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(Arranged for by the above Committee) will be delivered in MASONIC HALL, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING, by Mr P. MALCOLM, Kilmarnock. Subject :--

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NOTICE.

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

ALL PERSONS who have not yet paid their Rates as above, for 1914-15, are requested to do so on or before FRIDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 1915. GLENBUCK DISTRICT.

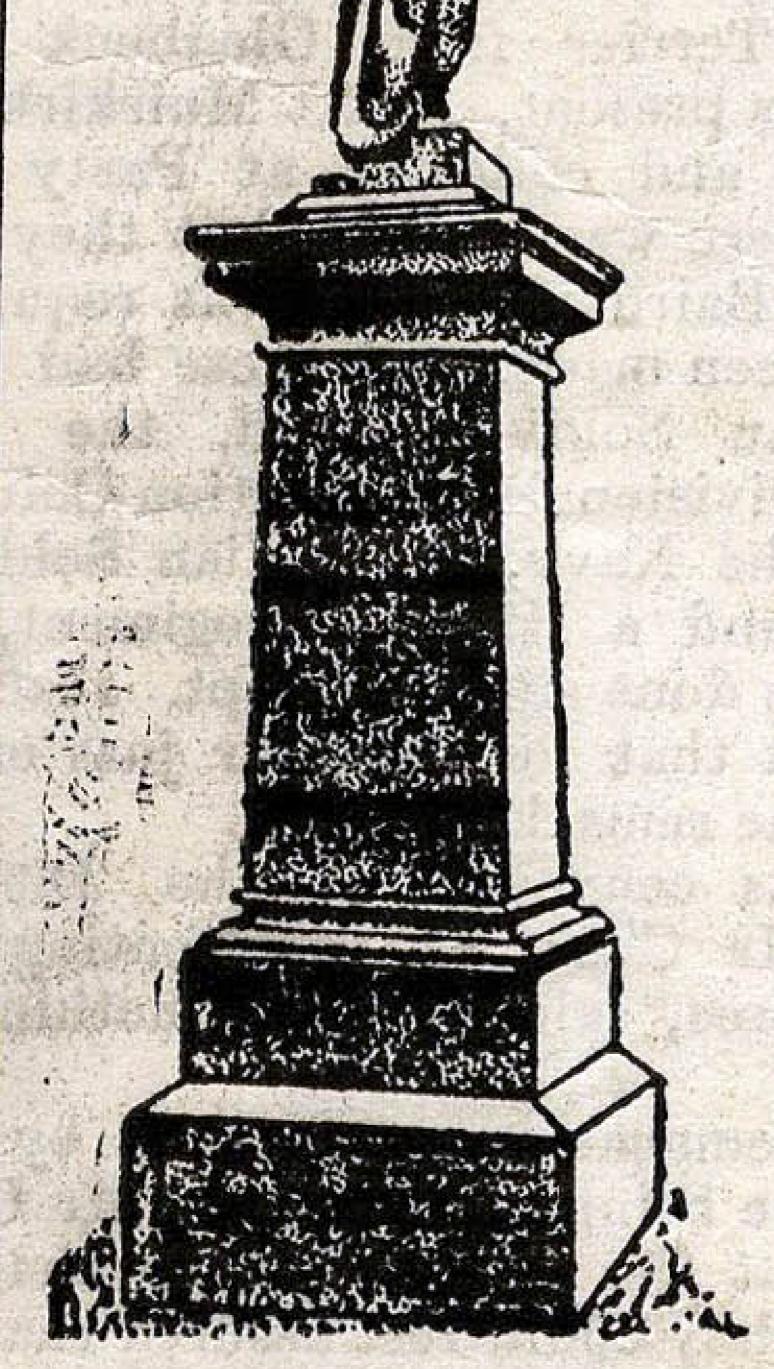
The Collector will attend in GLENBUCK SCHOOL on SATURDAY, 23rd January, from 1 p.m. till 3 p.m.

R. A. LESLIE, Collector.

Parish Council Chambers,

Muirkirk, 6th January, 1915.

6' THE FRENCH YELLOW BOOK." War, published by the French Government. Translated into English, and printed under the authority of His Majesty's Stationery Office. Some great revelations as to the intrigues of Germany. A Bulky Volume. One Penny, at Smith's.



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Death.

YOUNG.-Suddenly, at Parsonstown House, Muirkirk, on 4th inst., Wee Jim, aged 2 years and 5 months (elder and beloved son of Robert and Mary Young); deeply regretted.-Mr and Mrs Young desire to thank their many friends for sympathy extended, and for beautiful flowers sent.

In Memoriam.

- ANDERSON.-In loving memory of our dear son, Alexander Anderson, who died at The Square, Muirkirk, 5th January, 1912.
 - The Master came down at break of day, And murmured—" My dear one, come away, In a fairer land to bud anew, Watered by love's own heavenly dew." -Inserted by his Parents.
- HOLDEN.-In affectionate remembrance of Nancy Holden (beloved daughter of David and Helen Holden), who died at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, 10th January, 1913, aged 23 years.

INNOVATION AT THE CINEMA. --- There is to be an innovation at the Cinema next week, in that, by way of a change, the platform will be occupied by a dramatic company which enjoys a good name, headed by the famous actor Mr Ulick Burke. There will be a change of piece each night. The usual hour for starting will be observed, and the prices are 4d, 6d, and 9d, with children half-price. There are two houses each night this week-all pictures, and a change every night.-See advt.

NEW YEAR SHOWS.-Local poultry and pigeon breeders were very successful at the various shows held at the New Year. At Troon, on Friday, Mr Jas. Cook won a first prize, while at Wishaw on Saturday he annexed one first and two second prizes with bantams. At Stonehouse, on Friday, Mr Jas. Brown, with red tumbler pigeons, secured the premier honour as well as two third prizes, while next day, at Wishaw, he won a third prize. At Troon, on Friday, Messrs A. Pollock & Son had one first and three second prizes, and at Barrhead three second prizes with Rock, Wyandotte, and Orpington poultry. At Troon, on Friday, Mr Andrew Rae won first prize with a Minorca, while at the same show Mr Robert Dempster secured several prizes with common pigeons. At Wishaw, on Saturday, Mr W. S. Smith won two first prizes, two silver spoons, and a medal, with jacobin pigeons, and one first and one second prize with white tumbler pigeons.

discussion. The Chairman put forward suggested sums for the consideration of the meeting-County. Fund, £40; Prince of Wales Fund, £40; Red Cross Fund, £20; Work Parties, £15.

Rev. Mr Henderson advocated the claims of the Red Cross Society, and suggested taking £5 from each of the County Fund and the Prince of Wales' Fund and adding the £10 to the Red Cross. He thought they should now keep an eye on what the Red Cross Society is doing for the wounded soldiers at the Front, and more of our own men would be going there immediately. He felt there was great need for the alleviation of suffering. The Red Cross Society was spending something like what—£10,000 a week in France just now?

After further discussion, in which Mr John Stitt, Mr David Stitt, and Mrs Baird took part, on the suggestion of Mr Young the following allocation was made :-- County Fund, £40; Prince of Wales' Fund, £30; Red Cross Society, £30; Work Parties, £15.

During the discussion it was brought out that the Soldiers and Sailors' Families Association are to pay the county and parish taxes of all the married men, and the mothers who are dependent on those at the Front.

Two years have rassed since that sad day When one we loved was called away; God took her home; it was His will. Forget her ! No, we never will.

May the heavenly winds blow softly O'er that sweet and hallowed spot; 'Mid the changing scenes of life, dear sister, You will never be forgot.

She is gone; oh, how hard, not a friend to be near To hear her last word or to see her last tear; No parting, no farewell, no kind word of love To cheer her last moments or point her above.

None knew how sad the parting was,

Nor what the farewell cost; But God and His loved angels Have gained what we have lost. -Inserted by her sister Margaret.

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

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1915.

GREETING.

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

WAR RELIEF FUND.

The usual monthly meeting of the local War Relief Fund Committee was held in the Territorial Drill Hall on Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance of delegates, and Mr Jas. Clark presided, being supported at the table by Rev. Mr Henderson, and Messrs John Young and David Stitt (conveners of committees), and Andrew Pringle (secretary).

After the minutes of previous meetings had been read and approved,

Mr Clark formally intimated that the Belgian refugees had arrived, and the sub-committee appointed for the purpose had seen to their wants in an efficient way. So far as he could see they would not be a burden on the place. The people seemed to have taken a very kindly interest in them, and the ladies had done their work very well indeed.

Mr Young, treasurer, then submitted an account of the finances. Since the institution of the

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

MUIRKIRK PARISH ROLL OF HONOUR.

On Sabbath last, in compliance with the recommendation of the Assembly, an intercessory service in connection with the war was held in the Parish Church. The service was conducted by Rev. John Henderson, B.D. There was a large congregation. During the service Mr Henderson read the names of those with a parish connection who are at present serving their country, but mentioning at the same time that no claim was made to the list being a complete one, and he asked that any who knew of others serving might kindly communicate with him so that their names might be added. The reverend gentleman acknowledged his indebtedness to several persons for their assistance in making up the list. The following is the list read, as well as several names added since :--

Reservists-

L. Corporal Thos. Shaw, Cameron Highl'ders L. Corporal Thos. Mitchell, H.L.I. Driver Hugh Greenwood, Royal F'ld Artillery Driver Wm. Greenwood, Gunner Wm. Brown, Driver John Ferguson, Private Joseph Campbell, Scottish Rifles John M'Millan, Royal Scots Fusiliers 23 Thomas Lowe, Seaforth Highlanders David Newall, Gordon Highlanders " John Devlin, Irish Fusiliers Donald Johnstone, R.A.M.C. Private William Ferguson, Scottish Borderers John Rogerson, Gordon Highlanders Scottish Horse-Corporal James Lawson Private Walter Paterson " Robert Paterson

To our Advertisers and Readers we extend a Seasonable Greeting-

A GUID NEW YEAR,

AN' MONY O' THEM.

Local Mews.

NEW YEAR BALL.—The customary New Year Ball was conducted in the Ironworks Institute on Friday evening. There was a large turnout of youth and beauty, excellent music being supplied by Messrs Wallace (violin) and Johnstone (piano).

NEW YEAR SERVICE. - On Friday forenoon the usual service was conducted in the Lesser Temperance Hall, such a service being rendered necessary through deed of gift of Mr Charles Howatson. There was a small attendance, and Rev. Mr Henderson conducted the service.

THE NEW YEAR.-1915 was as usual heralded in Muirkirk, according to Scottish custom, with the ringing of bells and the blowing of horns. The weather was very cold, and the streets were comparatively quiet. New Year's Day was observed as a holiday by the local merchants, while several had their premises closed on Saturday as well.

Fund the sum of £140 had been received from the Soldiers and Sailors Families Association (County Fund), and £131 7s 8d had been paid out; from the Prince of Wales Fund (for civil distress) £20 had been received, and £3 6s paid out; for the Belgian Fund he had intimated last month the sum of £58 2s 11d, while the gross proceeds of an entertainment by the Muirkirk Orchestra at Glenbuck fell to be added this month (£5 2s 1d), Mrs Howatson very generously defraying all the expenses, making a total of £63 6s, and of that ± 42 19s 10¹/₂d had been spent. The collection for the War Fund for December amounted to £115 5s 11d, which, with £2 18s 8d of a balance from the previous month left for allocation the sum of £118 4s 7d. The total collected since the institution of the Fund amounted to £542 6s 2d. Rev. Mr Henderson, on behalf of the Work Parties, reported that at Glenbuck the total income, including balance from Nov., grant, and collection at Work Party, was £6 3s 43d. The Glenbuck people had accomplished a great feat, for they had spent £8 3s, but the treasurer had all her wits about her and there were still some webs of cloth and wool on hand. During the month 98 garments had been made, and these had been despatched to the R. F. A., the R. S. F., and the Glenbuck Territorials. The Glenbuck folks had also done what their Muirkirk friends had forgotten to do : they had collected at the Party the sum of £2 9s 10d in connection with Santa Claus, and every Terrier from Glenbuck had received a Christmas present. At Muirkirk the income from grant and collected at Party was £10 19s 7¹/₂d, and there was no debt, but they had a claim upon Miss Baird if money was required. 199 garments had been made, and these had been sent to the Indian Soldiers Fund, the 12th Cameronians, 5th Divisional Ammunition Column, Belgian Refugees, the Navy, the Indian Soldiers, the Field Force, and a Highland regiment, the number of garments done since 1st Sept. reaching 1708. He thought that for the year just ended our women had done remarkably well. Mr D. Stitt, as convener of the Distress Committee, and Mr Clark as representing the Recruiting Committee, said they had nothing to report. Questions and remarks were invited by the Chairman, but there being no answers, Mr Clark said he took it that the silence meant that all were satisfied, but they could rest assured that the members of Committee were desirous of spending the money to the very best advantage. The Chairman then referred to a communication that had been received from the Ayr Town Clerk's office referring to a quantity of cheese, salmon, etc., which had been sent for distribution amongst the Belgian refugees in this district. The allocation of the £118 caused some

Ayrshire Yeomanry-

Lieutenant C. Nile Howatson Corporal John M'Kerrow Private John Strathearn

George Henderson David Murdoch 99 Andrew Wilson 12 Andrew Fleming ,, James M'Intyre Robert Gibson Hugh Whyte

Lanarkshire Yeomanry-

Lance Corporal Robert Crosbie Private John Wallace

,, John Crosbie ", William Davidson Alexander Davidson Peter Tait David Barr James Weir

ARMY ORGANIZATION-NEW COMMANDERS. - It is officially announced that the present organization of the land forces into divisions and army corps is being further developed by the creation of armies and army corps. The second Army Corps will be commanded by Lieut. -General Sir Charles Ferguson, Bart., C.B., M.V.O., D.S.O., consequent upon the promotion of Sir Horace Smith-Dorien. Sir Charles is a brother of Mrs Baird of Wellwood.

RICHES AND POVERTY.-From our advertising columns it will be noticed that the fourth of a series of lectures, this time the subject being "Riches and Poverty," is to be delivered in the Masonic Hall to-morrow (Friday) evening, under the auspices of the Educational Committee of the local Co-operative Society. No one will deny that it is an engrossing subject. The lecturer will doubtless touch on the cause of poverty and the remedy. In a working-class district such as this he is quite safe in advocating the theory that riches is the cause of poverty, but, however much the fact may be deplored, if the lecturer will divulge a workable plan by which the riches may be gained the Masonic Hall should be full to overflowing.-See advt.

Royal Engineers-

Private Adam Gordon ", Hugh Wilson

Canadian Contingent—

Private John Kennedy David D. Weir Thomas Weir Andrew Bain 22

1st London Scottish---

Private William Cunningham

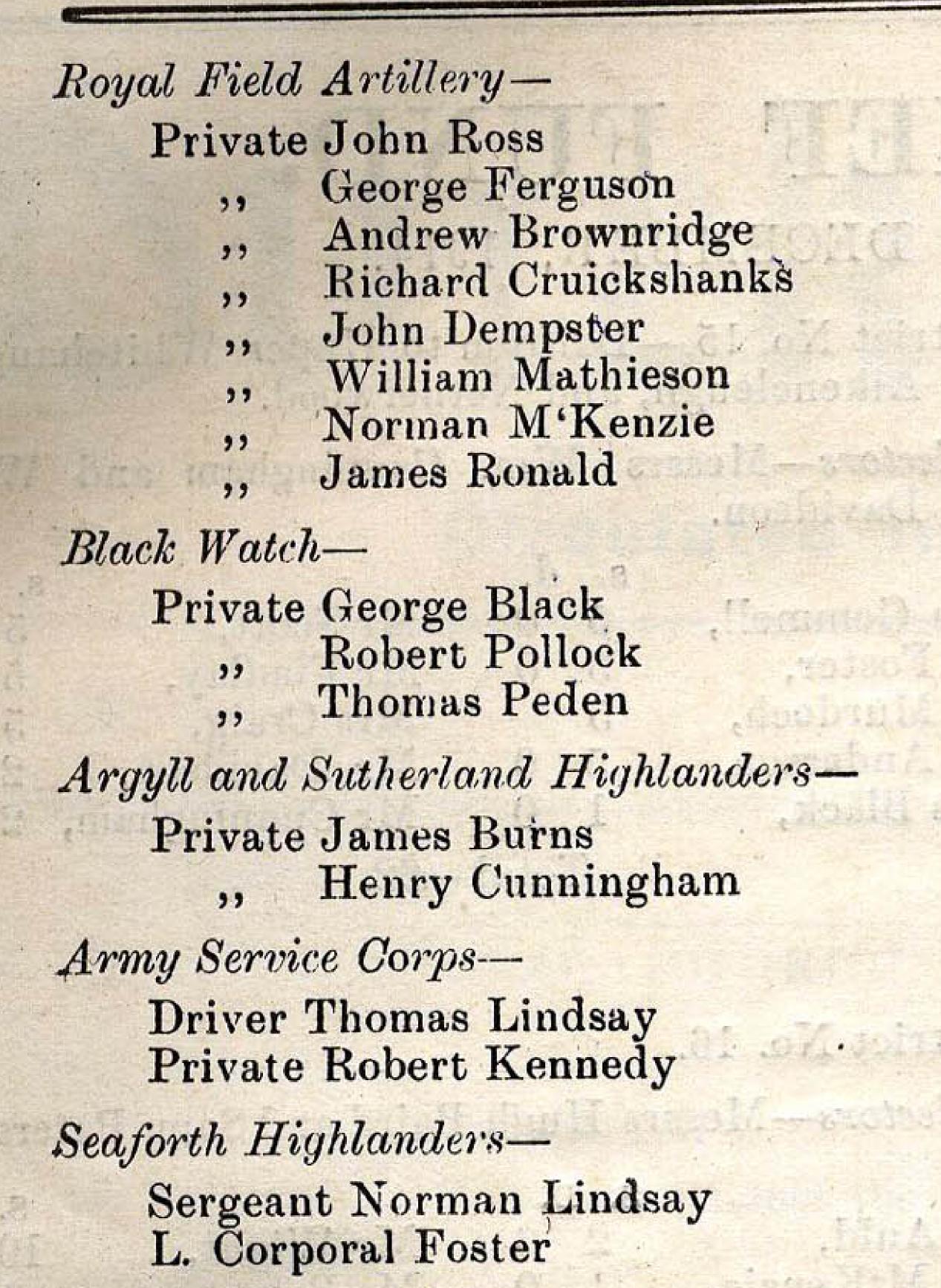
Glasgow Commercial Battalion-Private James Hutchison

Glasgow Highlanders-

Private James Kerr Robert Walker James Walker

Royal Army Medical Corps-Andrew Clark James Crawford David Dalziel Robert Gordon Alexander Lochrie Archibald M'Luckie William Muir

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,,	John Gibson
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,,	Charles Walker
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,,	Robert Close
	Harry M'Dade

99.

11th Batt. Scottish Rifles-Private Robert Yule Officers Training Corps-John Rodger Royal Highlanders-Private John Young Laing. (Dead, Nov., 1914) King's Own Scottish Borderers-Private James Spence " Peter Ferguson Highland Light Infantry (Com. Batt)-Private John G. M. Baird Lochiel's Cameronians-Private John Taylor John Stobbs Scots Guards---Private John Lindsay Frank Marshall. (Dead) Highland Light Infantry-Private Hugh Love Transport Corps-William Ferguson Sth Batt. Royal Scots Fusiliers-

James Little 99 John Sommerville 27 Andrew Walker Thomas Floyd -" (Glenbuck). Sergeant William Hastie " John Shankly Corporal Joseph Bone John Halliday Hugh M'Coubrie L. Corporal John Hastie Private Gavin Murdoch David Muir Robert Muir **Robert** Dalziel Walter Sowden 99 John Brown 22 James Bone **Thomas Bone James Menzies** John Short 99 Alexander Shankly John Spence David Weir James Tait John Vallance James Moore 22

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	PARISH WAR RE IVED FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING 2	
DONATIONS. Brought forward from November, £2 18 8 Muirkirk Ornithological Society, Surplus of Poultry Show, per Mr James Torbett, 9 0 0 Muirkirk Golf Club, Surplus of Whist Drive and Dance, per Mr W. Shaw	District No. 7 — South Side of Main Street— From School to Bank. Collectors—Mrs Wm. Alston and Mrs Jas. Gibson. s. d. s. d. Thos. Jackson, 10 0 Wm. Alston, 4 0 Mrs T. H. Wilson, 5 0 John Alston, 1 4 Mrs Ramage, 2 0 Fred Wright, 2 0 Thos. Weir, 2 0 Jean C. Brown, 0 8	District No. 15. —Dalfram to Upper Whitehaugh, Aikencleugh, and Netherwood. CollectorsMessrs Wm. Cunningham and Wm. Davidson. s. d. s. d. s. d. Mrs Gemmell, 5 0 Mr Scott, 5 Mr Foster, 5 0 Mr Findlay, 5 0
Smith, 213 3 Mr Simpson, The Cinema, 010 6 Total—£15 2s 7d. Employees of Messrs Wm. Baird & Co. Week ending 5th Dec., £9 18 8 , 12th Dec., 10 1 2 , 19th Dec., 10 3 7 , 26th Dec., 10 4 1	Mrs Goldie, 4 0 Total—£1 11s. District No. 8—North Side of Main Street—From Stile to Pearson's Corner. Collectors—Messrs Wm. Blackwood and Jas. G. Hodge.	Mr Murdoch, 5 Mrs Craig, 5 0 Mr Anderson, 5 0 Mr Davidson, 2 0 Mrs Black, 1 0 Mr Cunningham, 2 0 Total—£2. District No. 16. Collectors—Messrs Hugh Baird and Sam. Paterson.
Muirkirk Merchants, per Mr Wm. Blackwood, 9 2 6 Employees of Kennox Coal Co., Ld. Resident in Muirkirk, £2 6 1 , Glenbuck, 0 6 8 2 12 9 Railway Employees, per Mr R. Brown. Fortnight ending 12th Dec., £1 16 5	s. d. James Gibson, 4 0 Robt. Gibson, 1 0 Miss Robertson, 2 0 James Dunbar, 4 0 Angus Campbell, 2 0 Mrs Blackwood, 5 0 Walter Weir, 2 0 Total-£1.	S. D.S. D.S. D.Mr Auld,2 6Mr Wight,10 0Mr M'Kenzie,1 0Mr Paterson,1 0Mr M'Callum,1 6Mr M'Kerrow,10 0Mr Thomson,1 0Miss Murchie,2 6Mr M'Millan,1 0Mr W. M'Callum,1Mr Lambie,1 0Mr G. Melrose,1 0Mr Paterson,1 0Mr J. Stitt,1 0
 26th Dec., 1 15 3 3 11 8 Employees of Muirkirk Co-operative Society, per Mr Robert Taylor, 1 16 8 Employees of Muirkirk Iron Works Co-operative Society, per Mr James Houston, 1 3 4 Total, £58 14s 5d. 	Mrs H. M'Lean, 5 0 George Laylor, 1 0	Mr Baird, 1 0 Total—£1 16s 6d. District No. 17—Catchyburn, Kameshill, Station House, Railway Buildings, and Kames Pit Row.
District No. 1-Langloanhead, Crossflatt, Auld- houseburn, Bankhead, Burnside, Madeleine Place. Collectors-Messrs Jas. Morrison and Jas. Rae. s. d. Wm. Blake, 1 0 Adam Easton, 1 0 James Clark, 100 0 Jas. Morrison, 2 6	Jas. Strickland, 2 6 Miss Wilson, 2 0 John M'Culloch, 8 0 Miss Millar, 0 8 James M'Kie, 1 0 Total—£1 5s 2d. District No. 10—Wellwood Street.	Collectors—Mrs Anderson.Gavin Dalziel and MrsEdgar EdgarJohn Angus, Hugh Miller, John Cairney,s. d. 40s. d. Miss Prentice, Miss Holden, 20Total—£2 11s.
Miss Johnstone, 1 0 James Brown, 1 0 David Ferguson, 1 0 Alex. Dempster, 2 0 George Thorburn, 1 0 Wm. Neilson, 2 0 Jas M'Gillivray, 4 0 T. Watson, 0 6 J. Phillips, M.A., 8 0 David Stitt, 2 0 Robt. Thomson, 2 0 Total-£6 9s. District No. 2-Lightshaw, Torhill, Manse to	Mrs Wilson,10Rev. Wm. Bohan, 50Mrs Wylie,10Mrs Young,50Jas. G. Richmond 30Rich. Cunningham 40Jas. M. Law,20Miss M'Lean,20John Wylie,20Miss Ross,26John P. Forbes,10Miss Smith,26	District No. 18—Old and New Terraces, Kames Rows Nos. 1, 2, and 3. Collectors—Messrs Thomas Morrison and James Samson. John M'Call, S. d. S. S. S
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s. d. Jas. M'Intyre, 4 0 George Isedale, 1 0 Wm. Millar, 1 0 Gilb. Symington, 1 0 James Gilchrist, 2 0 Total—9s. District No. 5—South Side of Main Street—From Masons Arms to Kateshall.	John D. Dunbar, 4 0 John Smith, 2 0 David R. Hodge, 1 0 David Hamilton, 2 0 James Gibson, 1 0 Mrs Higgie, 1 0 Total-11s. District No. 13-Smallburn.	Mrs Arthur, 1 3 Arch. Robertson, 5 0 Margaret M'Crae, 1 3 Mr Smith, 1 3 Annie Clark, 1 3 Jas. M'Kerrow, 5 0 Total—£8 3s 3d. District—Glenbuck Central.
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Wm. Logie, 1 0 Gavin Logan, 1 0 George Harkness, 2 6 Total—£1 1s 8d.	Mr Laidlaw, 2 0 Mr Fairbairn, 5 0 Mr Robertson, 1 0 Mr Caven, 1 0 Total—£2 2s.	Grand Total—£118 4s 7d. JOHN YOUNG, Treasurer.

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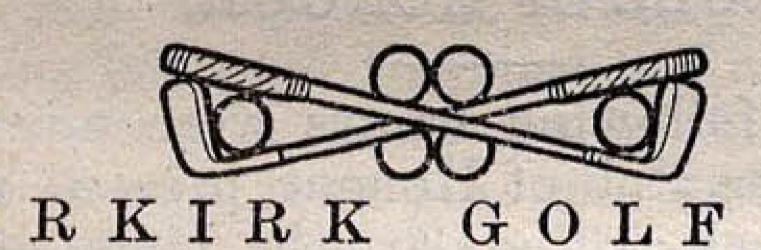
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The Collector will attend in GLENBUCK SCHOOL on SATURDAY, 23rd January, from 1 p.m. till 3 p.m. R. A. LESLIE, Collector.

Parish Council Chambers, Muirkirk, 6th January, 1915.

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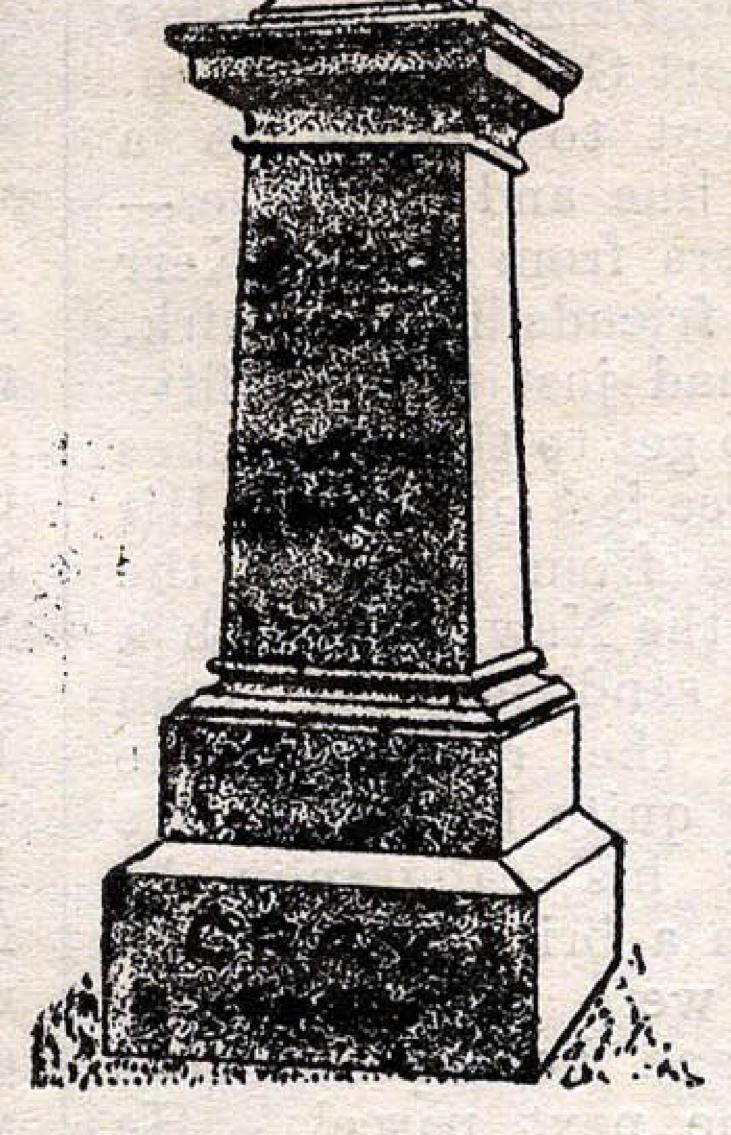
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In Memoriam.

BELL.-In loving and affectionate remembrance of my dear husband, Andrew Bell, who was accidentally killed in Kames Pit, Muirkirk, 10th January, 1913.

> When days are dark, and friends are few, Dear Andy, how I long for you.

-Inserted by his wife, Annie Bell, 465 West End Avenue, New York.

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

THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1915.

Local Mews.

RECRUITING - Private James Hogg, from Cambusbarron Camp, R.S F., is presently in the village in search of recruits, both for the Home Defence and the Foreign Service Battalions. James is a Muirkirk boy, and is therefore very approachable, and any youths whose minds are not very clear on certain points of the service should apply to him at once. Jamie will be delighted to oblige.

A WEEK'S DRAMAS.—By way of a change, the Temperance Hall is this week occupied by Mr Ulick Burke and Star Company, and each evening has seen a change of piece. On Monday evening "My Sweetheart" was produced; Tuesday evening, "Trilby;" last night, Sir Henry Irving's masterpiece, "The Sleigh Bells;" and on each occasion there has been a large and appreciative The acting of each artiste is very audience. good, and above what is often seen in travelling companies. To-night. "Lost by Drink" will be staged, to-morrow night "Kathleen Mavourneen" will be produced, while on Saturday "My Sweetheart," " Trilby," and " The Sleigh Bells " will be reproduced, and the company is worth seeing.-See advt. on page 3. THE FIRST BIBLE IN SCOTLAND. - On this subject the nobility, bishops, etc., and from this sprung the authorised version used to-day in our land. Mr Bell had been at considerable trouble in printing, and reproducing by hand the enlarged frontispiece of an old Bible as well as a few verses and footnotes, and which could be read from all over the church. At the close Rev. Mr Greenshields counselled those present to guard jealously the privileges which have been very dearly bought by our ancestors. The speakers were very attentively listened to. Mr Robert Kellock also sang a solo.

Mr Chas. P. Bell read a very interesting paper, on Sabbath evening, in Chalmers U. F. Church, under the auspices of the Guild. The paper was out of the usual groove in that it was mainly secular and historical. Mr Bell referred to the introduction of the Bible into Catholic Scotland about the beginning of the 16th century, and the bann put upon the book by Church and State alike against its reaching the rank and file. He spoke of the sufferings endured by several who persisted in its importation, even the penalty of death. With its ultimate acceptance, the speaker dwelt at some length on the Bassendyne Bible, the first printed in Scotland, and gave quaint extracts from same in the Scottish tongue, and also some biting marginal notes. After James VI. of Scotland was crowned King of England, and had become rather enamoured of Episcopacy, the King caused these notes to be deleted as they were very offensive to

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ITALY WITH THE ALLIES. - By the kindness of Mr Da Prato, Main Street, a consignment of 3000 cigarettes for the use of the troops at the Front has been forwarded. They were consigned to Lt.-General Sir Charles Fergusson, Bart., commanding the Second Army Corps, who will arrange for their distribution.

MERCHANTS' HOLIDAY. - Yesterday was observed by the local merchants as a holiday. A considerable number travelled. A special late train left Glasgow about 11 p.m., thus enabling excursionists to visit the various places of amusement, and this train was largely taken advantage of.

WAR SOUVENIRS.—There is presently on exhibition in the Advertiser Office window one of the Princess Mary's gifts to soldiers at the Front. The gift is the property of Private John Devlin (a reservist). There is also on view the Duchess of Connaught's present (maple toffee) and the Canadian War Contingent's gift (cigarettes) to Canadian recruits on active service. These latter belong to Private John Kennedy.

FROM THE DEPTHS. -- Mrs Park, Baird Institute, is just in receipt of a packet from the G. P. O. in which is enclosed a letter from her husband in Canada. Along with the address on the front of

Consults at the	S. S. Empress of Ireland." It will be remembered	ROLL OF HONOUR.
MASONIC HALL EVERY FRIDAY,	that the "Empress of Ireland" was rammed and	Some of the following names were unwittingly
	sunk by a collier in the St. Lawrence a	omitted from the Roll of Honour printed in these .
1 till 7 p.m.	considerable time ago. The letter was minus the	columns last week; others are the names of parties
	postage stamp and was open, doubtless owing to the action of the water.	who have joined the Army since :
PAINLESS EXTRACTIONS.	a an mi strution of own moderne in	Robert Campbell, Black Watch (Reservist)
I TITITON FILL LULLO LIOLIO.	general, and members of the local Golf Club in	Michael M'Ivor, Seaforth Highlanders
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Payments.	general meeting of the Club. At the meeting the	Tom Greenwood, do.
	Committee will give an account of their steward-	Gunner David Stewart, do.
"The Muirkirk Advertiser."	ship, the financial statement will be given, three	William Bone (Glenbuck), Scottish Rifles
which instantion revocations.	members of committee retire, once-bearers are to	Corporal William Gibson, do.
EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON.	be appointed for next season, so this is the time for members to turn out and air their views. It	John Kilpatrick, Northumberland Fusiliers
	is hoped there will be a good attendance at the	James Stein, Cameron Highlanders
Circulated Gratis in Muirkirk, Glenbuck, Torhill	meeting, thus to show a practical interest in the	Andrew Ross, Black Watch John Moffat, Royal Scots Fusiliers
and Bankhead.		Private Garret Allison, 8th Royal Scots Fusiliers
A TATA TATA TATA TATA TATA TATA TATA T	the Ironworks Institute to-morrow (Friday)	Jas. M'Donald, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
ADVERTISING RATES.	evening.	Dan. Ferguson, Lochiel's Cameronians
Legal and other Notices, Properties for Sale,	ON THE BATTLEFIELD A dramatic meeting was	Robert Patrick, do.
Auction Sales, &c 4d per line.	made the other day between the two brothers,	Private William Kilpatrick
	Thomas and Hugh Greenwood. For the first	
Entertainments, Lectures, Meetings, and	time in five years they met, on the battlefield in	GLENBUCK.
Public Notices, 1s 6d per inch.	Flanders. Tom (a driver) was drafted from India, and Hugh (a gunner) is a reservist. Another	
Sabbath Services, 1s per inch.	brother, William, is also at the Front Four of	TOUSE to Let-Presently occupied by Mr John
	the six locals who have been undergoing training	Hamilton , who is again taking up the tenancy
DUCINICOO ANNOUNOFRACNTO	under the R. A. M. C. have now been transferred	of the cottage in connection with his store, and

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James Crawford, and David Dalziel; the other three—Arch. M'Luckie, Robert Gordon, and Wm. Muir-are shortly to be sent to France to a hospital between the firing line and the base.-Lately some interesting letters from James Kerr have been received by his friends in Muirkirk. Writing on 3rd January he had just finished fifty hours in the trenches, and to get to these trenches one had to wade through three feet of mud. His trench was only fifty yards from those of the Germans, and he brought in the New Year with a bang at the Huns. His sandbags had been riddled. Notwithstanding the rain and the conditions underfoot he was quite healthy. He asked that the quality of his caligraphy be excused as he was writing on a brick floor. He could hardly see, as there were seven of them writing round one candle, and he requests that two "dips" be sent in the next parcel. He mentions that he has not had many opportunities of writing, as he is forty miles from where he was fourteen days before. If slow progress means many letters, let us hope the letters will now be comparatively few.

to a hospital ship-Andrew Clark, Alex. Lochrie,

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

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GLENBUCK ROLL OF HONOUR. - The Kirksession of Glenbuck Church have, with kind thoughtfulness, despatched to each Glenbuck unit serving with the colours a "New Year Wish and Greeting," neatly printed in two colours. Surmounted by the Union Jack the title reads :--"Glenbuck Parish Church. A New Year Wish and Greeting to our friends on active service. 1915." The Greeting is on the second page-"Greeting.-A New Year Wish from Glenbuck Parish Church Kirk-session, just that you may feel we are with you in spirit, admiring your noble action, and praying God to watch over you and spare you to come back crowned with . victory. Colin A. Mackenzie, moderator. Charles Howatson, elder. Alexander Drylia, elder. John Rodger, elder and session clerk." On the third page is the Roll of Honour, containing thirty-six names.

THE DRAMA.—A dramatic company presently occupy the Public Hall, and last week they produced some good plays. Each programme concludes with a laughable farce. An afternoon performance was given on Saturday. All the performances have been very well attended.

THE WORK OF THE RED CROSS.

Under the above heading, in the columns of the Westminster Gazette, Sir Henry Norman, M.P., furnishes a most interesting article on the nature, scale, and scope of the British Red Cross Society. With our parish sending a substantial contribution monthly to the Red Cross from the local War Relief Fund it may be of interest to those who presently give, and may supply a stimulus to those who have not given, if we present to our readers a summary of the article :--

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

Our wounded soldier arrived at the railway station from the Front in an ambulance-train. But this train itself may have been a Red Cross train, for it has provided and maintains a complete ambulance-train of 350 beds, the rolling stock hired from a French railway. Perhaps a thousand sick and wounded come to the station in a day. At Boulogne there is a Red Cross barracks for chauffeurs, a garage and repair shop, and by the quay an enclosed "park," where ambulances by the hundred stand day and night, ready for any call. The motor-ambulance personnel of the Red Cross is 513, of whom 444 are chauffeurs, many of these volunteers. Over 700 motor-ambulances have been despatched, and, including cars, the number cannot be far short of a thousand vehicles. Not only must the wounded be transported to hospitals, but they must again, after a longer or shorter period, be carried from hospital to the hospital ship. This, also, the Red Cross ambulances do. On one day, after the heaviest battle, they carried 3,000 men, the chauffeurs working practically for twenty-four hours on end. Services of ambulances are also working in Paris, Havre, Rouen, Calais, Dunkirk, and Boulogne. At the front it has two ambulance convoys, each of fifty ambulances, with lorries, runabouts, and motor-cyclists, for British wounded alone; two convoys of thirty ambulances each, working for British and French; and two convoys of about six ambulances each, for French and Belgians. All told, the Red Cross runs twenty-five motor lorries and sixteen motor soup kitchens. All these it fully equips and maintains. This motor transport of itself is a huge undertaking, but it is only a part of Red Cross work. The Red Cross is, of course, carrying on an immense work in England. It has established a 500 bed hospital at Netley; the new great "King George" Hospital in London of 1,650 beds will shortly be ready; something like 17,000 beds have already been provided under its auspices and accepted by the War Office; and it furnishes wherever required surgeons, dressers, nurses, orderlies, stores, garments, and ambulances. am concerned here, however, with work abroad, and a visit to the Red Cross Stores at Boulogne shows at a glance the scale of this. Hundreds of tons of every kind of material that could possibly be required in a hospital are stacked in cases and bales in a great railway building adjoining the town station, with a system so excellent that any article can be supplied in a few minutes. Over 15,000 cases of stores have been despatched abroad, and three-quarters of a million garments supplied to wounded. Until recently the Army drew regularly and largely upon the Red Cross for stores and comforts. This was during the period of heavy and unceasing pressure. Now, the Army has an abundant supply for all its needs, and only takes from the Red Cross such extra comforts as the latter cares to supply, unless sudden demands should again temporarily deplete its stock, when, of course, all the resources of the Red Cross would again be at its service. There are Red Cross hospitals at Paris (500 beds), Rouen, Abbeville, St. Malo, Calais, Dunkirk, and Wimereux, most of them completely staffed and wholly supported. It has also three Rest Stations- at Boulogne, Rouen, and Abbeville-where the Voluntary Aid Detachment, consisting chiefly of ladies, meets

ninety-three doctors, about 100 dressers, 298 nurses, and 203 orderlies, and the St. John Ambulance has sent twenty-one surgeons, 403 nurses, and no fewer than 8.065 orderlies, all these receiving suitable salaries and pay. The most interesting aspect of this organisation is that the work is so largely voluntary, many a man neglecting duties and sacrificing income at home to work long hours every day in this good cause. The man in the driving seat of an ambulance at Boulogne station early on a winter's morning, and the man sitting at a desk for ten hours a day in the Red Cross Headquarters, are very likely men of position and private means, gladly making this contribution of personal service to our British wounded. But one and all, volunteer or paid, man or woman, they are working with splendid devotion at tasks always long, often difficult and distressing, sometimes dangerous, and they richly earn the admiration and gratitude they receive.

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

Sports and Pastimes.

FOOTBALL.

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

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

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

NEXT WEEK-THE THE T CINEMA. MONDAY and TUESDAY. GAUMONT GRAPHIC. Topical Pictures. PATHE GAZETTE, Realistic Pictures of the Occurrences of To-day. TOPICAL BUDGET, Showing the Events of the Day. DETECTIVE AND MATCHMAKER, Grand Vitagraph Drama. A RACE FOR LIFE, Rare Keystone Comedy. MIDSUMMER LOVE TANGLE, Another Fine Comedy. LOVE AND MAGIC, a Howler. WHEN A WOMAN'S FORTY, Splendid 2-Reel Drama. WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY.

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every ambulance-train, day or night, and supplies soup, coffee, tea, cocoa, cigarettes, &c. Fifty orderlies are kept always ready for stretcher-work in disembarking wounded at Boulogne station.

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

The personnel posted for War Service abroad is on a similar astonishing scale. The Red Cross Society has sent out for war service abroad Anderson, R. Wallace. Referee—J. Hamilton, Cronberry.

FOOTBALL PARS,

BY LINESMAN.

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

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

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the best they could get.

Four of the Renton team left the field before the game finished, and the remarks made by them in the pavilion while dressing were somewhat expressive. I wont repeat them.

President Hay, of the Scottish Junior Association, was present at the game. I asked him what he thought of the game, but he was so cold that he could hardly speak and I don't know yet what his impressions were. All he could talk about was the "cowld."

He Jock Park was a spectator at the game. tells me he is getting on well, and, barring accident, he will be ready for the next game.

Glenbuck did not, as I anticipated, beat Cumnock Juniors last Saturday, and another game will be required before satisfaction can be got. An eye-witness of the game tells me that the play was not of a high order. Buck up, Cherries, and make no mistake next time!

What do you think of the Scottish draw? Muirkirk were looking for foemen worthy of them, and they have got them. Blantyre Vics. recently disposed of Larkhall Thistle, who won the Scottish Cup last year. Are we downhearted? No, and very decidedly, no ! It will be good news to the Athletic supporters to learn that the Athletic Committee have asked for an extension of time for the Blantyre game. They ask to be allowed to play the game on Feb. 7, the "idle" Saturday. "A special" and a bigger gate would be the outcome. Secretary Thorburn is endeavouring to fix up a "friendly "with one or other of the teams in the district for Saturday, 23rd inst. At this game a new player may make his appearance. The Glasgow Evening Times has discovered Muirkirk Athletic. Various players in the team have come under favourable notice this week.

" Joshua! Joshua! you will say 'Yes!'" There was a rattling at the door-latch of the room beyond. The Squire grew scarlet as the possibility of Ferdinand Apperley breaking in upon this unexpected tete-a-tete occurred to his mind.

"Take your arms away," said the Squire nervously. "Please. There's a dear girl!"

" Not until you speak the word that is to seal my future bliss," persisted Miss Jenkyns, letting the rusty bonnet droop on his shoulder.

"Quick !" gasped our hero; "there's someone coming."

"Say 'Yes,' then, dearest Joshua."

The footsteps drew nearer. They paused almost at the door.

"Yes!" gasped the Squire, breaking into a clammy perspiration all over-" yes, yes. Only go.''

Miss Arimathea Jenkyns only paused for a parting pressure of her lips to her ancient lover's brows, and hurried away with subdued rustling of sombre draperies; while on the other side of the door, the threatening sound of footsteps passed by without anyone entering.

"Thank goodness for that!" said Mr. Dockworthy to himself. "If that young rascal Ferdy had happened in jst then — But what, what have I done? Engaged myself to marry that old maid! I, at five and fifty years of age!" Yet, as he mused on past, present and future, he could not help thinking that many a man had found a worse help-meet after all than Miss Arimathea Jenkyns. She was not young to be sure, but then neither was he. She was fair, fresh and pretty; she was very handy at a wedding or a funeral; she comprehended perfectly the exigencies of the needle; and she was just the element that he needed to brighten up the solitary old farm-house. " It ain't a bad idea," said the Squire to himself; " but I most wish she hadn't been the one to propose it. Very likely I'd ha' thought of it myself, if she'd gin me time. However, leapyear is leap-year, and I don't suppose we ought to blame the women for takin' whatever advantages the law allows 'em. I won't say nothin' to Ferdy, but I'll just drop over there in the course of the morning." Mr. Dockworthy was as good as his word. Miss Arimathea Jenkyns' breakfast dishes were hardly washed up, the next day, when he walked 1n.

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Our Story.

MARRIED IN LEAP-YEAR.

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FIVE and fifty years," said Squire Dockworthy meditatively, shaking the ashes out of his pipe, "five and fifty years. A man ain't likely to be married, I guess, when he's lived satisfied with a single lot all these years." " Stranger things have been known to happen, Uncle Dockworthy," said Ferdinand Apperley, who was a graceless college boy of nineteen or thereabouts.

"Well, Arimathea," said the Squire, a little sheepishly.

"Well, Squire," said Miss Jenkyns, with nonchalance, as she wrung out her dish-cloth and hung it on a nail at the corner of the dresser.

"I've come to talk that there little matter over with you." "What little matter?"

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"Not in these here parts, I guess," opined the Squire.

"Ah, but you don't comprehend the immi-mence of the danger," said Ferdinand solemnly.

" Eh ?" said the Squire.

"With Miss Arimathea Jenkyns living next door, and leap-year at that," added young Apperley, mischievously enjoying his relative's growing consternation.

"But you don't s'pose----"

"I suppose nothing," interrupted Ferdinand. "I only put the case problematically, just to convince you, sir, that you can't be too careful."

The Squire was sitting in the fire-light that evening, and enjoying the season between daylight and dusk, technically known as " blind man's holiday," when there sounded a soft tap on the panels of the door.

"Come in," said the Squire; and a tall form entered, clad in sober black, with a bonnet of rusty bombazine trimmed with a huge jet buckle. "Good-evenin' t'ye, Miss Arimathea," said the Squire a little tremulously, as he recognised

the bonnet and garb of his spinster neighbour. " That there colt o' mine been breaking through your pickets agin? I declare to gracious I've "Why, about our being married."

Miss Jenkyns paused, with the bib-apron half untied, and stared at the Squire with wondering blue eyes.

"My sakes alive!" she ejaculated, "who's talking about being married? Nobody has asked me yet, and if they did, I'm not by any means certain that I should say 'Yes.'"

"But they've asked me," said the Squire beamingly.

" Who has ?"

"Why, you-haven't you ?"

"Joshua Dockworthy, are you crazy?" demanded Miss Jenkyns with dignity; "I asked you ?"

"Yes; last night. Don't you remember?"

"Last night! Why, widow Percy took tea here, and spent the evening, and I never went across my own threshold. And if I had, it isn't likely that I should go philandering over to your house to ask you to marry me!"

"Well, then," said the Squire, "look here. It's a trick of that rascal Ferdinand-one of his college games."

"That's probable enough," said Miss Jenkyns, who looked prettier than ever, with reddened cheeks and shining eyes.

The Squire's countenance fell; he was more disappointed than he liked to own.

"Look here, Arimathea," said he. "Don't you s'pose----

MUIRKIRK TO AYR (A. & C.).

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Cumnock	7-32	9-10	1-17	7-32	3-32	8-37
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Cronberry		9-55	3-20	5-14	7-0		11-17
Muirkirk	arr	10-5	3-30	5-25	7-10	10-30	11-27

Caledonian Railway. MUIRKIRK TO EDINBURGH.

Muirkirk	a.m. leave 7.35	a.m.	p.m.
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a great mind to sell him !"

"Tisn't that, Squire, thank you kindly," was the answer.

"Set down, set down!" said Mr. Dockworthy. "Bless me, what a cold you've gotyou're as hoarse as a crow !''

" This "Ahem!" said Miss Arimathea. weather is trying to weak lungs; but I called on business, Squire.'

"I knew it was the colt," said the Squire, despairingly.

"But it ain't the colt," said Miss Jenkyns. " It's myself, Squire."

" Oh !'' said the gentleman.

"I have concluded," went on his visitant, "to take advantage of the rights accorded to our sex by the year, and—and—in short, Squire----

Mr. Dockworthy moved his chair a little back, but Miss Arimathea anticipated the movement by sinking theatrically on one knee before him.

Joshua, will you be mine?" she murmured, with what might have been either a sob, or a hysteric laugh.

" I-I'd rather not," said the Squire, hitching his chair back a little further still.

Miss Arimathea rose to her feet and flung her arma about the Sa "eck.

"Yes," said Miss Jenkyns, laughing and colouring, "I do suppose-that is, if you wished it very much."

"Well, I do," said the Squire. "And I'll tell you what-we'll be even with Ferdinand Apperley yet."

And when the young collegian heard that his chances of an inheritance from his rich bachelor uncle were to be diminished by the marriage of that elderly relative, he stared in dismay.

"You are really going to be married, uncle?" gasped he.

"Really and truly."

"And what on earth has put it into your head ?"

"Leap-year, I think," said the Squire, with a sober twinkle in his eyes, which revealed to Ferdinand that his uncle had detected his trick.

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Glasgow	- ,	, 10-0	12-35	6-0
Carstairs	. ,	, 9-2	11-22	4-34
Edinburgh		, 9-53	12-30	5-55

EDINBURGH TO MUIRKIRK.

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> (Signed) E. R. COCKBURN, Captain, Secy. Ayrshire T. F. Assocn.

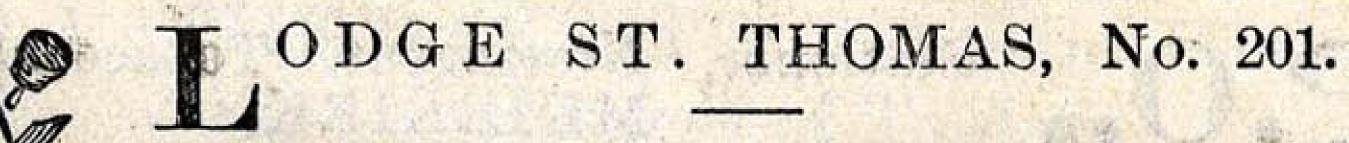
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The BURNS SOCIAL, previously advertised to take place To-Morrow Night, has been POSTPONED for a Fortnight, and will be held on FRIDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY.

Ayr, 19th January, 1915.

FOOTBALL G.RAND. MATCH.

UNDECIDED AYRSHIRE CUP TIE.

CUMNOCK JUNIORS GLENBUCK CHERRYPICKERS.

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BUSINESS-To consider the advisability of holding the Kilpatrick Medal Competition.

It is hoped there will be a good turnout of both Ladies and Gentlemen.

THE ANNUAL SOCIAL

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Subject-

"The War Crisis and its Relation to the N.U.R."

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PARKER-WILSON.-At The Manse, Muirkirk, on the 20th inst., by the Rev. John Henderson, B.D., Thomas Parker, Niagara Falls, Canada, to Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gilbert Wilson, Midhouse Terrace, Muirkirk.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1915.

Local mews.

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

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

PRESENTATION.--- On Monday evening last, in the Temperance Hall Committee-room, the Temperance Hall Committee and a few friends enjoyed an excellent supper. After the steak pies had disappeared, cigars were lit, and at an interval in the crack Rev. John Henderson, B.D., was made the recipient of a handsome umbrella from the Committee, this in appreciation of his kindness in conducting the New Year services in the Hall for the last few years. Mr John Kerr, chairman of the Committee, made the presentation, and Mr Henderson, who was rather taken by surprise, suitably replied. ACCIDENT. - On Tuesday afternoon a serious accident befell Jas. Bradford, Sen., 66 years of age, and residing at 24 Park Terrace, Muirkirk. The unfortunate man was run down by a pug engine, attached to which were some waggons, on the line between the Iron Works and Kames Pit. It appears that, without noticing the engine, he had stepped out from behind the signal box on to the line just as the pug was approaching the box, and was knocked down between the rails, the engine and waggons passing over him. He had been noticed by the fireman, but not in time to prevent his being run down. Dr Carruthers and Dr Barbour were soon in attendance and found him suffering from scalp wounds, while his right arm was badly shattered. After being bandaged he was removed to Kilmarnock Infirmary, where the arm was amputated. The unfortunate man's condition is as favourable as can be expected.

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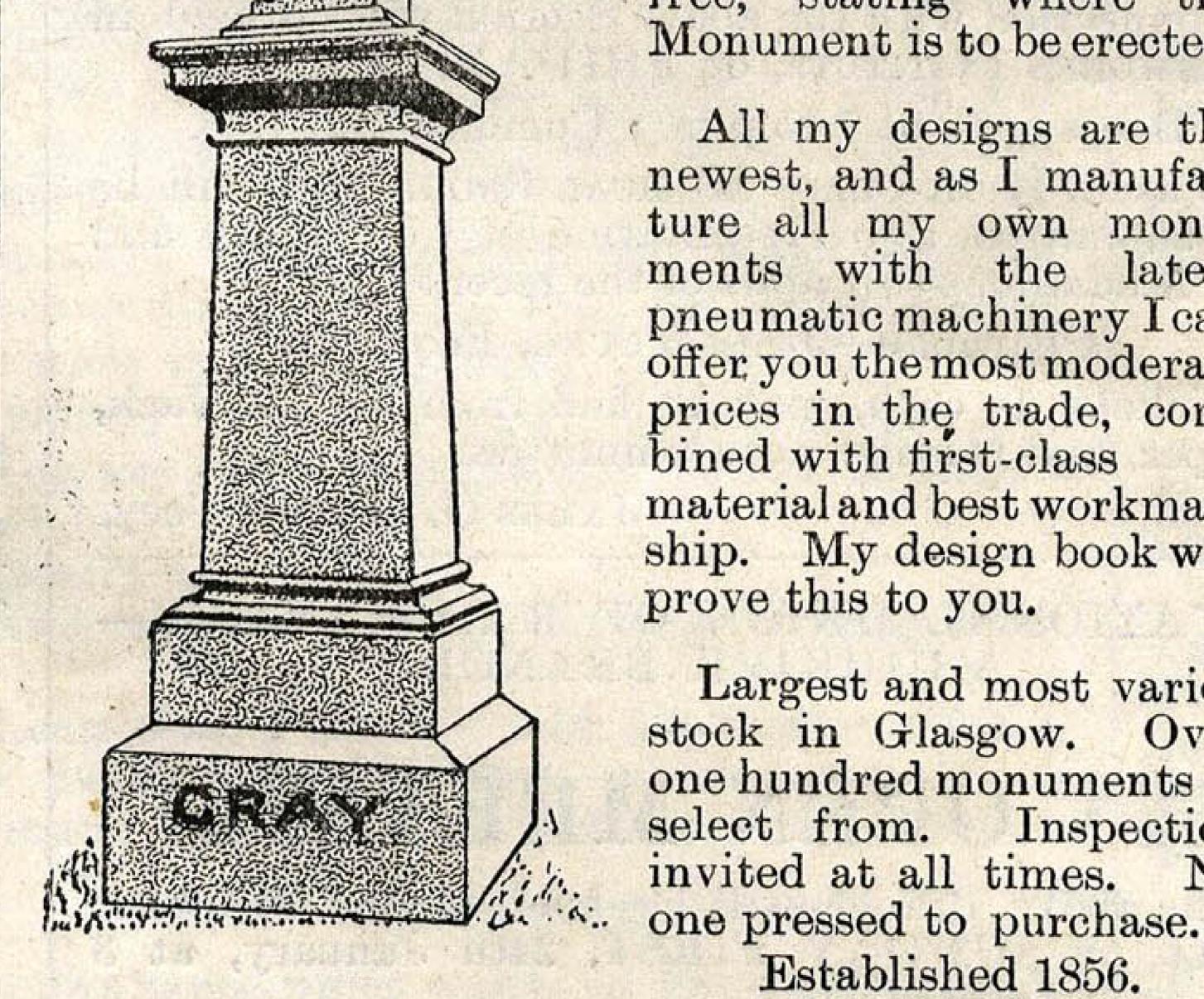
GOLF CLUB.—The annual general meeting of the Muirkirk Golf Club was held in the Ironworks Institute on Friday evening. Mr Young presided over a fair attendance of members. In introducing the business of the evening Mr Young referred to the rather small attendance. Possibly some of the members might feel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

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have Mr Jas. Robb and Mr Gordon Lockhart, the ex-Scottish and ex-Irish amateur champions (both life members of the Club), to give an exhibition game at Auldhouseburn in the spring, but Miss Angus intimated that Mr Gordon Lockhart had joined the Glasgow Highlanders. However, it was felt no difficulty would be met in getting another good man to face Mr Robb. As per rule Messrs Seymour, Bohan, and Smith retired from the Committee at this time, but all were re-elected. Office - bearers were elected as follows :- Honorary President, Mr John Angus; president, Mr John Young; vice-president, Mr John M'Culloch; secretary and treasurer, Mr W. S. Smith; greens committee-the whole committee with power to add to their number. The appointment of a Ladies Committee was left with Miss Angus. It was decided that the annual subscription remain as before - Family ticket, £11s; gentlemen, 10s 6d; ladies and juveniles, 5s, with no entrance fee. Some discussion took place as to when the financial year should begin, and it was decided that a special general meeting be held in the beginning of April to consider the matter. It was decided that a Roll of Honour of those who have had connection with the Club be hung in the Pavilion. It was decided that the competition for the President's prize be conducted on a different principle this season, in that specified days have been appointed during the season for the competition, viz :- the second Saturday of each month and the Wednesday before it, on every one of which a member can compete if he desires, and the best three cards handed in by a member to count, the player having the lowest total over the three cards to be considered the winner for the year, but in the event of scores being equal those tieing to play off. The competition to start in the spring and finish in October.

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

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GAUMONT GRAPHIC, Topical Pictures. DOLLY OF THE DAILIES, Part VII.-

MUIRKIRK SCHOOL BOARD.

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

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

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

GEORGE M'MURDO, GALT, ONTARIO, CANADA.

TO

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

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

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

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

End of the Umbrella.

A LOW FINANCIER, Selig Comic. A BOGUS BARON, Good Comedy. MABEL'S BUSY DAY, Howling Comedy. LAW OF THE LUMBER JACK, Capital 2-Reel Drama.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY.

GAUMONT GRAPHIC Topical Pictures. PATHE GAZETTE, Realistic Pictures of the Occurrences of To-day. TOPICAL BUDGET, Showing the Events of the Day. ADVENTURES OF KATHLYN, No. 8, Fine Selig Drama in 2 Reels. MABEL'S MARRIED LIFE, Good Keystone Comedy. A FAMILY RECORD, Grand Drama. PIMPLE ENLISTS, a Howler. LOVE AND HASH, Rare Comic.

The Attendance and the Monthly Reports were submitted.

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

Mrs Fettes thanked the Board for increase of salary.

A letter and medical certificate were read from Miss Ross.

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

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

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

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

AN INTERESTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

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

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

A thrashin' at hame followed ilk ane at schule.

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

taws,

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

We kent Mr Hodge's infallible rule

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

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

MONDAY and TUESDAY.

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THURSDAY.

PATHE GAZETTE, Realistic Pictures of the Occurrences of To-day. GAUMONT GRAPHIC, Topical Pictures. DOLLY OF THE DAILIES, No. VIII. A Tight Squeeze. PRIVATE DENNIS HOGAN, Grand Vitagraph Drama. CAPTURE OF THE KAISER, A Howler. ALL ALL AND THE TREAM AND A CARLENDER ENCHANTING VOICE, Rare Comic. MUNRO MANOR MYSTERY, Splendid 3-Reel Drama.

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

(Copy of Letter).

In France,

10th Jan., 1915.

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

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

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

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RICHES AND POVERTY.

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In the course of his address Mr Malcolm referred to the present war and its effect on the thoughts and minds of the people. It was difficult, he said, for us to disengage ourselves from the great tragedy being enacted on the plains of Belgium, but we should not forget that at home here, year in and year out, there were as great tragedies being enacted in the realm of industry which were being passed by unnoticed except for an occasional reference here and there, or when some great disaster occurred when the feelings of the nation were wrung to their roots for the time being. In the mining and railway industries the sacrifice of life was enormous, while the wounded soldiers of labour could be counted by the thousand every year. Taking it all over from Board of Trade statistics, the killing and maiming of human life amongst the industrial classes was a chapter of national life which did not redound to the credit of the people. Again, the result of our competitive system was seen in the large sum which was required to maintain our parochial system. The question before them was important, and co-operators were out in a measure to provide a remedy for the inequalities that were so prevalent, and which had such a detrimental effect on the lives of the people. Taking the national revenue for 1912 which was estimated at £1,840,000,000, it was computed that 1,400,000 people took £909,000,000, while 43,100,000 received in wages or small salaries under the £160 limit, £935,000,000. Here, then, was the problem-Why should the few possess the wealth of the country while a bare existence was the portion of the majority? The lecturer referred next to the composition of capital and its influence on wages, and quoted from various authorities as to their investigations in the social sphere, the average wage of the worker, and the iniquity of small wages to rear an imperial race. We heard a deal about the working classes being able to save, but the facts were against these statements. The thrift institutions of the country, which are mainly upheld by the working classes, possess a capital of £439,288,985, but, dividing this over a membership of 33,837,922, this gives an average of something approaching £13 per depositor. The working classes were not one whit removed from the statement made by Sir H. C. Bannerman in 1903, that 30 per cent. of

Sports and Pastimes.

CARPET BOWLING.

GLENMUIRSHAW V. GREENOCK WATER. - On Friday evening, 8th inst., a game at carpet bowls between rinks representing Glenmuirshaw and Greenock Water districts took place in the Baird Institute. For the purpose of having something at stake the rinks decided that the losing side was to pay five shillings towards the local Belgian Relief Fund. All who know the same lot are well aware that it requires no bribe to raise the enthusiasm of the herds. Tossing over, a trial end allowed, the board as true as a billiard table, eight coats were cast, and the fun began. The rinks proved very equal, and it was practically shot about. The game was limited to 17 ends, and after two hours of "drawin', chappin' in-weeks, pin'-ons, and ton-ons," the Greenock Water boys were found to be the winners of a very pleasant game by a few shots. Part I. over, Part II. followed in the shape of (to use the words of our informant) "a cup o' tea an' a guid sang," no doubt meaning several cups of tea and many good songs. "Oo had a fiddler, an' oo spent a jolly nicht," was his last bit of information, words which mean a great deal when uttered by a denizen of the moors. As they had to paidle their way home after the spree, just take a look at their names and addresses :--

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FOOTBALL PARS, BY LINESMAN.

The Athletic Committee were unsuccessful in their application for an extension of time in which to play their Scottish tie against Blantyre. The absence of a valid excuse may have been responsible for Mr M'Phie's refusal. The Committee were no more successful with Blantyre Club when they asked to play a week earlier. The "Vics." are engaged in a County Cup tie on that date, and so were unable to oblige. The tie therefore falls to be played as drawn, on the 30th inst.

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our population were underfed, and on the verge of hunger.

Turning to some suggested remedies, the lecturer touched on the land question, and was not prepared to support some of the quack schemes to get people back to the land. We ought not to forget that science applied to industry was also being applied in a great degree to agriculture. The great improvements in land cultivation, particularly in the use of machinery, were potent factors in the evolution of the land from the small cottar to the large farmer. It was not to be expected that the small holder could compete with the large holder. The duplication of agricultural machinery meant a great laying out of capital from which it would take years to get a return; besides, the productivity of the land was a factor which determined the success or otherwise of small holdings. One holder might make a comfortable living on 50 acres in one district; in another district such as Muirkirk, the lecturer felt sure, even with 200 acres at disposal, it would be an eternal struggle. The only solution was the nationalisation of the land, and the State to work it on a co-operative basis.

The housing was dealt with next, and after a few personal illustrations of actual facts within his own experience, the lecturer said that in every town there are more ugly houses than beautiful ones, and more badly clothed and shod people than those well clothed and shod, and he asked why? The answer was that there was no organisation of industry. Capital was wanted to benefit the people, labour was the source of all wealth, and yet the people laboured to give others what they produce, but they themselves were only given subsistence wages. After reference to education and the method of the competitive age, Mr Malcolm said the cure for poverty was the co-operative commonwealth. Co-operation stood for a newer form of society, a society of men and women who stood for ideals, for a people who had seen a vision. Mr Jas. Morrison moved a vote of thanks to Mr Malcolm for his address. Mr Thos. Weir conveyed the thanks of the meeting to Miss Sarah Bradford, Mr D. Bradford, and Mr Gray for their services as vocalists during the evening, while Mr Malcolm paid a similar compliment to the Chairman.

No special train will be run to Blantyre, but the Committee have chartered Mr Hunter's motor All the seats have been booked, and charabanc. arrangements are being made to get another car.

The Athletic go to Skares on Saturday first to play their Mauchline tie. The team selected is-Park ; Standring, Grant ; Crawford, Hogg, Fleming; Rennie, Ward, Davidson, Gebbie, and Nish. I have every confidence in their ability to register another win for the Club.

The Ayrshire Association have taken Ladeside Park for the replay between Glenbuck and Cumnock Juniors, and the game takes place on Saturday first. This game should be well patronised by supporters of both clubs, and the absence of the Athletic should help the gate. Glenbuck must make no mistake this time.

Since writing above I learn that a meeting is to be held in the Temperance Hall, to-morrow night, to consider whether sufficient support will be forthcoming to warrant the chartering of a special train.

Jock Park has to-day intimated that he will make a trial of his leg on Saturday first should the Committee care to play him. Jock should be given a trial in view of next Saturday's important tie.

The Juveniles go to the Birnie on Saturday to fulfil their Cumnock Shield engagement. Through Ladeside being occupied they have had to waiv choice of ground. Repeat the dose, boys.

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Sabbath Services.	Public Notices.	Business Notices.		
E. U. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. SABBATH FIRST. Services at 11.30 and 6.	R E C R U I T S W A N T E D FOR 4th Battalion ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS, Drill Hall, KILMARNOCK. 5th Battalion ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS, Head.	I SAY, BOYS : FISH IS FISH presently, just as Coal is Coal at all times of the year		

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Soloist—Miss Maggie Wilson. Church Hymnary. Collection on Entering.

K AMES CHURCH GUILD. SABBATH FIRST, at 7.15 p.m. Subject—"St. Columba" (Illustrated by Lantern Views). Reader—Mr John M'Culloch. Soloist—Miss M. Dowie. Sankey's Hymns. All Invited. quarters, Alloway Street, AYR.

It is notified for information that Men are still urgently required for the above Regiments, and all Candidates who wish to Join can still do so, although in response to the Householder's Census they have been called upon to report at Ayr Barracks.

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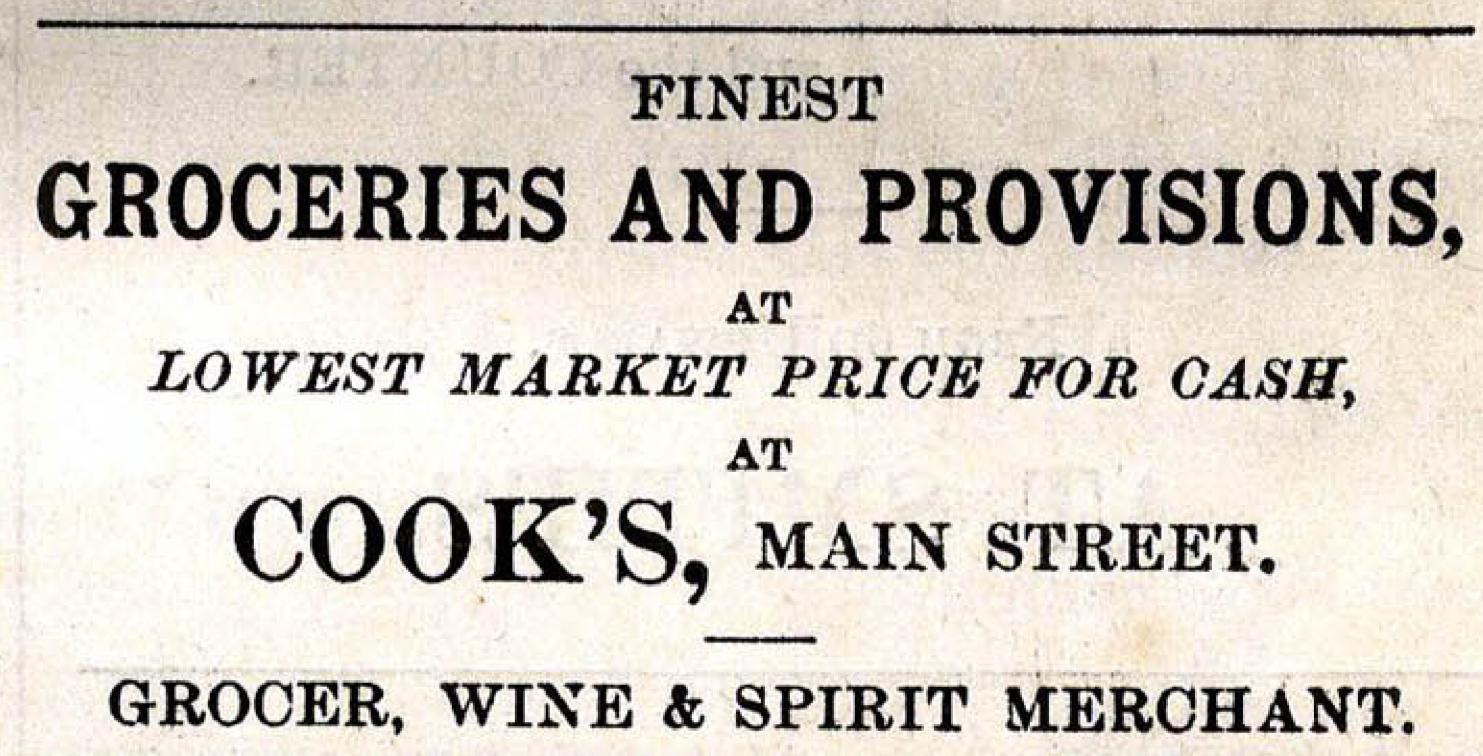
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H. B., Secy.

E UROPEAN WAR. The REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of MUIRKIRK PARISH WAR RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE will take place in the TERRITORIAL DRILL HALL, MUIRKIRK, on TUESDAY FIRST, 2nd February, at 7.30 p.m.

Subscriptions collected up to week ending 30th January should be in Treasurer's hands not later than MONDAY, 1st February.

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

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

Birth.

Death.

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

In Memoriam.

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

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

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

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1915.

JUST A WORD.

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

It is very encouraging to us that so many good friends take an interest in the Advertiser, by contributing and advertising, and in passing along items that they consider will be of interest to our readers. These friendly actions we desire to encourage, and the benefit reverts to the public. In return we promise to act fairly towards all to the best of our ability, and, time and material being forthcoming, to do our best to interest and amuse. AT THE SHOWS.---Probably the last winter show for the season has now taken place, and fanciers will settle down to endeavour to produce the champion for next season. At Larkhall Show on Saturday, Mr James Brown won a third and a fourth prize with red tumbler pigeons, while at Edinburgh Mr W. S. Smith secured a second prize with a jacobin pigeon.

MUIRKIRK RAILWAYMEN AND THE WAR.-A large meeting of railwaymen was held in the Masonic Hall, on Sunday last-Mr A. Mitchell presiding. Mr Jas. Kiddie, Glasgow, who was the principal speaker, briefly outlined the history of the National Union of Railwaymen, and the many reforms they sought to obtain for railwaymen. These reforms were meantime being delayed by the European War. In the great war the railwaymen had played no mean part, something like 60,000 of their numbers having joined the Colours, and every week they were contributing large sums of money for the various relief funds, while the way the troops had been transported from one point to another was a surprise to friend and foe alike. Since entering into the conciliation scheme things had greatly changed. The food prices were going up at an alarming rate, and the Government would fail in its duty if it did not take steps at once to check the ever-growing prices of the necessaries of life. As far as the railway companies were concerned they were not working up to the spirit and letter of the agreement which they entered into with the leaders of the men, and, as a result, the men were rising in revolt and pressing upon their Executive Committee to give the necessary six weeks' notice for the termination' of the conciliation scheme in order that they might press forward their National programme. A motion to that effect was moved by Mr T. Brownridge, seconded by Mr A. Gibson, and carried unanimously. OBITUARY. - From the Kilmarnock Standard of last week we glean a paragraph anent the death of a journalist with a Muirkirk connection. From newspaper cuttings to hand it is learned that Thomas B. Cockburn, editorial writer on The World staff, Vancouver, B.C., while on his way home slipped down some basement steps and broke his neck, his body being found there early next morning. Mr Cockburn's father was a native of Catrine, and Thomas was born in 1868. After leaving school the subject of the paragraph worked some time in Catrine, then left for a situation in Glasgow, but shortly afterwards removed to Muirkirk and found employment with his elder brother (William Cockburn, plasterer). While in Muirkirk he became local correspondent to the Ardrossan and Saltcoats Herald, and on being appointed reporter on the staff of that paper he went to Ardrossan. He left Ardrossan for London, and in 1901 went to Vancouver. Mr Cockburn was married and leaves a widow, two sons, and two daughters to mourn his loss. The very soul of honour, the late Mr Cockburn, while of a retiring disposition was held by his fellow-workers in most cordial esteem. Warm hearted and good natured to a fault he was the better liked the better he was known. The following appeared in the editorial column of The World of 23rd December :-- "The hand that in recent years has penned much of the comment on current events appearing in this column will write herein no more. Struck down with tragic suddenness as he made his way home after the duties of the evening, Thomas Bone Cockburn ceased from his labours, his final paragraph written, his last article carefully left where the printers would find it in the morning. Thus it came to pass that his work appeared in the same issue of this paper that chronicled his death. Others may perforce take up his duties, for the columns call for their daily stint. Men come and men go, but the newspaper goes on, the link that connects the lives of scores who serve each for his appointed season, and pass, their only record buried in the files of the journal which in their time claimed and obtained from them loyal and devoted service. And such service Thomas Bone Cockburn gave."

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

THE WAR AND RECRUITING.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEWS FROM THE FRONT.

A post card from a football devotee at the Front has just been received by Mr Young, Springhill The writer is evidently an enthusiastic supporter of the Athletic, for he says he takes great interest in the doings of "oor" football team. The wife sends him the Advertiser, and the first thing he looks is to see how the team got on. After stating that they fairly rubbed it into the boys from Auld Reekie, he says they must have a try for the Scottish Cup this year, but "for ony sake get the Ayrshire. Tell the boys I wish them luck." He says that James M'Donald, a letter from whom was recently mentioned in these columns, is lying beside him. "We could do with a football here, but, worse luck, we can't get one. Tell J. Park and B. Barrie to hurry up and get better. Good old Athletic." Why the post card should have been addressed to our J.P. can only be conjectured, but the writer must have known Mr Young's weak spot, and, whether intentional or not, has succeeded in tapping it right away. Anyhow, a football is to be despatched, and that immediately. It may while away the time pleasantly in the trenches, and also assist in keeping up the heat during this cold weather. If any others of our readers desire to send comforts or small remembrances to this Southside man (John Ferguson) and his friends, they can be sent with the footbill, and may be handed in at the Advertiser Office up till Saturday evening first.

MURKIRK CINERA. EVERY EVENING, AT 7.30, Except on SATURDAYS - 3, 7, and 9. 3 COMPLETE CHANGES OF PICTURES WEEKLY.

TO-NIGHT (THURSDAY).

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

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

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

WANTED-MEN! MEN! MEN! MEN! MEN!

By "SPECTATOR."

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

The usefulness of football for training purposes has also impressed Major-General Egerton, the officer commanding the Lowland Division. This alert officer has recently inaugurated the Lowland Division Football League. Almost every unit in the Division has entered a team, including the 5th R. S. F. And it is very interesting to record that the Fusiliers are now champions of the South Scottish Brigade and well on the way for a tussle to secure the championship of the Division. The most notable victory so far has been the defeat of the 4th R. S. F. at St. Ninians on Saturday. The Fourth Fusiliers have always been the keen and friendly rivals of the Fifth. Both regiments have excellent teams; indeed, the Fourth are lucky in possessing Dicky of Kilmarnock, also the captain of Swindon, and some other remarkably good men. The Fifth have the cream of South Ayrshire's Juniors and Juveniles. Both regiments met determined on victory, and both were supported by their commanding officers, many other officers, and hundreds of rank and file. The game was hard all through. The men of the Fourth are fine big sturdy fellows, while the Fifth are rather light, but perhaps more tricky and alert on the ball. The backs on both sides displayed brilliant form, in fact the play of the backs was a feature of the game. It is a remarkable tribute to the Fifth that they beat down the stern defence of the Fourth in the first ten minutes and secured a goal. This whetted the ardour of all, and for the remainder of the game the pace was hot and strong. Although the Fourth were really brilliant in many ways they failed in combination and lost many opportunities, thus failing to secure the equalising goal. This

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5TH ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS FOOTBALL TEAM -CHAMPIONS OF THE SOUTH SCOTTISH BRIGADE. The Officers are (reading from left to right)-Captain and Adjutant W. A. Farquhar, Lieut.-Colonel J. B. Pollok-M'Call, and Lieutenant G. B. Murray.

The players are :-Back Row-Semple, Rae, Reid ; Centre Row-Hunter, Hill, Howie, Cappercauld, Brown, Hastie, and the Trainer ; Front Row-Hendrie and Wilson. Rae and Hastie belong to this parish.

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

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

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

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

FOOTBALL PARS,

BY LINESMAN.

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

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

Saturday first will be a red letter day with the Athletic and their supporters, and rightly so, for the Athletic have fought their way to this round of the Scottish Cup in a manner which ought to command respect, and they will carry my good wishes with them to Blantyre on Saturday. The team selected is-A. Park; Standring, Grant; Crawford, Hogg, Fleming; Rennie, Ward, Davidson, Gebbie, Nish, with G Park as reserve. There is a nice healthy feeling of victory abroad regarding this Blantyre game, which is commendable. It is not cocksureness, mind, but a confidence begotten from previous performances of the Athletic, and I join with these optimists in prophesying a victory for "The Allies" (as a Glenbuck woman called the Athletic after they defeated Glenbuck). If the Athletic play the same game as they did during the first twenty minutes of last year's Ayrshire final, they will win "in a walk."

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

COMMANDING OFFICER,

5th Royal Scots Fusiliers,

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Note. — Men can enlist either for Home Defence or Foreign Service. The Juveniles got there all right last Saturday at Birnie. The score was two goals against one, and the members of the Muirkirk team had to "stump up" one penny per man to pay the referee. We live in stirring times.

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

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