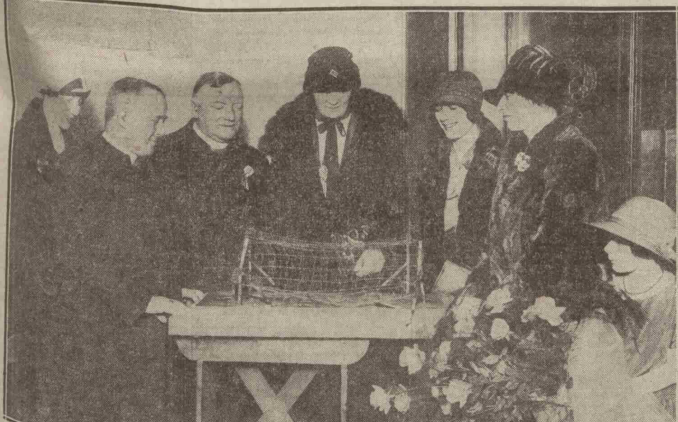


PRINCESS MARY AT SCOTS GARRISON CHURCH, ALDERSHOT.

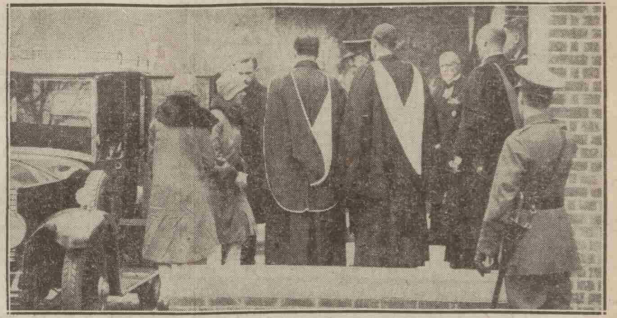


Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles visited the new Presbyterian Garrison Church at Aldershot on Saturday to unveil a brass memorial. The church is shown above.

LADY PROVOST v. THE BISHOP.



After opening the bazaar in the Music Hall on Saturday, held in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Building Repair Fund, Lady Provost Lewis played finger football with Bishop George H. Bennett. Left to right—Mrs. Menzies, Bishop Bennett, Miss Betty Lewis, Lady Provost Lewis, and Miss Eileen Dawson.



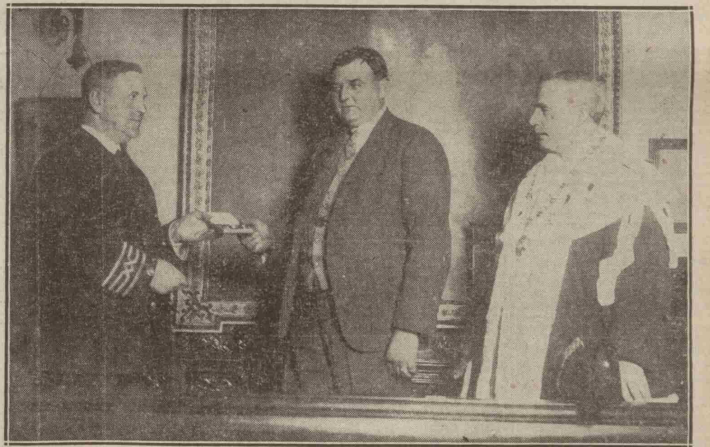
The Princess, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Scots, entering the church.

ECHT FANCY DRESS DANCE.



A group at a fancy dress dance held by the Echt Horticultural and Industrial Association.

GALLANT SKIPPER HONoured AT FRASERBURGH.



A presentation to Skipper George H. Double took place on Saturday at Fraserburgh in appreciation of his gallantry in saving the motor boat Vineyard and his crew. Skipper Double receiving the watch which was presented by Captain Stephen, Harbourmaster (on the left). Provost Brown is on the right.

VALUATION COMPLAINT.

Entry.
Solicitor and Portgordon
Entry.
Alleging that somebody had illegally changed his name on the valuation roll as the compiler's error, and as such the compiler's rates amounted to about £100. Mr. F. A. Watt, solicitor, Banchory, on Saturday presented a valuation appeal to the Valuation Appeal Court, which he would pay. Provost Gordon, president.
The appeal was heard by the Valuation Appeal Court on Saturday. The appellant's name was changed from James Watt to James Watt & Co. The Valuation Appeal Court, which Mr. Watt should have appealed to, was held on Saturday. The Valuation Appeal Court, which Mr. Watt should have appealed to, was held on Saturday. The Valuation Appeal Court, which Mr. Watt should have appealed to, was held on Saturday.

HEALTH OF ABERDEEN.

Increase of Scarlet Fever Cases.
In his weekly return of cases of zymotic diseases, Dr. J. Patience Kinloch, medical officer of health for Aberdeen, reports that there were 27 scarlet fever cases. The epidemic is not regarded as serious, but it is recommended that parents should get their children immunised against scarlet fever, the service being provided free of charge by the Public Health Department.
Scarlet fever cases were notified from: South Constitution Street, Castle Terrace, King Street, Esplanade Road, Great Northern Road, Richmond Street, Union Grove, Prospect Terrace, and Abbey Place, etc. (Other notifications of disease were—Diphtheria, four (Kild Street, Castle Terrace, Crislight Road, and Queen Street, Woodlands); measles, two (Great Northern Road); whooping cough, one (Glenon Street); Rubella, one (Chapel Street); Notified Plague, one (Horseburn Place, Crown Street, Walker Road, George Street, and Great Northern Road); etc.); paratyphoid fever, one; acute pneumonia, nine; enteric fever, three; pertussis, three; influenza pneumonia, one; primary tuberculous, three; other tuberculous, three; chicken-pox, nine; malaria, one. Fifty-three cases, including seven cases of tuberculous, were admitted to the City Hospital or other public institution.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Crimond Pulpit Supply.
Sir,—In reply to the letter which appeared yesterday over the signature of four of the six elders of Crimond Parish Church, permit me to say that Mr. Watt acted entirely on the information given by me to him regarding the pulpit supply at Crimond, as personally he knew nothing. Mr. Watt was under the impression that by my using the term "We," as distinct from "Some of the congregation," I was referring to both of the bodies, session and congregation.
I take the whole blame on my own shoulders, although at the same time I am convinced that, legally and factually, I was right, and perfectly justified in making the complaint, and that the only way to obtain satisfaction in the best interests of the church, was by Mr. Watt did.
It is the overlooking of the law of the Church that I complain against, and had the members of the Presbytery involved done their duty as enjoined by the Presbytery, or kept the substitutes for their own pulpits then, as far as Crimond is concerned, there would have been nothing to be said.—Yours, etc.,
JAMES F. LAING,
Clerk to the Kirk Session,
Crimond, December 9, 1927.

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Aberdeenshire Education Authority.
Sir,—Your leader of November 25 on the management of this "Mock Authority" was so forceful and irrefutable that many of our readers have done nothing to clarify the vision of the "Chairman's Committee" or to rectify the wrongs perpetrated by the majority. What in your opinion was "too pitiful to be called a scandal" must not be set down either in respect or to utter indifference to all that is reasonable.
Instead of acting as the ratgeber's representative, the majority of the Authority appear to be quite cognizant of the fact that they are misrepresenting them. They hold their meetings in private; they prefer darkness to light. Why?
Note this—
It is very desirable that there should be a frank and open discussion on this matter,

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which is of the very first importance, and therefore it should be in private. I move accordingly.
The minister of Dyce was the mover of that proposition and it was seconded by the minister of Auchincrye at a meeting of the Authority on November 24; and at twenty-three votes for and only seven against, the motion was carried and "the reporter withdrew."
In my matter of "the very first importance" which concerns the public, what possible reason can be adduced for dealing with it privately? Surely the two ministers referred to will agree with me when I say (as I do now) that the proposal of the Gospel is a matter of "the very first importance," but I have never yet heard of anybody saying that "before" the meeting of the Authority was held, and that the public, and that those who elected them have a right to know all they say and do as members of the Authority. Such members as Dean Mackay, Mr. Martin and others who might be named are not in the very least inferior to those of the other party. Ministers have their rights, and it is for the minority in this instance to determine whether they will play the role of the majority and keep the public in a state of ignorance, or stand up boldly for publicity.
The end of this trouble is not yet, and unless the majority of the Authority report and reform, and vindicate their action in advertising and forming a set of re-reading lists, and forming a new list, their cause for regret is almost certain to be prolonged.
The minority should insist on that as the only legitimate course to pursue, if they desire to save from the ignominious consequences of such a glaringly stupid method of trying to silence an after man to secret an appointment, which he has shown not the shadow of a desire to obtain.—Yours, etc.,
December 10, 1927.
STURGEON LEON.

THEOSOPHY.

Support for Doctrine of Reincarnation.
Mr. N. A. Ellingsen, Edinburgh, general secretary of the Theosophical Society in Scotland, lectured last night to a large audience in the B.N.C.A. Hall, Aberdeen, on the subject of "Man and His Invisible Bodies."
Mr. Ellingsen explained the nature of the invisible bodies, and said that there were the result of having broken that law which is in the world, the law of God, which was love, and all our sorrows and trials were the result of having broken that law either in this or past lives. All souls would ultimately return again, and none would be lost, for just as man had a divine pedigree, so he also was a divine inhabitant of eternal life.
Theosophy solves them" was the subject of another lecture by Mr. Ellingsen in the Y.M.C.A. Institute on Saturday night. He said there were many perplexing problems of life which demanded an answer from religion compatible with the intelligence. There existed in the world today three schools of thought which endeavoured to answer these problems. The first was the materialistic school, which maintained that life, consciousness, and intelligence were the product of matter. With the advent of the new psychology, it had been proved over and over again that the brain and nervous system were not necessary either to the maintenance of life or the manifestation of intelligence. The second school maintained that there was no such thing as matter. The third school thought, the theosophical, mystical, esoteric schools generally, taught that spirit and matter both existed. Spirit required matter to express itself. Man was spirit, a part of God himself. The soul of man came to earth many times, and gradually evolved till he became perfect. The savage became the saint after many lives. We repeated what we sowed. The lecturer argued support of the doctrine of reincarnation.

FOR ST MACHAR POOR.

£102 Collected at a Sunday Concert.
A full house at a Sunday concert in the Palace Theatre, Aberdeen, last night resulted in £102 being realised for the provision of a Christmas treat to the poor in St. Machar Ward. The concert was organised by Mr. Arthur Hinton, proprietor of the Theatre, and he and Mr. Hinton appeared, with others, in a dramatic performance in the course of the programme.
Councillor Philip, who was chairman, said that last year, through Mr. Hinton's efforts in organising a similar concert, they got the handsome sum of £100, which enabled them to provide Christmas parcels for 450 poor people in the ward. (Applause.)
The programme, which was received by the audience with great enthusiasm, consisted of vocal solos and duets, concert solos, solo songs, orchestral selections, dances, and the second prize were—"Home, Sweet Home," "Maeve Bobbie Watson, Miss Jenny Davidson and Billy Wood; Mr. Harry O'Riley (tenor); Miss Peggy Courtney; and the Palace Girls (five voices). The Palace Orchestra, augmented and conducted by the director, Mr. George Harkins, played and the characters in the drama Arthur Hinton, Mr. Arthur Trail, Mr. Travis Green, Miss Neave Gill, Miss Jeanie Davidson, and Miss Peggy Courtney.
After a long tour in this country, M. Vladimir de Pachmann, the aged pianist, is leaving London for his Italian home to-day.

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