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MUIRKIRK DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the subscribers to the Muirkirk and Glenbuck District Nursing Association held in the Lesser Temperance Hall, Muirkirk, on Friday, 27th May, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

I. That the Association be known as the Muirkirk District Nursing Association; the district to be that part of the parish West of Ponesk Burn.

II. That the nurse shall visit all subscribers in the district, and, in addition, attend in Glenbuck and Muirkirk all cases of Old Age Pensioners, parish patients, and the medical examinations of the children at the various schools.

III. That only those who have already signed the voting papers, or who shall give in their names to the collectors when they are going their rounds, shall be members of the Association this year. Should any others desire the nurse's services they must pay a fee of 5/- before attendance.

IV. That in future the financial year of the Nursing Association commence on 1st June and end on 31st May.

E. H. WEIR, Secy.

P.S.—The Collectors will make their usual calls throughout the district within the next few days.

E. H. W.

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The REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of MUIRKIRK PARISH WAR RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE will take place in the TERRITORIAL DRILL HALL, MUIRKIRK, on TUESDAY FIRST, 6th June, at 7.30 p.m.

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and to intimate that the net amount available for Mrs Caldwell's benefit is fully £36. They also desire to return thanks for the above donations as well as to the patrons of the concert.

For the COMMITTEE,

JACK SMITH, Secy.

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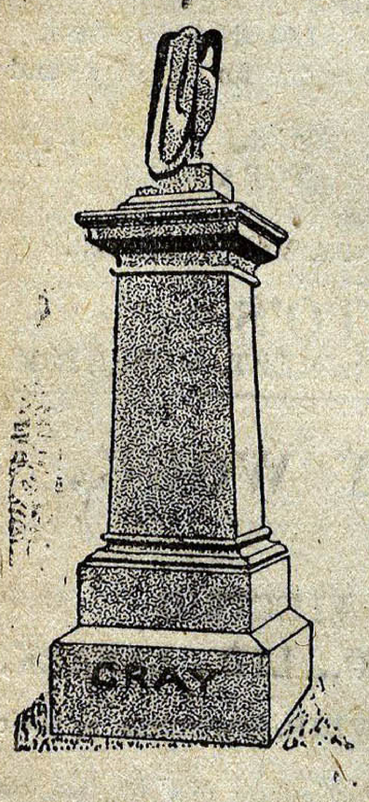

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Marriage.

ROWE—HARVEY.—At Greenock, on 31st May, Myra Gavid Rowe, second daughter of Ezekiel Rowe, Muirkirk, to Edwin Harvey, of Derbyshire, England.

Death.

STRATHEARN.—At Park's Buildings, Craigneuk, Motherwell, on 29th ult., James Strathearn (beloved brother of Mrs Wm. Shaw, Garronhill, Muirkirk).

Acknowledgment.

PARKER.—Mrs Parker desires to thank her many Muirkirk friends for the sympathy that has been extended to her in her sad and sudden bereavement, the gentlemen for their attendance at the funeral, as also for the beautiful floral tributes.

Waterside Place,
Cumnock.

In Memoriam.

KIDD.—In loving memory of Maggie Maxwell (Mrs Kidd), who died at Partick, Glasgow, 27th May, 1914.

Day by day we all do miss her,
Words would fail our loss to tell;
But in heaven we hope to meet her,
Happy there with Christ to dwell.

—Inserted by Mr and Mrs M'Donald and Family, Kirkgreen, Muirkirk.

KIDD.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Maggie Kidd (*née* Maxwell), who passed away on May 27, 1914.

Two years have passed, and still we miss you,
Never will your memory fade;
Loving thoughts will always linger
Round the spot where you are laid.

—Inserted by her Brother and Sister, John and Mary Maxwell, Levenshulme, Manchester.

LANCELLOS. — In loving memory of Edwin Lancellos, who died at Albert Place, Main Street, Muirkirk, 28th May, 1913, aged 16 years.

You are not forgotten, dear one,
Nor ever will you be;
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.

—Inserted by his loving Mother, Sister, and Brothers.

MARTIN.—In loving memory of my dearly beloved Son, John Martin, who died at Ayr, 5th June, 1915.

One year has passed since that sad day
When our dear John was called away;
Thy purpose, Lord, we cannot see,
But all is well that's done by Thee.

—Inserted by his Mother, Sisters, and Brothers, 16 Grafton Square, Glasgow.

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THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER
THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1916.

Local News.

AT an agricultural show held at Otley, Yorkshire, the other day, Mr Allan Loggie won a third prize with a black rosecomb bantam cockerel.

SCHOLASTIC.—Miss Rita Jackson has been appointed teacher of cookery under Muirkirk School Board in succession to Miss C. B. M'Lean, who is to be married to-morrow to a lieutenant in the Seaforth Highlanders. Miss Jackson took up her new duties yesterday.

MUIRKIRK PARISH CHURCH.—At an examination held last March under the auspices of the Religious Instruction of Youth of the Church of Scotland five pupils entered from our Parish Church Sabbath School. The results have now been intimated, and it is gratifying to note the success of the local candidates. In the senior division Janet D. W. Wilson obtained a prize and a first class certificate with 100 per cent, while Janet Angus with 85 per cent was awarded a first class certificate. In the junior division Campbell Wilson obtained a prize and a first class certificate with 100 per cent., while Janet H. Henderson with 99 per cent., and Priscilla Wilson with 81 per cent., received first class certificates. The examiner's report says that the results were excellent, and that the written papers gave evidence of very thorough preparation.

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THE TERM.—Monday last was term day, and quite a number of flittings took place. Let us hope that in each case the flitters have got into more suitable houses.

SALVATION ARMY.—On Monday evening a farewell tea meeting was held in the Lesser Temperance Hall on the occasion of the usual change of officers, Captain Leckie being transferred to Irvine, and Lieut. Martin being promoted to captain and appointed to Ardrossan. Captain Leckie presided over a very nice turnout. After a fine tea was much enjoyed, the Chairwoman and comrades from Auchinleck gave short addresses, while solos were sung, and a recitation was given by Captain Cameron, Auchinleck. Lieut. Martin took her final farewell at this meeting, while Capt. Leckie's was last night. Both officers have been very successful here. The new officers—Capt. Devitt, from Kilbirnie, and Lieut. Allan from Kirkconnel, take charge to-night.

BENEFIT CONCERT.—On Thursday evening, in the Temperance Hall, a concert was held on behalf of Mrs Caldwell and family, Lightshaw Row. The hall was packed, and Mr John Young, J.P., presided. The programme was sustained by Miss Kitty Keir (Glenbuck), soprano; Miss Mary Smith (Glasgow), contralto; Miss Hetty Peters (Haddington), violinist; Misses Langton (Lanark), dancers; Miss Blackley (Lanark), elocutionist; Mr M'Donald (Lugar), tenor; and Messrs Fortune and Hastings, (Auchinleck), comedians; while the piano accompaniments were played by Miss Lizzie Hamilton, A.L.C.M. The concert was a distinct success financially and otherwise, and the artistes were mostly new to a Muirkirk audience. At the close, thanks were cordially given to the artistes, the committee, and the Chairman.—It is worthy of note that for the series of benefit concerts extending over something like two years the same committee, with Mr John M'Call as chairman and Mr Jack Smith as secretary, has done duty. Probably this is owing to the success that has always attended their efforts. This is the sixth they have carried through, and every one has been for a very deserving cause—the provision of money for parties who through no fault of their own were in dire straits, or on whose households death had laid a heavy hand. The six concerts run by them have realised in all £278 8s 2d, while the expenditure has been only £13 8s 9d, showing a net surplus of £264 19s 5d, or an average of £44 3s 3d per concert. While the Committee are conscious of the honour and of the trust reposed in them, they feel that as a body they have done their share, and that in the event of future concerts for such objects it is desirable that some other persons should take up the work, and, that being the case, they have disbanded themselves, but they feel grateful to the public for the hearty assistance always given.

GOLF.—On Saturday last, in brilliant weather, the first opening mixed foursome match of the season was held on the local course, when there was a fair turnout of members of both sexes. The match took the form of a contest between sides representative of the President (Mr John Young) and the Vice-president (Mr John M'Culloch). The names of those present were placed in hats, the ladies and gentlemen separately, and the two heads alternately drew their players, and all were on handicap terms. The players proceeded with the match in brilliant sunshine, and at half-game they were entertained to a capital tea in the Pavilion through the kindness and thoughtfulness of the President. The respite was very welcome, and just put the finishing touch to a fine afternoon's enjoyment, for golf is a splendid appetiser. As each lot was refreshed the game was renewed with increased vigour, and at the end it was found that the match had ended in a draw, which was considered very satisfactory. In a few words, announcing the result, Mr Young thanked the company for their presence, remarking on the fine condition of the course and the delightful weather, and stating that he hoped they would spend many happy hours on the course during the season. Mr M'Culloch called for three cheers for Mr Young, who had on this occasion as well as others treated the company to such a fine tea, and these were heartily given. The following shows the draw and the result:—

PRESIDENT.		VICE-PRESIDENT.	
Mr John Young, Mrs Phillips, ...	1	Mr John M'Culloch, Miss J. Richmond,	0
Mr C. M'Luckie, Miss R. Cunningham,	0	Mr Jas. Phillips, Miss J. Hutchison,	1
Mr H. Mason, Miss Rita Jackson,	0	Mr Wm. Adamson, Miss M. Alston,	1
Mr F. Wright, Master J. B. Young,	½	Mr Thos. Hogg, Miss E. Cunningham,	½
Mr D. Murdoch, Master Eddie Smith,	1	Mr John Devine, Miss N. Allan,	0
Mr Thos. Logie, Mr Thos. Murray,	0	Mr W. S. Smith, Mr J. G. Richmond,	1
Mr Matt. Dickson,	1	Mr Robert Gibson,	0
	3½		3½

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MUIRKIRK AND GLENBUCK DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of subscribers to the Muirkirk and Glenbuck District Nursing Association was held in the Lesser Temperance Hall on Friday evening. There was a very representative audience, and Mrs Baird presided.

In introducing the business, Mrs Baird said the meeting had been called by the Committees in order that the position of the Association might be laid before the subscribers. She mentioned that some time ago the staff of nurses was reduced from two to one owing to lack of funds, and it was hoped at the time that one nurse might be able to overtake the work with the occasional aid of a motor car, etc., but from the sad experience Nurse Campbell had had that had been found impossible. One nurse might have been able to overtake the work so far as the number of cases was concerned, but the distance between them made it impossible. The Committees had tried various ways of providing extra funds. The miners were approached and asked to revert to the system of a levy, but this was not agreed to. Then the Committees tried a kind of plebiscite by slips asking promises of subscriptions, but Mrs Baird was sorry to say that the result was rather disappointing, there being a promise of only 62 additional subscribers. 32 people who had had the services of the nurse had not subscribed last year. Still another meeting of the Committees had been held, when it was decided to lay the position of the Association before the subscribers. The members of the Committees were here to do what the subscribers wished. If they wished a change of government, then the Committees were quite agreeable. In the opinion of the latter, one nurse could not serve the parish, and there was not sufficient income to employ two nurses. The Chairwoman said the Committees had the following proposals to put before the meeting:—

1. That in future the Association be known as the Muirkirk District Nursing Association.
2. That the nurse shall visit all subscribers in that district.
3. That only those who have already signed the slips and those who subscribe to the collectors on their rounds shall be members of the Association for the year, and that any others who wish the nurse's services pay 5/-.
4. That the present Working and General Committees resign, but offer themselves for re-election with any other names from the meeting.

Mrs Baird then asked for suggestions and questions.

Rev. John Henderson asked if it would not be better to insert in the first resolution that the people in Glenbuck will not now be served by the nurse.

This being agreed to, Mr Henderson moved the adoption of Resolution No. 1, on the understanding that the nurse shall continue to look after the parish poor so far as the registered roll of the Parish Council is concerned, the old age pensioners, and attend the schools of the parish with the medical officer.

Mrs Baird added that the nurse would attend any cases of emergency in Glenbuck and district as well as such in Muirkirk and district.

Mr Cairney seconded, and Resolution No. 1 was formally adopted.

Proposal No. 2 by the Committee was seconded by Father Bohan and No. 3 by Mr Andrew Rae, and adopted.

As regards Proposal No. 4, Mrs Baird formally tendered the resignation of the Committees, but stated that they were eligible for re-election. The Chairwoman having asked for motions,

Father Bohan proposed that the old Committees be re-elected, and Mr Neil Buchanan seconded.

Mr Henderson said he understood that was exclusive of the Glenbuck representatives, and Mrs Baird signified the same.

Mrs Baird called for the names of others for the General Committee, when Mr Andrew Rae and Father Bohan were appointed, and for the Working Committee Mrs John Young and Mrs Andrew Rae were appointed.

After the Chairwoman had again called for remarks, she intimated that the new nurse who was coming, Miss M'Donald, had splendid recommendations from the Training Home.

Mr Henderson suggested that the Treasurer be asked to balance his books at the end of May, and the financial year would in future run from 1st June till 31st May in each year, and this was agreed to.

Mrs Baird intimated that so far as present finances were concerned the Association had a balance of £32 in the bank. The cost of training the new nurse was about £33, and Mrs Baird said she hoped the people would do their best to make the new scheme a success.

The Chairwoman proposed a vote of thanks to the collectors and to Mr Dugald Baird and Rev. John Henderson for the extra trouble they had had lately, and Mr John Gilfillan and Rev. John Henderson called for a like compliment towards the Chairwoman, the reverend gentleman stating that he was sure they were all glad to see her quite recovered, and referring to the great interest she had always taken in the Nursing Association. (Applause.)

Sports and Pastimes.

FOOTBALL.

GLENBUCK *v.* BURNFOOTHILL.—The Cherries and Burnfoothill played the Ayr and District Cup final tie at Beresford Park, Ayr, on Saturday, in fine weather, and before a fair attendance of spectators. Burnfoothill had the best of the game in the first half, and led at half-time by 1 goal to *nil*. The Cherries had the best of it in the second half, and in the closing minutes hemmed in their opponents, but only one goal resulted, and the game ended in a draw of 1 goal each. The following represented the Cherries:—Park; Jas. Wallace, Jas. Davidson; John Wallace, Barr, Crawford; And. Davidson, Weir, Menzies, John Davidson, Robert Wallace.

BOWLING.

PARISH GAME.—The members of the Muirkirk Bowling Club took part in their first parish match of the season last Saturday, when they journeyed to Auchinleck and engaged the men there. The day was beautifully fine, and the game was much enjoyed. The Muirkirk representatives consider they were handicapped by the condition of the Auchinleck green, but that on the whole they were up against, for the day, better players. The following are the names of the skips of the various rinks, with their scores:—

MUIRKIRK.		AUCHINLECK.	
T. W. Buchanan,	15	D. M'Leod,	24
Wm. Anderson,	14	Thos. Smith,	24
R. Thomson,	20	A. Mitchell,	22
W. Logie,	21	J. Wyllie,	22
J. Bell,	15	Wm. Girvan,	26
Hugh Bell,	19	H. Richmond,	24
	104		142

Majority for Auchinleck—38 shots.

QUOITING.

MATCH FOR £20.—On Saturday last a quoiting match for £20 was played on Mauchline Quoiting Ground, between Jas. Weir, Auchinleck, and John Kilpatrick, Jun., Muirkirk. The match was looked forward to with considerable interest in Muirkirk, owing to the extreme youth of the local representative (he is only 19 years of age), and the fact that he had an unbeaten record to maintain, he having won two previous matches in which he had been one of the contestants. His opponent on Saturday had taken part in many previous like matches with varying results. There was a good company round the ropes, and all were in great form. Unfortunately the Muirkirkers did not get much to enthuse over at the start, for Kilpatrick had only a single shot to his credit to Weir's 12, and the game must be considered remarkable for the pluck shown by Muirkirk's youthful representative, or what is known by the followers of quoiting as "hert." To be standing 12-1 and 29-20, and to peel at 30 and be first half-game shows some spirit. Naturally for the most of the first half the Auchinleck supporters were on excellent terms with themselves—only one man on the ground according to them, indeed only one man in the world for the time being, and on that one man they had all their money. The half-time result steadied them up a bit, and after "cornin" Kilpatrick took up the pacing and never looked over his shoulder. During the first half the Muirkirk boys had perforce to partly act the "dummy," but at and after half-time they let themselves go, and "Tommy Bone" was the by-word, the repartee being class. In the evening the locals returned much richer, after having spent an exciting but pleasant day. The quality of the play was very good, there being many splendid heads and some finely-taken shots. As every follower of quoiting knows the cleaners and the paperers occupy very important and responsible positions, and in such an eventful game it is only fair that their names be appended so that they may go down to history. The winner's director was Wm. Cannon, and his cleaner Wm. Archibald. To show the run of the play the heads are given below:—

KILPATRICK.	ENDS.	WEIR.
0	1	1
0	2	2
1	3	0
0	4	2
1—0	5	2—7
0	6	2
0	7	2
0	8	1
1	9	0
3—1	10	0—12
2	11	0
2	12	0
1	13	0
0	14	1
8—0	15	1—14
0	16	2
0	17	2
2	18	0
1	19	0
12—1	20	0—18
1	21	0
0	22	1
1	23	0
0	24	1
14—0	25	1—21
0	26	1
1	27	0
0	28	2
0	29	2
16—1	30	0—26
0	31	1
1	32	0
2	33	0
0	34	1
20—1	35	0—28
0	36	1
1	37	0
1	38	0
1	39	0
24—1	40	0—29
0	41	1
2	42	0
1	43	0
1	44	0
30—2	45	0—30
32—2	46	0—30
1	47	0
1	48	0
0	49	2
34—0	50	1—33
0	51	1
0	52	2
1	53	0
2	54	0
38—1	55	0—36
2	56	0
0	57	1
0	58	2
1	59	0
43—2	60	0—39
0	61	2
2	62	0
0	63	1
1	64	0
47—1	65	0—42
2	66	0
0	67	1
1	68	0
2	69	0
53—1	70	0—43
2	71	0
1	72	0
2	73	0
0	74	1
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For Mr. Jalder's secret ambition was to enter society. Therefore, Mr. Hardcastle, already possessing an invitation in his own name, had forced himself to write to Sir Henry and ask if he might bring "a friend." Mr. Jalder had driven a hard bargain.

They arrived together in his smart brougham.

"Wonder if there'll be any message for me?"

"Message? I don't understand," said Mr. Hardcastle stiffly.

"Oh, from a City pal—Felsenstein. He wouldn't believe me when I said I was coming here, so I told him to send me a note care of Sir Henry, and——"

"You didn't!"

"I'm telling you I did. There was a bit of business we had to settle to-night. I don't see the harm in——"

But Mr. Hardcastle had turned aside.

"S'pose I'd better tip the butler, eh?"

"Do anything you like," said Mr. Hardcastle shortly.

A footman, guiding them to the cloakroom, pronounced Mr. Jalder's name inquiringly.

"I was to give you this, sir, Mr. Benson said.'

"And who may Mr. Benson be?"

"The butler, sir."

"Oh, yes, of course."

Mr. Jalder seized the letter he held.

"Aha! from Felsenstein." He opened it, smiling broadly. "'Hope this will reach you——' H'm, yes. 'Don't be nervous——' Like his cheek!" He read to the end complacently. "Here, I say, though, Hardcastle——"

Turning, he was more than a little dismayed to find that Mr. Hardcastle had departed. He was nowhere in sight. Mr. Jalder, feeling somewhat like a fish out of water, mingled with the crowd of guests arriving. He was subjected to many frigid stares, and he gazed about in growing indignation in search of his sponsor.

"I've half mind to cut and run," he muttered.

Then he caught sight of two figures in conversation a short distance away. Both wore a ceremonious and welcoming air, and, as he looked, they parted, one to bow to a passing couple, the other to speak to an elderly dowager, whose jewels made Mr. Jalder's mouth water.

"How well Sir Henry looks to-night, after his sea trip!"

Mr. Jalder started at the remark. The speaker was glancing in the direction of the two men he had already noticed. One of these was Sir Henry Carberry, then.

"I don't see him."

"Over there. Talking to the butler."

Mr. Jalder rubbed his hands with satisfaction. This information was decidedly useful. He approached the pair at the farther end of the broad landing. They separated again. One came towards him. Was he the butler or——?

After a second's hesitation, Mr. Jalder decided that he was. He was older than his companion, and not so well dressed, though both, of course, wore evening attire. At Mr. Jalder's gesture he halted.

"Oh—er—my name's Jalder. There was a note left here for me downstairs. I—I got it all right." Mr. Jalder spoke hurriedly. "Er—very kind of you to see to it, Benson. This is for your trouble."

He slipped a sovereign into the elderly man's hand, and walked away rather awkwardly, with a deep breath of relief. Then he stopped and swung round. What an idiot he was! He ought to have asked Benson, the butler, to find Hardcastle. Glancing back, he saw the elderly man staring across at him.

"Hullo! What's he looking at me like that for? Didn't I give him enough, or——"

"A baronet?" said someone at his elbow, with a laugh. "Why, you'd take him for a duke, at least."

Mr. Jalder cast a glance over his shoulder. Then he turned hot and cold in quick succession. What did this mean? What had he done? "A baronet?" Sir Henry Carberry was a baronet.

Next instant he could have sunk through the polished floor in anguish and shame. Evidently—the awful fact, he told himself, was obvious now—he had mistaken Sir Henry Carberry for the butler, and had "tipped" him a sovereign!

Only the sight of Mr. Hardcastle, who was passing at the moment, saved Mr. Jalder from collapse. He tottered forward.

"Oh, t-there you are! I lost you. Where have you been? I—I——"

"What on earth's the matter, Jalder? Do pull yourself together! You're making an exhibition of yourself."

"But——"

Mr. Jalder's statement died away on his tongue. No; an explanation was out of the question. Hardcastle would only laugh and cover him with ridicule. He gulped, but said nothing.

Mr. Hardcastle waited impatiently. This public association with Jalder was a positive ordeal.

"I say is that——" Mr. Jalder had suddenly perceived the elderly man's former companion in the distance. "You can tell me one thing, Hardcastle. Is that Benson, the butler?"

"Don't point, man, for goodness' sake. Where? O—oh! you mean——"

"Yes. That fellow standing over there by himself. Is it?"

Mr. Hardcastle coughed. "You're getting on. Many people can't tell butlers from gentlemen nowadays. And their manners are so similar that I really don't wonder. See you later."

Before Mr. Jalder could stop him he had spoken to a bystander. The former gentleman only hesitated a moment. Then he walked briskly towards the individual he had indicated. A brilliant idea had occurred to him. He could easily rectify his previous unfortunate blunder.

"Look here," he said in an undertone, and tapped the solitary figure on the arm. "Look here, just help me, there's a good fellow. I'm a stranger here, and—and the fact is I've given your master a sovereign. Meant it for you, Benson, for seeing after that letter of mine. Jalder I am—Mr. Jalder. So you might just ask him for it on the quiet. Understand? There he is, by Jove! Explain that I meant him to pass it on to you, d'you see?"

His confused speech was received with a disconcerting smile.

"Really, I fancy he'd better keep the money."

Mr. Jalder stared.

"Because, as it happens, I am Sir Henry Carberry, and that is Benson, my butler."

Mr. Jalder bolted for home.

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	a.m.	a.m.	Sats. only p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Sats. only p.m.
Muirkirk lve	7.0	9.25	1-15	3-55	6-10	8-30
Auchinleck ,,	8.16	9.50	1-41	4.19	6-39	9-0
Mauchline ,,	8-25	10-0	1-51	4-29	6-55	9-98
Ayr arr		11-3	3-35		7-21	10-30
Kilmarnock	8-42	10-18	2-11	4-41	7-10	9-33
Glasgow arr	9-31	11-32	2.58	5-31	7-55	10-3

GLASGOW TO MUIRKIRK.

	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	Sats. only p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Sats. only p.m
Glasgow lve	6-45	9-30		2-30	4-17	5-35	8-15
Kilmarnock	8-10	10-12		3-10	5-6	6-21	9-4
Ayr	7-40	9-30			4-5	5-45	
Mauchline	8-31	10-32		3-28	5-27	6-42	9-25
Auchinleck,	8-41	10-41		3-40	5-40	7-5	9-40
Muirkirk arr	9-12	11-7		4-2	6-2	7-27	10-2

MUIRKIRK TO AYR (A. & C.).

	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Saturdays only p.m.	p.m
Muirkirk lve	7-15		1-0	7-15	3-15	
Cronberry	7-25		1-10	7-25	3-25	
Cumnock	7-32		1-17	7-32	3-32	
Ayr arr	8-16		2-2	8-17	4-17	

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

Caledonian Railway.

MUIRKIRK TO EDINBURGH.

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

EDINBURGH TO MUIRKIRK.

		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Edinburgh -	leave	6-30	10-15	4-15
Carstairs -	,,	8-0	11.40	5-38
Glasgow -	,,	6-12	10-25	†5-0
Lanark -	,,	8-31	12-0	6-5
Douglas West -	,,	8-57	12-25	6-35
Inches -	,,	9-4	12-32	6-42
Glenbuck -	,,	9-9	12-37	6-47
Muirkirk -	arrive	9-17	12-45	6-57

†4-30 p.m. on Saturdays.

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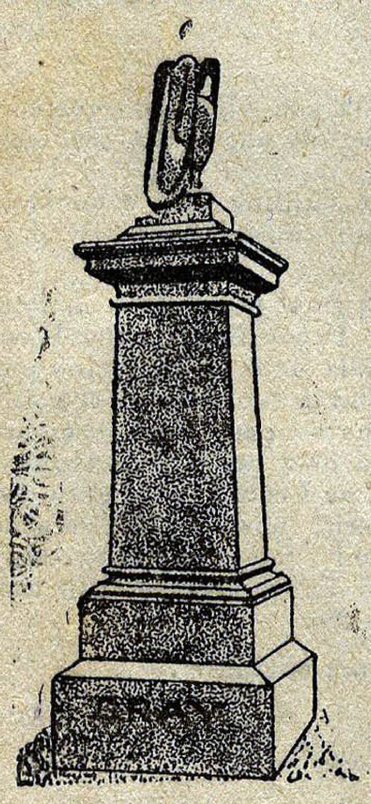

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In Memoriam.

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THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1916.

Local News.

RECUPERATING.—Private John Young, belonging to one of the Canadian regiments, son of Mr John Young, Furnace Road, has been spending a few days with his parents here. John was wounded in France, and had spent a time in hospital in this country.

RHUBARB DAY.—Last Wednesday was "Rhubarb Day" in Muirkirk, and as the result of the local Vegetable Products Committee's appeal for rhubarb for the Grand Fleet, Mr John Kennedy, as secretary and manager, was on Wednesday enabled to despatch two tons of the succulent plant to the Naval Base at Aberdeen, and for which the tars will doubtless feel thankful.

THE TOLL OF WAR.—Almost weekly news arrives in the village of some local who has fallen in battle. Mr M'Ilwraith, under-manager of Dockra Pit, Beith, has received official notification that his son James, who enlisted in the Scots Guards at the beginning of the war, was killed in action in France on 25th Jan., 1915. Deceased was reported as missing at the time, and his parents are now officially notified of his having been killed in action. James, who was 23 years of age, left here with his parents about three years ago.—The other day word was received in Muirkirk that Private Charles Baird, of the 6th R.S.F., had been killed in France. For several years Charlie conducted a successful hairdressing business in Muirkirk, but left the town about nine years ago. He was a native of Cumnock.

SCHOOL BOARD.—In response to advertisements for a headmaster for Furnace Road School in succession to Mr Jas. Phillips, M.A., who has been appointed to Kirkintilloch, fifty applications were received, and a special meeting of the members of the Muirkirk School Board was held on Monday afternoon to consider same. All the members were present, and Mr John Young presided. The members had each perused the testimonials, which were voluminous, before the meeting, and that fact accelerated matters. After some methodical voting the leet was reduced to six, viz.,—

Mr William Core, M.A., assistant, Hyndland Higher Grade School, Glasgow.
Mr John T. Davidson, M.A., headmaster, Strone Public School, Argyllshire.
Mr Wm. Forsyth, M.A., assistant, Daniel Stewart's College, Edinburgh.
Mr Alex. Goldie, M.A., headmaster, Coylton Public School.
Mr Francis J. Gordon, M.A., assistant, Hutcheson's Girls' Grammar School, Glasgow.
Mr James Stratton, M.A., assistant, North Kelvinside Higher Grade School, Glasgow.

It was also decided to invite these gentlemen to meet the members of the Board on Saturday first.

PARISH WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE.

The usual monthly meeting of the Parish War Relief Fund Committee was held in the Territorial Drill Hall on Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance of delegates, and Mr James Clark presided.

The minutes of previous meeting were read by the Secretary (Mr Andrew Pringle) and adopted.

Mr Young, treasurer, submitted the financial statement for the month. On account of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association there was a balance on hand from the previous month of 10s 3d, while a cheque for £30 had been received from Mr Hay of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association. The Treasurer said he had also on hand a balance of £3 6s 8d from the taxes account. The £30 10s 3d had all been spent in the payment of rents, as well as £1 0s 9d for rent and 13s for taxes taken from the taxes account, leaving a balance on hand for the latter of £1 12s 11d. Mr Young stated that this work so far as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association was concerned would end on 30th June, being absorbed by the newly-appointed body—the Naval and Military War Pensions Committee, but he suggested keeping the balance of £1 12s 11d meantime, in case of any demands. For Civil Distress no payments had been made, and the balance on hand remained the same—£11 15s. For the Belgian Fund £1 9s had been paid away since last meeting, and there was still on hand the sum of £3 4s 9d. At the end of last month there was a balance of £5 14s 6d at the credit of the Local Relief Augmentation Fund, while £10 had been voted by the Committee. There had been distributed on this account during May £10 1s, leaving a credit balance of £5 13s 6d. For the Parish Fund the subscriptions and donations amounted to £127 8s 8d, and there was left for allocation say £125.

Rev. John Henderson, as convener of the Work Parties, said that for some months they had received nothing from the Committee, but he hoped that would be altered that night. The income of the Glenbuck Party for the month was in all £16 14s 11d, made up of a balance from the previous month of £16 8s 10d, collected in box 5s 1d and 1s of bank interest. The expenditure had been £9 1s 2½d, leaving a balance of £7 13s 8½d. The articles made during the month numbered 177, while the recipients for the month were two Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and the Red Cross at Ayr. The Muirkirk Party had had an income for the month of £29 15s 3d, including a balance of £26 17s 9d from the previous month and £2 16s from a lady who had been ill and unable to attend the Party, the money being partly as a subscription and partly the result of the sale of flowers made by her, and this action he would like to commend to the people of the parish. The expenditure had been £13 4s 8d, and this showed an apparent balance of £16 7s 10d, but since he came to the meeting he had been presented with accounts for over £17, so that the Party was really in debt. During the month 689 articles had been made by the Muirkirk Party, and these had all been sent to the British Red Cross at Ayr save 91 pairs of sox given to locals. As convener of the Work Parties he had got a legacy from the Carnival Committee, and it had all been spent. That Committee had received splendid value for their Christmas parcels, and he thought this was the proper time to intimate what had been done for the money. Since 1st January they had supplied 285 pairs of sox, and he thought the Committee must feel justified in handing over the surplus to him. Mr Henderson said he would make a fervent appeal on behalf of the Work Parties, and if they were granted £20 the committee would get excellent value this month. (Applause).

A voice from the foot of the stair—"Here's yer rhubart."

The Chairman congratulated Mr Young and Mr Henderson on the excellent reports they had been able to give. He asked that the Secretary minute the Bowling Club's donation, and that he write the secretary conveying the Committee's thanks. The Belgians were quiet, and everything was going on satisfactorily. There would be a change in the application of the work of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association at the end of the month, but he suggested continuing the contribution to the County Fund this month, and by next meeting he would endeavour to find out what benefit the Committee or the parish would derive from continuing to contribute to the County Fund.

Mr Clark then invited questions, but as none were forthcoming he gave the following suggested allocation:—Red Cross, £25; Prince of Wales Fund, £20; County Fund, £20; Edenhall Hostel, £5; Lord Roberts' Memorial, £5; Local Relief Augmentation Fund, £10; Serbians, £20; Work Parties, £20—a total of £125. With regard to the Princess Louise Hostel for limbless soldiers and sailors at Erskine House, Mr Clark said that seeing the Committee gave a good donation last month he thought donations towards this house might lie over for two months till they were finished up with the Edenhall Hostel, £50 being the suggested total donation towards that hostel, but he thought that after that the contributions might be sent to Erskine House.

Mr Young said that the £5 sent towards Lord Roberts' Memorial completed £50, and that that institution was in practically the same position.

The Chairman said they would take up the matter fully at next meeting.

Mr Henderson said Lord Roberts' Memorial Home was for training men for trades. They had workshops there, so that it was rather different.

The Chairman's suggested allocation was then accepted. Mr Clark asked if any one had suggestions to make or questions to ask, and there being no reply it was intimated that the next meeting would be held at Glenbuck on Tuesday, 4th July.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

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GLENBUCK.

A Far-travelled Toy.—A fête in aid of wounded and disabled Soldiers and Sailors belonging to or connected with Dumbartonshire was opened at Dumbarton Castle by H.R.H. the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyle, last Friday, and in connection with the same a balloon competition took place. The fête was opened at 2 p.m., and at 5 p.m. the same evening Mr John Brown, Birkcleugh, Glenbuck, noticed a balloon floating in the air near his house. The sphere, which was over one foot in diameter, landed near by, and immediately exploded. Attached to the balloon was a label on which was a halfpenny postage stamp and the request that the finder post the label at the nearest Post Office with the time and place it was found, a request that was of course acceded to.

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A Mixed Bag.

Cattle show marriages are a scarce crop this year. What a change has come over the scene! Are the young men getting fly?

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Saturday first is the Cattle Show holiday. It won't be long before the younger folks are asking—"What cattle show?" The restricted facilities for travelling by railway will make a great difference on the number travelling, but the roads are open, and the loss is with the railway companies.

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It isn't all honey and jam to be a School Board member. Saturday first is a public holiday, and the short leet of applicants for the headmastership of Furnace Road School is to be met, but this is a special and very important occasion—important for the candidates, the Board members, the children, and the ratepayers. Some splendid men are amongst the applicants, and it will be seen in another paragraph that each on the short leet has a degree. Several of the applicants had double degrees.

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Football has for a considerable time taken a back seat (indeed very much so) in Muirkirk, but at least one local in Salonica evidently links up Muirkirk and the game together. We have a letter from Private P. Devlin, of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, requesting us to let all his old workmates and the footballers know that he is still alive and well. In case they are not above taking a hint, they may get Paddy's address at our office.

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Further honour has fallen to Willie Pirie. He has been promoted to the rank of Captain, and no one will grudge him the rise. Promotion has not been flung at him; it has been won by hard fighting. He is now in the machine gun section of the 1/5th R.S.F., and is stationed in Egypt.

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We sometimes hear of novel matches—not Bryant & May's spunks, but contests of skill, strength, endurance, etc. For instance a cyclist has been matched against a trotting horse for a certain distance; several years ago a cyclist and a sprinter vied with each other over a straight hundred yards on the track at Kameshill Holm when the cyclist only won on the tape; and we heard the late Mick M'Keown, of Celtic fame, challenge a Muirkirk youth to a game of football, when Mick undertook to do more with his bare feet than his friend could do with his boots on.

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But the latest match was not with a football but with a golf ball, and took place last Saturday. A golfer undertook to send a ball further with one drive (the best of three tries) from a golf club than his friend and opponent could with three shies with his hand.

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This match, one would be inclined to think, would be rather lop-sided in favour of the thrower. Usually a very sure driver, the golfer tried to do too much and put an extra pound on, with the result that he did less than usual and was beaten by a few yards. It was rather a sporting event, and was witnessed by quite a few. The company retired to the————. No, no; the chip shop.

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The evening tournaments on the Golf Course proceed apace, and are proving quite popular under the guidance of Mr Jas. G. Richmond, the newly-appointed and enthusiastic competition organiser and conductor. If there is anything in a name that one is all right. So far as the prizes are concerned it has been rather a one-horse show, for Mr David Murdoch has won two first prizes and one second prize out of the three first competitions. The handicap committee had been too kind to David, but he has paid the penalty for greatness and has had his handicap docked by 4 strokes.

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It seems that a miniature Zep. landed at Glenbuck the other day. It came to earth during a terrific hailstorm. Harder articles than toy balloons have come to grief at Glenbuck. What say you, Cherries?

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On being tackled by the limb of the law lately in connection with the darkening of windows at nights, a Glenbuck farmer said there was no fear of the Germans coming there. The limb told him the law on the subject, to which the farmer rejoined:—"I'm tellin' ye, the Germans'll fin' theirsel's frae hame if they land at Glenbuck."

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The miniature Zep. had travelled a good bit too, but the air had been too strong or the climate too rigorous for its constitution.

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The addition of an extra hour's daylight each night has had the effect of to some extent throwing the people out of gear. Going to bed in daylight is not a condition the majority of people have been used to, at least since childhood. The evenings seem long without a doubt, and that is perhaps the reason why the Cinema continues to command good attendances. Like whisky—in winter it keeps out the cold, and in summer it keeps off the heat.

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By-the-by we understand that Mr Simpson has just booked several of the greatest pictures of the present day. Thumbs up!

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

"MISSIN'!"

I've a laddie, and he's missin', my heart is very sair,
A hunder thochts gang thro' my mind, pacin' owre the flair;
Missin'—Jimie—missin'—faur better ye were deid,
For then ye're 'yont the grup o' them wha lust for flesh and bluid.

"Whaur is my son?" I ask mysel', a dizzen times ere nicht;
Anither dizzen questions ere dawns the mornin licht.
"Is he wounded sair, an' stricken, beneath a' German wa'?
God watch over and bless him, frae freens he's far awa'.

Maybe he's ta'en a prisoner, that he winna get to fight,
Or lyin' wi' his hauns cut aff, that's hoo he canna write,
Missin', whaur there's nane to care, be he alive or deid,
Nane tae sooth and comfort, nor lift the deein' heid.

"The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want," he learned at my knee,
Through the valley of the shadow His staff shall comfort thee.
Oh! Jimmie, only trust Him, put that promise to the test,
Then savage German murderous hordes will come out second best.

They talk o' Britain's honour to uphaud a righteous cause,
Her mighty Empire girt aboot wi' freedom's peerless laws.
Spier at a Scottish mither what guid is a' that fame,
Mournin' for her laddie wha'll ne'er again come hame.

Missin'—Jimmie—missin'—sad thochts that rend and burn,
In the lang, lang days to come, will ye no' return?
Oh! death in life, the yearning for that which canna be,
Aye lookin' for the letter which we shall never see.

When the warfare's ower, and crowds the victory cheer
From town and city belfry melodious to the ear,
What of the gallant men who shall return no more,
Those thousands brave who found a grave on Flanders' distant shore?

Missin'! Jimmie missin'! What can I dae but greet?
Sittin' lane an' weary for the comin' o' your feet.
God's will be done; but this I ken, far ayont the stars
We'll meet again tae pairt nae mair, whaur there's neither guns nor wars.

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BOWLING.

War Fund Weekly Tourney.—The winners of last tourney (prizes given by Messrs John Hodge and J. G. Torbett) were—Messrs Jas. G. Torbett, John Gold, and John Guthrie (skip).

Cumnock *v.* Muirkirk.—Six rinks of local bowlers visited Cumnock last night and engaged a like number of Cumnock bowlers in the annual parish game. In the end the visitors had to admit defeat by the narrow majority of 2 shots. The names of the skips of the various rinks, with their respective scores, are appended:—

MUIRKIRK.		CUMNOCK.	
T. W. Buchanan,	25	R. Munn,	11
R. Thomson,	17	W. Howat,	29
W. Loggie,	19	J. Mills,	25
H. Bell,	26	R. Currie,	11
W. Anderson,	12	J. M'Millan,	22
J. Bell,	14	J. M'Cubbin,	17
	113		115

Majority in favour of Cumnock—2 shots.

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SOME WISE SAYINGS.

If you save your money for a rainy day, you won't have many clouds in your life.

Remember this! There is no merit in sailing over a smooth sea. The man who can weather the storm is the man who counts.

Difficulties are the true test of greatness. Cowards shrink from them. Fools bungle them. Wise men overcome them.

It is perhaps possible to get some things for nothing, but experience isn't one of them.

All good things perverted to evil purposes are worse than those which are naturally bad.

The reason there is plenty of room at the top is because most of the people who get there fall off.

The nearer home the point of a joke comes, the harder it is to see it.

No man is such a conqueror as the man who has defeated himself.

We have all experienced times when hard words came mighty easy.

OUR SHORT STORY.

A QUESTION OF COLOUR.

By LESLIE THOMAS.

So Dolly refused you, eh? I'm sorry, old man; I am, really. There's no one I'd like better for a brother-in-law, George; you know that. But cheer up. Very likely she'll change her mind Oh, yes; she will! In fact, I believe she likes you, but——" he hesitated a moment—"well, she's only twenty-two, George; and you——"

"Go on," said George Limbird jerkily. Mortimer laid a finger on his hair.

"It's this," he explained gently. "Grey, you know. Yes; I believe that's why it is. The first time I took you home, after you'd gone she said, 'He's nice, but he's quite old, isn't he?'"

"Thanks. I—I understand."

"Not that it matters a bit, really, George. Besides, you can't be so very—how old are you, by the way?"

"That's not of much consequence, is it?" returned George Limbird slowly.

"No, no. Anyhow, you're a jolly smart man to be manager here; and I wish I got your salary. But take my advice, George, and don't give up hope. I'm on your side, remember."

Mortimer paused at the door leading to the outer office.

"Look here," he began jerkily; "I hope you won't be offended if—well, I won't suggest dyeing it——" He hesitated.

"No," replied George Limbird queerly.

"But—but how about trying something or other—some hair-lotion. You know what girls are," he added hurriedly. "They get silly ideas sometimes. As if you were any the worse, just because you've grey hair! I say, you don't think it infernal cheek on my part, do you?"

"My dear Dick, no!" replied George Limbird quietly. "And—and I'll think it over."

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"Yes; you'd hardly know him." Dick Mortimer watched his sister as he spoke. "The colour's coming back to it. It's getting darker every day. Quite a marvellous improvement! Old Limbird—why, upon my word, we sha'n't be able to call him 'Old Limbird' much longer. He looks ten years younger already."

"Really?"

"You see if you don't think so. He's going to be there to-night. Masters didn't like to ask him at first; but George accepted like a shot. He's an awfully decent chap—not a bit stuck-up, for a manager."

"Of course he isn't! You don't need to tell me that, Dick. Why, I know him nearly as well as you do. I—I'll get ready now."

When they had reached his fellow-clerk's house, her brother addressed her in a whisper.

"There he is. Don't you think——"

"Oh, please, Dick, don't be always talking to me about Mr. Limbird. There are plenty of other people here." And she turned, and was introduced by the hostess to a little group at the far end of the room.

George Limbird's face fell, for he had noticed their arrival. Mortimer walked across to him.

"Go and talk to her," he advised. "Not now, but later in the evening, when you get a chance."

Hence Miss Mortimer was rather piqued by George Limbert's neglect. When he approached her, at last, she was occupied with Master's little daughter, and greeted him coldly.

"Hullo, Mr. Limbird," cried the child excitedly. "I say, you do look funny. What have you done to your hair? It used to be grey, now it is nearly black."

He glanced at Miss Mortimer for a moment.

"Yes, Kitty," he said. "That's right."

"How did you make it go like that? Did you die it?"

The girl interrupted quickly, and began to speak of something else—not, however, before she had noticed George Limbird's evident embarrassment.

"Hair-tonic, indeed!" she snapped in reply to her brother's question, on their home. "It *is* dyed! And, if you wish to know, I think he looks absurd!"

A week later she had been shopping in town, and met George Limbird in a "Tube" lift. In fact, they were pressed together by the crowd. Miss Mortimer hardly knew whether to be pleased or annoyed.

"You haven't been to the City to-day?"

"No; I'm just back from Manchester. I had to visit our branch up there. Would you mind asking your brother to get to the office as early as he can to-morrow? I've a lot to discuss with him."

"Won't you come back with me, then?" she suggested. "He'll be in soon, and—and you can talk business after dinner."

"Thank you. I will, with pleasure."

When she came downstairs again after taking off her hat, he moved quickly from the window, raising a hand to his hair.

"About this——" he started.

"Yes," said Miss Mortimer softly, "why *do* you——" Then she broke off.

"Why do I dye it?" George Limbird looked down. "You—you didn't like the grey, you know."

Miss Mortimer stepped towards him impulsively. She felt rather ashamed.

"May I tell you a story," he queried abruptly; "a story of—deceit?"

She glanced up in surprise, then moved away to the fire.

"I used to be with Beckwith and Co., but there wasn't much chance there; and, when I heard from Mr. Beckwith of this position as manager, naturally I applied for it. He was very kind; recommended me, and gave me letters of introduction, but it seemed that they expected an elderly man—a man older than I was—for a post like that—a grey-haired sort of man. So, when I called, I—well, I had grey hair. And they never actually asked my age."

She made an exclamation. He went on.

"Perhaps you think it wasn't honest; but then, I hoped I was capable, and I knew I should have to prove it, before I could keep the place. It was only a matter of overcoming their prejudice. Now I think I *have* proved it; and so—so, since you didn't like grey hair——"

"Has Dick told you? It was a thoughtless speech; and I didn't mean——"

"Or anyone who was old, either. Oh, it's very natural. But now——" he raised his hand again awkwardly—"you 'can't stand' *this*. Miss Mortimer, could you stand——" he used the slang phrase gravely—"could you stand anyone who—who's twenty-eight, and whose hair's naturally quite another colour?"

The girl regarded him with wide open eyes.

"Red, for instance," added George Limbird in an undertone.

"You don't mean——" she stammered. "You don't mean to say——"

"Yes, he admitted shamefacedly; "originally it—that's what it was."

Miss Mortimer would have given the world not to laugh; but in spite of herself she positively shook with mirth. George Limbird flushed painfully.

"I had it bleached, and then turned grey. Afterwards, of course, I might have changed back again; but I didn't think it would seem natural, so——"

Miss Mortimer went off into a fresh paroxysm.

"I dare say it does seem rather funny." He spoke with bitter politeness, holding out his hand.

The girl did not take it, however, but rose and stepped in his path.

"I'm sorry," she cried again. "Oh, I'm very sorry I laughed! And I—I like you anyhow. I think I made a mistake. I don't care whether you're old or not. Nothing matters—and I'm asking you to stay. Don't you hear? Can't you understand?"

Her face was very near to his. He only hesitated a moment before he bent down.

"Really? You're sure? Oh," muttered George Limbird confusedly, "if I go back to red again, I don't know *what* the office will say!"

"Why, they'll wish you the best of luck, old man," declared Dick Mortimer, from the doorway.

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FOR JUNE.

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MUIRKIRK TO GLASGOW.

	a.m.	a.m.	Sats. only p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Sats. only p.m.
Muirkirk lve	7.0	9.25	1-15	3-55	6-10	8-30
Auchinleck ,,	8.16	9.50	1-41	4.19	6-39	9-0
Mauchline ,,	8-25	10-0	1-51	4-29	6-55	9-98
Ayr arr		11-3	3-35		7-21	10-30
Kilmarnock	8-42	10-18	2-11	4-41	7-10	9-33
Glasgow arr	9-31	11-32	2-58	5-31	7-55	10-3

GLASGOW TO MUIRKIRK.

	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	Sats. only p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Sats. only p.m
Glasgow lve	6-45	9-30		2-30	4-17	5-35	8-15
Kilmarnock	8-10	10-12		3-10	5-6	6-21	9-4
Ayr	7-40	9-30			4-5	5-45	
Mauchline	8-31	10-32		3-28	5-27	6-42	9-25
Auchinleck,	8-41	10-41		3-40	5-40	7-5	9-40
Muirkirk arr	9-12	11-7		4-2	6-2	7-27	10-2

MUIRKIRK TO AYR (A. & C.).

	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Saturdays only p.m.	p.m
Muirkirk lve	7-15		1-0	7-15	3-15	
Cronberry	7-25		1-10	7-25	3-25	
Cumnock	7-32		1-17	7-32	3-32	
Ayr arr	8-16		2-2	8-17	4-17	

AYR TO MUIRKIRK (A. & C.).

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

Caledonian Railway.

MUIRKIRK TO EDINBURGH.

		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Muirkirk	leave	7.35	10.15	3.40
Glenbuck -	,,	7-42	10-22	3-47
Inches -	,,	7-48	10-28	3-53
Douglas West -	,,	7-55	10-33	3.58
Lanark -	arrive	8-21	10-58	4-36
Glasgow -	,,	9-43	12-40	6-0
Carstairs -	,,	9-9	11-22	4-34
Edinburgh -	,,	9-53	12-35	6-20

EDINBURGH TO MUIRKIRK.

		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Edinburgh -	leave	6-30	10-15	4-15
Carstairs -	,,	8-0	11.40	5-38
Glasgow -	,,	6-12	10-25	†5-0
Lanark -	,,	8-31	12-0	6-5
Douglas West -	,,	8-57	12-25	6-35
Inches -	,,	9-4	12-32	6-42
Glenbuck -	,,	9-9	12-37	6-47
Muirkirk -	arrive	9-17	12-45	6-57

†4-30 p.m. on Saturdays.

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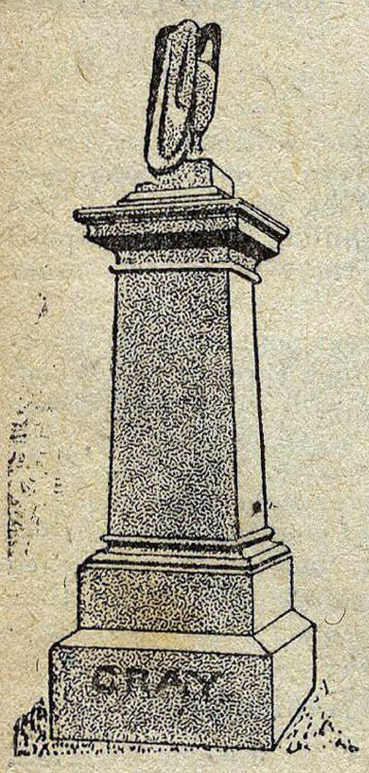

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THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1916.

Local News.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY.—Saturday last was observed as a holiday in the parish, this being the usual Saturday holiday following the now hibernating or defunct Cattle Show. Notwithstanding the fact that there were no cheap fares several hundreds travelled by rail, while Mr Greenwood's fleet of motor cars was booked long in advance. Fortunately, the weather was inviting.

THE POST OFFICE.—Within the past few years the conditions that reign at Post Offices have undergone a considerable change, and the hours are coming more into line with the popular idea for more leisure. Some time ago the weekly half-holiday was extended to the employees at Post Offices; next followed a curtailment of the working hours, from 8 a.m. till 8 p.m. being substituted by from 9 a.m. till 7 p.m.; and the latest regulation at Muirkirk Post Office—in which, naturally, we in Muirkirk are mostly interested—is that no Post Office business is transacted between 11.45 a.m. and 12,15 p.m., this to allow, shall we say, a dinner half-hour, this taking effect as from Monday last. It may be imagined that in the larger offices, where the staff could be worked in relays, continuous service would be given, but that is not the case, as it seems in the larger offices the interval extends to 2½ hours each day. This we mention so that our readers may perhaps be saved disappointment.

A MINISTER'S MARRIAGE.—On Friday evening there was an interesting ceremony at the Hill Street Home, Glasgow, when the many friends of Miss Martha Crouch met in a social circle to present her with a silver tea service on the occasion of her approaching marriage with Rev. John Alexander, Kames Manse, Muirkirk, while the Ladies' Committee of the Home took advantage of the opportunity to present her with a gold wristlet watch. Mr Malcolm Chalmers, J.P., made the presentation. Than Mr Chalmers no man knows better the great work Mr Alexander accomplished in his long tenure of the chaplaincy at Duke Street Prison, Glasgow, hence that which he said of the Kames minister had much significance. In happy vein he talked of the institution of marriage, of some Scottish habits in the selection of a wife, confessed his ignorance of the method adopted by Mr Alexander, but judging by results fancied it must have been an excellent one, for surely amongst all the daughters of Eve none more worthy could have been found as helpmate in the joyous battle of a clergyman's life than Miss Crouch. The speaker referred to his friend's record, to his worth, and to what such a man deserved. "If the world is to be brought back to sanity," said Mr Chalmers, "it will be by the medium of good hearts, throbbing with love for humanity and righteousness, and one of the best hearts beating to-day is that of the man Miss Crouch is soon to call husband, and if ever a man deserved the charm and influence of a good woman's companionship, that man is Mr Alexander." He could prophecy, because he knew, that away up in the hilly parts of Ayrshire, where the river Burns sang so sweetly of begins its meandering course to the sea, a homely manse snugly sits in delightful solitude, a beautiful church adjoins, sympathetic souls are there, work is there, joy and gladness are there. A happy corner this in the big vineyard, and one of the best husbandmen that ever tilled is reaping a good harvest for the Lord, and is about to get the very help he most needs. Mr Chalmers in making the presentation expressed, on behalf of the subscribers, the hope that a full rich life lay ahead of the happy couple, in the delightful district that would be their home. Miss Crouch suitably replied.—The minister friends of Mr Alexander have presented him with a handsome clock, with splendid chimes as a mark of their esteem on the occasion.

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GOLF.—Contestants for the President's Prize had the course on Wednesday and Saturday of last week, when Mr David Rennie was returned as the qualifier with the fine score of 77. Last night another of the miscellaneous competitions had on entry of 11, and some fine golf was the outcome of the ideal conditions prevailing. Messrs T. Murray, D. Rennie, and Jas. G. Richmond tied at 76, the next best being 78. In connection with these competitions the Handicap Committee is giving consideration to those who seem to be needing a lift up in their handicaps, and it will not be surprising if closer finishes are the result. New competions in doubles and singles, on the knock-out principle, are likely to be inaugurated.

INVASION OF SCHOOLS.—The various schools under Muirkirk School Board were invaded by the military on Monday and Tuesday of this week, but the invasion was of a very peaceful nature. Chaplain Colonel Henderson, T.D., of Lecropt, Bridge of Allan, visited the schools, and in his habitual kindly and genial fashion put the pupils through their paces in religious knowledge and repetition learned throughout the year. In the words of that gallant and reverend officer, they came through the ordeal "with flying colours." The appearance of Col. Henderson in uniform greatly impressed and delighted the children, and was the source of much excited conversation afterwards in the playgrounds.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

To comparatively few married couples it is given to see their golden wedding, and whether there will be fewer or more such events in the future must only be a matter of conjecture. We hear much of the artificial life that is led now-a-days as compared with the plainer and more frugal living of a generation or two ago, and opinion seems to be unanimous in favour of the latter as a means of promoting longevity. Nearly every golden wedding of which one reads gives details of the frugal livelihood the couple had in at least their early married life, and probably that fact enabled them to see the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day. Such a description tallies with the position of a venerable and respected couple who celebrated their golden wedding in spite of themselves in Linkieburn Square, Muirkirk, the other day, viz., Mr and Mrs John Williamson.

Mr and Mrs Williamson were married in the Masons Arms, Muirkirk, on 2nd June, 1866, by, to use the gudeman's own words—"Wee Davie Young o' the Burgher Kirk," for, although the happy pair belonged to the Parish Church, the new minister, Mr Beaton, had not arrived. Mr Williamson is 77 years of age, and was brought to Muirkirk in infancy, so that he may well be said to be a Muirkirk man. Mrs Williamson, whose maiden name is Mary Buchan, is by two years her gudeman's junior, but is an out-and-out Muirkirk woman, as also were her mother and her grandmother, the latter residing in Megslea at Auldhouseburn. Megslea Cottage has long since disappeared, but it was situate on the present Golf Course. The pair have only had one flitting. They took up house in the Kirkgreen, where they resided for fifteen years, after which they removed to their present dwelling, which they have occupied for the last thirty-five years. They had a family of nine. Six are still living in various parts, and three died in childhood.

Mr Williamson worked all his life in the parish, with the exception of a short time he herded cattle as a boy in the Sorn district. He worked in the limestone quarries and the coal-pits in this district—at Airdsgreen, Maidenbank, Wellwood, and Kames.

Mr and Mrs Williamson form interesting links with the past. Mr Williamson saw the first train steam into Muirkirk, on the G. & S.-W. Railway. The first engine drew a load of trucks, and this was followed shortly afterwards by another engine with a carriage and what he took to be officials. There was no tunnel at the Station in these days; there was only a level crossing. Midhouse Row and all the Terraces have been built in his day, although the old Linkieburn, the Square, and the Castle existed long before him. The Canal boats were in full "steam" in these days, and his father assisted in the filling of them with coal at the Waulkmill, from whence they were hauled to the Ironworks by horses walking along the banks of the Canal. At that time the power for the Forge and the Mill was got from water wheels. Mr Williamson worked under three managers—Mr Duncan Mackenzie, Mr Charles Howatson, and Mr John Angus.

By way of giving an example of one of the many changes that have taken place since Mr Williamson's younger days, in the world of labour in general, and in mining in particular, when working as a roadsman in Wellwood Pit he used to leave his home in Kirkgreen at 3 o'clock in the morning, and he was sometimes passing the foot of the Glasgow Road on his way home at 8 o'clock at night, and all for 2s 10d a day. When he worked in the pits at first as a boy he got 6d a day, and he was a good man who made 2s a day then. He confesses, however, that it was hard to get ends to meet with an increasing family, and he complimented his wife on her industry, being at

one and the same time wife, mother, housekeeper, tailor, dressmaker, cook, and bottle-washer.

While residing in the Kirkgreen, Rev. Lewis Beaton, the parish minister, whom the worthy pair held in high respect, told them jocularly that "the nearer the kirk the farther frae grace," and in this connection Mrs Williamson remembers that when graves were being dug in the churchyard parts of old coffins were removed and thrown over the dyke on the burn side, and in some instances the complete coffins of young children. These gruesome souvenirs were picked up by the near residents, and the larger parts used as bottoms for beds, re-seating chairs, &c., while the smaller complete receptacles were commandeered by the children, who used them as toy carts. Happily, such desecration, let us hope, has departed with the past.

Mr Williamson retired from active service about two years ago, but the worthy old couple are still hale and hearty, with every appearance of seeing their diamond wedding.

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MUIRKIRK PARISH COUNCIL.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday afternoon. There was a comparatively small attendance of councillors, only six of the eleven members being present, viz: Messrs John Young, Andrew Crosbie, Andrew Pringle, David B. Greenwood, Walter Weir, and Rev. Father Bohan.

An apology for absence was read from Mr Jas. Johnstone, who was that day attending the funeral of Mr Duncan Gray, who had been employed in the office for over 41 years.

Mr Young was called to the chair.

The minutes of previous meetings were held as read, and were approved on the motion of Mr Young, seconded by Mr Crosbie.

Several applications for relief were intimated. One party was refused out-door relief, the Doctor refused to certify two applicants as unable for work, the County Council accepted another case, while still another applicant was almost ready for work again.

There were also some claims against Muirkirk parish, mostly through the inspectors of Ayrshire parishes having a friendly visit from illustrious sons of Muirkirk, who had left the home at Ayr and were doing some nomadic wanderings, and responsibility for whom had to be admitted by this Council.

Several statutory notices had also been received in connection with others, but nothing had come of them.

Several alterations on the Roll of Poor were intimated, mostly in consequence of several leaving the Poorhouse, but one party was now receiving the Old Age Pension. The aliment of another party was reduced by half owing to increased income.

A case under the Children Act was intimated, but same had been satisfactorily settled, and the name removed from the Children Act register.

It was decided not to accede to the request of a mother in connection with her children.

A circular was intimated from the British Women's Temperance Association enclosing a copy of an appeal addressed to public bodies asking for their influence to get prohibition by Parliament, and requesting that a deputation from the Association be received by the Council.

The Chairman said that however much he sympathised with the principle, they were not in the habit of taking up such matters as a Parish Council, and he thought action might be taken otherwise. A movement was on just now in which he thought the Government would be forced to at least consider the matter of prohibition, and he felt that the circular should be left on the table, with all sympathy.

Father Bohan seconded, and the same was unanimously agreed to.

A circular was intimated from the Local Government Board stating that under the Emergency Powers Act, and on the ground of economy, it was not now necessary that the Auditor's certificate with statement of abstract of accounts be published in the public press. It was decided to fall in line with the recommendation given, but to print the abstract of accounts and give a copy to each ratepayer as usual.

The Inspector intimated that, as instructed, when Mr Henry Sheriff, the cemetery caretaker, was called up an appeal had been lodged by the Parish Council on his behalf. First the Advisory Committee dismissed the case, and then the Tribunal refused exemption. Since then Mr Sheriff had been to Ayr and he had now a certificate clearing him from all military service, and granting total exemption, which was considered very satisfactory.

That was all the business.

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MUIRKIRK SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of Muirkirk School Board was held in the Board Office on Saturday forenoon. All the members were present, and Mr John Young presided.

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

The Officer's report on the attendances at the various schools was submitted.

In connection with the Finance Committee's report Mr Young (as convener of the Committee) gave a very interesting statement as to the finances of the Board. He stated that for the year ending 15th May last the Board's expenditure amounted to £4158 10s 8½d, to which sum fell to be added a debit balance of £110 6s 7d with which the year began. Income was £4233 2s 11d embracing £2316 15s 9d received as grants, £1850 from rates assessed for, and £66 7s 2d from other sources, and the financial year finished with the small deficit of £35 14s 4½d. A year ago Mr Young said he had the pleasure to report an increase in the grants of £112 13s. This year there was a further marked advance of £113 8s 3d, this increase including £29 17s 4d received from the Department under Sec. 17 (11) 1908 Act. It was most gratifying to find this grant again appearing in the balance sheet. There was a slight reduction in the grant for Evening School work, and, unfortunately, the expenditure had risen from £200 to £240 odds last session. Repairs to school buildings and playgrounds were carefully carried out during the summer holidays, and on which the expenditure had been most judicious. As was to be expected the cost of books, apparatus, etc., had gone up about £50. There was also an increase in the amount paid to teachers in salaries. The care of children under the Mental Deficiency Act had cost over £40. The estimate for 1916-17 had been carefully prepared. Including the debit balance of £35 an expenditure of £3934 6s 9d was anticipated, and it was expected the income would be about £2144. That left a deficit of £1790 6s 9d. Mr Young then moved that the Board ask the Parish Council to assess for £1800 for the school-rate, this sum being £50 less than the two previous years. As the valuation should turn out about the same amount as last year, the speaker was hopeful that there may be the reduction of a fraction in the School Rate.

The motion was seconded and unanimously agreed to.

The applications for exemption from school attendance were remitted to the General Committee for consideration on Friday first.

The question of opening the play-grounds of the various schools for the use of the children outside school hours was broached. (This was promised at last heckling meeting). After discussion it was decided that they be opened on condition that the property of the Board and the adjoining proprietors be respected, failing which the privilege would be withdrawn. Further arrangements were remitted to the Chairman and the Clerk.

It was decided to give the usual grant of £5 to the District Nursing Association.

A report on the work done at Furnace Road School was submitted from Mr Bonar Lyon, in which he stated his satisfaction with the work of the School in drawing and clay and cardboard modelling, noting a decided advance in these subjects since last year.

At the close of the meeting the members interviewed the six applicants on the short leet for Furnace Road School headmastership, when the leet was further reduced to three, viz:—Mr Gordon, Glasgow; Mr Forsyth, Edinburgh; and Mr Goldie, Coylton. It was decided to meet on Friday first to if possible make the appointment.

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

Sports and Pastimes.

FOOTBALL.

CHERRIES *v.* BURNFOOTHILL.—At Beresford Park, Ayr, on Saturday last, before a good attendance of spectators, the above teams met in their undecided final tie of the Ayr and District Cup Competition. The Cherries started well, and scored in the second minute of the game, but although they had the best of it all the first half they did not again score, while Burnfoothill equalised, and half-time saw the teams on level terms—1 goal each. In the second half Burnfoothill were the superior side, and, adding other two goals, deservedly ran out winners by 3 goals to 1 goal. The Cherries were represented by their full team.

QUOITING.

AT Skares Handicap, on Saturday last, John Bain, Glenbuck, secured the first prize, while W. Brown, Glenbuck, divided the third and fourth prizes.

BOWLING.

EVENING TOURNAMENT.—Owing to rain the weekly tournament was last week delayed till Friday night, when the winners of Messrs W. Anderson's and W. Hogg's prizes were Messrs Jas. Wilson, Jas. Kerr, T. W. Buchanan, and H. Bell (skip).

IN last week's issue, through a similarity of names, a slight mistake was made. Although the error was not vital, the old adage—"Honour to whom honour is due," holds good. Instead of Mr Jas. G. Torbett giving one of the prizes for the previous week's tournament it should have been "Jas. Torbett"; indeed it would have been more intelligible to perhaps all had the donor's pet name of "Jacky Torbett" been substituted, this to make a distinction. Mr Jas. G. Torbett's prize is due shortly.

KILMARNOCK HOSPITAL CUP.—Six rinks of local bowlers took part in the competition for this cup on Saturday last, on Kilmarnock and district greens. The locals did not fare too well, as the following shows:—

H. Bell, 6; W. Armour (Springhill), 34.
R. Thomson, 16; B. T. Tait (Irvine Winton) 17.
W. Anderson, 18; J. W. Lundie (Galston), 22.
T. W. Buchanan, 21; J. Findlay (Mauchline), 17.
W. Loggie, 6; W. M'Nair (Darvel), 35.
Jas. Bell, 29; D. Gilmour (Kilmarnock), 15.

After their recent experience at least a number of the local players will now think a deal more of their own green.

AT last night's Relief Fund tourney the prizes given by Mr N. Da Prato were won by Messrs John Gold, Wm. Gilfillan, Thos. W. Buchanan, and Hugh Bell (skip).

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SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING 27TH MAY, 1916.

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DONATIONS.

J. G. A. Baird, Esq., Colstoun, Haddington, ... 10 0 0

Free Proceeds of Patriotic Concert in Ironworks Institute on 28th April, arranged by Miss Polly Blackwood, 17 0 0

Muirkirk Bowling Club, per Mr Hugh Bell, secretary, ... 1 2 0

Total—£30 18s 5d.

Employees of Messrs Wm. Baird & Co., Ld.

Week ending 2nd May,	£9 18 3	
,, 9th May,	9 18 0	
,, 16th May,	9 18 1	
,, 23rd May,	9 19 0	
		39 13 4

Employees of Messrs The Kennox Coal Co., Ld.

Resident in Muirkirk,	£2 6 6	
,, Glenbuck,	1 8 4	
		3 14 10

Railway Employees, per Mr R. Brown.

Fortnight ending 11th May,	£1 9 4	
,, 25th May,	1 9 4	
		2 18 8

Employees of Muirkirk Co-operative Society, per Mr Robert Taylor, 1 10 8

Employees of Muirkirk Iron Works Co-operative Society, per Mr James Houston, ... 1 0 11

Total—£48 18s 5d.

District No. 1—Langloanhead, Crossflatt, Auldhouseburn, Bankhead, Burnside, Madeleine Place.

Collector—Mr Jas. Rae.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
James Clark,	100	0	J. Phillips, M.A.,	8	0
Miss Johnstone,	1	0	Robt. Thomson,	2	0
Miss Love,	1	0	Adam Easton,	1	0
D. Ferguson,	1	0	Jas. Brown,	1	0
George Thorburn,	1	0	T. Watson,	0	6
J. & W. M'Gillivray,	4	0	David Stitt,	2	0

Total—£6 2s 6d.

District No. 2—Lightshaw, Torhill, Manse to Burnbrae Cottage including Crofthead.

Collectors—Messrs Neil Buchanan and Robt. Taylor.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Jas. Lawson,	5	0	Alex. Semple,	5	0
Rev. John Henderson, B.D.,	20	0			

Total—£1 10s.

District No. 3—Bridge Street, Kirkgreen, to Old Bank including Co-operative Buildings.

Collectors—Messrs George Bradford and John Dempster.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
John Jack,	1	0	John Dempster,	0	6
Thos. Hazle,	1	0	Wm. Gilfillan	1	0
William Hunter,	1	0	Wm. Samson,	1	0
James Samson,	0	6	Mrs Montgomery,	0	6
Wm. Dempster,	0	6	Alex. Simpson,	4	0

Total—11s 0d.

District No. 4—Hedgegrove, Garronhill, and Holmhead.

Collectors—Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Mitchell.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Jas. M'Intyre,	2	0	Jas. Gilchrist,	1	0

Total—3s.

District No. 5—South Side of Main Street—From Masons Arms to Kateshall.

Collectors—Messrs James Bell and Joseph Thomson.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
C. P. Bell,	4	0	Thos. Sloan,	1	0
Lizzie Hamilton,	0	6	Mrs Smith,	2	0
Mrs Steele,	10	0	Jos. Baird,	2	0
Wm. Blyth,	2	0			

Total—£1 1s 6d.

District No. 6—North Side of Main Street—From Mr Wood's to the Stile.

Collectors—Messrs Andrew Murdoch and Andrew Rae.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
John Wood,	2	0	James Dean,	4	0
Wm. Logie,	1	0	Thos. Rowe,	2	0
Dan Harkness,	2	6	Miss Gibson,	1	0
Mrs M'Skimming,	1	0	Miss Wilson,	2	0

Total—[illegible] 6d.

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	John Alston,	1	4
Mrs T. H. Wilson	5	0	Fred Wright,	1	0
Mrs Ramage,	2	0	Jean C. Brown,	0	8
Mrs Goldie,	4	0	Ernest Sanderson,	1	4
Wm. Alston,	4	0	Miss Taylor,	2	0

Total—£1 11s 4d.

District No. 8—North Side of Main Street—From Stile to Pearson's Corner.

Collectors—Messrs Wm. Blackwood and Jas. G. Hodge.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
James Gibson,	4	0	James Dunbar,	2	0
Miss Robertson,	2	0	Mrs Blackwood,	5	0
Walter Weir,	2	0	Mrs Brownridge,	2	0

Total—17s 0d.

District No. 9—Main Street (both sides)—Bank to Irondale.

Collectors—Messrs George Taylor and Andrew Welsh.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
John Hodge, Sen.,	2	0	Robt. Kellock,	1	0
Jas. Strickland,	2	6	Miss Wilson,	1	0
John M'Culloch,	6	0	Miss Millar,	1	0
James M'Kie,	1	0	Nurse Willis,	1	0
George Taylor,	1	0			

Total—16s 6d.

District No. 10—Wellwood Street.

Collectors—Messrs Robt. Jack and J. H. Mitchell.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Mrs A. Wilson,	1	0	Jas. Mitchell,	10	0
Miss Bruce,	2	6	Rev. Wm. Bohan,	5	0
Jas. G. Richmond,	3	0	Hugh Wilson,	2	6
John Wyllie,	2	0	Neil Buchanan,	1	0
John P. Forbes,	1	0	Miss Ross,	1	6
Miss Black,	1	6	Jas. Caldwell,	5	0
Miss Sunderland,	1	6	R. Cunningham,	4	0
Mrs Swann,	1	0	Miss Smith,	1	6
Wm. Brown,	8	0	Miss M'Lean,	2	0
Miss Dowman,	1	6	Mr Leslie,	14	0

Total—£3 9s 6d.

District No. 11—Glasgow Road.

Collectors—Messrs Hugh Bell and David M'Fegan.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Miss Howat,	1	0	John Callan,	1	0
John S. Weir,	2	0	James Nicol, Jr.,	2	6
Miss Weir,	1	0	Wm. Hogg,	2	0
Mrs Jas. Marshall,	2	0	Adam Ingram,	2	0
Jos. Falconer,	1	0	Gilb. M'Bride,	1	0
Rev. Jas. Greenshields, B.D.,	5	0			

Total—£1 0s 6d.

District No. 12—Furnace Road.

Collectors—Messrs J. S. Weir and Robert Young.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Miss Sharp,	1	0	John S. M'Gill,	2	0
James Gibson,	1	0	David Hamilton,	1	0
			Mrs Higgie,	1	0

Total—6s 0d.

District No. 13—Smallburn.

Collectors—Messrs T. Anderson and T. Kerr.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Jas. Symington,	2	0	Jas. Lochrie,	1	0
Thos. Anderson,	2	0	James Clement,	4	0
Wm. Logan,	1	0	Mrs Fettes,	1	0
Mrs Aird,	4	0	Miss M'Kenzie,	2	0
John M'Donald,	1	0	John Young,	1	0
Mary Stevenson,	1	0			
Wm. Vallance,	4	0			

Total—£1 4s.

District No. 14—Airdsmill to Beacon Hill.

Collector—Miss Buchanan.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Mr Nicol, Sen.,	2	6	C. M'Dougall,	1	6
Mr Wm. Nicol,	5	0	Mrs Baird,	40	0
Mr M'Lean,	1	0	Misses Baird,	25	0
Messrs Moffat,	5	0	Mary Bell,	0	6
Mr Buchanan,	5	0	Martha Parker,	0	6
Mr Laidlaw,	1	6	Mrs Scott,	1	6
Mr M'Culloch,	1	0	W. & W. Buchanan,	4	0
Mr Harvey,	5	0			
Mr White,	1	0	Annie Martin,	0	6
Mr Anderson,	5	0	Nellie Wardrop,	0	6
Mr Leitch,	2	6	Andrew Hannah,	1	0
Mr Fairbairn,	5	0	Mary M'Ausland,	0	6
Mr Allison,	1	0			

Total—£5 16s.

District No. 15—Dalfram to Upper Whitehaugh Aikencleugh, and Netherwood.

Collectors—Misses Craig.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Mrs Gemmell,	5	0	Mr Findlay,	5	0
Mr Foster,	5	0	Mr Craig,	5	0
Mr Murdoch,	5	0	Mrs Gardiner,	1	0
Mr Anderson,	5	0	Mr R. Hyslop,	1	6
Mr Scott,	5	0	Clark Gibson,	1	0

Total—£1 18s 6d.

District No. 16.

Collectors—Messrs Hugh Baird and Sam. Paterson.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Mr Auld,	2	6	Mr Baird,	1	0
Mr Boyes,	1	0	Mr Wight,	5	0
Mr M'Kenzie,	1	0	Mr Paterson,	1	0
Mr M'Callum,	1	6	Mr M'Kerrow,	5	0
Mr W. M'Callum,	1	0	Mr F. M'Kerrow,	1	0
Miss M'Callum,	1	0	Miss M'Kerrow,	1	0
Mr Thomson,	1	0	Miss Miller,	1	0
Mr M'Millan,	1	0	Mr MacKay,	1	0
Mr Lambie,	1	0	Miss Murchie,	2	6
Mr Ferguson,	1	0	Miss Stevenson,	1	0
Mr Paterson,	1	0			

Total—£1 12s 6d.

District No. 17—Catchyburn, Kameshill, Station House, Railway Buildings, and Kames Pit Row.

Collectors—Mrs Gavin Dalziel and Mrs Edgar Anderson.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Dugald Baird,	20	0	John Cairney,	2	0
Hugh Miller,	5	0			

Total—£1 7s.

District No. 18—Old and New Terraces, Kames Rows Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

Collectors—Messrs Thos. Morrison and Jas. Samson.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Andrew Steel,	1	0	Miss Templeton,	1	0
John M'Call,	2	0			

Total—4s 0d.

District No. 19—High Weighs to Springhill.

Collectors—Messrs And. Moreland and Wm. Morran.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Gavin Dalziel,	1	0	John Young,	25	0
David Campbell,	1	6	Andrew Pringle,	4	0
Miss Nisbet,	2	0	Rev. John Alexander,	10	0
John M'Dougall,	1	0			

Total—£2 4s 6d.

District—Glenbuck East.

Collectors—Messrs A. Wallace, R. Crosbie, T. Weir, and Andrew Crosbie.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Mr C. Howatson,	60	0	Mr Halliday,	1	0
Mrs Howatson,	40	0	Mr Martin,	4	0
Mrs Arthur,	1	0	Arch. Robertson,	4	0
Margt. M'Crae,	1	0	James M'Kerrow,	4	0
Lizzie Jamieson,	1	0	Mrs Boyes,	1	0
Mr Lindsay,	1	0	Mr Reid,	1	0

Total—£5 19s 0d.

District—Glenbuck Central.

Collectors—Messrs John Stitt and Thos. Brown.

	s.	d.		s.	d,
Eliz. Kerr,	4	0	John Rodger,	5	0
Miss Bain,	2	6	Miss Clark,	2	0
Robt. Duncan,	6	0	Rev. C. M'Kenzie,	5	0
George Bain,	1	0	Miss Cassels,	1	6
Alex. Wallace,	1	0	Mrs Stitt,	1	0
Mary Wallace,	1	0	Richard Bain,	1	0

Total—£1 11s 0d.

District—Glenbuck West.

Collector—Mr John Forsyth.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Alex. Gibson,	1	0	J. & T. Johnstone,	2	0

Total—3s.

District No. 20—Muirkirk Merchants.

Collector—Mr Wm. Blackwood.

Robt Thomson,	4	0	Jas. Murdoch,	4	0
Miss Johnstone,	2	0	Jas. Dickson,	8	0
John Smith,	4	0	Mrs Alston,	4	0
John Armstrong,	2	0	Mrs Wallace,	4	0
James Kerr,	1	6	Alex. Vallance,	1	6
Mrs Hendry,	4	0	D. B. Greenwood,	4	0
Robt. Jack,	12	0	J. H. Preston,	4	0
Wm. Blackwood,	3	0	Wm. Weir,	4	0
Andrew Findlay,	2	0	W. S. Smith,	4	0
Wm. Pearson,	10	0	Robt. Young,	4	0
John Halliday,	4	0	Mrs Scott,	4	0
Wm. Thorburn,	4	0	Wm. Henderson,	4	0
John Kennedy,	4	0	James Cook,	2	0
Wm. Vallance,	4	0	N. Da Prato,	4	0
Miss Gibson,	4	0	Jas. Brown,	6	0
Jas. H. Mitchell,	4	0	John Kerr,	4	0
John Geddes,	4	0	James Steele,	2	0
John Hogg,	4	0	Neil Buchanan,	4	0

Total—£7 8s 0d.

Grand Total—£127 8s 8d.

JOHN YOUNG, Treasurer.

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A MEETING of the above TROOP will be held in KAMES INSTITUTE, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING, at 7 o'clock, to arrange for a Day's Outing.

All Scouts are requested to attend.

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The Children will be conveyed by Carts and Lorries, kindly granted for the occasion.

Scholars to meet in Church at 10.45 a.m.; Leave for Greenockmains at 11.

Scholars attending Sabbath School, Free; Other Children, 4d; Adults, 6d. Adult Tickets to be had from teachers.

In connection with above Mr Greenwood will run Motor Cars—Double Journey, 1s 3d, leaving the Church at 11 a.m., and every twenty minutes thereafter from the Garage, as long as required, taking about 18 persons each run. Secure tickets early, and make sure of your seat.

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In order to ensure a speedier service for my customers at the week-end, I find it necessary to intimate that after this week there will be

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until further notice.

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MUIRKIRK PARISH SCHOOL BOARD.

OPENING OF SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS.

The Board have recently had under consideration the question of the limited accommodation in the village for the recreation of children, and have decided to OPEN THE PLAYGROUNDS in the various Schools after School Hours and on Saturdays for their use, on condition that the property of the Board and adjoining proprietors is respected, otherwise the privilege will be withdrawn.

It is hoped that, by the behaviour of the children in the playgrounds, the Board will have no reason to rescind their resolution.

JAS. CALDWELL, *Clerk.*

Muirkirk, 22nd June, 1916.

SATURDAY, 1ST JULY.

FLAG DAY

in MUIRKIRK and GLENBUCK,
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WANTED by Muirkirk Gas-Light Company, Ltd., Collector, male or female; salary, £12 per annum. Particulars as to duties, &c., may be had from and applications lodged with the undersigned, on or before Saturday, 1st July.

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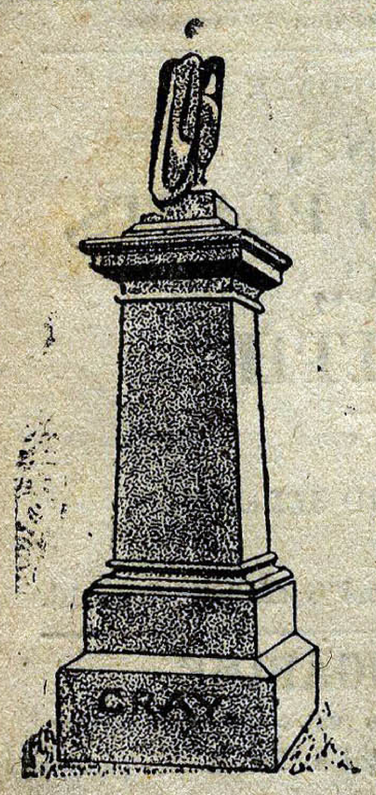

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Marriage.

ALEXANDER—CROUCH.—At St. Paul's Parish Church, Glasgow, on the 20th inst., by the Rev. Gordon Quig, B.D., the Rev. John Alexander, M.A., to Martha, daughter of the late Thomas Crouch.—At home, Kames Manse, Muirkirk, 13th and 14th July.

In Memoriam.

M'KINLAY.—In loving memory of our dear father, James M'Kinlay, who died at Kirkgreen, Muirkirk, 23rd June, 1913.

Not dead to us, we love him still,
Not lost, but gone before;
He lives with us in memory,
And will for evermore.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1916.

Local News.

GLENBUCK coalfield has been let to a firm of coalmasters in Coatbridge.

BOWLING.—The usual evening tournament was held last night, when the winners of the prizes given by Messrs J. Murray and W. Kay, were:—D. Alexander, N. Da Prato, and Jas. Kerr (skip).

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS.—At a meeting of the Glasgow Technical College, held on Tuesday, it was reported that the following students, among others, mostly foreigners, had satisfied the examiners for the final examinations, and had been awarded the Diploma of the College:—In the department of mechanical engineering—Mr James Greenshields, Jun., Muirkirk; in the department of mining engineering—Mr Colin M'Luckie, Muirkirk.

MUIRKIRK GAS-LIGHT COMPANY, LTD.—The annual general meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held in the office at the Gas Works on Monday evening. Mr Wm. Pearson, vice-chairman, presided. The report for the year was submitted by the Secretary, Mr Thomas Jackson, and showed that 4,412,400 feet of gas had been consumed during the year, being slightly less than the previous year, while there had been lost by escape and condensation 14·8 per cent. The coal consumed amounted to 588 tons—6 tons more than during the previous year, the average cost per ton being 18s, against 13s 2d for the preceding year. There had been 489 consumers—an increase of 10, and 51 street lamps. The number of cubic feet of gas got from each ton of coal averaged 8700 as compared with 9288 got last year. The profit for the year amounted to £134 8s 1½d, fully £50 less than last year. The report was unanimously adopted, and a dividend of 7½ per cent declared. The retiring directors were Messrs John Halliday and Thomas Anderson. In connection with the former, Mr Pearson intimated that only that day he had had the pleasure of seeing Mr Halliday. Mr Halliday had expressed his regret at not being able to attend the meetings owing to the state of his health, and had remarked on the great pleasure he had derived from the work and in coming in contact with the directors, but the time had come when he wished to retire. Mr Thomas Anderson was re-appointed to the Board of Directors, and Mr Thomas Sloan was elected to the vacancy. Mr Pearson, who has been vice-chairman for several years, was appointed chairman, and Mr Jas. G. Richmond vice-chairman. Mr Pearson again referred to the services Mr Halliday had rendered the Company as chairman for a number of years, and the secretary was instructed to write the late chairman assuring him that his services had been much appreciated, and the regret of all concerned that the state of his health did not permit of his remaining in office. Some discussion took place as to the alarming price of coal, and the fact that it was expected contracts would have to be made at still higher prices. As a comparison it was mentioned that not so many years ago the contract price was from 6s to 8s per ton against 18s and over last year. It was mentioned that other gas companies have raised the price of gas by 7½d per 1000 feet, and in view of the increased cost of labour, material, and coal it was felt that in the meantime at least there was no option but to raise the price by one halfpenny per hundred feet, and this with much reluctance. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

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MUSICAL.—At an examination under the auspices of the Trinity College of Music, London, held in Kilmarnock recently, Miss Annie L. Wilson, Wellwood Street, gained an excellent pass for pianoforte playing in the First Steps Division. Miss Wilson is a pupil of Miss Mary G. Hutchison, St Bride's.

SCHOLASTIC.—At a special meeting of Muirkirk School Board, held on Tuesday evening, Mr F. J. Gordon, M.A., assistant, Hutcheson's Girls' Grammar School, Glasgow, was unanimously appointed headmaster of Furnace Road School. All the members were present. In next week's issue we hope to refer shortly to Mr Gordon's attainments and career.

GOLF.—The best returns in a two-round competition last Saturday were—1, Mr Matthew Dickson, 78; 2, Mr D. Murdoch, 83. Last night (Wednesday) the winner was Mr. D. Rennie with 77, while Mr Dickson was second with 78. Mr Richmond also returned a 78 card, but, for having played the wrong ball at one hole, was disqualified. As this might happen again it is as well to warn competitors that several of the balls now being used have the same colour spots and markings, so besides these the name or private mark should be affixed before commencing play, and ascertained before playing the shot.

VISIT OF LOCAL SOLDIERS.—During the past few days two local soldiers who have been doing their bit in France have been visiting their homes here.—Priv. Robert Kennedy, of the Army Service Corps, and Priv. John Laidlaw, of the Footballers' Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment. Priv. Kennedy is employed as a wheeler, and is engaged in making repairs and proceeding with convoys to the firing line, as it appears that a wheeler and a saddler are sent with each convoy of waggons, etc., in case of accidents. Robert was looking well and fit, having evidently plenty of work. As reported several weeks ago, Private John Laidlaw was unfortunate enough to lose an eye at the Front, but he has so far recovered as to be able to spend a few days at home with his folks and friends. A grenade burst a yard or two from him, and one splinter entered his left eye, while another pierced a book in his pocket. John considers himself fortunate, and yet unfortunate. Both young men think very little of France as a country.

MASONIC SERVICE.—On Sabbath afternoon last a masonic service was held in the Parish Church, under the auspices of Lodge St. Thomas. The brethren met in the Temple, and paraded to the church, headed by the Parish Silver Band. The weather was splendid, and doubtless this to a great extent was responsible for the large turnout of members of the craft and of the public; and the brethren, headed by the Band, walking in pairs in regalia and according to seniority of lodge, made quite an imposing array. In the church an appropriate sermon was preached by Brother the Rev. John Henderson, B.D., parish minister, from the text—"The sons of Merari," to a large congregation. During the proceedings a collection was taken on behalf of the Local War Relief Fund, by which the Fund should get a substantial lift. After the service the brethren paraded to the Temple. This was probably the largest church parade that had ever taken place in Muirkirk, considerably over 100 being present, and it was notable for the large turnout of representatives from other lodges, these accounting for more than half of the total number present. The following are the names of the lodges represented, with their places in the procession:—Lodge Newlands, Coalburn, No. 949; Lodge Hozier, Douglas Water, No. 912; Lodge Thane of Fife, Cowdenbeath, No. 781; Lodge Ellangowan, Milngavie, No. 716; Lodge Livingstone St. Andrews, Motherwell, No. 573; Lodge Bonnie Doon, Patna, No. 565; Lodge Burns St. Mary, Hurlford, No. 505; Lodge St. John, Catrine, No. 497; Lodge St. John, New Cumnock, No. 334; Lodge Lockhart St. John, Carnwath, No. 248; Lodge St. Andrews, Glenbuck, No. 245; Lodge Houstoun St. Johnstone, Johnstone, No. 242; Lodge Girvan St. John, Girvan, No. 237; Lodge St. Barnabas, Old Cumnock, No. 230; Lodge Old Monkland St. James, Coatbridge, No. 177; Lodge St. Bride, Douglas, No. 118; Lodge Old St. John, Lanark, No. 21; Lodge St. John, Lesmahagow, No. 20; Lodge St. Thomas, Muirkirk, No. 201;

HONOUR ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

MUIRKIRK MAN WINS THE MILITARY MEDAL.

Information reached Muirkirk this week of an honour that has fallen to one of Muirkirk's sons, in Sergeant John Halliday, of the 7th Royal Scots Fusiliers. Sergeant Halliday has been awarded the Military Medal in connection with bomb-throwing in France, he being in charge of a bombing section. The Military Medal is a new decoration by the King, and Sergeant Halliday is the first in the battalion to receive the honour.

Sergeant Halliday, who is a big powerful young man of 22 years of age, was born in the wilds of the parish—at Whitehaugh. After leaving school he was engaged in farm work, and before enlisting in the Army at the very beginning of the war, in August, 1914, was employed as

under-gamekeeper at Wellwood. The first in the parish to join Kitchener's Army, it is consistent that he should be hall-marked in this way. He joined the 6th R.S.F., and was drafted to England for training. While in training he was operated on for appendicitis, and is one of the few men who has carried about with him his appendix in his pocket. This he did for a time by way of a joke, and for exhibition purposes, in a glass tube. He was sent to France fully a year ago. First he was gassed, and was back only one day in the trenches when he was wounded, this in the battle of Loos, but was able to resume after about a month.

Sergeant Halliday was only four days a private when he was raised to lance-corporal, while he was a short time ago appointed sergeant, and it was while he was acting as such with a bombing party that he won the honour that has just befallen him. He has seen some hard fighting. As before mentioned, he joined the 6th R.S.F.; that battalion was almost decimated in one of the battles, and the remnant, of which he formed a unit, was afterwards attached to the 7th Battalion.

Sergeant Halliday's father is employed on Glenbuck estate, and he, along with the whole community, must feel proud of his son's achievement.

Through the courtesy of Captain G. A. Greig, of the R.S.F., Ayr, we are enabled to inform our readers that the Military Medal was recently instituted by His Majesty the King for gallantry and devotion to duty, and ranks next after the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

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CHATS ON POULTRY KEEPING,

BY JAMES GARROW, LOANHEAD.

WHITE COMB.

I have had several complaints of this troublesome disease lately. It is almost akin to scaly legs, and quite as infectious. It is also a parasitic trouble, but yields quickly to prompt treatment. It is a sort of scurvy eruption, as if the comb had been thickly powdered. This is cast or peeled off, and is undoubtedly the means of affecting the rest of the stock. It has also a very lowering effect on the constitution, and is altogether a very troublesome disease if it is allowed to get a hold. The best cure I have found for this, even when in an advanced stage, is to rub the comb well with paraffin or turpentine, and then anoint with carbolic ointment. This can be done night and morning for three days. The comb should then be washed with warm water and the ointment again put on. Sulphur ointment is also an excellent cure, in fact it arrests all parasitical troubles. The ointment should be applied at night, and the parts well bathed with hot water in the morning before the ointment is used again. Three applications of the latter are usually sufficient to effect a cure. It is always a good plan to give birds affected in this way a dose of Glauber's Salts in their water. Glauber's Salts are much more active on the liver than the usual Epsom Salts.

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Men are mostly like tea leaves—real strength and goodness do not properly come out until they have been in hot water.

JUST A SETTLEMENT.

THE elderly, benevolent-looking gentleman approached the man and his wife, who were quarreling bitterly.

"My dear friend," he said, "this won't do at all, you know."

"What have you got to do with it?" snarled the man.

"Nothing at all, except so far as I can help in settling this dispute,"

"There ain't no dispute," growled the husband.

"No dispute? But, my dear friend——"

"I tell you there ain't no dispute. She thinks she ain't going to get my week's wages, and I know she ain't. So where's any dispute?"

IT CAN'T BE DONE.

"Yes, sir, one hour's uninterrupted reading each evening would make you——"

"Uninterrupted? Where do you think my wife spends her evenings?"

ONLY ON THE SURFACE.

"By jingo," said her husband as he slipped on his dinner jacket, "you look nice in that new dress, love, for a fact. It cost me a heap of money, though."

"You dear old thing," said his wife as she posed before the glass, "what do I care for money when it's a question of pleasing you?"

Original Poetry.

TAM WHYTE.

If when in the village ye pass Meikle's Raw,
Ye'll see a wee signboard nailed up on the wa'
Whereon in big letters the name is displayed—
O Tammas Whyte, Senior, a tailor tae trade.

For twa or three centuries, or langer than that,
Tam's worthy ancestors hae whuppit the cat,
And Tammas aye tells as he whups in the steeks,
"A Whyte made auld Adam his first pair o' breeks."

Esteemed an' respected by a' ye may ken,
He's dubbed by his cronies "the wale o' gude men"
In fac' it's a pleesure, as mony can tell,
Tae meet an' forgether wi' Tammas himsel'.

An' auld residenter, an' reared in a schuil
When folk leeved on parritch an' dab-at-the-stule;
Yont three score an' ten, he's aye workin' awa',
An' spens his spare time wi' a hobby or twa.

A hobby o' Tam's is the clachan's folk-lore,
Its legends an' annals he kens by the score,
An' a' its traditions since it was begun,
And found by degrees a sma' place in the sun.

An' a' the auld ruins that lie roon aboot
Tam prods their foundations an' traces them oot,
Then rakes up their story and gleans frae the past
Wha built them, wha owned them, wha leeved in them last.

The clachan's antiquities, though they are few,
Tam mak's it a hobby tae study them too,
An' mony a ramble an' tramp he has ta'en
Tae view an' examine some crannog or stane.

In fac' the hale pairish Tam kens tae an inch,
Frae west o' Laigh Wellwood up by tae Darnhinch,
An' a' its grey mountains an' laigher knowe-taps
He has them a' measured an' drawn on his maps.

The streams o' the pairish, each river an' brook,
He quaintly describes in his manuscript book,
An' ilka wee burn frae Bogheid tae Hare-shaw,
Dod, Tammas can tell ye the names o' them a'.

Again, oor auld worthy, as you will surmise,
Gaes in for collectin' moths, bettles, an' flies,
An' mony an' eenin' Tam spens wi' his net,
Exploring the pairish for what he can get.

An' should a rare insect appear on the scene,
Sae anxious is Tammas tae see't on a preen,
Though bord'rin' on eighty I'm certain an' sure,
Tam sprints for that insect a t twal miles an 'oor.

Tae view his collection is truly a treat,
There's moths, jenny-spinners, an' meg-mony-feet,
An' butterflies gethered frae moorland and dell,
An' some gey an' rare anes cocooned by himsel'.

Perhaps you will scoff me, an' laugh when I say,
I've telt but the hauf o' what Tammas can dae,
For aye in the spring-time an lang summer oors,
He adds tae his hobbies an' cultivates floo'rs.

He dabbles in fossils, an' searches the stanes,
An' studies wi' pleesure the ancient remains
That prove a Creation lang vanished an' past,
Ere man frae the Gairden o' Eden was cast.

Acquainted wi' sorrow, nae stranger tae grief,
Tam finds in his hobbies a welcome relief,
An' reaps in this worl' o' venom an' strife
The pleesure an' peace o' a weel ordered life.

Then a' ye time-wasters that warm 'Culloch's dyke,
Ye winda-sole hatchers, or ony sich-like,
Just imitate Tammas, an' ramble abroad,
An' study through Nature the wonders of God.

THOMAS FLOYD.

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MIRANDA'S ENGAGEMENT.

By MAY BATEMAN.

Why no engagement that has ever pleased the two persons mainly concerned has yet been known to satisfy the rest of the world is a problem difficult for engaged couples to solve. Until Miranda had expressed her intention of being married to the man she cared for, her family had spoken of her with that half-pitiful condescension with which one mentions any ordinary useful household adjunct that is not only warranted to wear well, but has already seen service.

Miranda had a certain number of "home duties" to fulfil as the one remaining unmarried daughter of a large family, which had once been well-to-do, and was so no longer; she fulfilled those duties—from her married sister's shopping commissions to discussions with the family lawyer—usually without recognition. She was the most social member of her family by nature, but aptitude and family criticism had made her domestic. It was possible that in her absence the cook would fail to remember that when the eldest married brother came to dine his tastes inclined to a strict vegetarian diet, whereas, on the other hand, when the youngest married brother and his wife were invited the preference was in favour of red mullet and wild duck. Upon foundations such as these the peace of many a surburban household is erected, and it is possible that Miranda's memory—through long training—had become more necessary to her relations' welfare than certain of those relations had realised up to the present.

In any case, the subject of her engagement was the occasion of a series of family conclaves, and appeared a topic of absorbing interest to everybody but Miranda herself.

"If he only had money—money covers such a multitude of sins," quoted the second sister, who had married the proprietor of "Tidman's Patent Nursery Mats," unaware that her remark was capable of personal application.

This special family conclave—was it the eighteenth or the twenty-eighth? Miranda and her fiancé had lost count—was taking place, as usual, in Mrs. Tidman's handsome drawing-room in Park-lane. That lady wore a magnificent gown of black velvet, a late Paris importation; on her fingers and breast were jewels which, if converted into coin of the realm, would probably have represented an annual income to the misguided couple of whom she was speaking. But Mrs. Tidman prided herself on economy, and, indeed, there were many items of expenditure which she had cut down to the smallest possible amount. She had that morning, for instance, sent her small daughter to a convent school on account of its cheapness, and was even now congratulating herself that a family quarrel with Miranda on the score of her marriage would at least obviate the necessity of providing her with wedding presents.

"Possibly Miranda is under the impression that the rest of the family will provide for her; she never had the least idea of the value of one's philanthropic claims," sighed she. "Improvident marriages are just the last thing which any really Christian woman should dream of encouraging," she added piously.

"If he had any great social position, one might think differently about it," said the wife of a knight, who had lately received his honours, stroking the folds of her turned silk gown with some acerbity. Miranda's fiancé, as a matter of fact, was the poor member of a very well-known family, but in family discussion of any sort or kind it is useful to ignore a point which tells in favour of the absentee.

"It is so selfish of Miranda to want to be married at all," chimed in a married daughter of no special account. She happened, however, to live nearer Miranda's home than the rest, and it was possible that her services might thus be requisitioned in case of illness or emergency. "The middle daughter is always expected to stay at home and look after things—the others are always either older or younger, you see," she explained, somewhat lamely.

"Why Miranda can't be happy in Battersea, I cannot see," said the eldest sister, who had just driven up from her country house in her motor. "Six days out of seven the food at mother's house is really very good—and there are those charming Vicarage girls and the doctor's daughters in the next block of flats; and when you catch an omnibus it takes you to Sloane Street in three-quarters of an hour or so. Of course, Miranda's greatest friends don't live in Battersea, I know; but then, she's always been rather by way of being religious—and if you've never to give up anything for anybody, whatever is the use of Lent?" she concluded, with some inconsequence.

"I call it all perfectly beastly," broke in the youngest brother but one, home from Winchester. "When Dick" (Dick was the youngest of the family) "gets ill, I shall have to write all the letters home now. When Miranda's home, one just wires to her—or sometimes she seems to guess and comes down just that day—and then she stays and looks after him, and amuses him, and that. It'll be awful rot if I have to give up all my time in hospital looking after Dick—besides, you jolly well don't catch me doing it, that's all."

"There is no discussion necessary," said another sister firmly. "The beginning and end of it all is it simply can't be allowed. We can't have the whole peace of the family broken up to suit one person's convenience. It must be put a stop to, once and for all. Mother must be made to exert her authority. She's the only person who can, unfortunately, and as for Miranda——"

"Yes, it's really disgracefully selfish of Miranda," said the youngest sister, languidly. "It isn't as if she were a chicken, either. Why people should want to get married at all after twenty-six I can't imagine. By the way, where is Miranda today? I went to mother's this morning to inquire for her, and they were both out."

"There was some talk of her buying those new gowns for Elsie," said the motor-car sister, whose town house was five minutes from Bond Street. "Elsie actually wrote to me about them; but, of course, I sent her letter on to Miranda. I really have no time to do that sort of thing. Besides, it's such a thankless task choosing things for other people."

"Well, it was exceedingly selfish of Miranda to take mother with her," said the youngest sister, yawning. "I was horribly hard up this morning, and went round to ask mother to lend me a fiver, and there she was gallivanting off with Miranda, nobody knew where."

Most of the sisters had collected there outdoor garments by now.

"We've agreed on the main point, anyhow: Miranda's engagement can't be allowed," said one of them, summing up the matter finally, if with the lack of grammatical accuracy.

At that moment the butler threw open the door, and a slight, elderly woman entered the room slowly.

"Mother! Why, what brings you so far? What on earth has happened?" cried Mrs. Tidman anxiously — the rest of the family were too taken aback to speak.

For a moment Mrs. Heatherly did not answer. She looked from one to another of her children's heated faces, and took in the situation at a glance.

"You were talking about Miranda's engagement again, I suppose?" she asked quietly. "Disturb yourselves no longer. The engagement no longer exists."

"You've put a stop to it, as we wished? Dear mother, how wise of you!" cried a delighted chorus of voices.

Mrs. Heatherly helped herself to a piece of cake from a silver basket handed her by the second footman, with some deliberation.

"Yes," she said. "You are right. I have put a stop to it. Miranda, acting under my advice, and in my presence, was married this morning." She consulted her watch. "By now, I expect, her husband and she must be in France," she concluded placidly.

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MUIRKIRK TO GLASGOW.

	a.m.	a.m.	Sats. only p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Sats. only p.m.
Muirkirk lve	7.0	9.25	1-15	3-55	6-10	8-30
Auchinleck ,,	8.16	9.50	1-41	4.19	6-39	9-0
Mauchline ,,	8-25	10-0	1-51	4-29	6-55	9-98
Ayr arr		11-3	3-35		7-21	10-30
Kilmarnock	8-42	10-18	2-11	4-41	7-10	9-33
Glasgow arr	9-31	11-32	2-58	5-31	7-55	10-3

GLASGOW TO MUIRKIRK.

	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	Sats. only p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Sats. only p.m
Glasgow lve	6-45	9-30		2-30	4-17	5-35	8-15
Kilmarnock	8-10	10-12		3-10	5-6	6-21	9-4
Ayr	7-40	9-30			4-5	5-45	
Mauchline	8-31	10-32		3-28	5-27	6-42	9-25
Auchinleck,	8-41	10-41		3-40	5-40	7-5	9-40
Muirkirk arr	9-12	11-7		4-2	6-2	7-27	10-2

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	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Saturdays only p.m.	p.m
Muirkirk lve	7-15		1-0	7-15	3-15	
Cronberry	7-25		1-10	7-25	3-25	
Cumnock	7-32		1-17	7-32	3-32	
Ayr arr	8-16		2-2	8-17	4-17	

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

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MUIRKIRK TO EDINBURGH.

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

EDINBURGH TO MUIRKIRK.

		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Edinburgh	leave	6-30	10-15	4-15
Carstairs	,,	8-0	11.40	5-38
Glasgow	,,	6-12	10-25	†5-0
Lanark	,,	8-31	12-0	6-5
Douglas West	,,	8-57	12-25	6-35
Inches	,,	9-4	12-32	6-42
Glenbuck	,,	9-9	12-37	6-47
Muirkirk	arrive	9-17	12-45	6-57

†4-30 p.m. on Saturdays.

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CHILDREN ACT, 1908.

Notice to Persons receiving Children under Seven years of age for Payment.

THE following are the Chief Provisions of the Law stated in general terms:—

1. Every person who undertakes for payment the nursing and maintenance of any child under the age of Seven, apart from its parents for more than 48 hours, must at once give notice to the Parish Council.

The notice must state the name and sex of the child, the date and place of its birth, the name of the person receiving it, and the dwelling where it is being kept; and also the name and address of the person from whom it has been received.

Any person receiving an infant for a lump sum must give notice to the Parish Council within 48 hours In default, any sum received is liable to be forfeited.

2. If a person who has received a child changes his residence, he must at once give notice of his removal to the Parish Council, and if he removes to another parish he must give to the Parish Council of such parish the same notice as was required on the first reception of the child.

3. If the child is transferred to the care of another person, notice must at once be given of the name and address of that person. Notice must also be given to the Parish Council in the event of the death of the child.

4. Any person who, before the 1st April, 1909, undertook the nursing and maintenance of a child for payment must, if the child is still with him, give notice to the Parish Council, unless when he received the child he gave the notice then required by law.

5. All such notices shall be in writing, and shall either be delivered at the Parish Council Office or sent by registered letter to the Clerk.

6. In case of the death of the child notice must be given to the Procurator-Fiscal within 24 hours.

7. All persons receiving children under Seven for payment must admit the Visitor or other person appointed by the Parish Council to inspect the infants and the premises where they are kept.

8. They must also obey the directions of the Parish Council with regard to the number of children who may be received in any place, and with regard to the removal of any child from their care.

9. No child under Seven shall be kept for payment by a person who has been deprived of the care of any child by order of the Parish Council, or of a Sheriff, Magistrate, or Justice of the Peace, or by a person who has been convicted of cruelty to a child, unless the Parish Council consent in writing; and no child under Seven shall (without such consent) be kept in any premises from which an infant has been removed because the premises were dangerous or insanitary.

10. *Persons receiving infants for reward are prohibited from insuring the lives of the infants.*

11. Every person who disobeys these requirements is liable to be sent to prison for six months or to be fined £25, and the Court may order any infant in respect of which the offence was committed to be removed to a place of safety.

12. These requirements do not apply to Hospitals, Charitable Institutions, or Boarding Schools, nor to the parents or legal guardians of the children, nor to their grandparents, brothers, sisters, uncles, or aunts.

JAS. CALDWELL,
Inspector and Clerk.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
WELLWOOD STREET,
MUIRKIRK, JUNE, 1916.

Public Notices.

EUROPEAN WAR.

The REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of MUIRKIRK PARISH WAR RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE will take place in the PUBLIC HALL, GLENBUCK, on TUESDAY FIRST, 4th JULY, at 7.30 p.m.

Subscriptions collected up to week ending 24th June should be in Treasurer's hands not later than Monday, 3rd July. Collectors kindly note.

ANDREW PRINGLE, Secy.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Owing to my being called up for Service with His Majesty's Forces as from 8th July next, my

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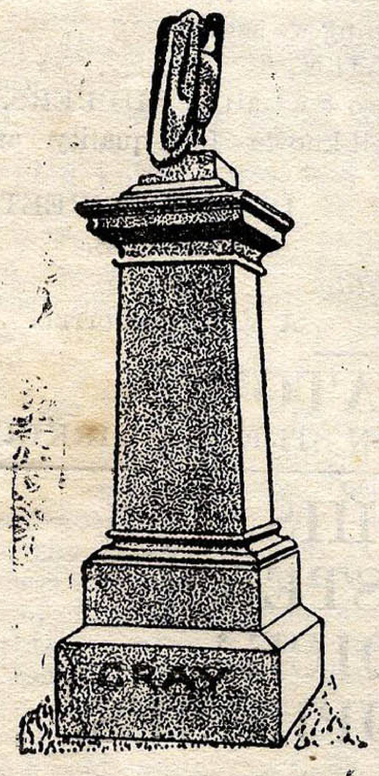

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In Memoriam.

ANDERSON. — In loving memory of Elspeth Anderson (beloved daughter of Matthew and Jane Anderson), who died at Furnace Road, Muirkirk, 30th June, 1910.

Not dead to us, we love her still;
Not lost, but gone before;
She lives with us in memory still,
And will for evermore.

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THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1916.

Local News.

MOTOR TRIP.—On Saturday last a motor trip was held under the auspices of the Muirkirk Branch of the Co-operative Women's Guild. The number taking part in the excursion was limited to 25, through it being found impossible to get more conveyances. The destination of the party was the works of the United Co-operative Baking Society in Glasgow. Leaving Muirkirk shortly after seven o'clock in the morning, on arrival in the city the members fortified themselves with breakfast in the St. Mungo's Halls, and then made tracks for the works. The ladies were conducted through the various departments of the works, and saw bread, biscuits, fancies, and oatcakes in course of manufacture. The company were specially struck with one machine, into which flour was put at one end and biscuits fired and ready for consumption came rolling out at the other. The making, packing, and labelling of biscuit tins also claimed their attention. In the evening the party left for Kilmarnock where they had high tea, and reached Muirkirk again about 10.30 after a splendid outing.

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WEEKLY TOURNAMENT.—The usual weekly evening tournament for behoof of the local War Relief Fund took place last night, when the winners of Mr John A. Geddes's prizes were Messrs James Wilson, J. M'A. Blackwood, A. Shaw No. 2, and Hugh Bell (skip).

GOLF.—Two-round competitions were carried out on Saturday last, and again last night (Wednesday). The number of entrants were 7 and 9 respectively. Saturday's winners were Mr D. Rennie (74) and Mr D. Murdoch (76), and the same two were prizemen last night in reversed order, Mr D. Murdoch being 76 and Mr D. Rennie 79.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Friday evening a distressing fatality occurred on the G. & S.-W. Railway just outside Muirkirk Station. John Lamb Robertson, a lad of 16 years, employed as a cleaner on the Caledonian Railway, had had occasion to go from the shed or its vicinity to the pointsbox just outside Muirkirk station, and was in the act of crossing the line on the return journey when he was run down by the passenger train from Ayr due at Muirkirk at 7.10 p.m. The stair leading to the cabin is on the east side of the box, while the train was approaching from the west, and it is understood that deceased saw the train coming, but imagined that he had time to enter the cabin and recross the rails before the train could come up. Although warned of the danger, he ran down the stair, and was caught on the four-feet way and killed instantaneously. The body was found between the rails. Deceased belonged to Braidwood, and came to Muirkirk about a year ago. The remains were removed to Braidwood on Saturday, and interred in Milton Cemetery, Carluke, on Tuesday.

CASE OF MISTAKEN DESIGNATION.—In last week's issue we mentioned the honour that had befallen Sergeant John Halliday, under the heading of "Muirkirk man wins the Military Medal." The other day we had a chatty letter from the Sergeant, and in that letter he refers to himself as "the Glenbuck man." Although he was born at Whitehaugh, and enlisted from Wellwood, he evidently considers Glenbuck his home, and appears to have a warm heart for it, so we hasten to give Glenbuck the credit. The Sergeant relates the circumstances of his winning the medal—bomb-throwing from a sap for twelve hours at a stretch, and says he thinks he'll be the first Glenbuck man to win honours in the war, although he would like to finish off with the V.C. He hopes there are further honours in store for the lads from Muirkirk and Glenbuck. On the day he wrote the letter (23rd June—only last Friday) he had seen one or two of the Muirkirk boys (Muirkirk this time, mind you) of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and they had just newly arrived. The first he saw was his friend, Duncan Robb, the barber. The Sergeant was sitting on the firing step as they were passing by. It was a happy meeting, although both agreed that they would rather watch the Cherries and the Athletic at a scrap on Ladeside. But Duncan and his chums had to move on, and the interview ended.

RAMBLERS CLUB.—The June ramble of the above club took place last Saturday, the destination on this occasion being Cumnock Water district. The weather being all that could be desired for this form of recreation, there was a fair turnout of members, and Mr Robert Steven, A.G.T.C., acted as leader. Leaving Muirkirk Railway Station with the 9.25 a.m. train, the party detrained at Cronberry. Proceeding from there on foot to the village of Lugar, in the little glade known as the Bella Path an interesting series of plants was collected and examined. Joining the Lugar Water at the birthplace of Murdoch, the inventor of lighting by coal gas, an inspection was made of the old mill. A bronze tablet erected by the gas managers of Scotland to the memory of Murdoch was in evidence on the wall of his birthplace, and a visitors' book kept inside was signed by several of the party. The cave hewn out of the solid rock, where Murdoch had worked out several of his experiments, was also visited. The party then proceeded down the Water, where the geological features were carefully noted, a splendid lesson in field geology being gained by the members, several of whom aspire to honours in the mining world. They were therefore able to combine profitable instruction with a pleasant outing. This method of assimilating knowledge has everything to commend it; as the old saying goes "An ounce of practice is worth a pound of theory." Keeping to the bed of the river, the party examined the whole series of exposed rocks down to the railway viaduct. This valley is one of the finest in this part of Scotland, and it is a pity it should have been turned into the dumping ground for refuse and rubbish from the villages of Lugar and Cumnock, the æsthetic taste of those in authority seemingly being at a very low ebb in that district. The ramble was very much enjoyed by all who took part in it, and they are already looking forward to the next outing.

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SABBATH SCHOOL TRIPS.

Saturday last was observed in the district as Sabbath School Walk Day, and from early morning the folks gave themselves up to festivity. On such occasions the weather plays a very important part, and a better day for a picnic never dawned. The epithet "The deil's aye guid tae his ain bairns" got the knock on Saturday. The fact that it was the miners' fortnightly idle day, combined with the brilliant sunshine, tempted out an abnormal number of youngsters and adults.

KAMES CHURCH.

The children of Kames Church foregathered in the "cathedral" on the Southside, and were given a few instructions by Mr David Campbell as to how they were to do their duty that day by one another and to their teachers. They afterwards filed out of the Church, to find, to their delight, the band of the Kames Troop of Boy Scouts in waiting to convoy them to the field. A procession was formed, gay with colour, and merry with the music of the band and the cheers of the children, and the company marched over the moor to a park which had been specially set aside for their use for the day on Upper Wellwood farm. The younger children were conveyed on lorries, much to their delight and also the onlookers. On arrival at the park every one entered into the enjoyment of the day, and the parents and friends who arrived later also joined in the frolic. There was a very large company, close on 400 being present. The superintendent and the teachers had everything well organised and the utmost heartiness prevailed, and although there was a little delay in bringing up extra provisions to feed the multitude every one looked contented and happy even down to the babies in the perambulators. For the necessary to square the bills for the picnic the management are indebted to Colonel Baird, Mr Robert Augus, and others, while Messrs and Miss Buchanan most kindly placed a lovely park at the disposal of the children, and helped in many ways to make that Saturday a "red letter" day.

UNITED FREE CHURCH.

The children of the U. F. Church and their teachers assembled at the Church at 11 o'clock, and marched to Tardoes, where, by the kindness of Mr Semple, they were accommodated in a splendid field north to the farmhouse. Refreshments having been partaken of, swings were rigged up, and the usual sports, games, and competitions for prizes were engaged in. The weather was of the finest, and a most enjoyable day was spent by young and old. In the evening the appearance in the east of dark masses of clouds led to a somewhat hurried departure, and prevented the votes of thanks being given in the usually hearty fashion. No rain fell, however, and all got home in safety, greatly pleased with the day's outing.

PARISH CHURCH.

It was s gay and animated scene in the Kirkgreen on Saturday fornoon—carts, lorries, motor cars, brakes, the horses decorated, the children in their bright dresses, and Old Sol smiling on the proceedings, made a lasting impression on the memory. The carts were kindly lent by the farmers and others in the neighbourhood to convey the children to Greenock Mains, where they were to be the guests of Mr and Mrs Foster. The turn-out of children and adults was a record for Muirkirk, for which the genial day and the Auld Kirk trip's reputation were together responsible. At 11 o'clock the procession of 17 carts, filled to their utmost capacity with joyous youth, made a move from the Kirkgreen, leaving behind a disconsolate band of over 80 boys, whose dejection changed to delirious joy when they found that their resourceful minister, Mr Henderson, had chartered Mr Greenwood's fleet of motor cars for their benefit. Parents and friends journeyed to the field by motor, brake, and cycle. Arrived at the field, the children were seated in rows, and soon were sampling the generous bag of dainties and delicious milk distributed by the teachers. Games, swings, races, football, and tug-of-war followed in the afternoon, and at five o'clock all again refreshed the inner man. Some of the adults began to return home, and so great was the number desirous of patronising the trip that the last motor load from Muirkirk met the first contingent of home-coming trippers. One gentleman's estimate of the total number who travelled was "twa millions." A start homeward of the main body was made shortly after six o'clock, but it was 9.15 before Greenock Mains saw the last motor car depart, bearing the "shepherds" of the picnic and one or two of the flock that had strayed. Thus ended a memorable trip, enjoyed by all. The behaviour of the children was exemplary, as usual, and their hosts paid them the compliment of giving them an invitation back again some other day. Mr and Mrs Foster were kindness personified, entertained the teachers and friends to tea, and in a hundred little ways assisted in the enjoyment of the day.

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MR F. J. GORDON, M.A.,

who, at a special meeting of Muirkirk School Board held on Tuesday, 20th June, was unanimously appointed headmaster of Furnace Road School out of fifty applicants. Mr Gordon comes to Muirkirk from Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School, Glasgow, one of the leading Secondary Schools of Scotland, with an attendance of 800 pupils and a staff of over forty teachers. For a considerable portion of the present session, owing to the illness of the headmaster, Mr Gordon was in charge of the administration of the school.

Mr Gordon has had a distinguished career. From an Elementary School he passed to the Royal High School, Edinburgh, where he was Gold Medallist in 1897. Fifth in the Entrance Bursary Competition at Edinburgh University, he gained prizes and First Class Certificates in Latin, Greek, and Mathematics, and graduated M.A. with Honours in Classics in 1900. In school and college Mr Gordon won over £300 in bursaries alone.

In studying for the Schoolmaster's Diploma, Mr Gordon took the Education Class at Edinburgh University, and gained 6th prize and a First Class Certificate. He received his training in elementary school work in the Church of Scotland Normal School, Edinburgh, and was subsequently recognised as a certificated teacher.

After being teacher of a qualifying class in the Royal High School, Mr Gordon proceeded in January, 1902, to Elgin Academy as English and Classical Assistant. Before the end of the same year he was promoted to Rothesay Academy. Since 1904 Mr Gordon has been engaged teaching, chiefly, English and Latin in Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School.

He has also acted as Teacher of Bankers' and Commercial Classes in the Evening Continuation Schools connected with the High School of Glasgow and Shawlands Academy.

In addition to the qualifications already enumerated, Mr Gordon holds the highest Diploma for French from the Vacation Classes at Caen, Normandy, as well as Certificates for Physics (Royal Technical College) and School Gardening.

If the time ever comes for the development of an Intermediate Department at Furnace Road School, Mr Gordon is well qualified to utilise the opportunity to the best advantage.

Y.M.C.A. REST HUTS.

Saturday first is to be recognised in the parish as a flag day in aid of the Y.M.C.A. Rest Huts. The appeal should meet with a very hearty response from all who are interested in the welfare of our gallant defenders. Among the numerous voluntary efforts which this war has called forth on behalf of our sailors and soldiers, there is none which holds such an honoured place as the effort of the Y.M.C.A. These rest huts are meant for the comfort and cheer of the sailors and soldiers both at home and abroad.

At home these huts, which are erected generally in pairs, are to be found in most of the towns through which our men must pass to reach their depots, and also at most of the great camps. In the huts the sailor and the soldier can procure sleeping accommodation for the night, can procure the best of food at the cheapest rates, and are provided with every form of recreation, so that he need not be exposed to the snares and dangers which are so abundant in our large towns for the unwary.

In France and Egypt the rest huts are even more valuable for the life of the men in the trenches, as they are made the real centre of life for the leisure hours of our men. They form the connecting link between the trench and the old home, and in them everything that human ingenuity can invent is done to make the hours of our soldier bright and happy; and while the material and physical comforts are thoroughly catered for, the soldiers are in ways which appeal to them made to remember the higher aspects of life. They can have wholesome reading—magazines, newspapers, etc., and innocent recreation in various games, while neither at home nor abroad has either Tommy or Jack, while on terra firma at least, any excuse for not writing for want of material. In the huts the men have notepaper, envelopes, and post cards at their disposal, and all for nothing. The only charge made is for food supplied, and then it is very moderate.

Such huts at this very hour are doing their part in making our sailors and soldiers remember the noble and honourable record of our past, and the best recommendation for the Y.M.C.A. will be found in the testimony of the men either at home or in France of what the huts have been to them.

It is hoped that the result of the Flag Day in this parish on Saturday first will mean a considerable lift for such a very worthy object—an object for the benefit of the men who are fighting our battles.

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And Others.

MONDAY at 8.

STRONGER THAN DEATH, Grand 2-Reel Rex Photo Play.

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OUR SHORT STORY.

DOWN THE GRATING.

By LESLIE THOMAS.

At the terminus Mr. Sapman, being in a hurry, had neglected to count his change. Now, at midnight, half-way home from his local station, he remembered the fact, and plunged his hand into his pocket rather anxiously. It was unfortunate that he had a half-sovereign in his palm when a gust of wind lifted his hat, for, as he made a hurried grab the coin flew over his shoulder.

Mr. Sapman muttered an imprecation; then, being of an economical nature, prepared to regain the piece of gold. It had obviously fallen on the other side of the wall. Mr. Sapman was of exceedingly stout build, yet a loose brick gave him foothold. He scrambled over somehow and, breathless, dropped to the ground again.

It was scandalous, he declared heatedly after his first startled cry, that people should build gratings so wide. His weight had forced one foot through the bars; in spite of desperate struggles, he could not release it.

After a full minute, during which he twisted and fumed, he realised with some dismay that he was in a very awkward position. The hour was late, the road a quiet one; the water company's works, into which he had strayed, seemed quite deserted. And he had lost a half-sovereign.

It was most uncomfortable to stand on one leg. Tottering, he managed to strike a match. Yes; his foot was firmly wedged. Then the match blew out, and he dropped his umbrella—to hear it slip through the bars and strike the bottam some distance below. This was more than flesh and blood could stand. Mr. Sapman shouted.

"Yus?" said a gruff voice over the wall with startling promptitude. "That you, Bill?"

"It's not Bill," said Mr. Sapman testily. "I'm caught in a grating. Kindly climb over and help me. What are you laughing at?"

"I—I ain't larfin', sir. It's a c-cough I got. Tchk! tchk! Caught in a gratin', eh?"

"I have already told you so."

'An' ow did ye come to do it, sir?"

"Never mind all that. I'm looking for a half-sovereign, if you wish to know."

The rescuer's demeanour changed.

"You keep still, sir. I'll be over in 'arf a jiffy."

He descended cautiously and stood by Mr. Sapman's side. Suddenly his cough became troublesome again.

"Been 'ere long, sir?" he queried with difficulty

"Oh, a good time."

"Beg pardon, sir; you could ha'—well, why didn't ye take yer boot off?"

Mr. Sapman snorted, reddening in the darkness.

"Mean you can't reach? If this ain't the rummiest go I ever—— 'Oo puts 'em on for ye in the mornin', then?"

"That's none of your business!"

"Allers charge five bob when folks gits stuck through gratin's, an' I unlaces their ——"

"Very well. Hurry up about it, that's all."

The man bent down, and, reaching through the bars, began his task. Mr. Sapman took a deep breath of relief. At last he would be free.

"Now ye pulls yer foot out, sir."

Mr. Sapman obeyed, and, nearly losing his balance, grabbed at the man's shoulder in the dark. Something fell.

"Well, it weren't my fault."

"Wh-what was that?"

"Only yer boot gorn through the gratin."

"You clumsy——"

"Garn! You shouldn't ha' clawed at me. Where's my five bob?"

"A fine thing you've done now!" said Mr. Sapman furiously.

"That's all the thanks I git for savin ye!"

"Letting my boot fall down there!"

"Well, it's along o' your 'arf-quid, anyway," said his companion, chuckling. "You can git it when you git the money."

"Bah!"

"Don't be snappish, now. Gimme my five bob. H'm! needn't throw it. If it 'adn't 'a' been fer me you might 'ave 'ad to stop 'ere all night."

Before Mr. Sapman had recovered himself a fresh voice broke the silence.

"Ah! caught ye, 'ave I?"

"That you, Bill?" said Mr. Sapman's companion cheerfully.

The new arrival, a tall man, uncovered a lantern. At sight of Mr. Sapman he started.

"'Ullo! 'oo's this?"

"A gen'leman, Bill—gen'leman 'oo'd caught is foot in the gratin 'ere. An now —tchk! tchk!—now 'is boot's fell down it!"

"Ah! trespassin', was 'e?"

"Er—that's right, Bill. Yus; trespassin' 'e was."

Mr. Sapman protested.

"I had dropped a half-sovereign, and had merely climbed over in order to—er—er—recover it."

"A fine story," commented the newcomer. "Gimme yer name an' address."

"I was not trespassing, really. I——"

"Yus, you was."

"I deny it!"

"Well, you make it worth my while, an I won't report ye. See?"

"I shall do nothing of the kind. Give me my umbrella and my boot and my half-sovereign."

"Ain't got 'em."

"They are down your grating."

"Look 'ere—nice goin's on, this is. Our gratin's ain't to keep your property down. Umbrella too, d'ye say? My word!"

"Yes; that—that's what I said."

"Well, why don't ye git 'em out, 'stid o standin' there?" To Mr. Sapman's amazement and disgust, he bent down, and, unfastening a catch, raised the grating on a hinge.

"Do—do you mean to say I—I could have done that a quarter of an hour ago?"

"Course you could, if you'd 'ad the sense. 're, 'old my lantern." He dropped into the opening. "Umbrella an' boots 'ere all right. There ain't no 'arf-sov'rin."

"What?"

The tall man reappeared. "If ye don's b'lieve me, go down yerself."

This was physically impossible. Mr. Sapman snatched the articles from his hand and swung round.

"You go, will you?"

"Not me!" said his rescuer promptly.

"I shall complain to the company," declared Mr. Sapman angrily, "about the insolence——"

"That'll be no good."

"Why not, pray?"

"'Cos we don't belong to the company," said the tall man calmly.

"What are you doing in here, then?"

"Jest lookin' round."

Mr. Sapman choked.

"Glad to 'ave been a bit of 'elp to ye, sir."

They scaled the wall.

Mr. Sapman listened in a kind of frenzy to the sounds of their retreat. He was still standing with the boot in his hand.

Presently, with much discomfort, he laid it down and endeavoured to insert his foot in it. After five minutes Mr. Sapman, hot and breathless, realised with horror that he would never be able to don the boot unaided.

Hobbling, he approached the wall. It seemed higher from within. It was higher, and there were no footholds on this side.

He almost wept.

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A policeman who liberated Mr. Sapman in the early morning promised secrecy; but somehow the story—or, rather, garbled versions of it—became common property. Mr. Sapman's explanation before he moved from the neighbourhood merely provoked amusement.

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Muirkirk lve	7.0	9.25	1-15	3-55	6-10	8-30
Auchinleck ,,	8.16	9.50	1-41	4.19	6-39	9-0
Mauchline ,,	8-25	10-0	1-51	4-29	6-55	9-98
Ayr arr		11-3	3-35		7-21	10-30
Kilmarnock	8-42	10-18	2-11	4-41	7-10	9.33
Glasgow arr	9-31	11-32	2-58	5-31	7-55	10 3

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	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	Sats. only p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Sats. only p.m.
Glasgow lve	6-45	9-30		2-30	4-17	5-35	8-15
Kilmarnock	8-10	10-12		3-10	5-6	6-21	9-4
Ayr	7-40	9-30			4-5	5-45	
Mauchline	8-31	10-32		3-28	5-27	6-42	9 25
Auchinleck,	8-41	10-41		3-40	5-40	7-5	9-40
Muirkirk arr	9-12	11-7		4-2	6-2	7-27	10 2

MUIRKIRK TO AYR (A. & C.).

	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Saturdays only p.m.	p.m
Muirkirk lve	7-15		1-0	7-15	3-15	
Cronberry	7-25		1-10	7-25	3-25	
Cumnock	7-32		1-17	7-32	3-32	
Ayr arr	8-16		2-2	8-17	4-17	

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

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

EDINBURGH TO MUIRKIRK.

		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Edinburgh -	leave	6-30	10-15	4-15
Carstairs -	,,	8-0	11.40	5.38
Glasgow -	,,	6-12	10-25	†5-0
Lanark -	,,	8-31	12-0	6 5
Douglas West -	,,	8-57	12-25	6-35
Inches -	,,	9-4	12-32	6 42
Glenbuck -	,,	9-9	12-37	6-47
Muirkirk -	arrive	9-17	12-45	6-57

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