BAND CONTEST AT JEDBURGH.

Under the auspices of the Jedforest brass band committee, a brass band contest, open to Scotland came off in the Allerley Well Park, Jedburgh, on Saturday afternoon. The weather was favourable, though cold and dull, which latter fact told on the attendance, which was over 1000. Probably from the difficulty of getting easily at Jedburgh by train, only four bands had entered, viz.—Alloa, Clydebank, Galashiels, and Kirkcaldy. Immediately before the commencement of the contest, Provost Laidlaw formally handed over to the park trustees a band-stand of very neat design, which had just been erected at his expense. Councillor Oliver Hilson, in name of the trustees, thanked the Provost for his very handsome gift; and on the motion of Bailie Young, three hearty cheers were given for Provost Laidlaw. The contest was judged by Mr J. Ord Hume, Gateshead, and the piece was a selection of national airs of the bands' own choosing. By somewhat of a coincidence all the four bands had selected Mr H. Round's brilliant fantasia—'Great Britain.' This was the test piece last year at Kirkcaldy, and everyone was delighted with it. The following is a description of 'Great Britain' —This is a selection of choice English, Scotch, Welsh, and Irish melodies, blended together in a masterly manner. The selection opens with a phrase of 'Rule Britannia,' then a phrase of 'The Minstrel Boy,' next a phrase of 'Auld Lang Syne,' then a phrase of the Welsh melody 'Ar hyd y Nos.' This is the introduction. Next is the beautiful song of Sir Henry Bishop, 'My Pretty Jane,' as a cornet solo; then comes a merry tune (Country Dance) said to have been composed by Charles II., in the latter part of which the basses get merry and play 'For he's a jolly good fell-w.' A brilliant cornet cadenza ends this. Next we have a solo for the trombone, 'The Sea is England's glory,' after which we embark for Ireland, and, in crossing the channel, we encounter a storm, which our basque weathers bravely. As the storm subsides we near the Irish shore, and hear snatches of the Irish melody, 'Garry Owen,' and, later, snatches of 'Eileen Alanna,' and after this we have the jolly tune, 'Norah Creina,' followed by a jig, in which the basses repeat 'Norah Creina' as a solo, the movement ending in a cadenza for the euphonium, who now has 'Cruiskeen Lawn' as his solo. As he finishes we hear snatches of 'The Campbells are coming,' and the drone of the pipes is distinctly heard as the piper preludes. Then the piper plays a jig, followed by 'Bonnie Dudee,' when a cadenza for the cornet leads us into that gem of artless melody immortalised by being wedded to Burns' song, 'Comin thro' the Rye.' This is followed by a magnificent arrangement of 'Annie Laurie,' the melody of which is thrown about from part to part, the contrapuntal effects being magnificent. This grand movement ends with a cadenza for the horn, which introduces the beautiful Welsh dirge, 'Chant of Monks' bewailing the defeat of their Prince. It is first sung very very softly, but later, as the monks presage a coming vengeance on the enemies of their country, the theme is repeated loudly and boldly. Next we have a Welsh 'May Song,' then a fanfare introduces a soldier's song, 'The Dashing White Sergeant,' which may be said to represent the United Kingdom as a whole, as the army does. During the playing of this melody we hear phrases of 'The Harp that once through Tara's Halls' (Irish), 'Annie Laurie' (Scotch), 'Rising of the Lark' (Welsh), 'Death of Nelson' (English), and Rule Britannia' Finale.

The weather, although cold, kept up well, and the bandsmen were enabled to render their selections under very favourable circumstances.

At the close the adjudicator said they had been favoured with having the finest four bands in Scotland. (Cheers.) And he must also say that he had got a very hard nut to crack in judging them. There were different ways and styles of judging a band contest. He did not condemn any band at all for slips of individual players. He did not see why a band of 24 should be condemned because slips were made by one or two men. It was the tone of the band and the general style of playing that he judged by. He then gave the following awards:—First prize, 20 guineas, Galashiels; second prize, 12 guineas, Alloa; third prize, 8 guineas, Kirkcaldy; fourth prize, 5 guineas, Clydebank. Generally the adjudicator's decision seemed to accord with the popular opinion, though many undoubtedly preferred the playing of the Alloa band, which was marked by precision, artistic phrasing, and all-round proficiency. At the same time it must be admitted that the tone of the Galashiels band, to which the adjudicator evidently attached much importance, was extremely pleasing to many of the listeners, and that generally they had been trained in accordance with a well-marked and judicious conception of the requirements of the selection.

No. 3 Band (Galashiels—Conductor, Mr T. Moore.) Pomposo: Broad, precise, and all details up to the mark. Andantino: Opening very nice (perhaps would be better in tune). Cornet solo goes very well ('Pretty Jane') Crack on top 'A' in bar 27. Cadenza only fair. Allegro: Good, solid tone, and crisp to end, fine lento and f attack. Cadenza all right. Allegro e Spirito: Bright in opening. Trombone playing well. Sustained harmony from bar 17 very effective, and good soprano. Recit. best yet (short notes accurate). Allegro Agitato: Well worked up (best imitation of storm so far). Piu Allegro: Still very fine (good training here). Allegro: I like these harmonies very well in bell, expression marks also best yet. Pastorale: all good again. Duo Cadenza good. Phrasing throughout. Andantino: Cornet playing well and accompaniments excellent. (No cracking.) f body of tone is very sonorous and steady. Allegretto (Irish) again most accurate and every part is very distinctly heard in both p and f. Euphonium cadenza very good indeed. Allegro: Good attack. Moderato: Euphonium very pretty. Nice soprano in bar 4. (Eng.) All the water is instrument here). Allo. (Scotch) nice and good, f g all right. Also horns f body is [illegible]. Andante cantabile: Cornet good, and soprano tributes are by far the neatest yet. Moderato: fine unison, pp nicely subdued to lower register and top sustained harmonies pretty. Change of key (variation): capital. Brass deserve great credit (very neat). Maestoso (variation) again good, especially soprano. ff cadenza rather mixed and broke on top 'A.' All goes: Cornet playing well and euphonium excellent. Piu Mosso: Just my idea. Maestoso: Nice and smooth. A variation at 16 correct. Marcato: Well divided and in all the harmony [illegible]. Fanfare: very nice. Allegretto: Smart and bright, all requirements well brought. Allegro: Broad and noble. Also to the end of selection, which is best played as a whole to the end; very good soprano and good euphonium, fine basses, and a well balanced band. (1st prize.)

No. 4 Band (Alloa. Conductor, Mr Robinson)—Pomposo: Slow and tied bit (very methodical), very good body of tone and balance in unison. Andantino: very nice [illegible] cornet solo not safe on top 'G,' bar 9. Accompaniments very well indeed. Allegro: Well balanced and fine playing. All parts work well. Cornet cadenza all right. Allegro con spirito: Again fine tone and balanced. Trombone very good, and all right except 2nd cornet [illegible]. Recit. very fine by trombone and all concerned. Allegro agitato: Very good pp opening, and working up very well indeed. Capital tone. Piu allegro: the same. Allegro: This is as good as any yet. Marks have been [illegible] attention. Pastorale: very nice, especially [illegible]. Duo cadenza: Well done. Andantino: Cornet and baritone very nicely together and in tune. Trained accompaniments. Tutti: Broad, majestic, and in every particular what is pleasing. Allegretto and allegro (Irish): All parts distinct and well played. Euphonium cadenza: A bundle of notes together at commencement (too hurried). Allegro: Good attack. Moderato: Nice, also soprano entrance, bar 4, all good to end, especially in tutti. Allo. (Scotch bagpipe theme): Very effective indeed. Horn very dry, f fine and bold. Cornet cadenza fair. Andante cantabile: Very fair (could be improved though). Moderato: Very fine sonorous unison. This is the best and most sonorous yet. Change of key (variation): This movement is working with majesty. Trombones very good. Maestoso (variation): The same. Horn cadenza very good. Allegro: Working well in all departments: the euphonium and cornet passages also good. Piu Mosso: Broad and good tone. Maestoso: Not forced on top 'F,' all good. Division and all situation. Con grazia: Cornet solo playing well, and f passage majestic, good tone. Fanfare: Crisp and very nice. Six bars rather prominent in f. Allegretto: Bright and good work done here. Allegro: Together, and, from Maestoso to end of selection, very majestic and good. A most creditable performance, just behind No. 3, but superior to Nos. 1 and 2 bands. (2nd prize.)

GENERAL REMARKS.

To-day's performance has been noticeable by some very excellent combination, and the four bands who have taken part have very little to choose between as a combination; but, judging from to-day's performance, I cannot give special mention to any particular soloist. No one played individually in a first class way. There were very many awkward slips, and not one of the bands escaped with a clear sheet. The most notable soloists were to be found in No. 3 band, viz.—Eup., sop., also good basses. The test piece, "Great Britain," is just the thing for the bands to-day, and the playing was above the average by marked degrees.

(Signed) J. Ord Hume, Adjudicator. Gateshead.

RECEPTION AT ALLOA.

On arrival at Alloa, the band was met by a large crowd of supporters, who accompanied their favourites to the Cross, and there awarded them three ringing cheers.

RECEPTION OF THE NEWS IN GALASHIELS.

On returning to Galashiels with the special train at 9.15 p.m., the first prize band was met at the railway station by a large crowd, and received a great ovation. The band played by way of channel Street and Bank Street to the Market Square, amid loud cheering all the way. The win was very popular when it was made known by telegram to the town between 6 and 7 o'clock, the more so that it had not been expected that the band would come out at the top of the prize-list.

INTERLOCUTOR *IN CAUSA* HULSEN & COY. *V.* ALLOA GLASS WORKS COY.

The following is a copy of the interlocutor and note just issued in the above case by Hon. Sheriff Substitute Liddall:—

Alloa, 23rd May, 1895.—The Sheriff-Substitute having heard parties procurators and considered the proof and the whole process and productions in the conjoined actions, Finds in point of fact (1) That Messieurs Hulsen & Coy., the pursuers in the principal action, entered on 9th December, 1892, into a contract with the Alloa Glass Work Coy., the defenders, to supply them by instalments at 28s 6d per ton with about 800 tons of rough unground sulphate of soda, guaranteed ninety-five per cent. pure; (2) That on 1st August, 1894, an instalment under this contract, amounting in value to £13 16s 5d, was delivered to and accepted by the defenders, but is still unpaid by them; (3) That on 8th August an instalment of two waggon loads was delivered, one of which, in value £7 13s 2d, was accepted and used by the defender; (4) That on 25th August, 1894, the defenders wrote rescinding the contract on the ground that the waggon load of 8th August, which had been used by them, was disconform to contract; (5) That further deliveries were made on 15th and 22nd August, 1894, two waggons on each occasion, but that the defenders refused to accept, and ultimately these waggons, along with the rejected one of the delivery of 8th August, were taken back and re-sold by the pursuers at 21s per ton, being a fair selling price, and that £5 was paid to the Caledonian Railway Coy. as demurrage charges on these waggons; (6) That the waggon load of 8th August used by the defenders was not disconform to contract, and that at that date there were still 60 tons to be delivered to complete the contract. Finds in fact of law (1) That the defenders are liable to the pursuers in payment for the delivery of 1st August, and for one waggon load of 8th August amounting in all to £21 9s 7d; (2) That the defenders are liable to the pursuers for breach of contract measured by the difference between the contract price and the selling price at the date of breach, that is 7s 6d per ton, and that they are also liable for the demurrage charges; Therefore in the principal action decerns against the defenders the Alloa Glass Work Coy., for the sum of £59 1s 8d, and in the conjoined action assoilzies the defenders, Messrs Hulsen & Coy. Finds the pursuers Messrs Hulsen & Coy., entitled to expenses, allows an account thereof to be lodged, and when lodged remits to the auditor to tax and report and decerns.

(Signed) W. J. N. Liddall.

Note.—If the view is right that the waggon load of 8th August accepted and used by the defenders was not disconform to contract it is unnecessary for me to consider the question whether they were entitled in law to rescind the contract so far as not completed. As the defenders the Alloa Glass Work Coy. allege the disconformity, the onus really lies on them to establish it. I think that not only have they failed to do so but that the pursuers, Messieurs Hülsen, have proved that there was no disconformity. The first evidence as to quality is a report dated 22nd August, 1894, by Mr Tatlock, public analyst of Glasgow, of a sample received by him on 16th August. This shows 19·75 of water and only 77·1 of sulphate of soda. Now, it was Mr Bray, the defenders' manager, who selected this sample and he admits that he took only one small piece from one large piece. As may be readily suggested the evidence led goes to show that this was not a fair method of sampling and the evidence further shows that in this case it must have been an absolutely unreliable test. On the 3rd August, the United Alkali Coy., who supplied the sulphate of soda, sent their laboratory chemist, Mr Elliot (now in the employment Charles Tennant & Son, St. Rollox), to Alloa, and he, along with Mr Bray sampled the sulphate each selecting two pieces, and on Mr Elliot analysing the sample made by these four pieces, he found only 2·5 per cent of of water and this sample when dried would show fully 96 per cent of sulphate. (It must be noted that the chemical evidence is to the effect that water in small quantity is not to be regarded as an impurity in sulphate of soda.) Then on 17th September, Mr Tatlock sent his own sampler, Mr Ogden, to sample the parcel of sulphate, and the result of this analysis is to show 3·85 of water, and when this moisture is expelled 95 per cent. of sulphate is shown. It is thus clearly shown that the first sample, that selected by Mr Bray, must have by some accident been exposed to the reception of considerable excess of moisture. It may have happened in a variety of ways, such as a small hole in the waggon tarpaulin, but it is unnecessary to speculate on the cause. I think that from the evidence led as to the mode of manufacture, and the great precautions exercised with loading, that that moisture could not well have been present when the soda left the manufacturer's works. Be that as it may it is clear that the sample was not a fair sample of the sulphate of soda in question, and I come to the conclusion that the contents of the waggon when sent off were up to the contract standard, and that the water percentages of the analysis of 3rd August and of 17th September are explained by the time during which the sulphate had been lying in the Alloa Glass Work Company's Work. I may add, although it is unnecessary from my point of view for the decision of the case, that in my opinion the Alloa Glass Work Company have failed to prove any of the losses averred. I should explain that the difference between the sum decerned for and the sum concluded for is due to the fact that the pursuers, Messrs Hülsen, at the proof gave up the claims of £10 2s and £1 6s 11d for carriages and cartages, and of £3 9s 4d for analyst's fee, and that the Caledonian Railway Company settled their claim of £15 16s for demurrage for £5 as per receipt produced.

(Intld.) W. J. N. L.

GOLF.

Dollar Handicap Medal.—Last Saturday, at Gloombill course, this medal was won by Mr John Smith, banker, with a score of 84 net. Mr P. D. Lauder stood second with a score of 88 net; and Dr Cownie third with a score of 89 (plus 2).

Alloa v. Callander.—A friendly match between teams of 13 players a-side, representing the above clubs, took place at Arnsbrae on Saturday afternoon. The weather was favourable, and the greens were in excellent order. The long grass proved somewhat puzzling to the visitors and the result of a pleasant game was a victory for the home team by 37 holes, the detailed scores being:—

Alloa.		Callander.	
J. Bowie,	5	E. W. B. Gray,	0
J. Cuthbert,	1	A. J. Lee,	0
M. Blair,	1	D. M'Laren,	0
C. D. MacWatt,	4	C. Bentley,	0
Wm. Murrie,	2	J. Macnab,	0
F. J. Thomson,	1	T. Walters,	0
F. A. Hills,	7	W. M'Ewan,	0
W. T. Buchan,	2	R. Lister,	0
A. Thomson,	0	J. E. Green,	0
F. M'Kenzie,	5	J. M'Ewen,	1
W. T. Procter,	2	J. A. Ferguson,	0
A. Wilson,	0	T. P. Miller,	2
A. Norval,	7	J. Thomson,	0
	40		3

JOTTINGS BY "SLOW BACK."

The Alloa Club achieved its first victory for the season on Saturday, when a representative team of 14 players aside defeated the Callander Club by 37 holes.

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The match was played at Arnsbrae, and to this fact must be ascribed in part the decisive nature of the victory, although undoubtedly the local men were in excellent form, and played all they knew to win.

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The Ladies' Challenge Trophy competition is nearing completion. The semi-final ties were played this week, and the two ladies who have been fortunate in reaching the final round are Miss Henderson and Miss A. Fotheringham. The custody of the trophy till next season will be decided next week.

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To-day, the usual monthly medal competition will take place at Arnsbrae, when, should the weather prove favourable, there is certain to be a large turn out of competitors. The Club offer three prizes for competition.

VOLUNTEERS.

Darnley Competition.—Last night, the members of A Company had their first competition for representation at Darnley. The scores in the Bisley Competition counted in this competition and accordingly the order was:—Sergt. M'Millan, 91; B.M. Laing, 85; Sergt. Crawford, 83; Priv. D. M'Millan, 81; O.R.C. Allice, 79; and Corpl. J. Anderson, 75.

B Company.—The final competition for Darnley took place at Devon Range on Tuesday night. The light was bad, a gusty wind was blowing and rain fell at intervals. Thus handicapped, low scores were registered, the highest being 73. Best scores were:—Col.-Sergeant Stewart, 73; Private J. Allan, 73; Sergeant James Kinsaie, 72; Pt. Peter Harrower, 70. The representatives are therefore Pt. Harrower and Sergt. Kinsaie with the respective scores of 165 160. The next highest competitors were very close, both having scores of 157.

Bisley Competition.—Last night, the second competition for the representatives of the 7th V.B. A. & S.H. to Bisley, took place at Devon Range. The weather was very favourable, and a few good scores were registered. The following were the highest:—

	200	500	600	Tl.
Sergt. D. M'Millan,	30	31	30	—91
Corpl. G. Pardoe,	28	31	30	—89
Col.-Sergt. J. Thomson,	33	29	26	—88
Corp. R. M'Gee,	27	29	31	—87
Bugle-Major A. M. Laing,	30	30	25	—85
Sergt. G. Dick,	31	26	27	—84
Sergt. A. F. Crawford,	29	30	24	—83
Sergt. J. M'Gee,	30	29	24	—82
Corpl. L. Miller,	30	27	25	—82
Prvt. D. M'Millan,	30	29	22	—81

BOWLING.

Alva.—The Alva club is now in good order. The members are turning out in large numbers with the same enthusiasm of former years. The drawings for the various ties will take place in a week or so.

Alloa East End Club.—The Secretary of the club, Mr Duff, has succeeded in arranging the following matches, but the full arrangements for the season are not yet complete:—Match with Alloa club; 4th June; Tillicoultry club, 11th June; Tulliallan club, 25th June, Clackmannan 27th June; Dunfermline (North), 27th July. The new President (Mr James Wilson) has offered two gold badges to be played for in doubles, while Bailie Grant has offered a pair of prize bowls to be played for single hand. The Championship Prize of 20s (from the club funds) is also announced and first ties have been drawn.

Alloa Club—Jubilee Year.—In connection with the jubilee celebration of this club—preparations for which are now in progress—Mr Pithie, artist, Mill Street, has succeeded in producing an excellent likeness of the venerable president, Mr Robt. Henderson, to whom it is intended by the members to present the portrait on the jubilee day, 11th June. We are glad to learn that the circular issued by the Committee with reference to this subject has met with such a generous response from the members that now there is no doubt the club will be enabled to carry out their programme with befitting ceremony. The Jubilee Challenge Trophy, presented by the President, is now on view by the makers, Messrs R. Strang & Son, and is a very handsome and beautiful work of art, and we hope to be able shortly to produce a sketch of it in our columns. Undernoted is a list of the club fixtures arranged by the Secretary for the season:—

Date.		Club.	Where Played.
June 4,	Tuesday,	Alloa,	Alloa.
" 13,	Thursday,	Dunfermline,	Alloa.
" 18,	Tuesday,	Alva,	Alva.
" 22,	Tuesday,	Airthrey Spa,	Bridge of Allan.
" 27,	Thursday,	Tulliallan,	Alloa.
July. 4,	Thursday,	Stirling,	Stirling.
" 11,	Thursday,	Dollar,	Dollar.
" 16,	Tuesday,	Tillicoultry,	Tillicoultry.
" 23,	Tuesday,	Clackmannan,	Alloa.
" 25,	Thursday,	B.W.P.H.,	Alloa.

CYCLING.

Alva.—Last Saturday, the Alva Club should have had a run to Callander, but owing to the poor turnout, it was put off.

Tillicoultry C.C.—Saturday being a holiday in the burgh, the run of this club was a little longer than usual, the destination being Aberdour. Although the weather was very favourable only 3 members turned out, but not to be daunted they had a splendid run to Aberdour and spent a most enjoyable day. On Tuesday evening, an inter-club run with C.B.C. was to take place to Alva, but when the Tillicoultry section reached that place, there was no word of the C.B.C. members. As their sports were held that evening, it is very unlikely they would participate in a club run.

C.B.C. CYCLING TOURNAMENT.

The opening race meeting of the C.B.C. season came off on the track at Clackmannan Road, Alloa, on Thursday evening. The weather conditions were unfavourable, a raw east wind blowing across the field, while the threatening nature of the clouds had a further deterring influence on the public. The result was that the gate was smaller than was anticipated. Those who braved the elements, however, were well repaid for any inconveniences suffered as the racing all through was most interesting, and of a high-class nature.

Punctually at 7.30, the first item on the programme was begun, viz.,

THE SCOTTISH CHALLENGE TROPHY TIE,

Dunfermline Ramblers v. C.B.C. The strangers were fortunate in the draw for places, but at the outset, Drummond, of the home team, rushed to the front, taking his men with him. From the start, the C.B.C. quartette kept the first four positions, and, in spite of determined efforts on the part of Moir and Arbuckle, they were never once ousted from their advantageous position. The field gradually got away from M'Kenzie, who, at the end of the race, was lapped by Drummond on the tape. The order of finishing was—C.B.C.—Drummond (1), Menzies (2), White (3), Boswell (4)—10 points; Dunfermline Ramblers—Moir (5), Arbuckle (6), M'Gregor (7), M'Kenzie (8)—26 points; majority for C.B.C., 16 points. The time for the three miles was 8 mins., 45 secs.

In the first heat of the

TWO MILES HANDICAP

for A Class riders, nine turned out, but a spill at the corner entering the back straight, reduced the number by one, Sinclair of the C.B.C coming down. The back markers, Chalmers and Coutts, found the gap between them and the front men too great for them, and consequently were unplaced in the heat, the winners eventually turning up in Ward, Hawthorne C.C.; Gerrard, Kirkcaldy; and Litster, C.B.C. The time for this heat was 5 mins., 18 secs.

The name of J. S. Meikle, Sunderland, appeared in the list for the next heat, but as the N.C.U. had withdrawn his licence he did not appear. The back-markers were accordingly H. J. Crosbie, Helensburgh, and J. Jeffrey, East Stirlingshire. These riders rode with considerable judgment, and by taking turns at pacing, were able to catch their men, and finished in front, the Bo'ness man getting over first. The other placed man in this heat was Cunningham, a club-mate of the first man. The time for this heat was 5 mins., 19 2-5 secs.

For the

ONE MILE HANDICAP

for B Class there were five competitors, and as J. M'Laren was in the number, the Alloa public had thus an early opportunity of welcoming back to the path the great Falkirk flier. Jamie was not looking well, his bouts with his great rival Vogt on Saturday and the previous evening, no doubt, having taken a lot out of him. Killachy of Forfar, with Drummond, White, and Paterson of the home club made up the field. The race was a good one, though M'Laren and Killachy had little difficulty in getting up on the men in front, and though Drummond made a desperate effort in the last lap to get to the front, M'Laren was able to finish first with Killachy about five yards behind, and Drummond close up on the second man. The time, 2 mins., 27 1-5 secs. was fairly good considering the weather conditions.

The survivors of the heats in the two miles A Class now came on to run for places in the final. Crosbie and Jeffrey, by adopting the same tactics as in their heat, again caught up most of their men, but Ward of Leith, who was off 160 yards, proved one too many for them, winning comfortably in 5 mins., 15 secs. In the sprint for second place, Crosbie reversed the result of the heat, getting over the tape just before Jeffrey.

In the first heat of the

ONE MILE HANDICAP FOR A CLASS,

Ward again showed good form, and was able to keep the backman, Coutts of Forfar, out of first position in the heat. Two from each heat, however, were eligible for the final, and consequently the Forfar flier also qualified. The time was 2 mins., 35 secs.

Crosbie and Jeffrey were again together in the second heat of this race, and the former as the result of good riding landed first. Gerrard of Kirkcaldy, however, reached the tape before the East Stirlingshire representative, and thus entered the final. Time, 2 mins., 35 1-5 secs.

The third and last heat fell to the limit man, Arbuckle of the Dunfermline Ramblers, who kept in front during the whole race, and won comfortably. J. Litster of the C.B.C. followed him over the tape, and thus was placed in the final. The time as in the first heat was 2 mins., 35 secs.

The tit-bit of the meeting was now entered on, viz.,

THE FIVE MILES SCRATCH

for B men. A lap prize was offered, and in consequence a hot pace was at once set up. White took the first lap, but he was displaced by Killachy before again reaching the tape. Killachy kept first position during the rest of the race, which, though run at a considerable pace, was very monotonous as the riders kept the same relative positions. White retired after riding a mile, and the interest centred chiefly in Drummond's and Paterson's riding for third place, M'Laren, as in the previous race, accounted for the first prize, Killachy for second, and Drummond just won from Paterson for 3rd prize. Killachy won the lap prize. Time, 13 mins. 25 secs.

The last item on the programme was the

FINAL OF THE ONE MILE HANDICAP

for A Class, which was run in semi-darkness. The front markers had matters all their own way, and Gerrard of Kirkcaldy, as the result of a close finish, got the verdict by inches from Arbuckle of Dunfermline. Ward, the third man, was close up. Time, 2 mins. 29 secs. Results:—

TEAM RACE.

Drummond,	1	Moir,	5
Menzies,	2	Arbuckle,	6
White,	3	M'Gregor,	7
Boswell,	4	M'Kenzie,	8
	10		26

Majority for C.B.C., 16. Time, 8 minutes, 45 secs. Two miles handicap (A), first heat, 1, J. G. Ward, H.C.C. (160); 2, W. Gerrard, K.B.C. (240); 3, J. Litster, C.B.C. (170); time, 5 mins. 18 secs. Second heat—1, J. Jeffrey, E.S.B.C. (65); 2, H. J. Crosbie, H.C.C. (50); 3, M. Cunningham, E.S.B.C. (170) Time, 5 mins. 19 2-5 secs. Final—Ward, Crosbie, Jeffrey. Time, 5 mins. 15 secs. One Mile Handicap (B) 1, J. M'Laren, E.S.B.C. (scratch); 2, J. Killachy F.B.C. (25); 3, R. Drummond, C.B.C. (80). Time, 2 mins. 27 1-5 mins. One mile handicap (A), First heat—1, J. G. Ward (90); 2, A. S. Coutts, F.B.C. (35,) Time, 2 mins. 35 secs. Second heat, 1, H. J. Crosbie (25); 2, W. W. Gerrard (130.) Time, 2 mins. 35 1-5 secs. Third heat—1, A. Arbuckle, D.R.C.C. (130); 2, J. Litster (110) Time, 2 mins., 35 secs. Final—Gerrard, Arbuckle, Ward. Time, 2 mins. 29 secs. Five miles scratch (B)—1, M'Laren, 2, Killachy, 3, Drummond. Lap prize, Killachy. Time, 13 mins., 25 secs.

TILLICOULTRY.

Annual Holiday.—Saturday last was observed as the annual holiday in the burgh.

Increase of Water Rate.—Owing to the large expenditure incurred in the erection of the new filters and repairing the considerable damage done by the recent storm, the Tillicoultry Water Company have decided to raise the present rate from 6d to 9d. This is a pretty large increase, but will no doubt be of short duration.

Supper.—The team and a few members of the Victoria Football Club, met in a social capacity on Friday evening (last night) in the Buccleuch Inn. Mr J. Fraser, president, presided. A lengthy and varied programme of songs, etc., was gone through, while the following were the principal toasts—"The Victoria F.C.," "The Patrons," "The Hon. President and President," "The Proprietor of Glenview," "Host and Hostess." During the evening Mr H. Monteath, secretary, was presented with a handsome gold badge in recognition of his services during the season. The recipent suitably replied and trusted that at the next social there would be some football trophy on the table. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the company dispersing at a seasonable hour.

Co-operative.—The joint quarterly meeting of the members of the Tillicoultry Co-operative Society, Ltd., and the Baking Company, Ltd., was held on Wednesday evening in the Hamilton Street Hall. There was a good attendance, over which Mr Wm. Thomson presided. The programme of business and quarterly report of the Wholesale Society were submitted, and after discussion approved of. The latter report was given by Mr James Bates who laid the various items very clearly before the meeting. Mr J. Lambert then read a report of the local conference held last Saturday at Clackmannan. Both reports were of a lucid and exhaustive nature, and the gentlemen were awarded a vote of thanks for their trouble. Four delegates were also appointed to attend the conference at Glasgow to-day (Saturday).

The Late Mrs Currie.—In the Established Church last Sunday the Rev. Joseph Conn, B.D., made a short reference anent the rather sudden death of Mrs Currie, one of the church members. To those who were not personally acquainted with her he said the news of her death would no doubt be most sympathically received, while to those who were so, it must have been very keenly felt. Though brought up in the English Church she had always taken a great interest in the welfare of the Church of Scotland, and he was sure that they all sympathised greatly with the Dr in his sudden bereavement, and with the four little boys who would not be able to understand the irrevocable loss they had sustained for several years to come. During the remarks many were visibly affected. At the conclusion of the forenoon service Mr J. B. Hunter, the organist, played the "Dead March in Saul."

Parish Council.—This new body held its first meeting on Monday evening in the Inspector's Office—the Landward Committee meeting at 6.30 and the Council at 7 o'clock. Present—Provost Walker, Messrs Archibald, Jamieson, Lambert, Fernie, Carmichael, Christie, Bates, M'Leod, and Hunter. The following committees were appointed, viz.:—*Poorhouse Representative*—Mr Bates. *County Council Representative*—Mr R. B. Archibald. *Collector and Cemetery Clerk*—Mr J. R. Hendry. *Medical Officer*—Dr Currie. *Committees—Emergency*—Provost Walker, Messrs Lambert, Jamieson, and Ferguson. *Finance*—Provost Walker, Messrs Carmichael, Bates, Hunter, M'Leod, and Lambert. *Cemetery*—Provost Walker, Messrs Ferguson, Fernie, Archibald, M'Leod, Jamieson, and Christie. The Poor Roll was read over and revised, while a committee was appointed to see to the repairing of one of the Council's houses in Coalsnaughton. It was also agreed to give the chemists in the town year about in supplying the drugs. On the motion of Mr Jamieson, the first Wednesday of each month at 8 o'clock was fixed as the time of meeting. Provost Walker, Messrs Bates and Jamieson were elected to sign all cheques, &c. The accounts incurred in connection with the election were submitted as follows—Landward, £19 15s 10d; Burgh, £22 7s; total, £42 2s 10d.

Presentation.—We are pleased to note that the long services of Mr and Mrs Davidson in connection with the British Workman Public House, and which have just been brought to a close owing to Mr Davidson's appointment as gardener at Devonshaw, have not been allowed to go unrewarded. On Wednesday evening a deputation representing the members of the House and the friends of the worthy couple drove up to Devonshaw, the party numbering about a dozen. Mr Wm. Chalmers presided, and after a few introductory remarks called upon Mr H. C. Bennett to make the presentation which that gentleman did in an excellent and most satisfactory manner, handing over to Mr Davidson a handsome marble timepiece, and to Mrs Davidson a beautiful silver tea and coffee service. The timepiece bore the following inscription.—"Presented to Mr and Mrs Davidson along with a silver tea service as a token of esteem and appreciation of their services during the past 13 years they have been Superintendent and Matron of the British Workman Public House. Tillicoultry, May 1895." The recipients feelingly replied and afterwards entertained the company to a sumptuous repast served up in the well known excellent style of Mrs Davidson. A few hours were spent in singing, etc., and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. We may mention that during the evening the deputation were taken through the beautiful grounds at Devonshaw which were greatly admired by all.

ALVA.

Saturday (1st June) will be observed as the annual Holiday.

Town's Band.—Last Saturday the Town's Band paraded the principal streets of the town and made a very creditable appearance.

Established Church.—Mr H. Dickenson, York officiated at the organ last Sunday, his playing being very well appreciated. It has been decided by the Congregational Committee that the organiste shall be determined by ballot to be taken in the Johnstone Memorial Hall on Monday first.

Queen's Birthday.—Thursday being observed as the Queen's Birthday in Edinburgh and Glasgow, it was the occasion for a large number of Alvaonians from both these towns re-visiting their native place.

Presentation.—The teachers and scholars of Alva Parish Church Sunday School have recognised the long and faithful services of Mr James Henderson as precentor by presenting to him a purse of sovereigns.

Musical.—Mr John Kirk, who has been precentor in the Presbyterian Church at Newry for the last 20 years has been successful in securing the offices of harmoniumist and precentor in Dunblane U.P. Church. Mr Kirk was unanimously elected out of a large number of applicants. He is the second son of Mr John Kirk, Craigleith Buildings, Alva.

Homing Society.—The final race of the season took place last Saturday for a silver cup. The race was from Port Patrick, a distance of 108 miles straight. Fourteen birds were entered, and the following were the prize winners:—1st, John M'Alpine; 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, J. Cuthbertson; 5th, John M'Alpine. J. M'Alpine is therefore the holder of the cup for one year.

Johnstone Park.—This park, which has been closed for three months for the usual seed sowing, etc., will be re-opened on 1st June for cricket and other summer games. The young grass which has sprung up most abundantly has given to the park a very fresh appearance, and much praise is due to the Commissioners for the careful attention they bestow on it, although it is the general opinion of the inhabitants that two months is a long enough period to close any public recreation ground.

Textile Workers' Union.—The Committee met in the Town Hall on Monday evening, the president occupying the chair. Reports on the social held recently and factory collections received by the treasurer were submitted and approved of. It was agreed that a copy of the rules of the society be distributed to the members, and office bearers were instructed to wait on the female workers in the Bridge Mills, and request them to join the Union.

Parochial Board.—The Finance Committee of the Parochial Board met in the Board Office on Monday night, with Mr Porteous, Ochilvale, in the chair. The finance report, prepared by Messrs Hunter and M'Whirter, auditors, and the inventory of property and effects, prepared by the inspector, Mr W. Drysdale, were both submitted and accepted. Messrs Michie and Stewart, along with the Chairman (Mr Porteous), who represented the Parish Council, then took formal possession in name of the Alva Parish Council.

SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Board Room on Monday evening. Rev. Mr Williamson, the chairman, presided, and there were also present—Rev. Mr Anderson, Blairlogie, Messrs Jack, Michie, Philp, and Walker. Mr James Young, banker, Alloa, the clerk to the Board, read minutes of last meeting, which were approved.

ATTENDANCE REPORT.

Rev. Mr Anderson submitted report of the Attendance Committee as to school attendance for period ending 10th May, as follows:—Park Place School—No. of openings, 40; on roll, 888; admitted, 11; left, 8; average attendance, 783; percentage of attendance, 88·6; half-timers, 3; half-timers attendances, 19·3. Menstrie School—No. of openings, 40; on roll, 257; admitted, 8; left, 8; average attendance, 215·3; percentage of attendance, 83·8; half-timers, 8; their attendances, 20. Infant School (Miss M'Ewan's)—No of openings, 40; on roll, 171; admitted, 6; left, 3; average attendance, 153·7; percentage of attendance, 90. Continuing, Mr Anderson said he had a list of 8 defaulters sent in by Mr Reid, the headmaster, and these had been considered by the committee on Thursday evening. He and the other members of committee agreed to visit or call on the parties whose names appeared on the list, and they had done so with varying results. He understood that two of the parents were to be summoned to the meeting that evening, and he thought they might wait until the parents of these children arrived before any further remarks were made. [Agreed.]

SCHOOL VISITORS.

Mr Jack, on behalf of the visitors for May, said that both schools had been visited and found in good order, and the registers had been examined and signed.

Rev. Mr Anderson and Mr Robt. Walker were appointed school visitors for June.

IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

Mr Michie, convener, reported that everything connected with the schools was in good order, and there was nothing particular to report.

MENSTRIE SCHOOL.

Mr Philp, on behalf of the Menstrie managers, read the following report by H.M. Inspector on Menstrie School:—

"The condition of the school is a credit to all members of the staff. Perhaps the oral answering of the infants during the gallery lessons, and of the first, fifth, and sixth standards in History, Geography, and Meanings might be more animated, and the Arithmetic of the sixth might improve a little. But in other respects there is nothing to criticise. From the infant classes up to the fifth inclusive, the three ordinary branches are almost as good as they could be, and in the second, third, and fourth the class subjects deserve unqualified praise. Music, Needlework, Shorthand, and the first stage of Domestic Economy appear to great advantage. The order and tone of the classes leave nothing to desire. It is satisfactory to know that the Board intends to do something for the premises. A cloakroom for the female staff and some improved furniture are specially desirable."

The total grant received was £227 9s 9d, being a reduction of £9 on the sum earned.

The Chairman—That is a most satisfactory report, and it is matter for congratulation both to the Board and to the teachers that Menstrie School has earned the highest grant in all subjects, that it takes rank as a good school, a position that is not attained by any large percentage of schools in Scotland.

Rev. Mr Anderson—Allow me to say that it is a very satisfactory and excellent report when we consider that the past year has been a divided year in point of work—the results of the work of the headmistress, Miss Johnstone, and the present headmistress, Miss Tullis. It reflects credit on the past as well as the present teachers.

SANITARY MATTERS.

Mr Philp said that the only feasible thing the managers could see just now was to have ashes put into the pails at the closets and then have it taken away in carts. This was really better than applying water.

The Chairman—Should the convener of the managers be authorised to make provision for this at once? By this arrangement the closets might be cleaned out once a week, so as not to have an accumulation of *debris* left for perhaps a long period, which was not a desirable thing to be allowed.

Rev. Mr Anderson said this was a very desirable step to take, as accumulations of that kind at any school was a disgrace to the Board.

Proposal of managers agreed to.

Mr Walker—We must not overlook the note in the Inspector's report as to a cloak room.

The Chairman—We can deal with that when we enter into consideration of these proposals at a future meeting, perhaps before the holidays.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

The Chairman—There is another matter which ought to be reported from the Menstrie managers —although dealt with from the chair of the Alva managers—and that is the matter of salaries. Perhaps it would be well to report that the managers received an application for an increase of salary from three of the teachers—the headmistress and two assistants—and the managers agreed to recommend unanimously that an increase be granted to the two assistants on condition that they pass the examination which is required of them to put them on the status of qualified assistants, and that the Clerk be instructed to write in these terms in reply to the applications made. Also with respect to the application made by the headmistress, it is the opinion of the managers that in consideration of the fact that an increase to her salary was given on her appointment to her present situation, and while they thought that the salary might in the future be increased, in the meantime they considered it was not advisable to make any increase to her emoluments, although at the same time they recognised the work she has been doing in the school, and meanwhile to allow her application to lie over. I think that was substantially the feeling and the opinion of the managers on the matter.

Rev. Mr Anderson—I have been thinking over this matter since the managers' meeting, and although on Thursday evening I was so far agreed with the managers in this matter, so that it practically comes up as a unanimous recommendation, I felt we were acting a little hurriedly with our Menstrie assistant's applications, and I would move that these lie on the table for a month. I think it is not quite fair that on a few minutes' consideration we should throw them aside. There are two or three points which I have discovered which militate in their favour somewhat, and I would move that this matter be remitted to the Menstrie Managers to consider and report to next meeting of the Board.

Mr Jack—Is the report of the managers here?

The Chairman—I have just submitted the report of the managers. Mr Anderson has moved, owing to information received and on re-consideration of the subject since the managers came to their finding, that this matter be remitted to the managers for full consideration, with the intention that at that meeting he would lay before the managers the reasons and the information which he has since gained in connection with it. It is a very feasible plan, and one that might be unanimously adopted.

Mr Jack—I would move that the report unanimously recommended by the managers be adopted.

The Chairman—Is this motion by Mr Anderson seconded?

Mr Jack—You would require to reject the report in the first place.

Rev. Mr Anderson—It is only postponing it for a month. I would beseech the Board to do so, and would deprecate any discussion at this time.

The Chairman—It is simply postponing it till next meeting, but the matter might be left out.

Mr Jack—Will the second and the third reports be postponed? It is not regular this.

The Chairman—It crops up as a matter of expediency merely—to allow the Board to give the matter very full consideration, and I think it is not a thing we ought to demur to. Although as managers we recommended a certain course, it is within our power to defer consideration of the report.

Mr Jack—It means not receiving the report of the managers.

Mr Michie—Instead of laying down these conditions I think we should wait till after the inspection.

Mr Jack—We postpone consideration of our own recommendation.

The Chairman—It is tantamount to the same thing.

Mr Michie—I hope there will be no conditions attached next time. If you are to give a rise, give it.

It was unanimously agreed to postpone the recommendation until next meeting.

MENSTRIE HEADMASTER'S SALARY.

Mr Philp also reported that the managers agreed to recommend that Mr Laing's salary be £220 from the beginning of the school year, and his rent of £15 to be paid half-yearly.

The Chairman—That was another recommendation by the managers, and that the Clerk be instructed to communicate the same to Mr Laing.

Rev. Mr Anderson—I suppose the Clerk never communicates any information unless specially authorised by the Board.

The Clerk—In ordinary cases I do.

Rev. Mr Anderson—But in the case of an alteration of the terms of an agreement between the Board and one of its servants. Does the Clerk not think he ought to have communicated with the teacher without the sanction of the Board?

The Clerk—I may say that I wrote to the convener of the Finance Committee, and he authorised me to do nothing unless instructed by the Board.

Rev. Mr Anderson—I think there should be some special guidance given to the Clerk whereby he should give information to the teachers where any such alteration is made on the terms of an agreement, so that he might get his information not from the public prints, but through the official channel of the Board.

The Chairman—Unless you can devise a scheme, or unless the Clerk is required to do a thing, I do not think the Clerk can communicate any point officially except *ex-gratia*.

Rev. Mr Anderson—I do not think the Clerk requires to be specially instructed.

The Chairman—That is a matter of opinion. This Board should always add an addendum. If there was any fault in this instance the fault was that of the Board and not of the Clerk.

Rev. Mr Anderson—I quite acknowledge that in this the fault lay with the Board and not with the Clerk, but motions might be occasionally made to authorise the Clerk to communicate findings. In this instance I think the Clerk should have exercised his own prudence and communicated with Mr Laing.

The Clerk—My usual course is that I go over the minute next day, and if there is any point of which I am uncertain I write to the Chairman or Convener of Committee.

Mr Walker—Why was there any uncertainty in this instance?

Mr Jack—It is quite easy to raise difficulties, but this discussion is quite irregular. The action was taken to obviate an apparent blunder by the committee. The managers met at Menstrie and agreed to pay Mr Laing £18 6s 8d, and it was to obviate this apparent blunder that action was taken. I do not think it is fair to endeavour to attach blame to any one for this blunder. So far as I am concerned the Board never instructed the Clerk and never said he was to communicate with the teacher. It was agreed at Menstrie that the proportion of salary to be paid was £18 6s 8d. That is reported now, and the Board may now instruct the Clerk to communicate with Mr Laing.

The Chairman—This discussion is a little irregular. We will now pass on and take the evening school reports.

Mr Walker, convener of the Evening School Committee, read H.M. Inspector's reports on Alva and Menstrie Evening Schools as follows:—

ALVA PARK PLACE PUBLIC EVENING SCHOOL.

The enrolment is pretty satisfactory, and the attendance has been fairly regular. The curriculum is extensive, and it embraces a number of branches well adapted to the requirements of the pupils. In the boys' department, reading is fluent and intelligent. Writing, composition, and geography are very good, and arithmetic, mensuration, and algebra of a very meritorious character. In the remaining branches a promising commencement has been made. In the girls' department all the work is of excellent quality, and reflects the greatest credit upon the teachers. All the classes are thoroughly well behaved. Managers as well as teachers are to be congratulated upon the success which has attended the re-opening of this important school.

Amount of grant, £106 10.

MENSTRIE PUBLIC EVENING SCHOOL.

This school opened, for the first time, has been conducted with excellent tone and discipline, and with much zeal and fruitful effect. In all the branches of instruction both males and females acquit themselves in a creditable manner.

Amount of grant, £28 8s 6d.

Mr Jack said that the Evening School Committee, consisting of Mr Walker, Mr Philp, and Dr Maxwell Adams, were entitled to credit for these reports, and he trusted it would be the means of causing the School Board to resolve somewhat earlier in the session to make arrangements so that matters could be put on a thorough basis. Seeing the instruction given had been good, he would say that they should have more instruction and less money. They should give the boys and girls of the parish the full benefit. He hoped that would be remembered in days to come.

The Chairman—The reports reflect great credit on the gentlemen who had the matter in hand. It was an encouragement to the Board and to the Committee to prosecute this work in the future, and any little suggestions from time to time for this important work will be considered by the managers or committee. I think Mr Walker is to be congratulated on the reports.

Rev. Mr Anderson—I have not had an opportunity of being at the Alva Evening School, but I had the pleasure of being at the Menstrie Evening School, and of seeing the work carried on, and although small in numbers there was sensible instruction, and good progress was being made. I may say the two reports are certainly most excellent, and what strikes me peculiarly is the wording of the two reports—one would almost think there had been two hands—some one drawing up the report for Menstrie School, and another for Alva School. It does not do for us to criticise the Inspector's language too profusely, but while both reports are exceedingly favourable, the one is clothed in magnificent language, while the other is in what one might call language of good, honest, sterling value.

Mr Walker said he was gratified with the remarks made, especially by Mr Jack, who at one time had closed the school in the face of a proposal submitted by him (Mr Walker). He was glad to think, however, that Mr Jack was with him now, and he was assured there would be more harmony in future in the conducting of the evening school.

INSURANCE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Mr Jack reported on the matter of insurance of the school buildings—Park Place School and Dalmore School—which had been remitted to him from last meeting. The entire insurance was £7850 for which they paid an annual premium of £6 5s 9d. It was proposed to increase the sum for which the schools were insured to £8850, at an annual premium of £6 12s 9d, or an increase of 7s 6d for the additional £1000.

Agreed on the motion of Mr Michie to accept of the increased policies, and the matter was remitted to the Treasurer to complete.

FINANCE.

Mr Jack, convener of the Finance Committee, gave statement of accounts and salaries due and payable on 22nd inst. The salaries for Alva School amounted to £137 18s 4d; for Menstrie, £37 14s 2d; and a number of accounts amounting to about £38, making in all £212.

Report adopted.

The Chairman said they would have to fix a special meeting for the consideration of the finance for the year.

Mr Jack said they would have to fix a day before the 12th of June.

Mr Walker said he should take up the same position as he did last year. They should consider the details of their scheme in Finance Committee, and then finally agree as to what amount should be certified to the rating authority at a meeting of the Board at which the reporters are admitted as representatives of the public.

The Chairman—You have no objection to a special meeting on the 10th?

Mr Walker—No, but we should have the Finance Committee meeting first.

The Chairman—You can have the Finance Committee to precede the meeting of the Board.

Mr Jack—What is the object of all this? If the reporters are here, a note of the sum certified is all they get.

Mr Walker—They get more than that (Laughter.)

Rev. Mr Anderson—It might save them coming up too often. (Laughter.)

Agreed to meet on Monday, 10th—Finance Committee at 7, Board meeting at 8.

RESIGNATION.

The Chairman said he had to read to them the following letter, addressed to the Clerk, which he did with not a little regret:—

Fernlea, Gulane, by Longniddry.

Dear Sir,—Kindly place before the Chairman and members of the Alva School Board my resignation as a member of that body. At the same time allow me to place on record my high sense of the courtesy which the Board has always extended towards me, and my deep regret in having to sever my connection with agreeable colleagues.—I remain, yours truly, Alex. Maxwell Adams.

That is an intimation of the resignation of one of the members of this Board, and it is a matter of necessity, since Dr Adams has left the district. We regret it is necessary for him to intimate the possible necessity of his severing his connection with us, for we have always found him an active, energetic, and agreeable colleague, interested in the work of education generally, but more especially in the development of scientific education. He was a pleasant man to get along with, and as a member of the Board he has lent himself on all occasions to the work and the cause of education. This intimation of resignation would require to lie on the table for a month, and come up for consideration at next meeting of the Board.

Resignation allowed to lie over till next meeting.

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

A letter was read from Mr MacWatt, clerk to the County Secondary Education Committee, to the effect that on 14th inst. he had paid over to the Rev. Mr Williamson, Chairman of School Board, the sum of £100, being the amount voted to the Board by the scheme of 26th Nov. last as subsequently amended. The money, it was stated, was paid on condition that the requirements of the scheme in the application of it should be carried out.

The Chairman said he had duly received the money and had it placed in bank.

Rev. Mr Anderson said they were much endebted to the Chairman for the interest he had taken in this matter, and for the promptitude with which he had obtained the needful.

Another communication was read from Mr MacWatt on behalf of the Secondary Committee, with reference to the institution of three bursaries of £10 each (to be held at Dollar Institution), tenable for three years.

The Chairman moved that this matter be brought up at the managers meeting, because the Secondary Committee asked them to consider the matter and let the Committee know as to when the examination of competitors should be held.

Mr Jack asked as to what became of the £30 which fell to a boy of their school.

The Chairman said no communication had been made to them by the County Committee. As nobody would accept the money, it would go back into the funds of the Committee, according to the provisions of the scheme. If there were no bursaries the money could not be expended.

ASSISTANT TEACHERS.

A communication from the Assistant Teachers' Association was submitted to the Board and remitted to the managers for consideration.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

A letter was read from Miss Henderson, one of the assistants, thanking the Board for their kindness in granting her an increase of salary.

DEFAULTERS.

Mrs Young, Damsburn, appeared for her husband, and said her son James had disappeared and had not been heard of since Friday.

The Board sympathised with Mrs Young, but the Chairman explained that should the boy turn up he must attend school.

Another defaulter named Stewart, from Balquharn, appeared in reference to the irregular attendance of his son. He promised amendment and was dismissed.

This concluded the business.

PARISH COUNCIL.

The first statutory meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Inspector's Office, Alva, on Tuesday evening for the despatch of business.

The Landward Committee of the Parish Council met at 7.30 when there were present:—Messrs J. Philp, J. M'Gruther, P. Gow, W. Stewart, and Alex. M'Nab. Mr M'Nab took the chair as provisional Chairman.

Mr Drysdale, Inspector, read minutes of meeting of District Committee of Provisional Council which were approved. Mr Drysdale said the first business was the appointment of a permanent Chairman, who would remain in office till 1896.

On the proposal of Mr Stewart, seconded by Mr Gow, Mr M'Nab was unanimously appointed permanent Chairman of Landward Committee.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that Mr Stewart should be appointed the Council's representative to the District Committee of the County Council.

The Inspector then submitted two letters received by him for preservation from Chairman of a public meeting held at Menstrie on 26th April, viz., one from Parish Councillor M'Intyre, and the other from Col. Hare in reference to the disputed right of way road behind Montague Cottage.

Some discussion took place as to whether the public had not given up their rights to the road in question by accepting the note of Col. Hare, but it was pointed out that in all the negotiations with Col. Hare the question of "privilege" was never raised. The grievance was the locking of the gates, and Col. Hare had now promised to keep the gates unlocked.

The Chairman said it seemed to him that there was no grievance so long as the gates remained unlocked, and they need not therefore interfere.

Mr M'Gruther said it was a question of the acceptance of the letters for preservation.

Mr Stewart said they did not want the Council to interfere, but only to accept the letters.

It was thereafter minuted that the letters would be preserved.

The Inspector submitted account for Parish Council Election amounting to £18 7s 11d.

A letter was read from Mr Cameron, Girnal farm, asking that the Council should do something to improve the water supply and drainage at Girnal.

It was agreed in the meantime that the Chairman should make enquiry and report to a future meeting.

The Committee agreed to meet monthly on the Wednesday preceding the Parish Council meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL.

At eight o'clock the Parish Council held their first statutory meeting. There were present, in addition to the gentlemen named above, Messrs A. Porteous, David Hogg, John Ritchie, John Jack, James Michie, and Robert Walker. Mr Porteous as provisional Chairman took the chair.

The Inspector, Mr Drysdale, read minutes of meeting of Provisional Council which were approved.

The first business was the appointment of a permanent Chairman.

Mr Walker proposed the election of Mr Porteous remarking that his appointment would form a connecting link between the old and the new order of things.

Mr Hogg seconded.

This was unanimously agreed to, and Mr Porteous returned thanks and expressed the hope that the same harmony would prevail in the work of the Council in the future as had prevailed hitherto.

Mr Wm. Stewart was, on the proposal of Mr Walker unanimously elected representative of the Parish Council to the District Committee of the County Council.

On the proposal of Mr Jack, Mr Alex. M'Nab was elected representative to the Combination Poorhouse Committee.

The Inspector submitted minute of meeting of Finance Committee showing balances at each of the accounts to be handed over to the Parish Council. He also laid on table the inventory of books, &c., from Parochial Board, all which were duly taken over.

In regard to the transfer of the offices of the Board, a motion was made for disjunction of the offices held by Mr Drysdale, but the motion was lost, and Mr Drysdale, the inspector, was appointed collector and clerk to the Parish Council

Dr Cunningham was appointed vaccinator to the Council.

It was agreed to intimate to the bank that the account would be transferred from the Parochial Board to the Parish Council, and that cheques would be signed by two members of Council and the Inspector.

Mr Jack moved that the whole Council should be a committee for all purposes for the first year —the Chairman to be convener—and this was unanimously agreed to.

Agreed to meet on the second Monday of each month.

This was the principal business.

KINCARDINE.

Ropework.—The ropework which was burned down about two years ago is now being rebuilt. Half a generation back, when the town was not the dull place it now is, this work was in a very prosperous condition, and combined sailmaking with ropespinning. After it is built it will be a boon to the town if by attaining to its old degree of success it can provide employment for some of the inhabitants.

Free Church Trip.—On Thursday, the members of the Free Church Choir had their annual outing. The destination was Doune, a place which seems to be a favourite with church choirs. The party were lucky in getting a fine day, although at times the sky became overcast and seemed to threaten rain, and a very enjoyable day was spent. Home was reached about 10 p.m. and after singing an appropriate tune the happy party broke up. The brake and horses, which made a very creditable turn-out, were supplied by Mr Ferguson of Culross.

School Board.—The School Board met in the Parochial Board Office, on Monday evening. Mr Johnston of Sands, presided, and there were also present the Rev. Messrs Munro and M'Laren and Mr Renton. The Clerk read the minutes of last meeting which were approved of. The Rev. Mr M'Laren said he had gone over the statement of accounts prepared by the Clerk, but did not sign them as he was not authorised to do so and did not consider himself an auditor. The Clerk said that the report was on the table, and the Board afterwards sat in private in deliberation as to the making up of the deficiency in the accounts. The attendance at the School for the five weeks ending 17th May, were submitted and showed a total average deficiency in attendance over the whole school of 7·7.—the Infant Department having absentees to the number of 8·4 per cent; the Senior Department 7·4; and the Secondary Department 7·6. The Chairman stated that the Committee met and considered the salaries of the sewing teachers, but they resolved that owing to the season being so far advanced the Board do nothing until after the holidays. It was resolved, on the motion of the Rev. Mr M'Laren, to close the schools for the annual holidays from Friday, 19th July, till Tuesday, 3rd Sept. The Clerk intimated the receipt of £122 from the Fife County Committee, as their share of the grant for Secondary Education. The Rev. Mr M'Laren stated that along with the grant there was a note to the effect that the sum was the same as formerly owing to the Committee having a balance from the previous year, but that they need not expect as much next year.

MENSTRIE

Co-operative Society.—A special meeting of the Co-operative Society was held in the Co-operative Hall on Wednesday evening—Mr D. Crawford in the chair. The quarterly report of the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society, was submitted and approved of, and Mr W. M'Gowan was appointed a delegate to attend the quarterly meeting in Glasgow to-day (Saturday.) A circular asking for a subscription on behalf of the Denny Pit Disaster Fund was read and left over till next quarterly meeting.

Pic-Nic.—The employees of Forthvale Mill (Tait Bros.) had a pic-nic to the Small Burn last Saturday. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Public School.—H.M. Inspector's reports on Menstrie Day and Evening Schools (copies of which we give under Alva School Board report) have just been issued, and show that both schools are in the highest state of efficiency. This reflects great credit on the headmaster and his assistants.

Disappearance of a Boy.—Last Thursday, a boy named Young, 13 years of age, left his home at Damsburn, and has not yet returned. The boy appears to have had a great dislike to attend school, and was frequently playing truant. On the Thursday in question he had been chastised by his father, and when he left the house he threatened to throw himself into the river Devon. Later in the day, however, he was observed in Alloa. When there was no word of him returning, his parents began to get anxious and a search was made. During this week search parties were instituted and all likely places searched, but without avail. On Wednesday, a boy, who answered to the description of Young, turned up at the Alloa Glass Works. He stated that he came from Coalsnaughton and wished work, but the man to whom he made the application thought it was Young and said he would require to go to Sergeant Hutchison first. At this the boy began to cry and made off as fast as he could. Up till last night no word had been received of the missing lad.

CAMBUS.

Presentation.—On Wednesday night a number of gentlemen met in the East Neuk Hotel, Crail, and presented Mr Alexander S. Beaty, late station agent, with a purse of sovereigns, as a mark of the general appreciation of his services during his tenure of office there. The presentation was made by Provost Peattie, and acknowledged by Mr Beaty, who has the good wishes of the whole community in his new position as stationmaster at Cambus.

CLACKMANNAN.

CO-OPERATIVE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Stirling, West of Fife, and Clackmannan Co-operative Association, was held in the Public Hall, Clackmannan, on Saturday afternoon. There was an excellent attendance of delegates and friends, and Mr John Cuthbert, Alloa, presided. After some formal business had been transacted,

Mr Jack, Alva, at the request of the Clackmannan Society, then read a paper on "Co-operation and its Advantages" in the following terms:—The rock principle of our movement is union, and the right to combine for legitimate and lawful purposes. We thus put ourselves in a position to secure advantages that otherwise would prove beyond our own individual control. A few of these may be mentioned, including:—1 Deliverance from the middleman and the private trader; 2 Security for quality of goods and power to arrange minimum selling prices of same; 3 The great privilege of training directors, committee men, auditors and such-like, most certainly thereby contributing to the success of co-operation; 4 Attendance at open meetings of societies where every shareholder is on the same level of membership; 5 The opportunities afforded by gatherings such as the present, to receive instruction in first principles, to learn of most improved forms of business, and to be put in best methods of procedure; 6 The many legislative benefits obtained for the working population of the country due to co-operators through the labours of the Central Board, benefits which would have been unattainable otherwise; 7 The influencing of statesmen of the highest eminence, in favour of the principles of co-operation, and the practical recognition of these principles in the domain of education and which are matters of present day history. Many other advantages and benefits directly brought into existence by the co-operative movement might easily be adduced and no doubt will to-day be mentioned by the delegates in attendance, such as, the working to raise those of our race not so highly favoured as ourselves, the extension of the movement into the region of productive co-operation, and the assisting of training in citizenship, and especially in strictly co-operative education. All the foregoing reasons should lead retail societies in specific places, such as Alva, Tillicoultry, Sauchie and Coalsnaughton to pull well together, and much more is this primary duty laid upon Conference Associations, and especially does combination in every good work and phase of the movement appeal for unity in this Stirling, West of Fife and Clackmannan Conference District. By reason of the possession of so many privileges, Mr Jack went on to show, that it was the inherent duty of this conference district to combine for promotion of productive co-operation, in farming, for instance, or by setting up one or other of the industries in the country. Financially there were no difficulties because abundance of capital was held by the retail societies, and this would be an excellent outlet for its remunerative application. The divergence between trades unionism and co-operation was adverted to, and they were shown to be one in theory, and ought to be so in practice, and if combined the forces of labour would then march abreast and thus acquire more power. Approximate uniformity of retail prices, dividends, and check systems was commended as being in keeping with the principles of the movement, and with the matured views of present leaders and the intentions of the Rochdale Pioneers, and to this end more frequent meetings of the Conference Association was insisted on, to consider and compare the balance sheets of the several retail societies, when every feature or cause of success could be commended for imitation, and what was bad or improper could be condemned, rejected, or remedied. Federation was commended as the watchword of the movement at the present time.

After discussion, Mr Jack was, on the motion of the secretary, Mr Oswald, Stirling, thanked for his excellent paper.

The report of the Committee appointed by the Scottish section to consider the question of "Bonus to Labour," was produced by the Chairman, and the conference held the same as read.

A lengthy discussion followed and ultimately it was agreed to resume consideration of the matter at next meeting.

The delegates and friends were afterwards hospitably entertained by the local society.

The conference closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

PARISH COUNCIL.

The first statutory meeting of the newly-formed Parish Council, took place in the Inspector's Office, on Wednesday afternoon. All the members were present. Lord Balfour of Burleigh was called to the chair.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

After the minutes of the meeting of Provisional Council had been approved of,

Mr Ramsay said that as they were all aware the first business before them was the appointment of a chairman and judging from the result of the recent contested election be assumed that the privilege of making a nomination devolved on him. He had no doubt all had followed the progress lately of a very spirited contest for the Speakership of the House of Commons, but in the appointment they were now called upon to make be was sure they would have no hesitation in arriving at a perfectly harmonious and unanimous decision. The Council, he said, was singularly fortunate in having as one of its members, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, than whom no more capable councillor could be had to conduct and guide the parish affairs. His Lordship was, if he might be allowed to use the expression, head and shoulders above them all in his grasp and general knowledge of all matters that pertained to them as a Parish Council. It had been his privilege during the past five years to be a member of the late Parochial Board over which his Lordship presided for nearly a quarter of a century with distinguished ability and unfailing courtesy, and though in recent years duties of a more arduous and important nature had precluded absolute regular attendance at the meetings his Lordship nevertheless kept himself well informed of all that took place and was always accessible when the Board needed counsel or advice. Lord Balfour, he said, was well known to all as a model neighbour, taking as he did an active interest in all that concerned them, and in soliciting his acceptance of the chairmanship they not only did a graceful act in showing their appreciation for past services but reflected considerable credit on themselves in having to preside over their meeting one who in every capacity, whether in matters pertaining to Parish Council, National or Imperial, has been tested, and never found wanting. He had therefore much pleasure in moving the appointment of Lord Balfour of Burleigh as Chairman of the Council. (Applause.)

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Lord Balfour, in returning thanks for the appointment, said he supposed he might take the kindly remarks of Mr Ramsay, and the unanimous way in which they had been received, as indicating their wish that he should occupy the chair. He was very deeply sensible, he said, of the compliment they had paid him in referring to his desire to do all he could for the interests of the parish. He trusted that the Council would get on as harmoniously as the old Parochial Board had done, and for his own part he would endeavour to discharge the duties of the new body as well as he had done with the old body. He was sure that those of them who were on the old Board would act in the same spirit as they had done in the past and would give the new members all the information and help they could in initiating them into the mysteries of the business connected with the administration of the Poor Law. As Mr Ramsay had said, he was accessible at any time, and he would not scruple to come from London specially to attend a meeting of the Parish Council should anything arise making it necessary for him to do so. (Applause.)

Thereafter, on the motion of Lord Balfour, Mr Wilson was unanimously appointed clerk. Mr Ramsay was elected the delegate to the Stirling Combination Poorhouse on the motion of the Rev. Mr Robertson.

The Clerk then submitted a statement of the income and expenditure of the Parochial Board for the past year. The main items of the account showed the receipts in the general account to amount to £634 12s 2½d; the expenditure was £551 7s 4½d, and this, including a balance from the School Account left a total balance to carry forward to the Parish Council of £100 12s 3d. The receipts in the School Rate amounted to £317 18s 5d, and £300 of that sum had been paid to the Board. The Burial Account receipts amounted to £191 19s 7d, and after deductions also showed a considerable balance to the good.

The state of finance was considered very satisfactory.

Mr Wilson also submitted a statement of the probable expenditure for the ensuing year, which showed an increase in the rates of about £150.

After full consideration it was agreed to instruct Mr Norval, treasurer, to assess as follows:—For Poor Law purposes £440; Registration, £30; Burial, £70; Parish Council, £30; and School Board, £300. The increase is mainly on the £440 for Poor Law purposes. This account was £320 last year, and the Council anticipated that an additional 1½d will be levied on house property.

The following members were then appointed as a finance committee:—Mr Ramsay (convener), Mr Forsyth, and Mr Alexander.

Mr Ramsay then raised the question regarding the appointment by the District Committee of the County Council of a local water committee, and he suggested that the Council be requested to appoint the members of the Committee from the Parish Council.

This suggestion was agreed to, and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr MacWatt apprising him of the decision of the Council, and suggesting the names of Mr Forsyth and Mr Fyfe as the committee.

This was the principal business.

FOSSOWAY.

The Parish Council met on Monday. Mr John J. Moubray of Naemoor was elected chairman, and Mr James Mitchell, Aldie, was appointed representative to the County Council.

SAUCHIE.

Death Society.—The annual meeting of Sauchie Death Society took place in the School Room on Saturday last. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr James Hunter, Alloa, presided. The principle business was the election of office-bearers, those of last years being re-appointed.

MUCKART.

Parish Council.—At a meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday evening, James M'Arthur Moir, Esq., of Hillfoot, was elected Chairman, and representative to the District committee of the County Council—Mr Henry Sinclair, Inspector of Poor, received the appointment of Clerk.

Mr ROBERT M. STIRLING'S Furniture Warehouse, 89 Renfield Street, Glasgow, occupies seven large floors, with all the latest novelties and Designs in furniture at specially low prices to suit all classes Handsomely Carved Solid Oak Dining Room Suite in leather for £16 10s is one of Mr STIRLING'S special lines.

DOLLAR.

The Queen's Birthday.—Thursday was observed as the Queen's Birthday in the classic burgh, and the shops and offices were closed for the day. Many of the citizens left Dollar by rail for Edinburgh, Glasgow, and other places, while others took advantage of a drive into the country, a few prosecuting the piscatorial art on the hill burns.

Parochial Board Dispute.—In the Court of Session on Thursday, Lord Moncreiff closed the record in an action by John Robertson, contractor, Dollar, against James Low, Inspector of Poor, Dollar, on behalf of the Parochial Board of the parish. Pursuer sues for £69 16s 11d as remuneration for preparing plans for the laying off of the ground in Dollar Cemetery, and the supply of material from 1878 down to the present date. Defender said that pursuer was a member of the Parochial Board, and the work was done without idea of gain. Defender, however, expressed willingness to pay £28 19s 2d in settlement of the claim on certain conditions. Pursuer says he is willing to refer the matter to arbitration. The case was sent to the Procedure Roll. Counsel for the pursuer, Mr Watt; agent, Mr Wm. Alston, solicitor, Edinburgh. Counsel for the defender, Mr C. N. Johnston; agents, Wylie and Campbell, W.S., Edinburgh. Local agent, Mr J. S. Henderson, solicitor, Alloa.

Castle Campbell Hall.—Mr M'Diarmid, Wester Sheardale, Dollar, conducted the services in the Castle Campbell Mission Hall on Sabbath evening last. Mr Knox, Tillicoultry, is expected to preach in the hall to-morrow (Sabbath) evening.

Dollar Young Mens Guild.—The members of the Young Men's Guild, accompanied by their lady friends, enjoyed a drive to Callander on Thursday last. The excursionists left Dollar in a brake provided by Mr Peter Edward, about 7 a.m. and, after spending a most enjoyable day at Callander, reached home about 10 p.m.

Alterations on Railway Tavern.—Mr Alex. Morrison, the new proprietor and tenant of the Railway Tavern, is at present executing certain internal structural alterations on his premises, which, when completed, will prove more accommodating and serviceable to the general public than the premises hitherto did. The bar room is being enlarged, and other internal alterations effected.

Dollar Bowling Club.—The members of the Dollar Bowling Club are now turning out each evening to the pleasant and exhilarating game in large numbers; and the green at nights presents a lively and picturesque appearance. Prizes, presented by Mr Chas. Harieson, Mr David Robertson, Mr Grassie, Mr Lewis M. Morrison, (members of the club) are being competed for; as is also a medal for open competition amongst the members. Six new members have this year been added to the club, which promises in every way to take a foremost place in the County.

The Late Parochial Board.—The following particulars will no doubt interest our readers:—

16th September, 1845.—First meeting of heritors and Kirk-Session—Robert Murray, Esq. of Dollarbeg in the chair. Dr J. M. Strachan appointed Inspector of Poor. (Dr Strachan here referred to was the father of the present Dr Strachan.)

6th October, 1846.—First meeting of Parochial Board—Robert Murray, Chairman.

16th March, 1847.—Mr Cameron elected Treasurer.

4th August, 1847.—Mr R. Murray, elected Chairman.

18th November, 1847.—Dr Strachan elected Medical Officer.

3rd August, 1848.—Mr R. Haig elected Chairman.

9th August, 1849.—Rev. J. Thomson elected Chairman of Board.

7th August, 1851.—Thomas Bradshaw appointed Inspector of Poor, and Dr Strachan, Medical Officer.

9th August, 1852.—Dr Walker appointed Medical Officer of the Parish.

5th November, 1863.—Rev. Mr Thomson resigned, and Mr J. Haig, Esq., elected Chairman.

8th November, 1866.—Mr J. Haig, resigned, and Mr Jas. Gibson elected Chairman.

7th November, 1878.—Mr Wm. Gibb appointed Chairman.

6th November, 1879.—Mr Bradshaw resigned, having acted 28 years as Inspector of Poor.

3rd February, 1880.—Mr J. F. Bowie appointed Inspector of Poor, &c.

10th December, 1885.—Mr W. J. Haig, appointed Chairman, and Mr J. T. Munro, Vice-Chairman.

9th December, 1886.—Dr Spence appointed Medical Officer in room of Dr Walker.

8th December, 1887.—Dr Lindsay appointed Chairman, and Mr Munro, Vice-Chairman.

20th December, 1888.—Mr James M'Arthur Moir appointed Chairman of Board.

19th December, 1889.—Mr W. J. Haig appointed Chairman, and Mr J. T. Munro, Vice-Chairman.

11th December, 1890.—Mr James Low appointed Inspector of Poor; Collector of Poor and School Rates; and Clerk and Treasurer to Dollar Cemetery.

DEATH of Ex-PROVOST HENDERSON.

We regret to announce the death of Ex-provost Henderson, the first Chief Magistrate of the burgh of Dollar. Mr Henderson had been in indifferent health for some considerable time past, and latterly he suffered from an internal malady from which it was feared he would not recover. Although confined to his room for some weeks past Mr Henderson preserved a cheerful disposition in his illness, and was hopeful that the malady would be arrested. Notwithstanding careful medical attention and skilful nursing, the patient never rallied, and died peacefully in presence of his family yesterday morning.

James Beveridge Henderson was born at Limekilns in 1812, and was the only son of the late Captain Henderson of the merchant shipping service. He served his apprenticeship as a chemist and druggist with the late Mr Seath, Dunfermline. Mr Henderson afterwards went to St. Andrews and Inverkeithing, and coming to Dollar in 1869 he began business as a chemist and druggist. He was a thoroughly experienced man, and well qualified in his profession, and his advice was often sought after and relied upon. In everything pertaining to the welfare of Dollar, the deceased gentleman took an active interest. First of all he was deeply attached to the U.P. Church (of which the Rev. W. B. R. Wilson, is pastor) and in his capacity as elder and session clerk, did much to further the prosperity of the church. He was not only a large contributor, but took a leading part in the building of the new U.P. Church at Burnside, which is an ornament to the town. He also took a leading part in the movement towards getting Dollar erected into a burgh, and the honour of first Provost of the burgh, conferred on him by his fellow Commissioners was a well-merited one. Of his work on the Commission Board we need say little as this must be fresh in the minds of the inhabitants, but we may safely say this, that in all his municipal work the late Mr Henderson wrought with a single eye to the welfare and prosperity of the place, and was held in the highest esteem by his colleagues. He was a ready and fluent speaker, and could, when occasion offered, lend amusement to otherwise dry proceedings by his pawky humour and quaint sayings of which he seemed to have an inexhaustible fund. Three years ago he presented several substantial iron chairs to the burgh which are located in suitable places on the Burnside for the convenience of the inhabitants and summer visitors. It was with regret that his colleagues parted with him after a service of one term of office, but Mr Henderson intimated that the claims of business alone compelled him to relinquish his work on the Commission Board. He, however, took an active interest in municipal work, and was willing at any time to render assistance and advice. As regards educational matters, the deceased gentleman gave valuable service to the community. He was not associated with the governing body of the Institution, but he served two terms of office as a member of School Board, viz., from 1877 to 1879, and from 1880 to 1882. As a bowler and a curler Mr Henderson was well-known throughout the entire county, and we are certain that very few could equal him in making short extempore speeches at matches or social meetings of the club. He was for years President of the Dollar Bowling Club, and gave an excellent and characteristic address, under most unfavourable weather auspices, on the opening of the club's beautiful new green. In social circles, as well as in his connection with bowling and curling clubs, Mr Henderson will be much missed, and his genial and kindly bearing and his generosity and willingness to assist in all good causes will be long remembered. His sympathies were very broad, and he delighted to see young men getting on in life, especially those who had gone to the cities. He was therefore not unfrequently met with at the annual re-union of Clackmannanshire natives in Glasgow, and two years ago he was one of the chief speakers at that gathering. So well pleased were the "resident natives" with the address that the Committee of the Association invited him to take the chair at this year's Re-union. Mr Henderson appreciated the honour and accepted of the appointment, but at the last moment, owing to the state of his health, he asked to be relieved of the duty. From this point onwards the deceased has not been able to take a prominent part in any public matters. Mr Henderson has left a widow and seven children, for whom much sympathy is expressed. The funeral will take place on Tuesday at half-past one o'clock to Dollar Cemetery, and the Magistrates and Commissioners recommend the closing of all places of business between one and two o'clock The deceased is succeeded in business by his eldest son, Mr Wm. Henderson, assisted by Mr Beath.

CRICKET.

Fettes College v C.C.C.C.—This match was played at Edinburgh on Tuesday in very disagreeable weather, and resulted in a win for the home team. The following are the detailed scores:

FETTES COLLEGE.

J. A. Campbell, b D. Smith,	11
C. C. MacLaren, c and b Bolton,	34
P. D. Bailey, c and b Bolton,	13
D. B. Monypenny, c Harvey, b Bowie,	4
W. M'Millan, c Hepburn, b Bowie,	10
C. L. Dalziel, b Bolton,	16
D. A. M'Intosh, b Storrier,	13
D. Killer, c Bowie, b Bolton,	17
J. W. D. Labour, b Bolton,	10
T. W. Jackson, b Smith,	4
T. Gowans, not out,	0
Extras,	7
Total	139

C.C.C.C.

F. Hauptman, b Miller,	10
D. Smith, b Miller,	14
F. A. Lumley, c Monypenny, b M'Intosh,	12
J. B. Harvey, b M'Intosh,	5
H. Bolton (pro.) c and b M'Intosh,	2
T. Bowie, b Jackson,	1
W. G. Storrier, c Dalziel, b M'Intosh,	7
F. D. Porteous, b Jackson,	4
W. Dodds, c Monypenny b M'Intosh,	3
J. M. Hepburn, not out,	0
R. Jack, b M'Intosh,	0
Extras,	5
Total	73

To-day, the West Indian Students of Edinburgh, visit the Arns, and commence at 2.45. The following team will represent the County:—Hauptman, Harvey, Younger, Storrier, Brown, Hepburn, Porteous, M'Carry, Dodds, Henderson, and Bolton.

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