, grocers are blamed for mixing sugar with sand; we were almost writing sand with sugar, but that would have been really too bad. So far as Girvan is concerned, if they could get hold of some sugar they would have no difficulty with the sand.

In the current number of The National Food Journal it is given that the food values of potatoes and tomatoes are as follows (the first figure in each case representing potatoes):—Protein 2, 1; carbohydrade, 15, 4; calories per lb., 311, 106. Who'd have thought it?

#### GLENBUCK.

BOOK OF SAMPLES of Private Christmas Cards may be seen at Mr John Barr's, Jubilee Row, for a few days only. Prices from 2s 9d per dozen. Smith, Stationer, Muirkirk.

MUIRKIRK SCHOOL BOARD.

GLENBUCK SCHOOL.

Owing to the Measles Epidemic at Glenbuck, the School will not be Re-opened until after the New Year Holidays.

Further intimation will be given as to the opening date.

JAS. CALDWELL, Clerk.
School Board Offices,

School Board Offices, Muirkirk, 13th Dec., 1917.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.—The local minstrels having decided to have no more concerts this winter, it was agreed to close the meetings with a whist drive and dance in aid of the Public Hall, and this duly came off on Friday evening, when 20 tables were occupied, which meant anattendance of eighty players. Before play started Rev. C. A. Mackenzie, on behalf of the trustees of the ball, thanked all present for their patronage, and hoped they would have an enjoyable evening. At halftime tea was served in a splendid manner by several young ladies. At the close it was found that Miss Mary G. Hutchison, Muirkirk, and Mrs John Barr had tied for the prize (an umbrella) with the score 173, the luck of the ballot favouring Miss Hutchison, while Mr Jas. Burnett won the prize for gentlemen (wristlet watch) with a score of 178. Mr Rodger in handing over the prizes said he hoped the winners would be long spared to use them, and at the same time thanked the donors of prizes, who were unknown to him, also the ladies for the nice tea. Mr Andrew Crosbie (trustee) thanked the minstrels for their kindness in arranging a whist drive for the funds of the hall. A dance followed, which was well attended, music being supplied by the Minstrels orchestra (Miss Bain and Mr Wallace), while Messrs R. Crosbie and J. Anderson acted as M.C.'s.

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Brought forward from October, £3 0 4	District No. 7 — South Side of Main Street— From School to Bank.	District No. 15—Dalfram to Upper Whitehaugh,
DONATIONS.	Collectors—Mrs Wm. Alston and Mrs Jas. Gibson.	Aikencleugh, and Netherwood.  Collectors—Misses Craig.
Miss Baird, of Wellwood, 10 0 0  Muirkirk Curling Club, per Mr And. Pringle, Treasurer, 2 2 0  Total—£15 2s 4d.	Thos. Jackson, 10 0 Wm. Alston, 4 0 Mrs T. H. Wilson 5 0 Fred Wright, 1 0 Mrs Goldie, 4 0  Total—£1 4s 0d.	Mrs Gemmell, 5 0 Mrs Gardiner, 1 0° Mr Foster, 5 0 Mr R. Hyslop, 1 6 Mr Anderson, 5 0 Mrs Blackwood 1 0° Mr Scott, 5 0 Mr Findlay, 2 6
Employees of Messrs Wm. Baird & Co., Ld. Week ending 30th Nov., £10 5 5		Mr. Craig, 5 0  Total—£1 11s 0d.
Week ending 30th Nov., £10 5 5 ,, 6th Nov., 10 5 9 ,, 13th Nov., 10 4 3	District No. 8-North Side of Main Street-From	District No. 16.
,, 20th Nov., 10 4 2 ——40 19 7	Concectors—Messis vym. Blackwood and Jas. G.	Collectors—Messrs Hugh Baird and Sam. Paterson. s. d.
Employees of Messrs The Kennox	Hodge. s. d. s. d. James Gibson, 4 0 Mrs Blackwood, 5 0	Mr Auld, 2 6 Mr Păterson, 1 0 Mr Boyes. 1 0 Mr Buird
Coal Co., Ld.  Resident in Muirkirk, £2 1 5	Walter Weir, 20	Mr M'Kenzie, 1 0 Mr Wight, 5 0 Mr M'Callum, 1 6 Mr M'Kerrow, 5 0 Mr W. M'Callum, 1 0 Mr F. M'Kerrow, 1 0
,, Glenbuck, 0 16 11 2 18 4	Total—11s 0d.	Mr Thomson, 1 0 Miss M'Kerrow, 1 0 Mr M'Millen
Railway Employees, per Mr R. Brown.  Fortnight ending 8th Nov., £1 7 3	District No. 9Main Street (both sides)Bank	Mr Lambie, 1 0 Miss Murchie, 2 6 Mr Ferguson, 1 0 Miss Stevenson, 1 0
,, 22nd Nov., 1 7 5 2 14 8	to Irondale.	Total—£1 9s 6d.
Employees of Muirkirk Co-operative Society, Ltd., per Mr Robert Taylor, 2 0 0	John Hodge Sen 3 0 Nurse McDonald 1 0	District No. 17—Catchyburn, Kameshill, Station House, Railway Buildings, and Kames Pit Row.
Employees of Muirkirk Iron Works	Jas. Strickland, 2 6 C. P. Bell, 2 6 John M'Culloch, 4 0 James M'Kie, 1 0	Collectors—Mrs Gavin Dalziel and Mrs Edgar Anderson.  s. d.  s. d.
Co-operative Society, per Mr James Houston, 0 19 8	George Taylor, 1 0	Dugald Baird, 20 0 John Cairney, 2 0 Hugh Miller, 5 0
Total—£49 12s 3d.  District No. 1—Langloanhead, Crossflatt, Auld-	Total—15s Od.	Total—£17s.
houseburn, Bankhead, Burnside, Madeleine Place.		District No. 18—Old and New Terraces, Kames Rows Nos. 1, 2, and 3. Collectors—Messrs Thos. Morrison and Jas. Samson.
Collector—Mr Jas. Rae. s. d.	Collectors—Messrs Robt. Jack and J. H. Mitchell. s. d.	Andrew Steel, 1 0 John M'Call, 2 0
James Clark, 100 0 Robt. Thomson, 2 0 D. Ferguson, 0 6 Adam Easton, 1 0	Mrs A. Wilson, 1 0 Rev. Wm. Bohan, 5 0 Miss Bruce, 2 6 Hugh Wilson, 2 0 Jas. G. Richmond, 3 0 Neil Buchanan, 1 0	Total—3s 0d.
J. & W.  M'Gillivray, 4 0 T. Watson, 0 6 George Thorburn, 1 0 David Stitt, 2 0	TIDE TO TO THE OF B	District No. 19—High Weighs to Springhill.  Collectors—Messrs And. Moreland and W. Morran.
Thos. R. Logie, 1 0 Miss Johnstone, 1 0	Jas. Mitchell, 10 0 John. Wyllie, 2 0 Mr M'Whinnie, 2 6 Miss Smith, 1 6 Miss Gordon, 1 6	Gavin Dalziel, s. d.  Gavin Dalziel, 1 0 John Young, 20 0  David Campbell, 1 6 Andrew Pringle, 4 0
Total—£5 14s 0d.  District No. 2—Lightshaw, Torbill, Manse to	Total—£2 8s 6d.	John M'Dougall, 1 0 Rev. Jno. Alex. Miss Nisbet, 2 0 ander, 5 0
Burnbrae Cottage including Crofthead.  Collectors—Messrs Neil Buchanan and Robt. Taylor.		Total—£1 14s 6d.
s. d. s. d.	District No. 11—Glasgow Road.  Collectors—Messrs Hugh Bell and David M'Fegan.	District—Glenbuck East.  Collectors—Messrs A. Wallace, J. Crosbie, T.  Weir, and Andrew Crosbie.
Jas. Lawson, 5 0 Alex. Semple, 5 0 Rev. John Hender- son, B.D., 20 0	s. d.  Miss Templeton, 1 0 Wm. Hogg, 2 0	C. Howatson so M. T. T. H. S. d.
Total—£1 10s.	Miss Weir, 1 0 Adam Ingram, 2 0 Mrs Jas. Marshall, 2 0 Mrs P. Campbell, 2 0	Mrs Arthur, 1 0 Mr Martin, 4 0 Margt. M'Crae, 1 0 Arch. Robertson, 4 0
District No. 3—Bridge Street, Kirkgreen, to Old Bank including Co-operative Buildings.	Jos. Falconer, 1 0 Mr G. M'Bride, 1 0 John Callan, 1 0 Miss Addison, 2 0 James Nicol, Jr., 2 6	Mr Lindsay, 1 0 James M'Kerrow, 2 0 Mr Lindsay, 1 0 Jas. Hughes, 1 0
Collectors—Messrs George Bradford and John Dempster.	Total—17s 6d.	Total—£3 16s 0d.  District—Glenbuck Central.
James Hibberd, 0 6 Alex. Simpson, 4 0		Collectors—Messrs John Stitt and Thos. Brown.
Wm. Dempster, 0 6 Wm. Gilfillan, 1 0 John Dempster, 0 6	District No. 12—Furnace Road.  Collector—Mr Robert Young.	Eliz. Kerr, 3 0 John Rodger, 5 0 Robt. Duncan, 6 0 Rev. C. M'Kenzie, 2 6
Wm. Hunter, l 0  Total—7s 6d.	James Gibson, 1 0 John S. M'Gill, 2 0 John Young, 1 0	George Bain, 1 0 Mrs Stitt, 1 0 Alex. Wallace, 1 0 Miss Bain, 3 0 Mary Wallace, 1 0 Miss Scott. 1 6
District No. 4—Hedgegrove, Garronhill, and Holmhead.	Total—4s 0d.	Miss Forsyth, 1 6  Miss Forsyth, 1 6  Total—£1 6s 6d.
Collectors - Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Mitchell.		District—Glenbuck West.
Jas. M'Intyre, 2 0 John Armstrong, 3 0 Miss M'Intyre, 1 6 Jas. Gilchrist, 1 0	District No. 13—Smallburn.  Collectors—Messrs T. Anderson and T. Kerr.	Collector—Mr John Forsyth.  s. d.  Alex. Gibson, 1 0 J. & T. Johnstone, 2 0
Total—7s 6d.	s. d. s. d. Thos. Anderson, 2 0. Mrs Fettes, 1 0	Total—3s.
District No. 5—South Side of Main Street—From Masons Arms to Kateshall.	Mrs Aird, 2 6 Thos. Henderson, 2 6 John M'Donald, 1 0 Rev. Jas. Green- Mary Stevenson, 1 0 shields, B.D., 5 0	Collector Mr Wm Blackwood
Collectors—Messrs James Bell and Joseph Thomson.	Miss Sunderland, 1 6	Robt. Thomson, 4 0 Jas. Murdoch, 4 0 Miss Johnstone, 2 0 Wm. Dickson, 8 0
Lizzie Hamilton, 0 6 Thos. Sloan, 1 0 Mrs Steele, 10 0 Mrs Smith, 2 0	Total—£0 16s 6d.	Mrs Hendry, 4 0 Mrs Alston, 4 0 Robt. Jack, 12 0 Mrs Wallace, 4 0 Wm. Blackwood, 3 0 Alex. Vallance, 2 0
F. J. Gordon, M.A., 5 0	District No. 14—Airdsmill to Beacon Hill.	John Halliday, 4 0 D. B. Greenwood, 4 0 John Kennedy, 4 0 J. H. Preston, 4 0
Total—18s 6d.	Collector—Miss Buchanan.  s. d.  s. d.  s. d.	Miss Gibson, 4 0 Wm. Weir, 4 0 Jas. H. Mitchell, 4 0 W. S. Smith, 4 0 John Geddes, 4 0 Robt. Young, 4 0
District No. 6—North Side of Main Street—From Mr Wood's to the Stile.	Mr Nicol, Sen., 2 6 Mrs Baird, 40 0 Mr Wm. Nicol, 5 0 Miss M. Baird, 5 0 Mr M'Lean, 1 0 Mary Bell, 0 6	John Hogg, 4 0 Mrs Scott, 2 0 James Steele, 2 0 Wm. Henderson, 4 0
Collectors—Messrs Andrew Murdoch and Andrew Rae.	Messrs Moffat, 5 0 W. & W. Mr. Buchanan, 4 0	John Kerr, 4 0 James Cook, 2 0 John Dunbar, 4 0 N. Da Prato, 4 0 And. Findlay, 2 0 Jas. Brown, 6 0
John Wood, 2 0 James Dean, 4 0	Mr Laidlaw, 1 6 Susan Stevenson, 0 6 Mr M'Culloch, 1 0 Andrew Hannah, 1 0 Mr Harvey, 5 0 Jessie Carruthers, 1 0	Neil Buchanan, 5 0 - Total£6 6s 0d.
Wm. Logie, 1 0 Thos. Rowe, 2 0 Dan Harkness, 2 6 Miss Wilson, 2 0 Mrs M'Skimming, 1 0	Mr Anderson, 5 0 Sarah Miller, 5 0 C. M'Dougall, 1 6 Mr Fairbairn, 5 0	Grand Total—£103 14s 1d.
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Muirkirk, 13th December, 1917.

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#### MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1917.

#### Local Mews.

On Furlough. -- Wm. Strickland, H.L.I., who has been on service in France for a considerable time, left for the continent on Monday, after spending a few days' well-earned furlough at his home in Muirkirk. James Scott (late of Mid Wellwood), of the Transport Section, visited the district last week, and had quite a gay time. Jamie has been in France for over a year.

U. F. Church.—Phenomenal success attended the United Free Church Sale of Work for home and foreign missions, held in the Dundas Hall on Wednesday afternoon of last week. The sale was opened by Rev. Jas. Greenshields, B.D., and the tables on which was displayed a large variety of useful, well-made articles of clothing, &c., as well as game and cakes, were soon cleared. The attractive-looking tea-room was well patronised, and later on the potato chips grown, prepared, and cooked at the manse found a ready sale. "Hoop-la" also provided a little amusement. The splendid sum of £59 7s was realised.

SCOTLAND IN STORY, SONG, AND SCENERY.—In the Dundas Hall on Monday evening, under the auspices of the U. F. Church Guild, Rev. Jas. Barr, B.D., Govan, lectured on the above subject to a splendid attendance. Rev. Jas. Greenshields, B.D., presided, and introduced Mr Barr. The lecture was then proceeded with, to the accompaniment of lime-light illustrations. The lecturer showed views and made reference to the remains of the prehistoric age in Scotland, as well as many scenes and events in connection with the eclesiastical and civil history of our country. In turn he dealt with the songs and song writers, including Allan Ramsay, Tannahill, Lady Nairne, Hogg the Ettrick Shepherd, and others, and in conclusion took his hearers what he termed a "cheap" tour through the Trossachs, amidst the "dear" little lakes from which the Corporation of Glasgow have to pay for the gentle rain that falls from the skies. The lecture proved most interesting, and was much enhanced by a wealth of humorous stories, pithily and pawkily told. The Guild Choir rendered at intervals songs illustrative of the lecture, under Mr John Devine, while Miss Annie Henderson and Mr David Mitchell each gave a song. Mr Robert K. Wilson manipulated the lantern. The usual votes of thanks concluded a most instructive and enjoyable evening.

B.W.T.A. Social.—On Thursday evening the

Temperance Hall presented something like its wonted appearance before the advent of the Cinema, the clatter of tea-cups making a welcome return for the time being. The occasion was the annual "big" social of the local branch of the British Women's Temperance Association. Rev. John Alexander, M.A., presided over a full house. After tea had been served and enjoyed, the Chairman shortly addressed the gathering, and wished the local branch every success. Then followed a splendid programme. The White Ribbon Choir of some 28 voices sang three chocuses, Mrs Barrie and Mrs Logan gave two duets, and Miss Janet Wilson sang two solos, while Miss Betty M'Intyre, Miss Mary Hogg, and Miss Mary Hutchison played the various piano accompaniments. Each item was well received, but a farcical sketch entitled "The Baffled Spinster," in which Mrs Fettes as "Miss Patience" (a prim old maid), Miss Betty M'Intyre as "Kitty" (a gay young spirit), Miss Mary Weir as "Madam Le Reveur" (a hypnotist), and Miss Mary Kerr as "Frank" (Kitty's lover) was the event of at least the entertainment part of the programme, and in which all did their parts splendidly. The dresses were representative of different ages, from leg-of-mutton sleeves to marriage dresses and evening suits, not forgetting such details as the buttonhole bouquet and the ubiquitous cane. Mrs Gemmell, National Secretary for Scotland of the B. W.T.A., was the speaker for the evening. Mrs Gemmell first referred to the pleasure she had in seeing such a large gathering. She touched on the question of prohibition, and the fact that millions of women would presently have votes was making brewers in great haste to get State Purchase before women get the vote. Some women, Mrs Gemmell said, had no interest in the vote because they had no vote, but when they had a vote it would be a different matter. A very successful meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks and the singing of the National Anthem.

ACCIDENT.—At Muirkirk Station, yesterday, a Hurlford man named Cochrane, when turning his engine at the turntable, slipped and fell into the pit, sustaining rather severe injuries.

Snowstorm.—We had our first real snowstorm of the winter over the weekend, accompanied by severe frost. The Sorn Road was blocked from Sunday till Tuesday. A thaw soon set in, however, followed by rain, and the snow has now almost wholly disappeared.

Musical.—At an examination held in Glasgow recently, under the auspices of the London College of Music, Master Wm. Steele, Park Terrace, passed the Primary Examination in pianoforte playing. Master Steele is a pupil of Miss Nisbet, Ironworks Cottages.

Post Office.—An alteration in time of despatch of early mail is about to be made. Commencing on Monday first the letter mail for Glasgow presently despatched at 6.45 a.m. will be despatched at 9 a.m. The collections will be made from Bridge Street Wall Box at 8.20 a.m. and at Railway Station at 8.40 a.m.

BUTTERMILE SUBSTITUTE.—In these days of buttermilk scarcity, those who have a difficulty in procuring "soor dook" are advised to save the water used in boiling potatoes, in other words—"tattie poorins," for baking. So instead of putting the liquid off your boiled potatoes down the sink, pour it into a jug, after which let it stand for at least twenty four hours, and then use as you would buttermilk. It's all right, and the scones are said to keep softer than those made with milk.

War Savings Association.—£531 10s 6d has been invested by the members of the Association in the two local schools, and 668 War Savings Certificates have been purchased. These figures speak for themselves, but a great many children spend money in ways which need not be specified, but which are certainly far less commendable. A big effort is being started in Scotland to increase both the number of War Savings Associations, and the membership of existing Associations. The Committee of the local Association would like parents to interest themselves in the matter, and give them still further support by encouraging their children to become members and subscribe regularly.

PRICES OF MEAT. - Owing to the present high prices given for live stock as compared with the fixed maximum prices for meat, the Food Controller has given earnest consideration of the situation, and steps have been taken to relieve the immediate difficulties of the situation. A scheme is being brought into operation for the fixing of maximum prices for the various grades of live stock, and also for the better distribution of the meat supplies of the country. If the supply should be short, the Army Cattle Purchase Organisation will be utilised to obtain cattle from the farms. Lord Rhondda has further decided that there shall be instituted, as from Jan. 1, one meatless day per week upon which meat, either cooked or uncooked, shall not be sold. The quantity of meat sold by butchers is also to be restricted.

Concert on Friday Night.—The attention of our readers is drawn to our advertising columns where is announced a grand concert in the Dundas Hall. Some months have elapsed since this event was decided upon, and at that time it was to form one of the avenues through which money was to be procured wherewith to furnish our local soldiers with Christmas parcels. But now that that object has already been well attained, it has been decided to divert this channel into the pool for paying the taxes of the men on service, and thus in some small measure relieve the tension of the dear ones left behind. The object of the concert, then, is

The taxes amount to about £50. So that a good house may be secured the Sub-committee have got together a first-class company. Several of the artistes are already prime favourites in Muirkirk (one secured a gold medal at one of the singing competitions here), and the others come with splendid reputations. The concert is to-morrow (Friday) night, and tickets are now on sale. For

to help pay the taxes of householders on service.

particulars see advt.

KAMES PENNY SAVINGS BANK.—On Friday evening, 30th ult., the trustees of this Bank met the office-bearers-Messrs R. K. Wilson, and T. R. Logie, to receive the annual financial report. The report showed that during the preceding twelve months £225 13s 5d had been received from depositors, and with £60 6s 7d due to depositors on 20th Nov., 1916, the total income was thus £286. During the year £50 16s 5d had been repaid to depositors, £190 had been transferred from the Penny Bank to the Savings Bank in the depositors' own names, while £45 13s 7d remained in the Penny Bank at depositors' credit at date, which latter was in account with the Savings Bank of Glasgow. The transactions during the year numbered 2086, while 136 accounts were open. The balance sheet had been duly audited by Mr John Young, and was passed by the Trustees. It was mentioned that much credit was due to the office-bearers for the attention and time they devoted to this work, and for the utmost privacy that was observed. While both office-bearers wished to be relieved of their duties, the Trustees felt that the success of the Bank was largely due to their efforts and to the confidence depositors had in them, and both were asked, in the interests of their clients, to continue in office. This they agreed to do, and were heartily thanked.

#### MUIRKIRK SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of this body was held in the Board Office on Thursday afternoon. There was rather a poor turnout of members, only Messrs Young, Henderson, Jack, and Greenshields being present. Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs Wilson and Mr M'Call. Mr Young presided.

The monthly reports on the attendance at the various schools were submitted. The Officer was present and answered a few questions as to

absentees.

A written report of a visit to Baldovan Institution, Dundee, was submitted from Messrs Greenshields and Stitt, and Mr Greenshields supplemented the report with some personal impressions. The report was adopted, and the deputation thanked.

In connection with school prizes it was decided that same be continued for attendance this year again, and, in view of the prevalence of infectious disease since the re-opening of the schools after the summer holidays, it was decided that the qualifying term be considered from the New Year till the day on which the schools are closed for the summer holidays. In the meantime the heads were asked to devise what may be considered a better method of giving prizes for the future, and to submit such a scheme for the consideration of the Board, and the Committee on the subject (the conveners of the various schools) was continued for the furtherance of the scheme.

It was intimated that Wellwood School had been closed on 4th inst. owing to measles.

It was decided that Wellwood and Glenbuck Schools re-open after the Christmas holidays on Thursday, 3rd Jan., and that Main Street and Furnace Road Schools close on Thursday, 27th inst., when there will be a double attendance, and re-open on Tuesday morning, 8th Jan.

Circulars were submitted from the Education Department and the Ministry of Food anent a food economy campaign in connection with the children, and practical demonstrations of econom-

ical cookery by experts.

After some discussion the matter was remitted to Mr Young and Mrs Wilson to go into and report.

A circular from the Ministry of Food as to the League of National Safety was left on the table.

A letter was read from Miss Walker, cookery

teacher, in which she thanked the Board for recognising the equity of her claim in loss of salary through epidemic.

Messrs M Call and Henderson, joint conveners of the Evening School at Furnace Road, were deputed to procure a table which had been asked in connection with the sewing class, if they consider such necessary.

A letter was read from the Educational Department approving of Miss Addison teaching science.

In connection with Mr Stitt's absence from home at the present time, it was intimated that Mr Henderson had agreed to take his place as joint convener of Furnace Road Evening School, and Mr Young as convener of the Day School, till his return.

That was all the public business.

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

#### MUIRKIRK PARISH COUNCIL.

The annual statutory meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday afternoon of last week. There were present—Messrs John Young, John Kerr, Andrew Crosbie, John M'Culloch, D. B. Greenwood, Andrew Pringle, Walter Weir, and Father Bohan. Mr Young was called to the chair.

In the first place a circular from the Local Government Board was read as to the filling of casual vacancies while local elections are in abeyance, recommending that in appointing successors regard be had to any special interests the members represented.

A letter was read from the Muirkirk Branch of the South Ayrshire Labour Party asking that a deputation from the ratepayers of the town be received in connection with the vacancies in the Parish Council and County Council.

The Clerk said that as he had no chairman he had replied that he felt there would be no objection to a deputation being received, and he intimated to the meeting that the deputation was in waiting at the gate.

The Chairman said he thought the members would wish to hear the deputation, and this being agreed to,

Messrs Arch. Mitchell, Andrew Stevenson, and Andrew Welsh were shown into the Boardroom.

The deputation was welcomed by the Chairman, and invited to make any statement, when

Mr Mitchell said he felt their mission would be already known to the Council. They had come to put forward the names of two parties whom their Committee at least thought would worthily fill the vacancies in the Parish Council and the County Council. Both were well known, and one was already associated in the School Board, viz., Mrs T. H. Wilson, whom they nominated for the County Council, while Mr Thomas Brownridge, who was connected with the railway, and was an energetic secretary to various bodies, they nominated for the Parish Council. Behind them

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Asked if they had anything to say, Mr Stevenson and Mr Welsh said they endorsed the words

spoken by Mr Mitchell.

The Local Government Board's circular having

been read to the deputation,

Mr Young said the petition would receive every consideration, and thanked the visitors.

Mr Mitchell returned thanks for their reception,

and the interview ended. The Chairman next read to the members the prayer of the petition, which was to the effect that vacancies having been caused in the Parish Council and the County Council through the resignation of Mr Johnstone, the Muirkirk branch of the South Ayrshire Labour Party have decided to put torward two nominees-Mrs T. H. Wilson for the County Council, and Mr Thomas Brownridge for the Parish Council. Mr Johnstone had represented the ratepayers for the last twenty-five years, and the Party did not feel inclined to contest the seats during his tenure of office, but now that he had resigned, they felt that the time was opportune for a Labour representative being appointed to the County Council, and that they should have a more generous share of representatives on the Parish Council. They therefore requested the members of the County Council and the members of the Parish Council to adopt their nominees for the respective seats. They wished it to be clearly understood by all concerned that they considered their claim only fair and just, and whether such claim was granted now or not, it was their intention to have what they believed fair representation on these bodies at the first opportunity.

The Chairman having intimated that the next item of business was the appointment of a member

in place of Mr Johnstone,

Mr Weir said they all regretted the necessity of making the appointment. That being encumbent upon them, however, they had to consider it in such a way as would give satisfaction to the members of the Board, and fulfil the instructions of the Local Government Board, as well as provide a man worthy to fill the place held by Mr Johnstone. He had only learned that morning that a petition was to be submitted to the meeting, and he thought it was hardly fair that certain individuals should be overlooked in connection with the canvass made. He had spoken to three gentlemen who hold public office, and none had been asked to sign the petition. Mr Weir said he had looked up his minutes for precedents, and during his term four vacancies had been filled. On the retiral of Mr Shaw, Father Bohan was appointed, for Mr Wallace Mr Stitt was appointed, Mr Crosbie was elected in place of Mr W. F. Hamilton, and Mr Pringle for Mr Angus. In each case they had followed the instructions presently advanced by the Local Government Board. The question was—Who is the man who can fill the place of Mr Johnstone. He had to submit the name of Mr Clark, who, he understood, had been asked and was willing. Mr Clark was an exceedingly clever business man, with keen intellect, and if he was appointed in room of Mr Johnstone, the speaker was quite certain they would find in him a worthy successor to worthy examples set by Mr Johnstone. (Applause).

Mr Crosbie said he endorsed the words spoken by Mr Weir. Mr Clark was a gentleman who had always taken a great interest in the parish. He seconded Mir Clark's nomination for the Parish

Council. (Applause). There being no other nominations, the Chairman declared Mr Clark to be unanimously appointed a member of the Council, in room of Mr Johnstone.

The meeting then passed on to the election of a chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr Young said that after what had been said by Mr Weir and Mr Crosbie, there was little need to enlarge on the work of Mr Clark as chairman of the local War Fund Committee. Muirkirk was one of the best parishes for raising war funds. This could not be without unbounded generosity, and it was a great credit to the people. But above that he placed the ability of Mr Clark at its head, and to his discretion Mr Young ascribed a great deal of the credit. They had all been impressed with Mr Clark's appearance in the chair in that same room lately, and he proposed that Mr Clark be elected chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year. (Applause).

Father Bohan, in seconding, said he considered that Mr Clark would make an ideal chairman, and his varied experience would be of great advantage to the Council in solving questions. (Applause).

There being no counter motion, Mr Clark was unanimously elected chairman.

A letter was read from Mr Shaw, clerk of the County Council of Ayrshire, stating that in view of the statutory meeting of the County Council, to be held on 18th inst., the Parish Council make a recommendation as to the filling of the vacancy on the County Council.

Mr Kerr said the name he had to put forward was again that of Mr Clark. Mr Weir, Mr Kerr said, had put the whole thing in a nutshell, and in appointing a successor the interests to be considered were stated in the circular. Mr Clark had a great sense of fairness about him, and he would do what

he considered right, while Mr Johnstone would feel his own loss as little as could be if Mr Clark was sent to the Council as his successor. He was a genial good fellow was Mr Clark. With regard to the deputation, some of them had never heard about it, and he thought it was a mistake at present. They all knew the Labour Party was coming to the front, and they would have their opportunity later. Mr Kerr formally moved that the Parish Council agree to recommend Mr Clark as Mr Johnstone's successor on the County Council. (Applause).

Mr Pringle said he wished to second the nomination of Mr Clark. There was no need of his re-affirming the kind words already said. In Mr Clark they had a gentleman of wide business capacity, and on the County Council he would keep a watchful eye on the interests of the parish. (Applause).

Mr Greenwood and Mr M'Culloch were the only members left who had not indulged in a little bit of oratory, and they were invited to state their minds.

Mr Greenwood said he was pleased to have such an opportunity. He had known Mr Clark for many years, and had found him to be a gentleman in every situation, always able to come out on top. Mr Clark was a good business man, and his opinion was valuable on any public matter.

Mr M'Culloch said he approved of Mr Clark's

appointments.

Mr Young declared the motion unanimously carried, and said he thought it was only fair that the petition and list of names be sent to Ayr County Council, while it was the wish of the Parish Council that Mr Clark be appointed.

Letters were submitted from Mr and Mrs James Johnstone and from Mr David Stitt, thanking the Council for their good wishes.

The Minutes of several meetings were held as read, and were approved.

It was intimated that the Cemetery Caretaker had been called up and had joined the army, being presently stationed at Blairgowrie.

It was decided that his job be kept open for his

return.

The representatives to various bodies were all re-appointed as follows:-Father Bohan and Mr Stitt to the Kyle Union Poorhouse Board, Mr Young to Ayr District Committee, Mr Greenwood and Mr Caldwell delegates to Parish Councils Association, and Mr Caldwell, Mr Pringle, and Mr Crosbie as a deputation to the Poorhouse, Asylum, and Smylum Orphanage.

It was decided that all the members form the Finance, Clothing, and Cemetery Committees-Mr Young convener of Finance, Mr Preston convener of Clothing, and Mr Weir convener of

Cemetery.

Applications for relief were considered, as also several claims by and against the parish.

Alterations on the Roll of Poor were caused principally by migrators.

Several appeals against assessments were considered, some being relieved and some refused. A letter was read from Messrs Brakenridge & Hume, solicitors, Cumnock, stating that by a

holograph will of the late Dr Carruthers, the sum of £100 was bequeathed to the Parish Council to be divided by them and paid in cash, in such sums as they think fit, to the Old Age Pensioners and the adult poor on the Registered Roll living in the parish at the time of his death.

The Chairman moved that the Clerk be asked to minute the Council's appreciation of the legacy. It reflected great credit on Dr Carruthers, but from what they knew of the Doctor it was only what could be expected, as he had very tender.

feelings towards the old folks. Agreed. A short discussion followed as to the division. It was thought such division would be better left over till after the New Year. Then, would it be an equal divide? Most of the members "sat on the fence," and were speechless, and although Mr Kerr signified that he was not in favour of an equal division as some were more in need of it than others, he received neither approval nor condemnation.

Mr Caldwell said he had already had a few

applications for it.

The matter was ultimately left over for the Finance Committee to deal with, the Clerk in the meantime to send a list of all eligible to each member.

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#### RAILWAY TIME-TABLE FOR DECEMBER.

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#### Caledonian Railway. MUIRKIRK TO EDINBURGH.

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Inches •	,, 7.39	3-21
Douglas West -	,, 7-45	3.:0
Lanark -	arrive 8-15	4.2
Glasgow -	,, 9.:3	5.59
Carstairs -	,, 8-38	4.:0
Edinburgh .	,, 9-30	7-16

A train leaves Lanark for Edinburgh at 4.5. arriving at Edinburgh at 5.20, but a connection between this train and the 3.10 from Muirkirk is not guaranteed. The next train for Edinburgh leaves Lanark at 5.15.

#### EDINBURGH TO MUIRKIRK.

	a.m.	a.m.	p.m
Edinburgh - leave	6-30		4 45
Carstairs	7-53		5 40
Glasgow	6-5		3-50
Lanark . ,,	8-31		6-0
Douglas West . ,,	8-58		6-30
Inches .,,	9-5		6-37
Glenbuck . ,,	9-10		6-42
Muirkirk - arriv	e 9-19		6-52

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#### Sabbath Services.

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SABBATH FIRST—11.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Preacher—Rev. Colin Livingston.

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SABBATH FIRST.

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Subject -

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Anthem-"Incline Thine Ear."

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

SPECIAL MUSIC.

Quartette-"Come unto Me."

Anthem-"Teach me, O Lord."

Vocal Solos- Mrs T. HAIG NEILSON-

(a) "Nazareth." (b) "Hold Thou My Hand."

Mr John Mitchell—

(a) "A Dream of Paradise."

(b) "Thou'rt Passing Hence."

Special Leaflets will be Provided.

Collection at each Service for the Poor of the Parish.

#### Public Notices.

Funeral Intimation.

BOBERT KELLOCK, my Father, died yesterds y afternoon, at 1.30 o'clock, aged 78 years.

Funeral on FRIDAY FIRST, 28th DEC., at 2 o'clock, from here to the place of interment in Muirkirk Cemetery, to which you are respectfully invited.

GEORGE KELLOCK.

Co-op. Bdgs., Main Street, Muirkirk, 26th December, 1917.

TUIRKIRK WORKING MEN'S YEARLY BENEFIT SOCIETY.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the TEMPERANCE HALL (Upstairs), on SATURDAY EVENING FIRST at 6.30.

Dividend will be paid from 6.30 till 7.30.

A Large Attendance is requested.

CLASGOW AND SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

# PASSENGER TRAIN ALTERATIONS,

COMMENCING 1st JANUARY, 1918.

The DEPARTURE TIMES of the THROUGH TRAINS between SCOTLAND and ENGLAND via the MIDLAND ROUTE, and of certain of the Branch and other Trains WILL BE ALTERED, and to avoid inconvenience Passengers are requested to consult the Time-tables for January.

Special attention is directed to the Alteration of the Morning and Evening Trains to England, which will depart from Glasgow (St. Enoch) at 9.5 a.m. and 9.5 p.m., Ten Minutes earlier than at present, and to the Corresponding Trains from England to Scotland, which will depart from London (St. Pancras) at 8.50 a.m. and 9 p.m., Twenty and Fifteen Minutes respectively earlier than at present.

DAVID COOPER, General Manager.

Glasgow, December, 1917.

Public Aotices.

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# ADANCE

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DUNDAS HALL,

on SATURDAY EVENING FIRST,
Commencing at 7 o'clock, and will continue till 11.
Gentlemen, 1s; Ladies Free.

Let Them All Come.

TREAT FOR HOGMANAY.

# GRAND CONCERT

(Under the auspices of the
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will be held
in the DUNDAS HALL,
on MONDAY FIRST—HOGMANAY.

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A GRAND

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Music by Miss L. Hamilton and Mr Jas. Wallace.

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MONDAY FIRST SIGN DECKMEED

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Owing to many extraordinary calls being made upon the resources of the Association at the present time, a

has been instituted. Tickets will be out next week. Thirty-six Grand Gifts will be distributed amongst

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It is hoped a hearty response will be made to the Association's effort at this time.

Heathfield, Muirkirk.

E. H. WRIB, Secy.

Public Notices.

EW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

DIVINE SERVICE will be conducted in the TEMPERANCE HALL, on TUESDAY, 1st JAN., 1918, by Rev. John Henderson, B.D.

Doors open at 10.45 a.m.; Commence at 11.

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W. S. SMITH,

Advertiser Office.

MUIRKIRK SCHOOL BOARD.

# RE-OPENING OF GLENBUCK and WELLWOOD SCHOOLS.

The above SCHOOLS will be RE-OPENED on THURSDAY, 3RD JANUARY, at 9 a.m.

As the Qualifying Period for gaining Attendance Prizes is reckoned from this date until the Summer Holidays, it is hoped that parents will send out their children on the Re-opening Day and keep them in Regular Attendance during the Session.

JAS. CALDWELL, Clerk.

School Board Office, Muirkirk, 27th December, 1917.

for Sale.

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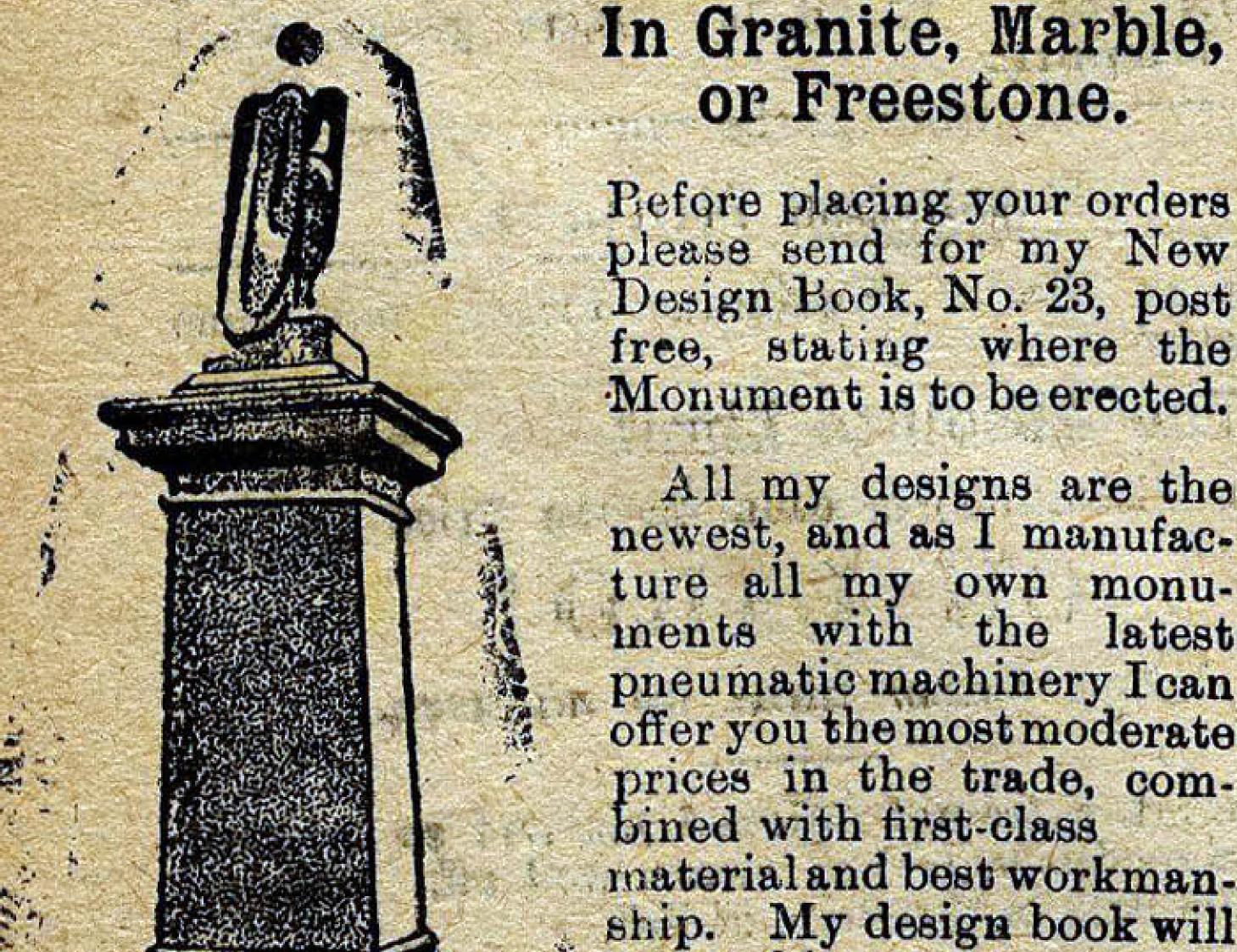
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. We understand many readers express a desire to have more than one copy of the Advertiser weekly or occasionally. To meet this desire, extra copies may be hid at the Office for 1d each.

THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1917.

#### Local Mews.

Musical.—At an examination held at Lanark recently, under the auspices of the London College of Music, Miss Marion Caldow, Mossend, and Miss Bessie Hamilton, Morton Place, passed with high marks in the Preparatory Grade for pianoforte playing. Both are pupils of Miss E. Hamilton. A. L.C. M., Main Street. At the same examination, Master John M'Whinnie Wilson, Smallburn, was successful in gaining a First Class Certificate for American organ playing (Intermediate Section). Master Wilson is a pupil of Mr John Devine. Pupils and teachers alike are to be congratulated.

HOGMANAY CONCERT.—It has long been a Scottish custom to sit the old year out and the new year in. What to do in the evening to pass the time away is sometimes a difficulty. However, there is a wealth of entertainment this New Year, as will be seen from our advertising columns. We have been asked to draw attention to the claim of the concert to be held in the Dundas Hall. Well, it should be a good concert. There ought to be little of the "cauld kail het agane" flavour about it, as only one of the artistes has appeared on a Muirkirk platform before, and all are said to be in the front rank as entertainers. Then the object is to assist in swelling the fund for the benefit of local soldiers' dependants, and probably the proceeds will go to augmenting the fund for the payment of the taxes of those on service. Mirth and music should prevail in the Dundas Hall on Hogmanay. Intending patrons are asked to secure tickets early.

AYRSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—A stated meeting of the County Council was held on Tuesday at Ayr, Mr W. D. Russell, of Maulside, the Convener of the County, presiding. Amongst the items of business was the filling of the Muirkirk vacancy. A letter was read from the Parish Council of Muirkirk recommending the appointment of Mr James Clark, J.P., Crossflatt, to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr James Johnstone, J.P., on account of the state of his health. The clerk to the Parish Council forwarded a petition which had been presented to the Parish Council by the Labour Party of the district, suggesting that Mrs Thomas H. Wilson, Main Street, Muirkirk, and 17 Craigielea Street, Dennistoun, Glasgow, should be appointed to the vacancy. The petitioners stated that the time was opportune for a Labour representative to the County Council. They were of opinion that their claim was only fair and just, and it was their intention to have fair representation upon the County Council and the Parish Council. Colonel M'Alister of Kennox said he did not think a lady could sit as a County Councillor. The Convener said it was quite competent to appoint a lady as a member of the County Council. Mr Wm. Hyslop of Bank moved that Mr Clark be appointed to the vacancy. Ex. Provost Hunter. who seconded, said they had always been guided by the Parish Council in these matters. He felt certain Mr Clark would be a worthy successor to Mr Johnstone. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

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

CINEMA.—At the Cinema special attraction is offered at New Year time, there being a change of programme every day, and three houses at that, so that there should be no lack of entertainment.

LANTERN SERVICE. - On Tuesday evening a lantern service, entitled "Studies in the Life of Christ," was held in the E. U. Church. Rev. Colin Livingstone presided, and introduced the proceedings. The story of the life of Christ was read very distinctly by Mrs J. L. Armstrong, the while each episode was illustrated on the screen by lime-light views of a very high standard, and these were capably manipulated by Mr R. K. Wilson, who was also responsible for the service. During the service suitable solos were rendered by Mrs Campbell Wilson, and Mrs Robert Barrie, Miss Esther Gray presiding at the organ, the solos and accompaniments being rendered with taste and expression. The service proved most interesting and instructive, and was specially selected as being suitable at this season. Votes of thanks brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

DANCING CLASSES. -- On Friday evening Messrs Kennedy & Donaghy brought their popular dancing classes (juvenile and adult) to a close with the usual balls, and for this occasion the Drill Hall was engaged to house the happy throngs. During the earlier part of the evening the juveniles held the floor, and for a few hours enjoyed themselves immensely, many of the parents looking with pardonable pride on their offsprings disporting themselves in all their beauty and innocence. As well as the usual ballroom items, the following solo dances were also given, with much credit to pupils and teachers alike:-Highland Fling-Misses Rose Donaghy, Christian Law, Peggy Kennedy, Ressie Devlin, Peggy M'Kie, Martha M'Vay, C. Ross, S. Oliver, M. Adamson, G. Hogg, S. Stevenson, M. De Sykes, M. Reid, J. Allison, Mary De Sykes, M. Gibney, L. Bone, M. Miller, M. Gold. Sword Dance-Misses J. Torbet, L. Samson, A. Muir, M. Anderson, J. Bell, M. Logie, M. Adamson, Masters John Kennedy, A. Somerville, M. Kearney, R. Adamson, D. Adamson, W. De Sykes, Geo. Dalziel, D. Dalziel, R. Allison. Sailors Hornpipe-Misses Bessie Dempster, Nellie Henderson, May Broom, and Lizzie Samson. Irish Jig-Masters Kennedy, and Kearney, and Misses S. Stevenson, P. M'Kie, and Rose Donaghy, while Miss Jeannie Shields gave a clog dance and an Irish Jig. Later in the evening the adult pupils and friends had their turn. There was a large attendance at each dance. With violin and bagpipes in turn, Mr Kennedy supplied music for the juveniles in their ballroom and solo dances, Mr Donaghy acting as M.C. and overseer, while at the later dance excellent music was supplied by Messrs Kennedy, Donaghy, Higgins, and Johnstone, with Messrs M. Boland

and A. M'Kean as M.C.'s. Concert. -On Friday evening a concert for the purpose of assisting in raising money to pay the taxes of the householders on service was held in the Dundas Hall. The concert was run by a subcommittee of the Parish War Relief Fund Committee. Mr James Clark presided over a fair audience. In his introductory remarks the Chairman stated the object of the gathering. A good company had been engaged, he said, and those present would have the double satisfaction. of hearing a grand concert and in helping a good object at the same time. The people of the parish had done splendidly towards the local soldiers, but this effort showed that the people were minding the women and weans too. It must be remembered that this parish was not like others, in that both rent and taxes are paid. Mr Clark concluded by issuing a warning as to waste of food, and said that after the New Year he believed there would be a scarcity of many articles of food. The programme was then proceeded with, and this proved to be an exceptionally good one. The artistes were-Miss Hannah Morris (soprano), Miss Jean Auld (contralto); Mr Andrew Young (tenor), Mr Hugh Morton (baritone), Mr George Reid (elocutionist), and Mrs Sidney Brandon, pianist. All the singers were in splendid voice, and quite upheld their reputations, and that their efforts were appreciated may be gathered from the fact that they had to respond to double encores. As well as solos two quartettes and two duets were rendered. Mr George Reid made his first appearance in Muirkirk, and with the others shared the pleasure of responding to a double encore. Mr Reid's best effort was perhaps the fishing story from "The Starling," in which he seemed heart and soul. Mrs Brandon proved an accomplished pianist. There was solid merit in every item, but if there was a want in the programme it was a vein of humour. And yet the Chairman and Mr Young provided not a little. After the soprano had appeared several times, the Chairman intimated that Miss Morris was coming back and would sing till dawn ("Till Dawn" being the name of the song). Mr Clark seemed to enjoy this joke. The songs-"We'd better bide a wee," and "Doon the Burn, Davie lad," were sung during the evening, and in calling for a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mr Young said that so far as the first song and Mr Clark were concerned there was danger in delay, and that the word "Jamie," might be substituted for "Davie" in the other song. After a vote of thanks to the artistes the concert concluded with the singing of the National

Anthem.

CHRISTMAS has come and gone, and how many in Muirkirk have seen turkey? We have. Lucky, eh? It was hanging in Jim Law's butcher's shop!

Waste Paper Collection.—The collection of waste paper organised in Muirkirk has realised the sum of £10 ls for the War Fund, and all who gave their assistance in any way are to be congratulated on the successful result of their efforts.

#### HOW LOCAL SOLDIERS FARE.

Robert Buchanan, R.S.F., is off to India. Bob has had rather a checkered career since he joined the Army.

Amongst our overseas men who are presently visiting Muirkirk are James Burns and George Willock, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and Alex. Dempster, R.F.A.

Two Muirkirk Canadians are also amongst the visitors, viz. Thomas Weir (Heathfield), and Geo. Vallance Mackie.

#### GLENBUCK.

A New Cumnock man claims his village to be the highest in Ayrshire. What about Glenbuck? Another injustice?

Sgt. Wm. Muir, R.A.M.C., arrived here on Monday for 14 days leave. Willie has been in Ypres section for some considerable time, and is confident of final victory.

CO-OPERATIVE CONCERT -On Friday evening last the Co-operative Society of Glenbuck renewed their custom of having a concert, after a lapse of several years. On this occasion opportunity was taken to further the propaganda work of the Society, the Committee having secured the services of Mr Jas. Brown, Annbank, who is one of the Societies' lecturers The concert was held in the Public Hall, and was well attended, Mr Archibald Allison, president of the Society, presiding. In his opening remarks the Chairman stated that the Society was steadily increasing, and that the sales now exceeded £3,000 quarterly. The concert was then proceeded with, the artistes being:-Miss Campbell, Mrs Alex Park, Mr Matthew Peat, Mr Harry Bradford, and Mr Jas. Wallace, with Miss Hamilton as accompanist, and all acquitted themselves with credit. At an interval in the programme, Mr Jas. Brown spoke of the benefits of co-operation, and urged all present to help the Society with their work. He also spoke of the need for co-operators' representation in Parliament, and that for this and other purposes the Co-operative was uniting forces with the Labour Party. At the close, Mr Allison called for a vote of thanks to Mr Brown, while Mr Brown did a like duty towards the artistes and the Chairman, and these were heartily responded to. A dance followed, and was well attended, music being supplied by Mr Jas. Wallace (violin) and Miss Hamilton (piano), while Messrs Jas. Wallace and Jas. Allison acted as M.C.'s.

## Wit and Humour.

Host—"Why did you strike my dog? He only sniffed at you." Visitor—"Well, you didn't expect me to wait till he tasted me, did you?"

Hoggs—"Do you think that a man can serve two masters?" Henpeck—"Well, sometimes. He may have a wife and grown daughter, you know!"

Little Ethel—" Mother, are you the nearest relative I've got?" Mother (who had just been refused a new hat)—"Yes, dear; and your pa is the closest relative you've got."

"It is true that Miss Richley has money," said the engaged man's best friend; "but she is very exacting. If you marry her you will have to give up smoking and drinking." "Possibly," said the engaged man; "but if I don't marry her, I shall have to give up eating also."

The governess sought by every known means to stimulate her small pupil's somewhat undeveloped sense of gratitude. "Now, Charley," she said, "ought you not to be very much obliged to the cow for the milk it gives you every morning?" "Oh, I don't know," said Charley; "she has no use for it herself."

A drill-sergeant was drilling a recruit squad in the use of the rifle. All went smoothly until blank cartridges were distributed. The recruits were instructed to load their pieces and stand at "ready," and then the sergeant gave the command: "Fire at will." Private Raw was puzzled. He lowered his gun. "Which one is Will?" he asked, looking blankly about him.

She was coy and shy, and as he sat on the steps on a moonlight evening he claimed the right to a kiss for every shooting star. She at first demurred, as became a modest maiden, but finally yielded. She was even so accommodating as to call his attention to flying meteors that were about to escape his observation, and then got to "calling" him on will o' the wisps, and at last got him down to steady work on the light of a lantern that a man was swinging about a farmhouse in the distance.

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# TO-NIGHT at 8.

THE DOLLAR MARK. A Grand Exclusive Drama in 4 Reels.

THE PURPLE DOMINO. Episode 15.

Another Thrilling Instalment.

# FRIDAY at 8, and SATURDAY at 3, 7, and 9.

GAUMONT GRAPHIC.

ON THE BANKS OF ALLAN WATER.

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WANTA MAKE A DOLLAR. A One reel Comedy.

COUSIN CLARA'S BOOK. A One Reel Comedy.

# MONDAY (Two Houses 7 and 9.

GAUMONT GRAPHIC.

THE GOLDEN ARROW. A Sensational Drama in 4 reels, featuring Mary Corvin.

PEARL OF THE ARMY. Episode Eleven. "The Suspect."

#### TUESDAY at 3.

Usual Show at Full Prices—

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# TUESDAY (Two Houses) 7 and 9

THE TIDE OF LIFE, in 4 reels. Adapted from the Story by J. G. Hawks.

CAPTAIN JINKS' KIDS. A One-Reel Comedy.

CATIN AND CALICO. A One-Reel Comedy.

#### WEDNESDAY at 3.

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TAKE BACK YOUR WIFE. One Reel Comedy.

MARY ANN IN SOCIETY: One Ree Comedy.

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Usual Show at Full Prices—
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SAME PROGRAMME AS WEDNES-

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Fine Exclusive Drama in 4 Reels.
TIM HIRED AND FIRED. One Reel
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#### A TELEGRAPH WOMAN'S TALE.

When I had finished my course in telegraphy, my mother fell ill. We were almost penniless, and had few acquaintances in the town. I spent three weeks in an unsuccessful search for a desirable position. Night work was out of the question.

Twenty years ago, women telegraph operators in the West of America were not numerous. Men were preferred in almost every department. I was overjoyed, therefore, when a kind friend secured for me a position in the station at Muncy. The salary was forty dollars a month; there was no night work, and an abundance of leisure for study.

"I may have my mother with me?"

"Yes," said my friend. "But Muncy is a lonely place—the station and your house mere shells. You will not enjoy living in the isolated spot."

"Mother would make a cabin homelike," said I,

confidently.

"Perhaps," replied Mr. Keen. "I must warn you that the place may disappoint you. It is an important shipping point—has a sawmill and a lumberyard. There is no night operator. The day operator must occasionally keep late hours. There are two saloons in the village. You will probably be annoyed by intoxicated men congregating in the station. A number of boys have tried Muncy. It is difficult to retain a man for any length of time at this point."

My friend's description was not encouraging; but I was obliged to accept the offered position. In looking backward I find it difficult to realise that isolated, non-progressive, dreary places were then only a few miles distant from thriving towns in various parts of our country. The half had not been told me regard-

ing Muncy.

Our surroundings were not pleasant. Nevertheless, mother's health improved. My work was light and congenial. I did not mind the isolation; but I learned to dread the rainy days, also the monthly pay day. At such times the lumber men congregated in the waiting-room, talking and laughing in a manner distasteful to me. My office they never entered.

One rainy June afternoon Rick Ward, a woodcutter, a tall, handsome, good-natured giant, entered the waiting-room, boisterously drunk. Two shy little girls accompanied him, weeping piteously. Rick dangled in his big red hands a pair of tiny coppertoed boots. The children implored him to go home with them.

"No, Sary Zhane, no, Polly Anny," he cried. "I won't sther a sthep. Havin' too good a time. Home's

a fool to thish place."

I coaxed the ragged children into my den. The poor little creatures were anxious to coax "dad" home ere he should exchange "Lessy's boots for likker."

"It we kin only git him out o' town a piece he'll lie down an' go to sleep; then Sarv Jane an' me'll run for mammy, and we'll coax him home. Lessy wants his boots so bad," sobbed Polly Anne.

The poor weak giant had come to the village early in the day to spend his month's pay for family supplies.

"He promised he'd go straight home after he'd had one drink. When he'd had one he wanted another, an' he's give all our coffee an' meat, an' mammy's gown for likker, an' we couldn't hender him," sobbed Polly Anne.

The rain fell faster. Rick's boon comrades one by

one dropped out.

"We're goin', dad," pleaded Sary Jane. "It's most dark. You'll be all alone out in the rain, nobody to lead you, an' you'll stumble over the cross ties an' fall through the bridge. Lessy wants his boots so bad! Oh, dear, good, kind dad, do come!"

"Go right erlong, children! Reckon Rick Ward don't need a body gyuard. Lessy'll get his boots. Shoo, shoo, children!" muttered the man, who was fast becoming stupid and stubborn.

"Thar's no way only to go fer mother. She's the one to lead him when he has these—these—bad spells," said one of the faithful little women.

At seven o'clock the waiting - room was unoccupied. Rick Ward had stumbled out into the storm. I hoped he had gone home.

Patsey Lanigan, a bright Irish boy, assisted me to close the office, freight and waiting rooms, and gallantly escorted me home. Patsey was a friend worth having.

At twelve o'clock I was aroused from pleasant

dreams by his loud knocking at my door.

"You're wanted at the office, Miss Crane. The track walker has run acrost Rick Ward lyin' on the track. The engineer didn't see him-it's a dark night, ye mind. Av coorse the coroner must come. Ef the poor man had only heeded to his little guarls! He didn't, an' he's paid for his folly. They've brought 'im to the depot."

Rick's body lay upon the platform near the office entrance. The rain had ceased, but the clouds were dense. Half a dozen men kept watch with me. We were all very silent, when suddenly a low knocking seemed to come from the floor beneath our feet.

"Did we hear that?" cried one of the men. "It

sounded like a rap."

"Hark, will ye, now?" cried Patsey, pale and large

eyed.

Again we heard the sound—an unmistakable grating and rapping. Two men speedily left the office to investigate. They failed to return. Two more suddenly remembered that they were needed at home. The strange sounds continued. My imagination and tensely-strung nerves were making me a quaking, terror-stricken creature.

At two o'clock I was alone, shuddering and starting at every sound. Even Patsey had deserted me. I

fancied I saw the big hands move under the sheet. 1 endeavoured to remember that the still form beside the door was only harmless clay. I had seen the giant form so lately moving—walking. The strain was intense. I heard weird sounds—wailing. Surely the big hands moved slightly.

A pitiful moan completely unnerved me, and then Rick's wife, panting, weary, bare of head and foot, knelt beside the body. I too knelt and wept. The little girls cried piteously, and caressed the big hands.

"Oh, Rick, my man, it's come to this! I've allers feared it! I war er comin' ter fotch 'im home. I didn't hurry, thinkin' he wouldn't be willin' to leave town twel past dark. The rain must ha' druv'im out sooner'n common. He was kyund-he was never mean to me even in his bad spells," moaned the woman.

Two more hours we waited for the coroner's coming. I was no longer nervous. I felt a tender interest in the grief-stricken mother and little daughters. They told me incidents in the dead man's life that enlightened me as to the best side of the man's character. The mysterious noises no longer terrified me. I investigated and found the origin of the unseemly raps. A privileged hog had made for himself a bed under the office floor. In moving about the animal occasionally scraped the flooring, thus producing the uncanny sounds.

The coroner came on the first train. No investigation was really needed. The ending of Rick Ward's life was the old story, repeated so often that children know it by heart. Love, ambition, honour, family, comfort, a life of usefulness sacrificed to an appetite for drink. A pair of shrewd, kindly blue eyes liquor blinded, a brain clouded, or genial Rick Ward would not have made his bed upon a railway track.

The coroner discovered in his breast-pocket Lessy's copper-toed boots. He had not disposed of them.

During the ensuing month I nightly feared that I should again be called to the office before morning. The loafing and drinking were not checked by the object-lesson so lately taught. Then came the offer of a desirable situation—a neat office in a wellarranged station. Mother and I could have a home in a pretty village peopled by pleasant folk. There was a night operator—a young man. No loafing was permitted in the waiting-room. Henceforth my life was a happy one, and I soon forgot my dismal experiences in Muncy.

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#### Glasgow & South-Western Railway. MUIRKIRK TO GLASGOW.

a.m. a.m.	p.m. p.m.
Muirkirk lve 7.10 9.30	2-20 6-0
Auchinleck,, 8.19 9.53	3-38 6.24
Mauchline,, 8-29 10-3	3.48 8-22
Ayr arr 9-10 11-25	4-30 7-25
Kilmarnock 8-48 10-22	4-3 8-43
Glasgow arr 9-50 11-45	4-50 9-55

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Cronberry	7-37	12-42	5-12
Cumnock	7-44	12 49	5-19
Ayr	arr 8-32	1-37	. 6-7

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#### Caledonian Railway. MUIRKIRK TO EDINBURGH.

	a.m.	p.m.
Muirkirk	leave 7.25	3.10
Glenbuck -	,, 7-33	3-18
Inches .	7.39	3-24
Douglas West -	,, 7-45	3.30
Lanark .	arrive 8-15	4.2
Glasgow -	,, 9-23	5-59
Carstairs -	,, 8-38	4-30
Edinburgh .	,, 9-30,	7-16

A train leaves Lanark for Edinburgh at 4.5. arriving at Edinburgh at 5.20, but a connection between this train and the 3.10 from Muirkirk is not guaranteed. The next train for Edinburgh leaves Lanark at 5.15.

#### EDINBURGH TO MUIRKIRK.

		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Edinburgh -	leave	6-30		4 45
Carstairs -	9.2	7-53		5 40
Glasgow .	,,,	6-5		3-50
Lanark -	9.3	8-31		6-0
Douglas West -	,,	8-58		6-30
Inches •	,,	9-5		6-37
Glenbuck -		9-10		6-42
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