Cowdenbeath & Kelty Echo

No. 1. REGISTERED FOR TRANSMISSION ABROAD. COWDENBEATH AND KELTY ECHO, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1900. PRICE ONE HALFPENNY.

General Notices.

CHORAL UNION.

SESSION 1900-1901.

Ordinary Membership 4s; Honorary Membership will entitle to attend the Practices at 2s and 10s 6d will entitle to 2 Reserved Concert Tickets respectively. Music free.

PRACTICE every MONDAY Evening in ST. MARGARET'S LECTURE HALL, at 8.15. First Practice on Monday 8th October 1900. New Members enrolled from 7 p.m.

Words by Longfellow, Music by S. Coleridge-Taylor.

Conductor—Mr HUGH M'NABB, Glasgow.

ANDREW CLARK, Hon. Secy.

STIRLING BURGHS PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION.

COLONEL OLLIVER T. DUKE (ADOPTED UNIONIST CANDIDATE) WILL ADDRESS THE ELECTORS AT THE FOLLOWING EVENING MEETINGS:—

FRIDAY, 5th October.

Town Wards—QUEEN ANNE SCHOOL at 7.30

Second Ward—ST. MARGARET'S LECTURE HALL at 8.30.

DUNFERMLINE AND DISTRICT ECONOMIC BUILDING SOCIETIES.

Head Office—2 Abbey Park Place, Dunfermline.

Hours—Monday and Tuesday, 9 to 5 and 7 to 8; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9 to 6; Saturday, 9 to 1.

These Societies grant Advances, free of interest to the Directors, on personal value of the Property. New Members are now being enrolled, and the public are invited to apply for prospectuses, &c., which can be procured from any of the Directors and Officers of the Societies.

Special applications may be made with the following Agents, viz.:—CHRISTOPHER PENMAN, 12 Park Street, Cowdenbeath; Mr JOHN LAING, 84 Main Street, Crossgates; Mr JOHN SCOTT, Oakfield, Kelty; Mr JAMES ROSS, Main Street, Donibristle; Mr ALEXANDER SMITH, Main Street, Inverkeithing; Mr ANDREW MILLER, Main Street, Kinross; and Mr JOHN ROBERTSON, Aberdour, or the undersigned.

THO. DUNN, Secretary.

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MONDAY & TUESDAY, 8th & 9th Oct.

THE BEN GREET COMPANY

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THE Stock consists of over 2000 Gold and Silver Watches, Clocks, Marble Clocks, Vienna Regulators, Musical Clocks, Musical Pictures, Musical Boxes, Timepieces of all kinds, Bronze Figures, Silver-Plate Tea and Coffee Services, Jelly Dishes, Cruets, Epergnes and Flower Stands, Carvers, Teapoons, Albums, and all Kinds of Cutlery.

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WANTED, a Respectable YOUTH as Apprentice Hairdresser.—Apply LAMOND'S, Chalmers Street.

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OF ALL THE LATEST

POPULAR AND FANCY MATERIALS,

BOOTS, SHOES, & SLIPPERS.

NEWEST DESIGNS! SMARTEST SHAPES! UP-TO-DATE STYLES!

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A Select Stock of WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELLERY, and SILVER PLATE always on hand at Lowest Cash Prices.

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IN the heat of summer, when you were giving no thought to provide against "Cauld November Blaste," Cook was mindful of your Comfort. Always to the Front when a Bargain is to be had, he succeeded in securing, at almost his own price, a Manufacturer's Lot of Clearing Lines in Heavy HOSIERY.

This Lot has been held back until now. With the month of October staring us in the face, the need for WARM UNDERCLOTHING arises. Nowhere can you get Value like that offered at the POLYTECHNIC. There and there only can you buy your WINTER GOODS at Prices which would be considered Cheap, if it were April and the season over, instead of September and the season only beginning.

MEN'S DRAWERS, SEMMETS, FINGERING SOX, ALLOA SOX, CHILDREN'S COMBINATIONS WOMEN'S UNDERVESTS AND HOSIERY, AT SPECIAL PRICES.

FLANNELS, FLANNELETTES, BLANKETS, FLANNELETTE SHEETS, DRUGGAT SHEETS, BEDCOVERS.

LADIES AND MISSES' COSTUMES, JACKETS, CAPES, AND FURS,

ALL THIS SEASON'S GOODS, NEWEST SHAPES, AT THE VERY LOWEST CASH PRICES.

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Autumn and Winter Clothing.

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Of MEN'S, YOUTHS', and BOYS' READY-MADE CLOTHING; also, EXCELLENT VALUE in MEN'S SHIRTS, PANTS, and WOOLLEN UNDERCLOTHING.

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All the NEWEST MATERIALS in SUITINGS, TROUSERINGS, and OVERCOATINGS, at

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ARE ADVANCED THIS SEASON.

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ADIE KEEPS AT THE FRONT

AND CAN NOW BOOK ORDERS FOR COMING SEASON.

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RESPECTFULLY announces that he is showing a large selection of all the Newest Styles in Ladies' WINTER JACKETS in Black, Beaver, and Covert Coating Mixtures, now so much in demand, Black and Coloured CAPES, GOLF TWEED CAPES, Girls' and Misses' JACKETS, Children's PELISSES, COATS, &c.

Exceptional Value in Dress Materials, Blankets, Flannels, Flannelettes, Shirtings, Flannelette Sheets, Felt Skirts, Dress Skirts, Cloth Blouses, Silk Blouses, Furs, Umbrellas, Gloves, Hosiery, Waterproof Capes, &c,

Magnificent Display of MILLINERY in the Millinery Saloon of Ladies' HATS, TOQUES, BONNETS, Girls' and Misses' HATS, Childrens MILLINERY, &c.

DRESSES, COSTUMES, and BLOUSES made up in the Highest Class Style.

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IT'S IN BOTTLES AT 6d; DOUBLE SIZE, 10d.

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The Right Place if you want AMERICAN ORGANS direct from the Makers, Warranted Ten Years. The reason why, because we do not depend on Selling Musical Instruments, and can Sell at Reasonable Prices.—BEVERIDGE'S 23 CHALMERS STREET.

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IRON BEDS, HAIR, WOOL, SPRING AND STRAW MATTRESSES, KITCHEN FENDERS, ASHPANS, ROOM FENDERS, CARPETS, RUGS, LINOLEUMS, FLOORCLOTHS, DOOR MATS, KITCHEN & ROOM CHAIRS, DRESSERS, ELECTRO-PLATE, CUTLERY,

We have also a Large Stock of PARAFFIN LAMPS and STOVES at various prices to suit all purses.

We solicit your Orders and shall do our utmost to please you.

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GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, FEEDING STUFFS, GENERAL IRONMONGERY, MINERS' OUTFITS.

BEST QUALITY AT LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES FOR CASH. BUY WHERE THE QUALITY IS HIGH, THE PRICES LOW, AND BE YOUR OWN BANKER.

THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY PURCHASING AT

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J. BIRSE can supply you with A SET OF PRIZE MEDAL ARTIFICIAL TEETH, from 21s; SINGLE TOOTH, from 2s 6d.

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PAINLESS EXTRACTIONS by aid of Nitrous Oxide Gas and other Anæsthetics.

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FRUIT & FISH MERCHANT,

BEGS to inform the inhabitants of Dunfermline and district that he has purchased the well-known Business of the late Mr BRYCE, Fishmonger, GUILDHALL STREET.

The Shop having this week been thoroughly renovated, is now open, and W. S. hopes to be favoured with the patronage of Mr Bryce's former customers, and that of the public generally, to whom every civility and attention will be given.

No. 14 GUILDHALL ST., DUNFERMLINE

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

At our SALE, TO-DAY,

We Offer the following Tremendously Cheap BARGAIN PURCHASE, Just Secured for Cash on the Nail:—

1154 Yards Self-Coloured DRESS MATERIAL, at 2½ a-Yard.
A Large Bale of White COTTON SHIRTING, 42 Inches wide, 4d a-Yard.
20 Pieces Bordered CRETONNE PRINTS, wonderful at 3d, 3½d, 4d, 4½d a-Yard.
One Bale only (Soiled) UNBLEACHED TWILL COTTON, only 2½d a-Yard.
40 Dozen Men's Blue, White Spot COTTON MUFFLERS, only 2½d Each.
12 Pieces only, Pure TURKEY COTTON, with White Spot, 6½d a-Yard.
20 Pieces Diagonal TWILLED TURKEY COTTON, at 3½d a-Yard.
139 Pairs Ladies' CLASPING STAYS, assorted Sizes, 11½d a-Pair.
A Few Pieces only, White Figured COTTON DAMASK, 2½d a-Yard.
40 Dozen Men's and Boys' White SHIRT FRONTS, only 3½d each.
367 Dozen Ladies' and Children's POCKET HANKIES, ½, 1d, 1½d Each.
6 Pieces only, 36 and 37 Inches wide, Green WINDOW HOLLAND, 5½d a-Yard.
12 Pieces only, Dark Striped PETTICOAT SKIRTING, only 4½d a-Yard.
144 Ladies' Fancy Tweed SHOULDER HANDKERCHIEFS, 10½d Each.
12 Pieces Pink FLANNELETTE, very Nice Quality, 2½d a-Yard.
1675 Yards Light Coloured CAMBRIC PRINTS, only 1d a-Yard.

OUR GREAT 21st HALF-YEARLY

CHEAP

JUMBLE SALE

HAS NOW COMMENCED.

GREAT preparation has been made for this Sale. Nothing has been left undone in order to ensure a great success. Our Motto at all times is

"STERN WAR AGAINST HIGH PRICES."

During this Sale there will be offered such

A CONTINUITY OF BARGAINS

Hitherto unequalled in the city. Never was there such a Slaughtering in Prices in face of a rising market.

CALL EARLY AND SECURE A GOOD CHOICE.

NOTICE.—

AT THIS SALE

THERE WILL BE OFFERED IMMENSE DELIVERIES OF

NEW AUTUMN & WINTER GOODS

ALL MARKED AT SPECIAL PRICES.

W. & J. M'LAREN & CO.,

Wholesale & Retail Cash Drapers,

26, 28, and 30 BRIDGE STREET,

Respectfully intimate that they are determined that no possible effort will be wanting on their part to place before all those who may visit this GREAT CLEARING SALE some of the most Surprisingly Cheap Lots of Goods that have ever yet been placed before an Experienced and Discriminating Cash Paying Public. And now for particulars; but where we are to begin is the Puzzle, for so numerous and important are all the Lots, that any one of them would be well worth taking notice of.

REMEMBER, THE WHOLE STOCK WITHOUT RESERVE.

Annexed are only a few of the many extraordinary Bargain Lots, taken at random, that will be offered during this Sale:—

LOT 1.—400 Scarlet FLANNELETTE BLANKETS. These are really one of the greatest Bargains ever offered in these Goods. They are all 2½ Yards long, and a perfect marvel of cheapness at 1/6 each.

LOT 2.—520 Pairs SCOTCH, TEVIOT, and AYRSHIRE BLANKETS; to be Sold at this sale, at 4/11, 6/6, 7/6, 8/9, 10/6, 11/9, 12/6, 13/6, 14/6, 15/6 a-Pair. Also, a Manufacturer's Stock of 150 Pairs SAMPLE BLANKETS. This Lot is slightly soiled, and are now offered at the extraordinary Low Prices of 3/11, 4/11, 5/6, 6/6, 6/11, 7/6, 8/6 9/6, 10/6, 11/9, 12/9 a-Pair.

LOT 3.—49 only, WADDED BED QUILTS, all pretty Patterns, to be Sold at the nominal Price of 1/11 each.

LOT 4.—75 Beautiful Reversible Imitation Eiderdown BED QUILTS. This is a splendid Lot, at 3/6, 3/11, 4/6, 4/9, 5/6.

LOT 5.—150 White Honeycomb BED QUILTS, to be offered at this Sale at the extraordinary Low Prices of 1/6, 1/11, 2/3, 2/6, 2/11, 3/6 each. These are a perfect marvel of Cheapness.

LOT 6.—200 Pairs Strong Unbleached TWILLED COTTON SHEETS, now offered at the nominal Price of 2/6 a-Pair. These cannot be replaced under 3/11 a-Pair.

LOT 7.—144 Sateen and Cretonne Reversible FRILLED CUSHIONS, now selling at the Low Prices of 9½d and 1/ each.

LOT 8.—12 Parcels Pure Bleached TWILLED COTTON PILLOW SETS. These are all in Sets of Three—1 Bolster and 2 Pillow Cases. Our Sale Prices—10½d, 11½d, 1/4, 1/6 per Set.

LOT 9.—36 only, Lovely Silk CUSHIONS. This is by far the Richest Lot of these Goods we have ever offered. The Sale Prices for this Lot are 1/6, 2/11, 3/9, 5/9, 7/6, and 10/6.

LOT 10.—Two Large Bales of Strong Unbleached COTTON CLOTH. Surprising Value, at 2½, 2¾d, 3d, 3½d, and 4d per Yard.

LOT 11.—One Bale only Pure Bleached COTTON SHIRTING. To be Sold at this Sale at the nominal Price of 3½ a Yard.

LOT 12.—A rare Bargain Purchase of 12 Pieces 36-inch Pure Bleached TWILLED COTTON, to be cleared out during this Sale at the Nominal Price of 3½d a Yard.

LOT 13.—A Rare Bargain Purchase of BLEACHED COTTON PILLOW CASES. The Sale Price of this Lot is only 3½d each.

LOT 14.—3 Grand Lots of UNBLEACHED BATH TOWELS to be Sold at this Sale, the extraordinary Low Prices of 3d, 4½d, 5½d, 7d, and 8½d each.

LOT 15.—3 Pieces only, 39 Inches Wide, Pure FLAX PACKSHEET, to be Sold at this Sale at 7d per Yard.

LOT 16.—One Piece only, 54 Inches Wide, TWILLED TURKEY COTTON, to be Sold at the Nominal Price of 9d per Yard.

LOT 17.—24 Dozen FRINGED LINEN BEDROOM TOWELS that usually Sell at 6d, now offered at the Nominal Price of 3½d each.

LOT 18.—180 Dozen 20 x 30 Inches, LINEN DOWLAS TOWELS, with Blue and Red Borders. Our Sale Price for this Lot is only 2½d each.

LOT 19.—12 Pieces Fancy Printed FLANNELETTE, to be Sold at the Nominal Price of 3½d. Ask to see it.

LOT 20.—A Rare Bargain Lot of 25 Pieces Fancy Striped FLANNELETTES, to be offered during this Sale at the surprisingly Low Prices of 2½, 2¾d, 3d, 3½d, and 4½d a-Yard.

LOT 21.—6 Pieces only Self Pink FLANNELETTE. This Lot is 32 Inches Wide, and a perfect marvel of cheapness at 3½ a-Yard.

LOT 22.—12 Pieces ART MUSLINS. This Lot is 30 Inch Wide, and are all very Nice Patterns. There is no mistake that this is the Cheapest Lot of Art Muslins ever offered at 1½d a-Yard.

LOT 23.—832 Yards Beautiful ART MUSLINS. This Lot is 36 Inches Wide and Bordered on each side, and the Sale Price is only 2½d a-Yard.

LOT 24.—1675 Yards Light Coloured CAMBRIC PRINT, to be Sold at this Sale at the Nominal Price of a 1d a-Yard.

LOT 25.—20 Pieces Beautiful CRETONNE PRINTS, in 20 New Patterns, to be Sold at this Sale at the Low Prices of 2½d, 3d, 3½d, 4½d, and 6d a-Yard. This is Grand Lot.

LOT 26.—4 very Large Lots Dark Coloured DRESS TWEEDS and MELTONS. These are all Double-Width Cloths and Grand Value at 5½d, 7½d, 9½d, 10½d, 1/2 a-Yard.

LOT 27.—5 Pieces only BLACK SERGE, 44 Inches Wide. Our Price for this Lot while it lasts is only 10½d a-Yard.

LOT 28.—54 Pieces only FANCY DRESS TWEEDS and SERGES all reduced for this Sale to 10½d, 1/, 1/4, 1/6, 1/9, 2/, 2/6 a-Yard.

LOT 29.—Eight Pieces only Fancy Checked SILKS, to be cleared out at the castaway Price of 6d a-Yard.

LOT 30.—12 Pieces 42nd SURAH SILKS, that are selling to-day in Glasgow at 2/11 a-Yard, we offer the same Goods at 1/11½ a-Yard.

LOT 31.—Two Large Boxes of Short Lengths of Coloured SILKS and SATINS, to be Sold at the extraordinary Low Price of 1/4 a-Yard.

LOT 32.—60 Ladies' Coloured Moire Frilled SKIRTS, that were marked to Sell at 4/6, now to be cleared out at the astonishing Low Price of 2/6 each.

LOT 33.—150 Ladies' Light Print SHIRTS and GARIBALDIS, that were marked to Sell at 1/11 to 2/6, now reduced for this Sale to 11½d and 1/3 each.

LOT 34.—12 Dozen Ladies' Tartan Shoulder SHAWLS. These are a Large Size, and most Surprising Value at 2/6 each.

LOT 35.—72 Children's Merino DRESSES, New Shades and Nicely Trimmed. Observe the Price—11½d each.

LOT 36.—8 Boxes Ladies' Coloured SILK SCARFS. Sale Price, while they last, only 3½d each.

LOT 37.—20 Boxes Ladies' White LACE SCARFS, to be given away at the Nominal Price of 4½d each.

LOT 38.—1500 Yards Beautiful FLANNELETTE TRIMMING, now selling at the castaway Price of 1½d a-Yard. Be in time for this lot.

LOT 39.—A Large Pile of Children's Coloured Print PINAFORES. Prices, while they last, 4½d, 5½d, 6½d each.

LOT 40.—22 Dozen White Hem-Stitched POCKET HANDKERCHIEFS, now selling rapidly, 1d each.

LOT 41.—39 Dozen Cream Imitation SILK POCKET HANKIES. Price, while they last, 1½d each.

LOT 42.—30 Dozen Ladies' FLANNELETTE DRAWERS to clear out at this Sale at the Low Price of 9½d, 10½d a-pair.

LOT 43.—13 Dozen Ladies' FLANNELETTE CHEMISES, now selling at the Low Price of 1/3½, 1/6, 1/9, 1/6 each.

LOT 44.—30 Dozen Pairs Ladies' CORSETS, most remarkable Value at 1/2, 1/3, 1/6, 1/11, 2/3, 2/6, 2/11 a-Pair.

LOT 45.—50 Dozen Men's, Youths', and Boys' TWEED CAPS that were 6d Each, now reduced for this Sale to 2½d each.

LOT 46.—4 Large Bales of Men's SHETLAND DRAWERS and SEMMETS. Most extraordinary Values at 1/3, 1/6, 1/9, 1/11, 2/3, 2/6, 2/11.

LOT 47.—11 Dozen Men's Lovely SILK MUFFLERS laid out for this Sale. Your choice of the lot for 2/6 each. Some of these are 4/6 Mufflers.

Along with the above, we offer the Whole of our Large and Valuable Stock of

Men's, Youths' and Boys'

CLOTHING

SERGE & GAMBROON JACKETS, WINCEY, WOOL, & COTTON SHIRTS; PLAIDING AND COTTON DRAWERS; SHETLAND LAMBSWOOL SHIRTS AND PANTS, MUFFLERS, BRACES, COLLARS, FRONTS, CUFFS, SCARFS, TIES, GLOVES, CAPS, &c.

At Prices that cannot fail to attract and surprise the very keenest Cash Buyers

26, 28, & 30 BRIDGE STREET.

Election Addresses.

TO THE ELECTORS
OF THE
STIRLING DISTRICT OF BURGHS.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for the honour of representing you in the new Parliament.

I have set forth my views at length in a document which has appeared in the public press, so that you are fully informed of my opinions on the leading events and issues of the day, while the general principles which guide my political action are familiar to you through long experience.

Your confidence and indulgence in the past, for which I am profoundly grateful, emboldens me to hope that you will be willing to place me again in the proud position I have so long through your kindness occupied; and with the assurance of devotion to your service,

I remain,
GENTLEMEN,
Your most faithful Servant,
H. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

Belmont Castle,
Meigle, 25th September, 1900.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS
OF THE
STIRLING DISTRICT OF BURGHS.

GENTLEMEN,—Her Majesty's Government has appealed to the country asking approval of its policy, especially with reference to South Africa.

I ask your support for that policy because it maintains the rights of Her Majesty's subjects, it resists the insolent defiance of her just claims, and protects the life and property of her loyal Colonists.

The conclusion of the war with the Afrikander States, now happily brought into sight by the military genius of Lord Roberts and the valour and endurance of our soldiers, together with the completed suppression of the Afrikander rebellion within Cape Colony at Natal, has provided a fitting opportunity for laying this policy before the country.

Your approval is also asked for the carrying out of such measures in South Africa as shall render the recurrence of the dangers which have been averted by such a lavish expenditure of our blood and treasure impossible for all future time.

I am a strenuous supporter of Army Reform. The present war has revealed the fact that there exists an urgent need for complete reform of our military system and of the War Office machinery.

In this connection I advocate that the Volunteer movement should be further encouraged and more liberally supported, especially in respect of ammunition grants and facilities for rifle range practice.

Gentlemen, the fact that I have been unanimously invited by Associations throughout your District of Burghs to become a Candidate shows that you consider that at the present moment National and Imperial interests must outweigh local and personal considerations.

I submit that the honour, safety and prosperity of Great Britain and her Colonies, who have stood by her so loyally during the past months, cannot be safely trusted to the hands of the Opposition, especially in the present divided and disorganised condition.

I ask you to send me to Parliament to support the present Government, so that the blood of our soldiers may not have been shed in vain, our sacrifices may not be rendered fruitless, and the loyal affection of our Colonies may not be perhaps irretrievably alienated.

I do not forget that there are great and important domestic questions which require careful attention. The last five years have been fruitful in measures for the benefit of the working classes, but much remains to be done. I shall, if returned, support such measures for the reform of our Licensing System and the promotion of Temperance as are based on equitable principles. I shall vote in favour of extending the Workmen's Compensation Act, and shall do my best to further the solution of the difficulties which surround the provision of what are known as Old Age Pensions. I am aware that special Scottish questions require the strenuous support of Scottish members to ensure their being passed into law, and I shall hope to be able to defend and promote, with all diligence, your local as well as your national interests.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
O. T. DUKE.

37 Murray Place,
Stirling, September, 1900.

TO THE ELECTORS
OF THE
WESTERN DIVISION OF FIFE.

GENTLEMEN,—I have been requested by the Fife West of Fife Liberal Association to offer myself as a Candidate for the seat so ably filled by Mr Esslemont, and now about to be vacated by him.

I had no thought whatever of placing myself in such a position, but the invitation having been cordially given, I have deemed it my duty to accept it on the footing that I appear before the Constituency as an adherent of Radical-Democratic principles, and on this understanding I now respectfully ask for your united and hearty support.

I am thoroughly opposed to what is called "Imperialism," whether masquerading in the guise of Liberalism or otherwise. In my view the deplorable war still waging in South Africa has been brought about by the suspicion created in the mind of the Boers through the whitewashing of Mr Rhodes and his retention as a Privy Councillor, the non-cancellation of the Charter held by the South African Chartered Company, and the blundering and blustering diplomacy of Mr Chamberlain.

The declaration that the war was inevitable simply amounts to a confession of incompetence on the part of the Government. If the war was inevitable it could have been unexpected. In that case the Government stand condemned for their unpreparedness.

The spirit of Militarism, which has been for some time rampant, is fraught, I think, with the gravest possible danger to the prosperity of our country, and deserves to be checked by every true Liberal.

As a Home Ruler, I stand where I did. It has long been my belief that only by a scheme of Devolution would justice be done to the local interests of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

The cause of Land Law Reform has always been close to my heart. Indeed, the main inducement in my seeking your suffrages is the desire to use my efforts in the direction of placing the Land Laws of Scotland on a rational basis, thereby contributing in no small degree to the happiness and prosperity of the people.

I am in favour of the entire abolition of the House of Lords, and as regards the House of Commons I advocate payment of Members, and freeing them from Returning Officers' charges.

I am also in favour of manhood suffrage, one man one vote, and equal electoral districts.

I entirely endorse the principle of Religious equality, and with equality the interests of true religion would be promoted.

The Liquor Traffic will never be properly grappled with until it is under adequate local control.

It would be my especial care and pleasure to do my utmost on behalf of the Mining, Fishing, Agricultural, and other industries of the neighbourhood. I would certainly support a measure providing for an Eight Hours' Day for Miners, and I would also do everything in my power to have the Workmen's Compensation Act amended and largely extended, and made applicable to all trades and occupations.

If you do me the honour of sending me to the House of Commons, I shall make it my earnest endeavour to stand fast by those great principles of Freedom, Justice, and Peace—principles which, in the past, inspired the career of our illustrious leaders, Bright, Cobden, and Gladstone. There can be no hope for this great Empire of ours unless we repudiate once for all those spurious principles of Expansion, and get down to the bed-rock of all National as well as Individual progress, as expressed in the great and enduring Truth that Righteousness alone exalteth a Nation.

I am,
Faithfully yours,
JOHN D. HOPE.

Inchmartine,
Perthshire, 26th September 1900.

TO THE ELECTORS
OF THE
WESTERN DIVISION OF THE COUNTY OF FIFE.

GENTLEMEN,—At the unanimous request of the Unionist Party in West Fifeshire, I have the honour to offer myself as a Candidate for the representation of your Division in Parliament.

The political issue before you is clear and distinct. You have at this Election to choose, on the one hand, whether you will entrust the reins of Government to the great Unionist Party, a Party undivided in its counsels, united in its policy, and determined to justify to the utmost in the future the confidence which the people of the United Kingdom have put in it in the past; and, on the other hand, whether you will place in power a disorganised rabble of faddist factions without the form of a party, void of policy, and, according to one of its quasi-leaders, Mr Herbert Gladstone, "not in a position to furnish a strong Government." The present Government is a strong one. I was a strenuous supporter of it, and am firmly convinced that to it, and to it alone, can be entrusted, with safety to British interests at home and abroad, the settlement of affairs in South Africa. The war in the Orange Free State and the Transvaal was just, and became inevitable through the action of Mr Kruger, his Hollander fellow-capitalists, and their dupes. It was the outcome of a conspiracy formed by Transvaalers and Free Staters in co-operation with disaffected and disloyal Afrikanders in our South African Colonies and their sympathisers, correspondents, and creatures in this country, with the object of driving us from our just, acquired territories in South Africa. It had for its final aim the setting up of a Dutch South African Republic inimical to the stability of our Empire. The Transvaal and Orange Free State declared war against us, and their forces invaded our Colonies. We accepted the challenge of their ultimatum. The Greater Britain beyond the sea rallied round the Mother Country, and sent its soldiers to fight shoulder to shoulder with ours in repelling the invaders. The war has been fought to a triumphant finish, thanks to the splendid valour of our Generals and their men. The blood of thousands of your fellows has been spilled. Many of your kinsmen and friends have given their lives for our common country. You are called upon now to say by your votes that this immense sacrifice of your best blood and treasure has not been and shall not be in vain. I ask you, through me, to give your mandate to the present Government for the settlement of these States under just and equal laws for all men. You need expect no guidance on the subject of the war, or on the settlement to follow the war, from the Opposition, for the settlement of their own internal affairs must engage their undivided attention for years to come.

The war has taught valuable lessons, and the Unionist Party is firmly resolved to act upon these, and to remedy the defects which undoubtedly exist in our present Army system.

The interests of Imperial Defence, of Trade, and therefore of our Working Classes, demand that our Navy should be so strengthened as to be in a position to repel the attacks of foreign nations directed against our shores, our trade routes, our Colonies and Dependencies, and the sources whence we draw our food supplies. Measures for securing, in continuance of the policy of the present Government, these objects will receive my warmest support.

The Government, with a splendid record of legislation in home affairs, has deserved your confidence. They have put on the Statute Book the Workmen's Compensation Act, and an Act extending the principle of that measure to the case of agricultural labourers. If, on inquiry, the principle of these Acts can with justice be extended to other classes of labourers not provided for therein, I shall heartily support any Bill or Bills with the object of such extension of principle.

The list of remedial measures passed by the Unionist Party, and showing that the Government thoroughly has at heart the interests of all classes of the people, includes the Small Houses (Acquisition of Ownership) Act, the Housing of the Working Classes Act, the Agricultural Rates Act, the Agricultural Holdings Act, the Private Bill Procedure Act, and the Light Railways Act. I shall support further remedial measures on the lines of these according as the times require it.

I am in favour of an Eight Hours Bill for Miners, and of measures for the curtailment of the hours of labour where necessary, for the health of the workers and the safety of the public.

I am against Local Veto, and in favour of drastic reform in the present iniquitous system of granting licences for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

The present prosperity of the country is due in the main to the existence of a stable Government. The best interests of the workers of this country demand that this stable Government should be retained in office.

I hope very soon to lay my views before you in greater detail, and should I be honoured with your confidence and sent to represent you at Westminster, it will be my earnest endeavour to merit that confidence, and to act in the interests of all classes in the constituency, irrespective of political opinion.

I am,
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THE
Cowdenbeath and Kelty Echo,
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 1900.

AT A GLANCE.

Monday was observed as the annual autumn holiday at Dunfermline.

Rain fell in torrents and marred the sport at the Baldridge and Urquhart meetings.

There is a debt of £360 on St Margaret's R.C. School.

A jumble sale of work was held on Monday to raise funds to help to clear off the debt.

Special services were held in the Viewfield Baptist Church on Sunday in connection with the semi-jubilee of the Rev. J. T. Hagen's ministry in Dunfermline.

The political candidates for the Stirling Burghs and the Western Division of Fife are busy.

Pastor Primmer held his "at home" in the Public Park on Sunday night.

There was a large attendance, and Jacob was in good form.

Dunfermline Volunteer companies had a parade on Saturday.

The remains of Mr A. Romanes of the *Dunfermline Press* were interred in the Grange Cemetery, Edinburgh, on Saturday.

Mr Romanes was a native of Midlothian.

Dunimarle grounds have been closed for the season to the public.

The mining school has made a good start at Cowdenbeath.

The Fife Coal Company have purchased the concerns belonging to the Lochore and Capeldrae Cannel Coal Company.

The coalfield is a big one, and great developments may be expected.

A great many new houses will be built at Kelty, and probably at Lochore.

A correspondent gives some interesting reminiscences of one of Dunfermline's old water supplies.

The pond which formed the reservoir is used today as a pond for No. 7 Pit, Townhill.

THE AIMS OF THE "EXPRESS" AND THE "ECHO."

We to-day launch the *Dunfermline Express* and the *Cowdenbeath and Kelty Echo*. The most of the public boards of the city of Dunfermline meet early in the week, and it is years since a number of representative men made an appeal to us to issue a newspaper in the middle of the week which would contain, at least, a digest of the proceedings of local governing bodies.

We were compelled to negative the appeals for the very good reason that all the available accommodation in the old office was fully taxed with the fittings of the *Journal* and other departments of our publishing business. Since we transformed the Music Hall into a publishing establishment, the difficulties of old have disappeared and we intend to go one better than our good friends suggested, and will provide a new Weekly for Cowdenbeath and Kelty, as well as for Dunfermline. Since we commenced the re-publication of the *Journal*, in 1872, we have aimed at providing the people of West Fife with an accurate weekly record of local events. In recent years, our efforts have been highly appreciated by advertisers and by general readers alike, and the success we have achieved in connection with the *Journal* leads us to the impression that if we carry the same features into our new ventures we shall not lack the patronage we desire. We intend to produce two bright, lively half-penny Weeklies—newspapers which will be living to the touch—and we hope that there will not be a house in Dunfermline and the Western District of Fife in which either one paper or the other will not find its way. Every meeting of any public body of importance in the district will be chronicled: ample space will be given to football and other favourite pastimes, and a corner will always be found for communications from our readers, and the current chapter of a brightly written serial. Sir William Bailey, speaking at Salford, last week, at a meeting of the Library Association, said "that in these days of cheap halfpenny papers, reading-rooms might very well be dispensed with in public libraries, and their space utilised for lecture purposes." We hope that the day is far distant when public reading-rooms will be dispensed with for the reason given by Sir William Bailey; but we think that the halfpenny newspaper has even a greater future before it than the penny newspaper has had since the stamp duty and other taxes were abolished. The "Man in the Street" has become a great authority in modern times, and he tells us that the halfpenny newspaper has come to stay. We hope that the examples we produce to-day are such as to convince the Man in the Street that the *Express* and the *Echo* have come to stay. The *Express* will be published every Tuesday night, and the *Echo* every Wednesday morning.

THE STIRLING BURGHS AND WEST FIFE.

The *Express* and the *Echo* make their appearance at a time when all is excitement over the battle of the Parliamentary Polls. The Stirling District of Burghs and the Western Division of Fife are the constituencies in which the people of Dunfermline and West Fife are most immediately interested in. In both constituencies battles have been waged between Liberals and Unionists, and amidst the excitement of the hour and the "strife of tongues," our readers may find time to call a halt and trace with us the history of the two constituencies. The Union of the Scottish Parliament with that of England took place in 1707, and gave rise to the first Parliament of Great Britain. Inverkeithing, Dunfermline, and South Queensferry were united with Culross and Stirling, and when the group was formed the order ran thus:—Stirling, Inverkeithing, Dunfermline, Culross, South Queensferry. Colonel John Erskine, of Carnock, was the first representative of the Burghs in the Parliament of Great Britain. He was followed in turn by Mr Henry Cunningham, of Boquhan, Captain Thomas Erskine, and then came Captain Peter Halkett, yr. of Pitfirrane, son of Sir Peter Halkitt, who sat for Dunfermline in the Scottish Parliament. The following are among those who have represented the Burghs since Captain Halkett's day:—

Colonel George Haldane, of Bercrofts	1747-54
Robert Haldane, of Plean	1758-61
Admiral Francis Holbourne	1761-68
Colonel James Masterton, of Newtown	1768-74
Sir Archibald Campbell, K.B., of Inverneil	1774-80, 1789-90
Major James Campbell	1780-89
Andrew Cochrane, son of Eighth Earl of Dundonald	1791-97
Sir John Henderson, Bart., of Fordell	1802-3, 1806-7
Alexander Forrester Cochrane, son of Thomas, Eighth Earl of Dundonald	1800-2, 1804-6
John Campbell, of Blairhall	1818-19
Francis Ward Primrose, of Dalmeny, Midlothian	1819-20
James Johnston, of Straiton	1830-32
Lord Dalmeny, son of the Fourth Earl of Rosebery	1833-47
Sir James Anderson, Glasgow	1852-59
James Caird, of Baldoon, son of James Caird of Stranraer	1859-65
Laurence Oliphant	1865-68
John Ramsay, of Kildalton	from April to Nov. 1868

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's connection with the Stirling District of Burghs dates as far back as the year 1868—32 years ago, a considerable portion of a man's life. In the spring of 1868, Mr Lawrence Oliphant became tired of political life, and accepted the Chiltern Hundreds. The electors of the Stirling District of Burghs had accordingly a bye-election thrust upon them, and the candidates who sought their suffrages were Mr John Ramsay, of Kildalton, and Mr Henry Campbell, now Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. Out of a total vote of 1059 Mr Ramsay was returned by a majority of 71. The supporters of Mr Campbell-Bannerman — then Mr Henry Campbell—were not a bit disheartened by the result, and when the general election came in the fall of the same year, and was fought out on an extended franchise, they returned him by the magnificent majority of 519. The great change brought about by the extension of the franchise of 1868 will be apparent from the following table which shows the number of electors on the roll in the burghs for four very different periods:—

	1867-8	1868-9	1894-5	1900
Stirling	658	1746	2459	2575
Culross	97	73	56	55
Dunfermline	484	2073	2997	3229
Inverkeithing	60	285	303	305
South Queensferry	45	179	232	258
	1272	4356	6007	6422

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has continued without interruption to represent the Stirling group of burghs since 1868. A fiasco of a contest was gone through by Sir James Ramsay Gibson Maitland in 1880, and the next fight was in 1886 when a section of the Liberals drifted away from the ranks of advanced Liberalism over the Irish question, and joined hands with the Conservatives. The following are the results of the three elections since the Home Rule split:—

1886.

Campbell-Bannerman	2440
Pender	1471
Majority	969
1892.	
Campbell-Bannerman	2791
Hughes	1695
Majority	1096
1895.	
Campbell-Bannerman	2786
Mackaskie	1653
Majority	1133

From the Union of 1707 until 1885, the county of Fife only returned one member. By the Redistribution of Seats Act, 1885, however, the County was divided into two portions—East and West—and was conceded two members. The Hon. R. Preston Bruce was then the Member for the County, and he chose to stand for the Western Division. Mr Bruce was returned unopposed in 1885, and in the fight which took place in 1886 over the question of Home Rule, West Fife was admitted to be impregnable. A good many Unionists, including Mr Romer, Q.C., now Mr Justice Romer, came to the conclusion that it was no use trying. They only had a look round, however, and left bag and baggage, and Mr Bruce, after many threats of opposition, had a walk-over. In consequence of ill health, Mr Bruce accepted the Chiltern Hundreds in 1889, and Mr A. Birrell, Liberal, and Mr R. E. Wemyss, Unionist, came forward and contested the seat. The Constituency was admittedly overwhelmingly Liberal, but a feeling got about that the Liberals had "sprung a mine" on the miners, who had been considering the advisability of running a Labour candidate, and because of this feeling the Liberal majority was cut down. The following are the results of the elections since 1889:—

1889.

Birrell	3551
Wemyss	2758
Majority	793
1892.	
Birrell	5215
Yellowlees	1633
Majority	3582
1895.	
Birrell	4719
Wemyss	2965
Majority	1754

Here are the Polling stations, and the number of Voters who may vote at each station:—

Aberdour	Aberdour	388
Buckhaven	Buckhaven	1498
Burntisland and Kinghorn	Kinghorn	238
Carnock and Torryburn	Cairneyhill	421
Cowdenbeath	Cowdenbeath	1331
Dalgety	Springhill	187
Dunfermline	Dunfermline	1582
Inverkeithing	Inverkeithing	243
Kelty	Kelty	769
Kinglassie	Kinglassie	230
Kirkcaldy	Kirkcaldy	236
Leslie	Leslie	636
Lochgelly	Lochgelly	1127
Markinch	Markinch	1131
Saline	Saline	201
Wemyss	West Wemyss	378
		11,266

DUNFERMLINE CITY ECHOES.

WEDNESDAY CHEAP TICKETS WITHDRAWN.

For the present at least Wednesday cheap half-holiday fares on the North British Railway system have gone. The column has been blotted out of the official railway time tables. Why?—the extra cost of railway plant and because of dear coals. Wednesday picnic parties will just have to strike against the railway and take to the motor car and the 'bus, or pay full fares.

DUNFERMLINE ABBEY WINDOWS.

The New Abbey was opened on Sunday, 30th September 1821. A careful examination of the windows has been made by experts, and they have found them to be much in need of repair. The Heritors have accordingly asked Messrs Dickson & Walker, Edinburgh, to renew the windows. A scheme of renewal has been drawn up, and the cost will be about £350. The plain glass of former years is to be discarded, and pretty cathedral glass introduced. The best of hand-milled lead is to be used, and a splendid job will be made. Messrs Dickson & Walker are to make the windows in Edinburgh, and fix them in in the spring of next year.

DUST TO DUST.

The remains of Mr Archibald Romanes, publisher, Dunfermline, were consigned to their last resting place in the Grange Cemetery, Edinburgh, on Saturday. Mr Romanes was a native of Edinburgh, and his desire was that his remains should be gathered to their mother earth in his native city. A glance at the history of the human race shows that this sentiment of being buried within the shadow of the place where men first saw the light has obtained in all ages. The beginning and the end of the present frail life might be summed up in few words—a buoyant youth, a vigorous manhood, a restless maturity, a swift decline to the cold, and a resting place in the churchyard associated with childhood's days. Mr Carnegie, in his "Auld-an Four-fit-Land," says:—"Rousseau wished to add to the strains of sweet music. Could I choose my accompaniment, I could wish to pass into the dim beyond with the tolling of the Dunfermline Abbey bell sounding in my ears, telling me of the race that had been run, and calling me, as it had called the little white-haired child for the last time—*to sleep.*"

A MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN FOR DUNFERMLINE CEMETERY.

The *People's Journal* says:—"The South African war is almost over, and the troops will soon be on their way home again. A few soldiers from Dunfermline and district have sacrificed their lives at the front. Ought not some memorial to be erected in honour of these brave men? A monumental fountain might be placed in the cemetery at Dunfermline—a convenience of the kind is sorely needed there anyway—and it could be appropriately inscribed. The money could easily be raised by public subscription."

DUNFERMLINE TOWN COUNCIL.

Now that the Provostship of the city is practically settled, the question of who will be the Bailie if Mr Macbeth is to be Provost is being much discussed. The names of Dean of Guild Stewart, Treasurer Husband, Mr Hoey, and Mr Leitch, are mentioned. Mr Hoey was the runner-up when Mr Harley was elected a magistrate, and at that time the Dean and Mr Leitch intimated that they were not candidates for the post. Neither the Dean nor Mr Leitch are likely to follow the same course in November next, and the chances are that more than two candidates will be voted on.

AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS IN THE BURGH.

On Tuesday there was a large attendance of agricultural labourers at Dunfermline Feeing Market, and for two hours Inglis Street was completely blocked. Unhappily, the weather was wet. The West Fife Agricultural Society might do worse than take the Drill Hall for the Feeing Market. The blocking of the street is bad for traffic, and in wet weather the holiday is a miserable day instead of a pleasure. We commend the idea of doing something for "Hodge" to the management of the Agricultural Society.

SUNDAY TRADING.

At a meeting of Dunfermline Free Church Presbytery yesterday, it was resolved, on the motion of the Rev. J. M. Shiach, to co-operate with the National Sabbath School Union in the movement for the suppression of Sunday trading by the closing of ice-cream, confectionery, and tobacco shops.

THE SUSTENATION FUND.

At a meeting of the Dunfermline Free Church Presbytery yesterday, it was reported that the contributions to the Sustenation Fund showed a decrease of £1125 over the whole church, while there was an increase of between £6 and £7 over the Presbytery.

LEAPS UP FROM £100 TO £250.

A tenement of dwelling-houses forming Nos. 4, 6, and 6 James Place, Dunfermline, was exposed to sale in St Margaret's Hall Buildings on Tuesday. The upset price was £100, and the lot was knocked down by Mr Kenny, auctioneer, for £250. Mr J. R. Russell, solicitor, acted for the exposers.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION POINTS.

FROM THE LIBERAL HEAD-QUARTERS.

[SPECIAL FOR THE "DUNFERMLINE EXPRESS."]

Colonel Duke is being led round Dunfermline in the same manner as was John Pender, Mr Hughes, and Mr Macaskie were.

Liberals are wondering if the gallant Colonel will be as credulous as poor Mr Hughes was.

Two nights before the election Mr Hughes had the canvassing book submitted to him, which gave him a big majority.

On the polling day he got 1659 votes against 2791 recorded for Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

The names of many Liberals appeared in the Unionist book.

The names of even men who had been gathered to their mother earth were resurrected to swell the Unionist majority.

If Colonel Duke's majority *on paper* is not as big as Mr Hughes' was, it is not because the bragging is not as big as that of 1892.

The betting has begun. The "bobs" are being shelled out.

Despite the lessons of 1886, 1892, and 1895, it is "confidently" predicted that if the Colonel does not go in, C.-B.'s majority will almost vanish.

Liberals naturally say that Unionist spaewives would be better speculating on the weather than on election results.

A handful of Unionists—it is only a handful—has started the wretched cry that "C.B." is not attending properly to the constituency.

This cry is founded on the fact that Sir Henry did not address his constituency last year.

Really this is cry which the originator ought to think shame of. As the leader of the Opposition, Sir Henry, when he speaks, speaks to the world and all but the few petty grumblers in question are fully alive to this.

A man who has represented a constituency since 1868 and who has worked out for himself the post of leader of the Opposition must surely be allowed a little latitude.

Happily, Unionists are not all alike.

Some say that we must have men like Sir Henry in Parliament and it is to be hoped that they will give effect to this view at the ballot box on the polling day.

Since he entered the "battle of the polls" Sir Henry has thrown a great deal of dash into the contest.

He is speaking throughout the entire country, and Unionists now admit that the election is not to be the walk over they expected.

Mr W. Robertson and the Local Executive are getting the election organisation perfected, and despite all the Unionist bragging, the Liberals will give a good account of themselves.

Sir I. Hart, the Liberal candidate for Central Hackney, has received the following letter from Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman:—"I need not tell you that I heartily wish you success in your plucky fight in Central Hackney. Things are looking bright for us, and I doubt if this khaki dissolution will prove the successful manœuvre which its authors fancied it would be."

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's Stirling Election Committee met on Saturday night, and arranged for canvassing.

FROM THE UNIONIST CAMP.

Who was the traitor at Colonel Duke's committee meeting last week?

If he is found out he should be court-martialled.

The Colonel disclosed the purport of his great speech for the following night, indicating that he would make a point of "C.-B.'s" name appearing in "Labby's" quasi-treasonable letters.

Someone was good enough to convey the information to the enemy's camp, and a telegram was dispatched to Sir Henry.

A wire was received in reply, giving a contradiction to what the Colonel was supposed to be going to say, but it was not read.

The party is immensely pleased with its candidate for the Stirling Burghs.

There were those who were inclined to sulk and say that any opposition to Sir Henry would be factious.

They have now come round, and are among the most enthusiastic supporters the Colonel has.

It is not expected that Sir Henry will lose his seat, but it is confidently believed that his majority will be reduced.

Why, it is asked, is Sir Henry not going to address ward meetings at this election?

It cannot be because Colonel Duke is not as good a candidate as any he has previously had to fight.

The party does not complain of this, and does not disguise that it is well pleased.

A "big gun" has been captured, Sir Robert Findley being booked to speak in the Drill Hall, Dunfermline, on the eve of the poll.

It is reported that Mr Scott Dickson, the Solicitor-General for Scotland, is likely to speak on behalf of Mr Ralston, the Unionist candidate for West Fife.

Converts to the cause of the Empire have been secured, including some who were Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's warmest supporters.

DUNFERMLINE UPPER STATION.

AN IMPROVEMENT TO BE MADE.

THE NORTH PLATFORM TO BE COVERED IN.

When the Forth Bridge and its approach railways came to be getting near completion, the question was raised as to whether it would be possible to give Dunfermline a central station which would meet all the requirements of the city and district. The lie of the town—the steep hills—made this impossible, and it was agreed to build a new station at Comely Park. A scheme of reconstruction, which had long been spoken of for the Upper Station, was therefore abandoned, and the Upper Station of to-day remains the antiquated, cramped, uninviting, and comfortless station it has been for the last 25 years. Some time ago an article appeared in the *Dunfermline Journal* suggesting that if reconstruction was not possible, the Company ought, at least, to cover in the north platform and carry out some other improvements, such as extending the platforms, etc. Recently all the stations on the North British system were inspected by the directorate and management. The Dunfermline Upper was glanced at, and we understand that it was agreed to cover in the north platform and to make other improvements which are absolutely necessary. The necessity for the change being made without delay will be apparent when it is stated that as many as 650 female factory operatives travel daily by the 6.25 train. Some of the girls knock off work at 5.45, and others at 6 o'clock. This means that they have to hang about the open platform for from a quarter to half an hour, on the cold winter nights they have no shelter whatever. Travelling, say from Cardenden to Dunfermline daily, and working in a factory make up a hard enough life without half an hour's exposure in a blinding rain at an open railway station; and we hope that, for the sake of the factory workers, to say nothing of the ordinary travelling public, the N.B.R. management will see at once that the resolution agreed upon by the directors to cover in the north platform is carried out. Mr C. Carlow, the managing director of the Fife Coal Company, is a director. No one knows the wants of Fife, and especially the wants of Dunfermline, better than Mr Carlow. We appeal to him to push on this work. He is the member for Fife at the North British Board of management.

A WELCOME TO THE "EXPRESS."

(BY WM. A. FOULERTON.)

In welcoming the entrance of the *Express* into the teeming world of literature, I do so with a confidence begotten of knowledge, that its Editor will not like so many of his Scottish contemporaries live in the past. The Editor is a man of to-day, whose watchword is "Onward, ever onward," and that is the right kind of motion for an Express. Some people say there are too many papers, but these are not reading people who move with the times. Personally, I consider that the great increase of new publications in recent years is to be thanked for the all round rapid development of intelligence during the same period. The same education journalistic enterprise may also be credited with killing the iniquitous penny dreadful, which is now fast being laid aside by the young in favour of cheap wholesome fiction and articles on current events. The Editor of our new paper will no doubt formulate regular lines politically, and stick to them; but it goes without saying that though *non partisan*, will always be accorded reasonable latitude, no individual or clique seems to have taken organ now-a-days.

An "auld cronie," Esquire, is game too many for.

When speaking to a lady one should always start with "Ladies and Gentlemen," and follow the gentlemen in the order of "Our Store" building "up the mark," much higher they "were" heavens."

A packet of sweet peas could be had for a penny on Saturday night.

What, ho! Electricity makes a great improvement.

Jacob had no half-holiday, his "at home" on Saturday plenty of coal chips.

The owner of the lorry but he might have given a knew who was to stand.

Never mind; we'll let him too, but remember

THE FIFE COAL COMPANY, LTD.

PURCHASE OF THE LOCHORE AND CAPLEDRAE COMPANY'S WORKS.

THE PRICE TO BE PAID.

The directors of the Fife Coal Company, Ltd., and of the Lochore and Capledrae Cannel Coal Company, Ltd., have agreed (subject to the approval of their shareholders) to the sale of the property and undertaking of the Lochore Company to the Fife Coal Company. The price is £125,000, out of which the Lochore Company pay a loan on Lochore Estate of £16,000. A meeting of each Company is to be convened for the 20th October. The purchase includes the lease of Lochore and the lease of the minerals of Benarty. The

GREAT AITKEN PIT

is situated to the south of Benarty Colliery and the docks in the grand navigation coal, which is being sought after throughout the entire country, from the Benarty march. It will be an easy matter to continue the works in the lower and finer seams which are all lying whole in Benarty. Of course, further developments will be tackled in course of time.

A HUGE NEW PIT

in the basin to the east of Benarty Colliery would get an enormous hold of coal. The pit will be nearly 300 fathoms—the deepest shaft in Scotland—and the fittings will have to be heavy. A pumping engine like the Aitken will meet all the requirements so far as water is concerned, and duplicates of the Aitken winding-engines would do for winding. The new shaft will mean an enormous expenditure, which added to the purchase price. A great many houses will be built in the district—possibly on the estate of Lochore. The output for the Fife Coal Company last year was one and three quarter million tons. With the Benarty Colliery added, and the enormous developments that are going on at Lochgelly, Kirkford, the output of 1900 will be at least two million tons.

The concern is by far the largest coal concern in Scotland.

THE AUTUMN HOLIDAY IN DUNFERMLINE.

Monday was observed as the autumn holiday in Dunfermline. Work was suspended at the factories and other public works, and all the principal shops were closed.

THE WEATHER

was wretchedly cold, and deluges of rain fell at repeated intervals during the course of the day. The threatening aspect of the weather at an early hour in the morning kept many from journeying any distance beyond home, and the special facilities offered by the North British Company and the buses to the country only taken advantage of to a limited extent. The streets of the town were very quiet in the afternoon, presenting all the appearance of

A SUNDAY IN CHURCH HOURS,

and might had some before the High Street assumed anything approaching bustle.

VIEWFIELD PLACE BAPTIST CHURCH, DUNFERMLINE.

THE REV. J. T. HAGEN'S SEMI-JUBILEE.

Twenty-five years ago to-day it is since the Rev. J. T. Hagen commenced his ministry in Dunfermline Special services were held in the Viewfield Place Baptist Church on Sunday in honour of the occasion, and to-morrow evening an anniversary soiree will be held, at which Mr Hagen is likely to receive the congratulations of his congregation in a form more tangible than by word of mouth. Mr Hagen came to Dunfermline in 1875, when the meeting place of the Baptist Church was in the Masonic Hall. He was invited to succeed the late Charles Hill, who has gone to Calabshiels. He was inducted at Dunfermline by the venerable Jonathan Watson of Dublin Street, Edinburgh. The membership of the body at that date was a little over two hundred, but under Mr Hagen's ministry it gradually increased until the necessity arose for building a church. With such a stout-hearted and pleasing helper as the late Mr Wm. Mathewson, the project was courageously faced, and in 1884 the handsome and commodious building in Viewfield Place, erected at a cost of £5500, was opened, when Dr Landels and the Rev. Wm. Stott, of London, conducted the services. The chapel is seated for six hundred, and beneath it there is a fine hall with complete series of class-rooms and other suitable accommodation. The total outlay of the church was raised, and the final remnant of debt cleared away about four years after the church had been opened. During his pastorate in Dunfermline Mr Hagen has had the happiness of receiving into the church fellowship over 700 members. The membership of the Viewfield Place Baptist Church is something like 300 at present.

CRACKS AT THE CROSS.

The "Weather Clerk" turned on the tap on Monday morning and forgot to turn it off again. "Weel me, what a day o' rain."

The Baldridge race meeting on Monday did not come up to expectations.

The remark was passed that Urquhart Highland gathering was "some better."

The pipers who were at Urquhart will require an extra supply of pipe clay this week for their spats. Folk were saying, "They were aince white."

Dunfermline has at present a good many street musicians. On Saturday night one could see the violin open at each street corner. The violin seems to have taken the place of the barrel organ now-a-days.

An "auld cronie" of mine says, "Campbell-Bannerman is gaun tae tap the poll wi' a swinging majority."

When speaking to an audience in Dunfermline, one should always start "Gentlemen and Ladies," not "Ladies and Gentlemen," because the ladies follow the gentlemen in this toon.

"On Store" buildings in the High Street are "up to the mark." If they had kept building much higher they would has soon been up tae the heavens.

A packet of sweet lavender or a dozen of pipeheads could be had for one "D" in the High Street on Saturday night.

What, ho! Electric light in Dunfermline. It makes a great improvement on the High Street.

Jacob had no half-bricks to show his audience at his "at home" on Sunday, but seemed to have plenty of coal chips.

The owner of the lorry is surely a coal merchant, but he might have given it a "coup" when he knew who was to stand on it.

Never mind; we'll let that drop, and I'll "drop" too, but remember

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THE DUNFERMLINE-CULROSS RAILWAY.

WHY IT IS NOT GOING ON.

WILL IT EVER GO ON?

At a meeting of Dunfermline Town Council on the 10th September Bailies Macbeth and Harley gave notice of the following motion:—"That the Town Council approach the North British Railway Company with a view to ascertaining the reason of the long delay in their undertaking the Dunfermline and Kincardine Railway, and represent to the Company the advisability of the necessary works being proceeded with forthwith."

The history of the

PROPOSED RAILWAY

is easily told. In the spring of 1897 a private company attempted to promote a Parliamentary Bill for a railway under the Light Railways Act. At a meeting of Dunfermline Town Council in May 1897, the Clerk intimated that notice had been served of the proposed Light Railway. The Provost (Mr Walker) then announced that he had had meetings and correspondence with Mr Conacher, the manager of the North British Railway, on the railway question. He had met the Marquis of Tweeddale and Mr Conacher, and they had stated that the Company intended to promote a Bill in the next session of Parliament for the construction of a line, from Kincardine to Dunfermline. In view of that statement made by the Provost the Council agreed to lodge a formal dissent to the Light Railway. The N.B. ultimately took over the obligations of the Light Railway Company, had the district surveyed, and promoted a Bill craving powers for the construction of a line from Kincardine to Merryhill on the Charlestown Railway via Culross.

WHAT BROUGHT THE RAILWAY WITHIN SIGHT

was the fact that an attempt was being made to work the minerals of Culross and district. Just after the N.B. had obtained the power for construction the prospects of the mineral boring worked vanished, and then came a change in the directorate of the railway, and also a change in the management. The stoppage of the mining prospecting and the change indicated account for the fact that no railway has appeared. It is argued that the general passenger traffic which would arise between Dunfermline and Kincardine would not half pay the working expenses, and the capital expenditure would only be sunk money.

THE PROSPECTS OF MINING

have again been revived, however. For some time the Messrs Thomson have been boring at Low-valleyfield on behalf of a company. They have struck coal if is understood, and the operations are being continued presumably with a view to further prove the minerals. If the funds are sufficient to warrant working, sinking will be commenced on an early date. And with the commencement of mining operations the railway will appear. On the mining operations the railway hinges. But what of the promise of the Marquis of Tweeddale and Mr Conacher to Dunfermline Town Council in 1897? Does this promise bind the present manager and the directors to go on with the work, coal or no coal?

OPENING OF A NEW SCHOOL AT CARDENDEN.



In order to meet the growing educational requirements of the parish, especially in the Bowhill district, where a large mining population has recently sprung up, Auchterderran School Board has built a school at Cardenden capable of accommodating about 250 pupils. The number of children of school age in the district is 595, and the school at Auchterderran has accommodation for only 400. It was not surprising, therefore, that before the doors of the new school were long open on Monday the names of 194 children were on the registers. Mr Thos. A. M'Ewan, who was for some years principal assistant in Milesmark School, Dunfermline, and has for the last eighteen months acted in the same capacity at Auchterderran, has been appointed headmaster, and Miss Wotherspoon is headmistress.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING.

The school, which was opened last week, has been built from plans prepared by Messrs Lyle & Constable, architects, Edinburgh. It is a very handsome and accommodating structure. The central schoolroom is 51 feet 6 inches by 22 feet, and is convertible by a sliding glass screen into two classrooms, each capable of accommodating 56 pupils. A classroom 25 feet by 20 feet for 50 pupils and an infants' room 25 feet by 20 feet for 62 pupils are also provided. There are also cloak rooms and lavatories for girls and boys and rooms for headmaster and headmistress, with book stores, &c. The building is heated throughout with hot water, and ventilation is secured by fresh air inlets through Tobins' tubes, the vitiated air having an outlet through the ceiling to the flèche on ridge. Separate playsheds and latrines have been built for girls, boys, and infants. The site is enclosed with parapet wall and railing to the road and a 6 feet wall on the east side. The schoolhouse accommodation consists of parlour, kitchen, scullery, three bedrooms, and a bathroom. The total cost amounts to about £2700. The contractors for the work were:—

Mason—Andrew Wilson, Cowdenbeath.
Joiner—John Monro, Cluny Bridge.
Plumber—A. Robertson, Cowdenbeath.
Plaster—J. Paul & Sons, Cowdenbeath.
Slater—Scott & Johnstone, Edinburgh.
Glazier—Cunningham & Co., Edinburgh.
Smith—P. Bell & Son, Edinburgh.
Heating—D. Lowe &Sons, Edinburgh.
Painter—G. A. Taylor, Lochgelly.

The finishings are by the Bennet Furnishing Co., Glasgow.

ST MARGARET'S R.C. SCHOOL, DUNFERMLINE.

CLEARING OFF PART OF DEBT BY A JUMBLE SALE.

It is upwards of thirty years since St Margaret's Roman Catholic School was opened on a site near Holyrood Place, Dunfermline. The school burst its bounds some time ago, and considerable additions were made to the building. There is a debt of £360 on the building, and a jumble sale of work was held in St Margaret's Lecture Hall on Monday to raise funds to help to clear off the debt. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion by Mr T. J. Kenny, upholsterer. Father G. Mullan occupied the chair at the opening ceremony, and Lady Anne Kerr formally declared the sale open. Among those who occupied seats near the platform were Father Provost M'Kerrall and Mrs Smith-Sligo of Inzievar. The stallholders were:—

Stall 1—Work—Misses J. Armour, Jane Ferriss, M. A. Jame; Annie Murphy.

Stall 2—Furniture and Ornaments—Misses K. M'Cabe, B. Lamont, A. Graham.

Stall 3—Photographic and Chemical Apparatus.

Stall 4—Wardrobe—Misses A. M'Fadden, L. M'Cabe, E. Rattray.

Stall 5—Jumble—Misses T. Bedingfield, J. Graham, S. A. Kelly, J. Gilmour, M. Ryan, J. M'Donald, J. Brown, Mrs M. Burke.

Stall 6—Confectionery—Misses J. M'Quads, M. M'Quade, J. Gordon.

Flowers, &c.—Miss M. A. Ferriss.

Refreshment Stall—Misses N. Kenny and M. Boyd.

A delightful entertainment was gone through by senior and junior pupils of the school, the following taking part:—Misses Maggie Lamont, Mary Tracey, Maggie James, Mary Glancey, Sarah Currin, M. J. Kelly, Mabel Ferriss, Maggie Stewart, Mary Ward, Louisa Hill, Sarah Ferriss, Maggie Graham, Kathleen Hill, Annie Tracey, Annie M'Donald, Nellie Slaven, Nellie M'Guire, Agnes Martin, and Master James M'Guire. A song was contributed by Miss Mullan.

The sum of £100 was raised by the sale.

A DUNFERMLINE RACE MEETING.

A MISERABLE AFFAIR.

"A grand flat racing and trotting meeting" was advertised to be held on the Baldridge Race Course, Dunfermline, on Monday. Where the grandeur came in no one can say. There is no use mincing words about the business. It was given out that the meeting was promoted for the purpose of providing genuine sport for the sport-loving public. At once it may be said that neither genuine sport nor any other thing that might fairly be called sport was furnished. There was neither good management nor good racing, and the weather was about as bad as it could well be. The less that is said about what, after all, was a miserable affair, the better.

HIGHLAND GATHERING AT URQUHART RACECOURSE.

On Monday, a Highland Gathering was held on Urquhart Racecourse, Dunfermline. The weather, which was threatening in the morning, completely broke down, and heavy showers of rain fell almost without intermission throughout the day. The spectators were a mere handful, a state of matters due of course to the atmospheric conditions. Owing to the condition of the field, some of the events had to be abandoned, and in others it was impossible for the competitors to do themselves justice. The third—and decisive—race between King and M'Connell, the cyclists, was left over for settlement at a future time, it being next to impossible for the wheelers to prevent their machines slipping from underneath them. Some good "peds" were present, and the finish of the mile proved a very close one. The five-a-side football competition was an interesting item to the spectators. The band of the Dunfermline Scottish Pipers were in attendance and played selections at intervals. The officials were Mr J. Davidson, Edinburgh, handicapper; Messrs J. Proctor and R. Taylor, Dunfermline, judges of the piping and dancing; Mr J. M. Bisset, starter; Mr W. Grinton, treasurer; and Mr W. Burt, secretary. The officials gave every satisfaction in the discharge of their duties; and, given other weather conditions, a most enjoyable day's sport would have been witnessed. Results:—

Playing Marches—1, J. A. Center, Edinburgh; 2, W. Sinclair, Dunfermline; 3, J. Docherty, Lochgelly; 4, J. Morrison, Dunfermline.

120 Yards Handicap—First heat—1, J. Bisset, Cowdenbeath (8 yards); 2, Charles Gillies, West Calder (6 yards). Second heat—1, G. Struth, Edinburgh (6 yards); 2, G. Law, Edinburgh (5 yards). Third heat—1, D. Stevenson, Leith (8 yards); 2, G. Douglas, Edinburgh (5 yards). Final—1, G. Law; 2, J. Bisset, 3, D. Stevenson.

Playing Strathspeys and Reels—1, J. A. Center; 2, James Cameron, Sauchie; 3, William Sinclair; 4, J. Docherty.

One Mile Handicap—1, J. Smith, Crossgates (110 yards); 2, C. Thomas, Lasswade (scratch); 3, H. Scott, London (70 yards).

300 Yards Handicap—1, W. Struth, Edinburgh (5 yards); 2, R. Nisbet, Corstorphine (15 yards); 3, J. Bisset (15 yards).

Dancing Sailors' Hornpipe—1, J. M'Neil, Edinburgh; 2, C. M'Ewan, Fintry; 3, John Anderson, Leith.

Dancing Ghillie Callum—1, C. M'Ewan, 2, J. A. Center, 3, J. M'Neill.

Dancing Highland Fling—1, C. M'Ewan, 2, J. M'Neill, 3, N. St. Clair, Sinclairtown; 4, J. A. Center.

Juvenile Highland Fling—1, J. Anderson, Leith 2, Annie Costello; 3, R. Arnot, Kelty.

Dancing Irish Jig—1, C. M'Ewan, 2, J. M'Neill, 3, N. St. Clair.

One Mile Bicycle Race—1, A. M'Connell, Cowdenbeath; 2, R. King, Kelty.

Two Miles Bicycle Race—1 R. King, 2 A. M'Connell.

Five-a-Side Football Competition—1, Cowdenbeath No. 1 beat Cowdenbeath No 2 by 3 goals to 1.

Juvenile Sailors' Hornpipe—1, R. Arnot, Kelty; 2, C. Bathgate, Townhill; 3, N. St. Clair.

Putting the Ball—1, W. Livingstone, Charlestown (32 feet 10 inches); 2, R. Paterson, Dunfermline (30 feet 10 inches); 3, D. Wilson, Halbeath (30 feet 6 inches).

Throwing the Hammer—1, J. Wardlaw, Urquhart (90 feet 10 inches); 2, R. Paterson, Dunfermline (86 feet 8 inches); 3, D. Wilson (86 feet 7 inches).

Twelve years ago 1 sailor out of every 106 on an average, lost his life by accident. Now the proportion has been reduced to 1 in 256.

DUNFERMLINE VOLUNTEER COMPANIES.

FIELD FIRING AT THE KIERSBEATH RANGE.

On Saturday last A and B Companies performed the special training in field firing at Kiersbeath Range. There was a large muster, 160 of all ranks being present. The weather was somewhat unfavourable, but all on parade managed to get through the requisite practice. Major Burt and Captain Robertson superintended the firing, and Surgeon-Captain Lee and Lieutenant Stewart were at the butts. After the firing was over the Companies were marched to Halbeath School playground, where they were drawn up in three sides of a square, and Sergeant J. M'Kinney was presented with the long-service medal. Major Shearer in making the presentation said that it gave him much pleasure to present the medal to his old comrade, Sergeant M'Kinney, as he knew how well it had been earned. When Sergeant M'Kinney joined B Company in 1889, he had previously served three years with the Fife Volunteer Artillery, and during these twenty years he had kept himself closely posted up in all changes of drill, so much so that if he (the Major) was in doubt as to any detail of drill manœuvre on parade, it was only necessary to ask Sergeant M'Kinney to be at once put right. Few of those now serving had done more to help on recruits, and many of the young shots in our team could testify that much of their success in shooting was attributable to the advice and hints Sergeant M'Kinney had given them. His own record in team and individual shooting had been exceptionally good. After having pinned the medal on Sergeant M'Kinney's breast, the Major said—"I congratulate you on receiving this medal, the highest honour Her Majesty confers in Volunteer service, and wish you long life to wear it." The Companies then gave the royal salute, and after Retreat had been observed, they marched back to Dunfermline, arriving shortly after seven o'clock.

IN THE DUNFERMLINE BURGH DOCK.

In consequence of Monday being the Autumn holiday, no court was held within the Corporation Buildings on Monday. All the offenders whose names appeared in Chief-Constable Forbes' charge book had therefore a respite of twenty-four hours. At Tuesday's Court Bailie Harley presided and disposed of the following cases:—

DESTROYING THE PARK TREES.

James Philp (12), son of William Philp, joiner, Kirkgate; George Donaldson (9), son of Mary Donaldson, factory worker, Canmore Street; and Thomas Dobbie, Maygate, were charged with swinging on the branches of trees in the Public Park, and breaking them. They all pleaded guilty. The Bailie pointed out to the lads that the Park was a place for recreation and not for mischief, and told them that they must be more careful as to their behaviour in future or the consequences might be serious. He would allow them to go this time.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

John Wilson, a miner, residing in Cemetery Road, and Annie Gibson or Ronald, a vagrant, were charged with disorderly conduct in Chapel Street. Wilson pleaded not guilty, and his case was continued till Thursday. The woman pleaded guilty, and appealed to be let off, saying she would not bother them again. The Bailie sentenced her to pay a fine of 5s, or three days.

UNLADYLIKE CONDUCT.

Two young women were charged with having fought with each other in Guildhall Street, and committed a breach of the peace. The Bailie commented on the unfortunate position the girls had found themselves in. While wishing to be as lenient as possible, he thought, judging from their appearance, they ought to have known better. He would place them under the First Offenders' Act.

BEFORE THE SHERIFF.

A PILOT'S BOATMAN RAISES HIS HAND.

Mathew Abbott, pilot's boatman, Grangemouth, was convicted, at the Dunfermline Sheriff Court yesterday, of having on 24th August, near the Battery Pier, North Queensferry, assaulted another boatman by striking him with his clenched fist several severe blows on the face. Sheriff Liddall imposed a fine of £1 10s, with the option of ten days' imprisonment.

STEALING A STACK PROP.

James Philp, road furnaceman, Masterton, admitted to Sheriff Liddall, sitting in the Dunfermline Sheriff Court yesterday, that he had stolen a stack prop at the stackyard of Masterton farm. The Sheriff fined him £1, with the option of a month's imprisonment.

PETTY THEFT.

Alexander Haxton (17), farm servant, Lochend, was brought before Sheriff Liddall at Dunfermline yesterday on a charge of stealing several small articles from a bedroom at Craigton farmhouse. He got the benefit of the First Offenders' Act.

THE THEFT OF JEWELLERY AT CARDENDEN.

John Slavin, miner, Lawrence Street, Buckhaven, and Hugh Sharp, miner, Victoria Buildings, Methil, appeared before Sheriff Liddall, at the Dunfermline Sheriff Court yesterday, on a charge of having on 26th September, within the waiting-room at Cardenden railway station, stolen a hand bag containing three solid silver table spoons, a solid silver tea spoon, a metal watch, a lady's gold dressing ring, a lady's gold wedding ring, a lady's gold keeper, a gentleman's gold stone ring, a few pieces of gold and silver, and two dozen collar studs. They pleaded not guilty, but were convicted on evidence and sentenced to sixty days' imprisonment each.

THOMAS SHARP BECOMES DISORDERLY AND VIOLENT.

Sheriff Liddall, sitting in the Dunfermline Sheriff Court yesterday, convicted Thomas Sharp, fish hawker, Hilend, of having, late on the night of the 17th September, at the front door and inside a house at Hilend, behaved in a riotous and disorderly manner, knocked violently at and threatened to burst open the door, used filthy, threatening, and abusive language towards the housekeeper, and, having obtained admittance, chased after and threatened to strike her, forcing her to take refuge in a neighbour's house till the return of his employer after midnight, by all of which the housekeeper was put in great fear. The sentence was a fine of £2, with the alternative of fourteen days' imprisonment.

DAY BY DAY IN THE BURGH OF COWDENBEATH.

A NIGHT'S LODGINGS.

James Kyle, a tramp labourer, was charged, at the Burgh Police Court on Saturday, with having, at Little Raith Colliery siding, forced open the door of a hut there, and stolen a corduroy vest therefrom, the property of a wagon greaser. Bailie Wilson sent accused to prison for five days.

DISORDERLIES.

Robert M'Leod, miner, High Street; P. Taylor, Union Street; Alexander Philp, Elgin Road; and Michael Payne, Broad Street, all in Cowdenbeath, were charged, at a diet of the Burgh Police Court on Friday, with having conducted themselves in a disorderly manner, and created a breach of the peace. They all pleaded guilty, and Bailie Wilson sentenced them to pay a fine of 5s each.

PECULIAR BEHAVIOUR.

Yesterday Sergeant Findlay, while patrolling in the direction of Kirkford Pits, had his attention called to a man whose behaviour was rather peculiar. The man was lying on the railway line, and it was with great difficulty that the engine-driver managed to draw up in time to prevent his being run over. The man was taken in charge by the sergeant and was lodged in one of the burgh cells. He refuses to give either name or address.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL OF EASE.

Special services were held in the Cowdenbeath Chapel of Ease on Sunday for the purpose of wiping off the debt incurred in connection with the lighting of the building with oil lamps. The Rev. J. G. Gilmour preached in the forenoon, a children's service was given by the pastor (the Rev. John Henderson) in the afternoon, and the Rev. Thomas Mitchell officiated in the evening. Sacred solos were sung at the evening service, the soloists being Mrs Craig and Messrs Hugh Kelso, Joseph Paul, and John Russell, Dunfermline. The lamps, which are of pretty design, and give every satisfaction in the way of appearance and light were supplied by Mr Duff, ironmonger.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BURGH COMMISSIONERS.

A special meeting of the Burgh Commissioners was held on Tuesday forenoon, Provost Mungall in the chair; the other members present being Bailies Wilson and Laing, and Commissioners Ker, Paul, and Summerville. There was signed the draft feu contracts between Mr Dalgleish and the Commissioners in connection with the extension of the reservoir and the laying of the pipe track for the supplementary water supply. It was intimated that Treasurer Anderson and Commissioners Summerville and Strachan fell to retire at the forthcoming election, at which the Provost was appointed to act as returning officer. The Provost said he would be pleased to preside at a meeting which any of the retiring members might see fit to call.

A ROW AT A LODGING HOUSE.

At the Burgh Police Court on Monday, Bailie Laing on the bench, Joseph M'Ghee, a tramp labourer, was charged with having on Saturday night assaulted the keeper of the common lodging-house in Elgin Road by striking him with his fists and kicking him to the effusion of blood. The accused pleaded guilty, stating that he had only acted in self-defence. The Bailie fined him 7s 6d, or five days, saying that the most of the rows originated in the lodging-house, and he hoped that an improvement would take place there soon.

JOTTINGS FROM KELTY.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAGE.

The village of Kelty is destined to become as big a mining centre as the burgh of Cowdenbeath, and the villagers do well to meet, as is proposed on Thursday, for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a special drainage district. It is to be regretted that the villages of Kelty, Oakfield, and Cardenden are so widely scattered. Had they been drawn together they would have made a nice little town, and a police burgh could have been formed. Now that feuing is going on on both sides of the road the villages will soon present a much less scattered appearance. In the course of a couple of years at most people will be in a practical position in local government will no doubt find themselves in the position to take up the question of forming a police burgh.

A PROPOSED CYCLE MATCH.

At the Urquhart Gathering in Dunfermline on Monday many of the supporters of R. King, Kelty, one of the two cyclists who were competing at the gathering, were anxious to tie a match for £100 with James Johnstone, Crossgates. This arrangement, however, does not suit Johnstone, who is an amateur, and for the present means to remain one. But the Crossgates man does not mind tackling King if that rider becomes reinstated as an amateur, as it is understood he intends to. The race could then be run for a trophy.

INVERKEITHING AND OTHER PARTS OF WEST FIFE.

THE PAVING SCHEME.

The present session's paving scheme is all but completed. This year attention has been directed principally to the west end of the burgh and the harbour.

GREAT EXCITEMENT AMONG UNIONISTS.

There is great excitement among the Unionists of the burgh, and attempts are being made to get up meetings for organisation purposes. The Colonel's political creed is not a creed Inverkeithing people care for, and the Unionist organisation in the burgh is likely to be a futile affair.

MISHAP ON THE NORTH BRITISH RAILWAY.

The East Coast express, which leaves Aberdeen at 6.20 a.m., and Dundee at 8.10, was over an hour late on reaching Edinburgh on Monday; and it was a very annoyed set of passengers who were landed at the Waverley Station at 10.40 instead of the time-table "9.37." The delay took place shortly after leaving Inverkeithing. Not many yards from the tunnel near the northern extremity of the Forth Bridge the train, which had perceptibly slowed down after Kirkcaldy was left, came to a dead stop and although the official worked their hardest it couldn't be got to budge. The engine puffed and snorted, and tugged and strained, but all to no purpose. The train, which was composed of nine or ten vehicles, many of them long and well filled, was far too heavy for the poor engine, and it was half-an-hour before the restart. By that time information had been sent to Inverkeithing, and the officials there sent on another engine which gave a kindly push behind, and in this way the belated passengers at last reached the Waverley. Some of them put the mishap down to an over-anxiety on the part of the N.B.R. to save their coal account. Two engines had brought the train to Dundee, and it was held that this should have been continued until Edinburgh was reached. The wet rails, rendered slippery by a rain shower, of course added to the difficulty. As a result of the mishap, traffic was considerably delayed.

CROSSGATES.

DEATH OF AN EX-POSTMASTER.

The death of Mr. A. M'Neill, Crossgates, was announced last week. Mr. M'Neill was 75 years of age. He carried on business at Crossgates for half a century and was for many years the postmaster of the village. He was a reader, and as far back as 1873 opened a reading-room and for some time gave the place free of rent.

LASSODIE.

THE CALL TO MR DUNCAN.

At a meeting of Dunfermline Free Church Presbytery yesterday, the call from the congregation of Lassodie Free Church to Mr James W. Duncan was presented. Mr Duncan accepted the call, which was thereafter sustained by the Presbytery. The ordination was fixed to take place on Thursday, 5th October.

There are 1500 persons upon the German Emperor's list of employees.

The finest shops in a Chinese city are those devoted to the sale of coffins.

Forty-two inventions relating to cycles were taken out last year by women.

It is estimated that the number of Germans and their decendants in the United States is 15,000,000.

There is probably nothing quite so sure as consequences.

THE STIRLING DISTRICT OF BURGHS.

THE NOMINATIONS AND POLLING.

The nominations take place on the 5th October, and the polling on Wednesday, 10th.

SIR H. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN'S CANDIDATURE.

SIR HENRY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Meetings have been arranged for Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman in the Stirling District of Burghs as follows:—

Dunfermline—Thursday, October 4.
Culross and Inverkeithing—Friday, October 5.

COLONEL DUKE'S CANDIDATURE.

Colonel Olliver T. Duke, Unionist candidate spoke at Milesmark, Dunfermline, on Saturday evening—Mr A. W. Bonnar presiding.

Colonel DUKE said that the Government believed that the South African war was a just war, and that it was waged in the best interests of our country, and the Government now asked from the country a fresh mandate to carry to a successful issue the settlement of the Afrikander States which had now been added to the dominions of the Queen. He denied that the Government had brought about the dissolution in the hope that this was a favourable opportunity for them, and claimed that had the new register been in force they would have gained a much greater accession of strength. From first to last Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman had placed every stumbling block in the way of the Government, and had encouraged our enemies to believe that if only they could prolong the struggle in South Africa, the present Government would be thrown out of office and a new Government would come in and undo what the Colonial Secretary and his Government had done. (Cheers.) The great colony of Canada had, through its leading Minister, proclaimed to the universe of the war, and had sent the best of its sons to lend assistance. If the Government had held back and had not faced the difficulties, the deep disgust, the deep horror, which took possession of the Colonies in 1881 at their desertion would have so embittered their hearts that they would have repudiated the ties here at home, and they would have been joined by all our Colonies in denouncing an Empire which had so thoroughly failed in its duties. (Cheers.)

In answer to a question, Colonel DUKE said that the Government had not passed a Miners' Eight Hours Bill because a large section of miners were opposed to it.

A vote of thanks was awarded Colonel Duke for his address.

THE WESTERN DIVISION OF FIFE.

THE NOMINATION AND POLLING.

The nomination takes place on Saturday, October 6th, and the polling on Friday, October 12th.

MR HOPE'S CANDIDATURE.

MEETINGS IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE CONSTITUENCY.

On Monday night Mr John D. Hope, the Liberal candidate for the Western Division of Fife, held meetings in the eastern part of the constituency. At all the meetings he had a capital reception, and everything points to the conclusion that he will have a swinging majority; and in Buckhaven, Wemyss, and other districts Mr Hope spoke principally on Labour questions, emphasising the fact that if returned to Parliament he will take every possible opportunity to advocate the passing of an eight hours day for miners, an amendment to the Workmen's Compensation Act, and also repeated his views on the land question, contending that a genuine settlement of the land question could be brought about by rooting the people to the soil. Mr Hope spoke on Tuesday in the eastern part of the constituency, and will be at Dysart and Townhill on Thursday.

MR RALSTON'S CANDIDATURE.

MEETING AT DUNFERMLINE.

On Tuesday afternoon Mr Ralston addressed a meeting in St Margaret's Hall. Mr Cunningham, Dalachy, occupied the chair, and there was a small attendance.

The CHAIRMAN said that Mr Ralston was a man who would not say one thing and do another. Mr Ralston spoke straight out and would vote straight.

Mr RALSTON said that if they returned him to Parliament he would certainly do what the Chairman had said. He would vote straight. If he had been a wobbler he would not have appeared in West Fife as a candidate. They were being told by Radicals daily that the election was a dodge. He denied that any dodge had been perpetrated. One reason the election had taken place at this time was that the Government wanted a sharp decision from the British people so that the false hopes of the Boers as to independence might be dashed to the ground. (Applause.) He contended that it was not in the mouth of the so-called Liberal party to complain of the time chosen for the election. The Opposition had on several occasions challenged the war policy of the Government by moving votes of no confidence evidently with a view to bring about a dissolution. He held that these votes were of themselves a sufficient answer to the Opposition cry of an inopportune election. The South African war was a war which was inevitable. Now that the war was almost closed he thought they would agree with him when he said that a settlement could best be carried out by a strong and stable Government. Where was the stable Government except that which was headed by Lord Salisbury? Would they be prepared to place the work of finding a settlement in the hands of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and Sir William Harcourt, with perhaps Mr Morley thrown in, or would they have Lord Rosebery and Sir Edward Grey? Such a great work could not be placed in the hands of these divided parties, and he hoped to see the Unionist Government returned by a swinging majority. Mr Hope, Radical candidate for West Fife, said he would not be in favour of the renewing of the Agricultural Rating Act. He would like Mr Hope to state why.

After answering some questians a vote of confidence was unanimously passed in Mr Ralston.

MEETINGS AT HALBEATH, CROSSGATES HILL OF BEATH AND COWDENBEATH.

On Saturday night Mr Ralston addressed meetings at Halbeath, Crossgates, Hill of Beath, and Cowdenbeath. For a political meeting in Cowdenbeath the gathering which assembled in the Co-operative Hall to listen to Mr Ralston expounding his views was a very small one, only about 200 people being present. Mr Archibald Hodge, grocer, occupied the chair.

Mr RALSTON said he understood that the nominal leader of what was called the Liberal party was Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. (A voice, "I'll vote for Campbell-Bannerman," and laughter.) Sir Henry was a good Scotsman, and had represented the Stirling Burghs for the last 32 years. That was no ordinary feat, and he (Mr Ralston) hoped that he would be spared to represent West Fife for as long a period. (A voice, "Never," and laughter.) What was

THE POSITION OF SIR HENRY?

Why, the other week he was so annoyed at the treatment he had received at the hands of his own followers that he threatened to resign. He was very much in the position of the Irishman who, when riding a skittish horse, said, "Bedad, if you are going to get on, O'im going to get off." (A voice, "It'll no' dae," and much laughter.)

THE MOMENTOUS QUESTION

which the electors had to decide at the present moment was whether they were going to support a firm and stable Government or a party which, according to Mr Herbert Gladstone, was not in a position to furnish a strong Government. Mr Chamberlain had done his very best to prevent war in South Africa. ("Question," "No, no," and "That'll no' dae, ma man.") Every man had the right to express his own views. (A voice, "And that's my view.") Notwithstanding the efforts which the Cabinet and Mr Chamberlain in particular made—("Boo!")—the war had taken place. In his election address

MR HOPE

said—"I am thoroughly opposed to what is called Imperialism——" (Hear, hear.) That was one for Lord Rosebery, said Mr Ralston." Whether unsuccessful in the guise of Liberalism or otherwise, in my opinion the deplorable war still waging in South Africa has been brought about by the suspicion created in the mind of the Boers through the whitewashing of Mr Rhodes and his retention as a Privy Councillor, the non-cancellation of the Charter held by the South African Chartered Company, and the blundering and blustering diplomacy of Mr Chamberlain. That was Mr John Hope's view." They all knew that among the leaders of the Liberal party there was a very great divergence of opinion on the war, and he took it that the opinion of

SIR EDWARD GREY,

who more than any other statesman on the Liberal side, was capable of managing foreign affairs, was entitled to and would receive respect. It was perfectly evident that Mr Hope was not a supporter of Sir Edward Grey, who said that this was a just war, a war forced upon this country, and that if President Kruger had really desired peace he had as fair a chance to secure it as any man could have had. Sir Edward Grey further said that it was not because of certain phrases in certain dispatches that the negotiations failed. The Boer oligarchy and the Hollander clique had been at the bottom of the war. ("No, no," and "Question.") That had been proved. (A voice, "Get on wi' your speech: we'll tell ye a' about that.") It had been proved conclusively to him at last. (A voice "Ay, to you, 'but no' to me," and laughter.) There was no doubt that there was

AN ORGANISED CONSPIRACY

in the Transvaal to drive the British population into the sea, and get up a South African Dutch Republic long before the Jameson Raid. (A voice, "Since the Jameson Raid.") The Boers had begun to accumulate arms, and they were given facilities for collecting these arms by a Liberal statesman and by a Liberal Cabinet. (Applause and "No.") Mr Ralston afterwards dealt with the question of the cost of the war, which he said should be defrayed out of the resources of the Transvaal and the Free State. He next spoke of domestic legislation, and maintained that the Unionist Government had not in this respect been neglectful of the interests of the country. He advocated an amendment of the Workmen's Compensation Act, so that compensation should be paid from the date of an accident, and should not depend upon the height of a building. He was in favour of reforming the registration laws to the extent of a certificate being granted by the Assessor to people who were removing from one constituency to another.

THE HECKLING.

Mr JOHN GILLAN asked if Mr Ralston had said at Dunfermline that there was no necessity for a Labour candidate for West Fife.

Mr RALSTON said that when he made that remark he had not been adopted as candidate.

Mr WILLIAM WATSON asked if Mr Chamberlain and the Duke of Devonshire were not members of the Liberal Cabinet in 1881.

Mr RALSTON said that they were, but they had benefited from their association with the members of the present Cabinet.

Replying to Mr M'AUGHEY Mr Ralston said that the present method of granting licences was unsatisfactory, and he would like to see the licensing bench more popularly elected.

Mr WATSON asked at what stage the war became inevitable.

Mr RALSTON said it became inevitable when Mr Kruger made it so by presenting his ultimatum. The two years' diplomacy was a conciliatory diplomacy.

Replying to a question as to land values, Mr Ralston said that he was in favour of land which was kept up near towns, and for purpose of obtaining a fictitious value for it, being more highly taxed. In connection here marked that a Liberal M.P., when asked for ground for public purposes at Kirkcaldy, charged £20 an acre for it.

The meeting was brought to a close with votes of thanks to the candidate and the Chairman.

MEETINGS AT DUNDUFF, SALINE, CARNOCK AND OAKLEY.

Mr RALSTON addressed a meeting of electors on Monday night in the Dunduff Public School, near Dunfermline. Mr Hadley Marshall, of Dunduff, presided. Referring to the South African war, Mr Ralston said that the intention of the Boers was to set up in South Africa a Dutch Republic, which meant a nation hostile to Britain planted down in one of our outposts of the Empire. It meant a hostile nation deriving great wealth from its mines, an immensely wealthy nation able to build fleets as they had been able, unfortunately, to buy arms, to attack us on our great trade routes. Our fellow-subjects in the Transvaal had not the lives of slaves, and in some cases not even the life of a dog. We in this country went to war to protect ourselves. Our motto had been defence, not defiance. If elected, he would advocate some means for paying the cost of the war out of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, leaving the British taxpayers' pockets intact. Mr Ralston was awarded a vote of confidence. Mr Ralston afterwards addressed meetings at Saline, Carnock, and Oakley.

TIDINGS OF MR WEMYSS.

Mr G. W. Bruce, Mr Wemyss's agent, states that he has received the following cable from Mr Wemyss:—"On active service, Imperial Yeomanry, with Methuen's force." Mr Bruce says Mr Wemyss has been made a captain.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES IN WEST FIFE.

FOOTBALL.

OUR BOYS V. DUNFERMLINE.

SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP—FIRST ROUND.

These two teams met in the above competition at East End Park on Saturday. The weather was anything but good for football, and the teams lined up, and played during a part of the game. Our Boys' team (all) heavy. Dresscott, but Crawford and Masterton were fully up to the Dunfermline their places being filled were a swapping. Dunfermline: M'Kay or by W. Campbell and Campbell (Cowdenbeath) respectively. Teams:—

Our Boys—Tulloch; Smith, Allan; Lamond, Galloway, Anderson; A. Taylor, Kay, J. Taylor, Dobbie, and Donald-on.

Dunfermline—Foster; Pitblado, W. Campbell; Adamson, Hamilton, Campbell; Liddell, M'Cusker, Gardner, Veitch, and Welsh.

Referee—Mr Robertson, Niddry.

Our Boys kicked off against the wind, but were soon called upon to defend, both Hamilton and Gardiner giving Tulloch good shots to clear, but Gardner ultimately shot past. A foul kick off Campbell let Our Boys away, but W. Campb

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Our football chat will please, I've little doubt,
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Now, for the present, let me say adieu
Good people all, the *Echo* makes it bow to you.

SPAKESHEAR.

The Cage, *Journal* Office.

DUNFERMLINE CATTLE MARKET.

Messrs Macdonald, Fraser, & Co., held their weekly sale of cattle yesterday. There was a fair show of stock. Prices were slightly lower than last week. The top price for best bullocks was £22 17s 6d, and sheep and lambs ranged from 30s to 42s 6d.

WHAT OUR READERS SAY.

COWDENBEATH TO EDINBURGH IN THREE HOURS. "PER TRAIN OR MAN."

SIR,—The North British Railway Company and their employees have created many records, but they made one last Monday that will be hard to beat. It was this: Leaving Cowdenbeath station a few minutes to nine—or rather it is advertised to leave then—and by changing trains at Dunfermline Upper, passengers arrive in Edinburgh before ten o'clock.

On Monday, this train left Cowden's a considerably behind time, and the Edinburgh train had left Dunfermline before it arrived. This, however, was not serious, because we were informed by a railway official there that the train to Edinburgh left at 9.50. Nine-fifty came but the train didn't. It was twenty-five minutes late when it left the Upper. Then there was a prolonged stay at the Lower, also a few minutes' duration at the Gasworks (which offered an opportunity of admiring gasometers, purple, and discoloured lime) and before stopping at Inverkeithing a further half was called. With sundry other stoppages it managed to crawl into the Waverley at five minutes to twelve, which was certainly a most wonderful performance; I may be told that the train I left with is not an Edinburgh train, but what about taking two hours from Dunfermline to Edinburgh?

There were seventeen persons in our compartment, which looks like overcrowding, especially as that number comprised several elderly females of no ordinary dimensions. I am, &c.—

F. J. ROBERTSON.

35 Brunswick Street,
Edinburgh, 3rd October 1900.

TICKET COLLECTING AT THE DUNFERMLINE UPPER STATION.

SIR,—Can the North British Railway Company not devise a better means of collecting tickets at the Upper Station than that at present in vogue? Travellers coming from the east are locked in at Halbeath like so many prisoners, and cannot get out until the ticket-collectors at the Upper find time to allow them, and sometimes they are not in a hurry. On Saturday, for instance, some people were kept waiting so long that I am sure they could have been down to the High Street had they been allowed to step out as soon as the train stopped. This is not as it ought to be, and I think it is not to the credit of the managers of the N.B.R. that such an antiquated system is allowed to prevail. But perhaps it is only another phase of that rigorally treatment which is meted out to people in this part of Fife.—I am, &c.,

TRAVELLER.

Cowdenbeath, Oct. 1st, 1900.

THE LABOUR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

MR CHAMBERLAIN ATTACKS THEM.

In support of the candidature of Sir J. B. Stone, the Unionist candidate for East Birmingham, who is called upon by Councillor Stevens to fight the only contest in the city, Mr Chamberlain on Saturday addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting at Saltley. Having for 15 years represented a democratic constituency, he claimed to be himself a champion of labour, but during the 25 years he had been in Parliament he had never known a so-called labour champion like Mr Stevens who had initiated or carried legislation for the benefit of the working classes, though they had hindered it occasionally outside Parliament. These members had been excellent friends to labour in their own districts, but in Parliament had been simply items in the voting machine. Now that the Home Rule party was no more, they had become members of the pro-Boer or Little Englander party; they gave no help to those who worked hard for free education, and even the Employers' Liability Bill was passed not with their assistance, but in their teeth. Labour would be better without such champions.

SIR HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN DEFENDS LABOUR MEMBERS.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, speaking at Dalkeith in support of the Master of Elibank's candidature for Mid-Lothian, declared that the enthusiasm which was at present animating the Liberals of London filled Liberals in all the other parts of the country he had heard from. Whatever differences of views Liberals might have entertained as to the origin of the war, they were entirely united as to the future of South Africa. Alluding to social questions upon which reform was needed, he defended the labour members from Mr Chamberlain, who "knows not only what they desire, and feel, and think, but what they ought to desire, and feel, and think." (Laughter.) The Conservatives had only supported free education because at the particular moment it suited their book. (Hear, hear.) There are the control of the drink traffic, housing, the question of education, and the question of hours of labour, said Sir Henry, to be dealt with. The present Government and their friends are the creatures of vested interests. They are the bulwark of vested interests, and they will give only so much as shall leave those vested interests unimpaired. (Cheers.)

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THE QUEEN OF THE ROSES.

By F. J. SNELL,

Author of "A Plain Sir Galahad," &c.

CHAPTER I.

YOUTH AND AGE.

In the shadow of that magnificent pile, the Cathedral of Palermo, with its marble pillars and great altar decked with *lapis lazuli* and gold, the high-born Canon had his lodging. He was of the family of La Grua, famous in legend and story, but in a bad way. Of the violence and tyranny, however, which had made them an accursed race the *padre* appeared to have nothing. Either he was naturally of a gentle, pacific disposition, or, having passed the whole of his life in the cloister, he had succeeded by patient self-discipline in uprooting those tares of vice and cruelty which, to judge from their annals, found a congenial soil in the breast of every La Grua. True sons, they, of the Isle of Fire.

Visitors from the outer world, knowing the *padre* with some degree of intimacy, were disposed to think that in him the process of emasculation had been carried appreciably too far. He was seldom to be seen otherwise than among his books—an old man dressed in a shabby cassock, with a skull-cap on his head and gold-rimmed spectacles on his nose, now and then sadly in need of a shave, but always very contented. His domestic companions were a white Persian cat and a green parrot, which sometimes dropped a guttural remark, but was more generally, like his master, taciturn. The Canon rarely went out, except to attend the daily services at the cathedral, and was always much belated in regard to news of the city. Once a week, however, he might happen to take a stroll, when he would be accompanied by a fat and sleepy poodle considerably past his zenith. In short, to put it bluntly, the Canon was pretty much of an old woman.

"And when will you come again, *precina?*"

"You must ask nurse," replied the little maid primly.

The priest smiled.

"Then what does nurse say?"

"That we will do as your worship directs. It is no great distance from Bagheria, Father."

She might well say so. The sturdy, broad-chested peasant-woman looked fit to tramp from Erice to Etna with an even heavier burden than the three-year-old Baroness.

"Good; let me see her again in a week."

They turned to go.

"Wait a moment, my daughter. I think I can find some *confetta* in my drawer." And the old gentleman, stepping across the room to his bureau, pulled out one of the compartments. There, sure enough, was the treasure—sweets.

Caterina knew *confetta* in the concrete, and liked it; as to its composition she did not much trouble. It consisted, however, as her foster-mother was aware, of nuts and almonds and flaked honey.

The good priest opened one end of the red packet, and, feigning to be uncertain about its contents, spied in it a beaming smile; then, wretch that he was! he thrust in a finger and thumb, and seemed disposed to help himself. All which while Caterina, apparently forgotten, stood beside him with her brown eyes wide open, astonished at his presumption.

There is a good deal of selfishness in children. Not more, perhaps, than in grown-up people, but then, then they are less concerned to hide it. To Caterina's half-formed understanding was present one awful fact—that one of her playmates was about to disappear down a big person's throat.

Caring not a fig for his cassock, albeit to her nurse the symbol at once of sanctity and learning, she drew the transgressor towards her, calling vigorously on Rina, Rina! Whereupon, enjoying her alarm, the *padre* raised his hand to his mouth.

Dismay would have ended in tears, but, before she had time to cry, the old man opened his palm to shew that the sweet was intact, and made a grab at it, and having secured the remainder of the packet, returned to her foster-mother, highly pleased with the gift, but thinking no little of the giver as to forget to thank him. Perhaps, after the way he had treated her, it was more than he could expect.

"You would give Ludovico one?" said the priest, for fun, just to see what she would do.

Caterina thought a moment, after which, moved by a sudden impulse of generosity—or, possibly, by the reflection that out of her abundance she could afford to bestow one solitary sweet on the friendly boy—she advanced towards the table and, laid her offering beside his book.

Ludovico, it happened, was three or four years older than Caterina, and already a hard student, but he was not above sweets. So, with a hasty "Thanks, signorina," he popped the morsel in his mouth. Caterina watched him consume it, reciprocating his mild joy, and, when he had done, submitted to be kissed by her great-uncle and benefactor. Then she and Florinna went away.

They had come by request, the occasion of their visit being the death of Caterina's mother. There was an ugly rumour that it had been caused by a kick from the Baron, but it might not have been true. Four years later, the Baron married again. The object of his choice was Elisabetta Vernagallo, a lady of noble birth and some beauty, but poor. Why he wedded her no one exactly knew. They could only guess.

Not long after, a certain Jacopo, hale and weather-beaten, and habited in blue, stood at the Canon's door with a crate of fish. On the step, turning over the assortment, was old Carina, the housekeeper. For was it not fast-day? With her eyes she scanned; with her ears she listened.

"So his worship is very fond of the Lady Caterina?" said the man.

"Eleven kingdoms wouldn't purchase her. But why d'ye ask, messer?"

"Because there are ill reports of the new bride. They say she is a cast-off of his Excellency, and sour with disappointment that he didn't marry her himself."

"Soiled dove, eh?" said the crone, pricking up her ears and letting a prime sole slip out of her grasp. "*Mairi Santa*, but that is a fine story! Why did the fool take her, then? If it was his mind to wed there were plenty of ladies, I suppose, to pick from without going out of his way to marry a—you know."

"There was a bargain, as I hear, but we small folk can't always get at the heart of what's doing at Court. If we could, perhaps it might be dangerous."

"And that's true. But if there's aught in this it were well his worship knew of it."

"As, belike, he does."

"Not a whit, or he would have spoken of it to me."

"Don't fear. I told you, then," observed Jacopo, as he accepted a silver piece in payment of the said sole and two or three mackerel.

Needless warning. Old Lucia did not forget that from Jacopo she received a bountiful supply of toothsome gossip, and if he got into trouble for it, owing to her prate, it would be base ingratitude, as well as an end to all intercourse between them. Wisely, therefore, she resolved to use discretion.

At present the *padre* was closely engaged with his pupil, Ludovico.

"You must take your book again, my son, and learn your lesson thoroughly. *Respice ad finem.* Consider the result."

"But I see no profit in this study," answered the boy petulantly. "*Amo, amas, amat*—I love, thou lovest, he loveth. It is plain fully!"

"Say not so, vain youth!" said the old scholar reprovingly. "Assuredly, there is little joy in declensions and conjugations. They are but dry bones, or I might call them the chariots or masts of the noble Latin tongue. Hereafter, if you be patient, you may rove the flowery fields of the divine Maro and quaff the golden eloquence of Tully."

"But are there not able writers in our own tongue? Methinks I have heard mention of one Dante."

"Ah, yes, my son; a deep philosopher was Alighieri, and a great lover of Virgilius. He knew well how to unfold the meaning of things, and transfigured poor trivial human loves into visions of celestial splendour. But why do I speak of these matters? Thou art over-young yet to comprehend them."

"If you please, most reverend father, the boys in the street call me Tuppi-tuppi."

"Wherefore do they so?"

"Because of the girl that comes here."

"But what hast thou to do with Caterina?"

"Nothing; but they are fain to pretend that we are lovers, and half the old ditties begin 'Tuppi-tuppi.'"

"As though one tapped at a door. It is even as thou sayest, Ludovico. I myself have heard profane and lewd songs in the night season, and, indeed, I have sometimes thought that young men of the baser sort have purposely gathered below my window to pollute mine ears with their vile chants. But heed them not, my son. Caterina, as thou knowest, can never be less or wife of thine. So hearken not unto their idle discourse; they only seek to vex thee."

They lapsed into silence. Ludovico wrestled with his syntax, and Padre Celestino exploring a great leather-bound tome of Saint Chrysostom. Ten minutes later the big tenor bell at the cathedral tolled the hour, and the boy, springing up, professed his readiness to say his lesson. This time he was successful, and the *padre*, satisfied with his proficiency, gave him permission to depart.

Scarcely had Ludovico vanished when old Lucia appeared.

"Well," said the Canon, not much pleased at this second interruption, "what now?"

"I am loth to intrude," answered the dame wearily, "but I have heard something, your worship."

"How often must I tell you not to plague me with your old wives' fables? I am more profitably engaged."

"But it concerns the Lady Caterina."

"Concerns the Lady Caterina?" repeated the Canon, amazed. "I saw her but yesterday, and she was quite well and happy."

"Yes; but the Baron her father has married again."

"And what if he has?"

"Only that folks don't speak too well of the Lady Elisabetta."

"Whereof is she accused?

"It is scarce modest of me to say, but the talk is that she and the Viceroy have been wonderful friends formerly, and she was sick to leave him."

"I should be sorry to credit the story, though; verily, Pietro has few scruples when he is after some gain. As for Caterina, henceforward I shall charge myself doubly with her welfare."

"And if I find out more about the Lady Elisabetta, I will let your worship know."

"Do so, good woman."

CHAPTER II.

A PAIR OF PLOTTERS.

Just outside the village of Bagheria was a troop of merry children at play. With their rich black locks, olive skins, and pearls of white teeth, and such bright apparel as their mothers could provide for them, they formed a charming picture. Florinna, with her beautiful clean coif glistening in the sun, stood watching them with intense delight, and, only for the fear of being laughed at, would have been glad to share their motions. A moment before Caterina had been with her; now she was in the midst of the village girls.

Peppi e Ntoni Vivilanza
Ed ognuno vent'n Franza;
Franza ha vera e prà,
Peppi Ntoni e Vinisgua.

The words were mostly without sense; nevertheless, they sounded very sweet as sung by a handsome young creature taller by some inches than the rest and perhaps a year or two older. Lisa was mistress of the game, and at each syllable she touched one of her companions, who stood hand-in-hand in a ring, taking them, of course, in order. The object of this procedure was to discover who of them all should be "out," and naturally the last syllable determined the matter. The children had a very expressive and none too complimentary term for this victim of ill-luck, but now we shall not seek to approach nearer to it than "black sheep." The consequences, it is evident, were not very terrible, or the game would not have gone on.

For a few seconds all were breathless with suspense, and then it was found that the lot had fallen on Caterina. Fortune, at least, could not be taxed with partiality, but some uncertainty appeared on the girlish faces as they glanced respectfully at the youthful Baroness. Caterina proved loyal to the rules, and, stepping into the middle of the ring, knelt down on the hard way. The others then laid their hands on her head, and Lisa, walking round, began what was, in fact, a little drama.

"Lady, Lady Anna Maria," she repeated, to which Caterina replied: "What does your ladyship crave?"

"I crave the lambkin by the briar."

"Pray, take the best we have."

"The dog I also do require."

"The dog is ne'er a knave."

"Come away, dog, beside me."

And therewith Lisa struck the nearest of the party, who at once left the ring and took her place behind the "mistress." Then Lisa began again: "Lady, Lady Anna Maria," Caterina responding, until they came to the words, "Come away, dog," when another girl was struck, and so on until none remained. The game being thus ended, Caterina rose from her knees and commenced to brush the dust from her frock.

The high ceremonial and suggestion of mystery which distinguished this pastime rendered it very interesting, insomuch that it completely absorbed Caterina's thoughts; and Florinna, for her part, was just as bad. Otherwise they would probably have noticed, not far off, an unwelcome spectator of the scene.

The girls were still laughing over the game when a lady in green, grasping a dog-whip and attended by two or three spaniels, came suddenly round the corner. A deep hush fell on the party, and with bated breath everyone awaited to see what would happen.

"What are you doing there?" asked the Baron's wife.

"Nothing," replied Caterina innocently.

"Nothing!" exclaimed her step-mother angrily. "A minute ago I saw you myself playing with these villagers!"

"Nurse said I might."

"Then nurse should have known better. Proper companions, I must say, for a young Baroness!"

"I thought there would be no harm for once," said Florinna, between vexation, shame and rage.

"Don't talk to me, woman! It was high time you were found out, or a pretty breeding the child would have had!"

Florinna, to restrain her passion, prudently bit her lip.

"You have been independent too long," continued her mistress. "For the future you are to ask what you shall do. Come with me, Caterina."

Caterina was half-inclined to disobey.

"Come with me, I say!" repented the Lady Elisabetta in a louder tone.

The girl reluctantly complied, and casting a wistful look at the awe-struck peasant-maidens, set out for the villa. Florinna followed slowly, smarting under the pungent rebukes and realising for the first time that the reign was at an end.

It happened that the next day Florinna, according to her wont, was preparing to walk to the city, and Caterina, in high spirits, was waiting to go with her. Just at that moment the Lady Elisabetta, whom Caterina already began to dread as a kind of wicked fairy, entered the room.

"Where are you going?" she demanded.

"If you please, signora, I always visit the city on Fridays, marketing, and I take the young lady to see her uncle the Canon."

"How long has this been?"

"For four years at the least. It was Padre Celestino's wish."

"Perhaps so; but Caterina is no longer little, and after what I saw yesterday I fear to trust you."

"I am to stay at home, then?"

"No, you may go; but Caterina will remain with me, and if the Canon desires to see her I will conduct her to him."

Galling as it might be to her, Florinna could only bow to this decision, and without venturing on further remonstrance she left the house and began her trudge citywards.

In the Via di Sant' Anna, one of the old streets of Palermo, lived a chair-mender named Gloria-Patri. Perhaps it was not his baptismal name, but he was never called by any other. As a boy he had been a chorister. But he had long since ceased to be a boy. Quite fifty years old, his eyebrows and moustaches were an iron-grey, and he stooped a little. On the whole, however, Gloria-Patri was still personable.

Now, this man's trade was of an itinerant sort. He had never been heard to complain that work poured in upon him either in unmanageable volume or unceasing flow; and if he had rested content with such orders as circumstance brought to his door he would have been a very idle fellow indeed. But that was not his style. He touted for orders all over the city, and passing beyond its bounds, made frequent tours among the surrounding villages. As there were many others in his line, who carried on business in precisely the same style, it will be easily believed that Gloria-Patri often went a long way and grew very footsore for a wretchedly inadequate return.

It was thus, however, that he made the acquaintance of that worthy dame Florinna, who, finding him so polite and obliging, disliked to return him from the door empty-handed, and occasionally put little jobs in his way as an encouragement. It was not mere charity that moved her. Gloria-Patri, wherever he halted, had to listen to the rigmaroles of talkative customers, seldom without a grievance against somebody, until he became a perfect reservoir of scandal, and an excellent authority on all that had happened for a score of years and more, both publicly and privately, in Palermo and throughout the countryside.

The obligations, therefore, might fairly be reckoned equal, but if, after all, any advantage remained on the side of Florinna, the balance was completely redressed by the convenience of having from an additional place of call in the city. Gloria-Patri, also, was not destitute of a certain amount of gallantry, and made her handsome presents, which she accepted with great good-nature, but without any idea of being more accommodating than before.

The chair-mender's abode was a tumbledown building, with a red-tiled roof and projecting upper storey. Situated between newer and stronger houses, it had somewhat the look of a cripple supported by two able-bodied companions. To this place Florinna, having purchased the few trifles she was in want of—needles and thread and comfits for Caterina—directed her steps. Gloria-Patri was at home and in the midst of his labours. Usually he executed repairs on the premises, but, at the wish of a patron, he would sometimes transport the sick movable to his private dwelling.

Just now his living-room resembled a carpenter's shop. The artist himself was seated on a low stool, and around him in eloquent confusion lay his tools. Among them were an adze and a saw, a hammer and a plane, a chisel and long nails, a fine cord, and leathern thongs for binding. Planted before him, with its legs uppermost, was his patient, on which he was engaged in operating. The chair was broken all to pieces, and, to look at it, one would have deemed it impossible to invest it with a fresh lease of life. Gloria-Patri, however, appeared patient and hopeful. To lighten his toil he chanted a plaintive air:

I can no longer sing,
Work I can no more do;
I'm weary, sorrowing,
Lady, I die for you.

"I trust things haven't come to that pass, Master Chair-mender!" said Florinna cheerily, breaking in upon him.

"It won't be your fault if they don't," he replied, with a sad smile. "But what brings you here to-day, signora?"

"I'm going to Padre Celestino's directly, and I thought I would call and see you first. What's the latest news?"

"Terrible doings, sure enough. We've had the bandits amongst us."

"*Gesu!*" cried Florinna in alarm. "I hope they're quite gone."

"Far away by this time," replied Gloria-Patri, comfortingly, "but it was an awful to-do whilst it lasted. They first broke into the barber's at Lattarini, and fired blank shots to frighten the neighbours; and afterwards they robbed the blind woman of her gold-plate and zecchins."

"But where were the sergeants?"

"They turned up at last, but Salta-le-viti was gone like a levered, and so were most of his companions. They caught one fellow, however—a rascal called Vizzini—and he, I hear, is to be hanged forthwith."

"Good riddance to such rubbish!" observed Florinna cordially. "I wish they would hang the lot, and then we should hear no more of them."

"I wish so too," he answered. "Nevertheless, I question if it were wise to hang them, one by one. The man isn't born that will twist the rope for Salta-le-viti's neck, and whilst he lives he won't see Vizzini string up without calling for a reckoning. So what the end will be I shouldn't like to say. It is a brave beginning for the new *intendente*."

"Why, that is the Baron, my master."

"Even so; but don't let that frighten you, *bella*. I could give you a pass-word that will work like magic."

"Prithee, what?"

"Deign to kiss me, and I will tell you."

"Not to-day, *gnaro*."

"Ingrate! However, I shall soon know if mischief is brewing, and will send you word."

"Many thanks," and Florinna, with an agitation she could not conceal, picked up her parcels and stepped forth into the street. All at once the face of the world seemed changing for her; and changing for Caterina too. Poor little thing, she thought, to be under the harrow so young! And, meditating this, she at length arrived at Padre Celestino's door. That excellent youth Ludovico was just coming out, so that what with the most desired—a private audience with the Canon—seemed guaranteed.

"What! alone?" cried the *padre* on her entrance.

"Yes, your worship," she replied. "The Lady Caterina is well, but I thought I had better call to explain."

"You judged right. Verily, if you had not come, I should have been sore troubled thereat. For lo! sundry fears and suspicions have beset me, and I am perturbed by strange rumours."

"I marvel not at that," quoth the nurse, seeing the roughness of the times."

"Not so, your worship—or, if I did, I meant it not. I should have brought her with me, but I was forbidden."

"By the Lady Elisabetta? Why?"

"Because she caught us looking on at some country wrestlings at play."

"Preposterous! Yet it is even as I feared it would be. I knew she would be a tyrant, being a Vernagallo. Not that a La Grua can afford to boast, for truly there is no outrage, no cruelty, that may not be found written in our annals. But be watchful, and bring me notice now and again how matters speed with them. You shall not miss your reward."

And, the better to shew his meaning, the good priest thrust into her palm a heap of *tarocini* (or farthings).

Florinna acknowledged the gift with a curtsey, and, as the Canon's commission exactly fulfilled the object of her visit, hailed that also with delight, but, with the instinct of a true conspirator, said nothing. Padre Celestino, interpreting her silence as consent, was satisfied, and woman and priest took leave of each other with every sign of cordiality.

It seemed as if all the world were flocking into the Piano di S. Erasmo. High and low were mad with excitement, for it was understood that Giocchino Vizzini was destined that very day to expiate his lack of speed on the gallows. The *gasnadieri* were getting too bold. It was not a great while since a couple of these rogues had carried off a struggling girl apiece near S. Giuliano, and now, to add to their villainy, they had dared to invade the precincts of the city, plundering and discharging their muskets as though they were the masters. No Government could be expected to stand that, and it was on everybody's lips that the King's decree, authorising the summary execution of any bandit caught red-handed, was to be put in force. The credit for this energy was universally given to the Baron Pietro Vimenzo di La Grua, whose appointment as *intendente*, falling at the same time as his marriage, had recently set tongues wagging. His vigorous action was greeted with much applause, and the citizens, recovering from their fright, already began to speculate whether the hanging of Vizzini might not be the prelude to a complete extirpation of these gentry. New brooms sweep clean.

Amongst the crowd watching the erection of the gallows-tree stood our friend Gloria-Patri, who studied the proceedings with a critical eye and conveyed his impressions to his companion, Niccolo Bolza. Niccolo, a thin, spare man, had a particular reason for being interested, inasmuch as he was the identical barber whose house had been forcibly entered a night or two before by Salta-le-viti and party.

"And how soon, think you, they will have finished, Master Chair-mender?"

"They won't be long now. I thought it would be so. They must dig again, or the beam will not be level. But they may not bring him out at once. Steady there! a little more to the right. Now it's as straight as a plumb-line."

"Well, I shall be glad to see him hanged, but between ourselves, neighbour, I don't reckon him by many a mile the vilest scoundrel in Palermo. Where Vizzini has robbed ten *onze*, others have stolen thousands; and yet they'll be looking on at his agonies as unconcerned as any."

"I know whom you mean," and Gloria-Patri jerked with his thumb over his shoulder.

"That's he," answered Niccolo. "I went thither yesterday to borrow a few ducats for the replenishing of my shop, but—would you believe it?—he wouldn't be content with less than fifteen per cent. compound interest, which, together with the principal, I have settled to pay in monthly instalments."

"It is terrible, such exaction! You should have told him you were a poor man, and that you couldn't afford so high a rate."

"And so I did, but he only laughed at me for my pains, and said that as mine was such bad security I might consider myself lucky to get an advance at all."

"Too bad! However, he's not yet out of the world, and as he's so fond of fleecing other folks the time may come when a catchpole will lay him by the heels. Say, barber, wouldn't that be capital?"

"If I'm to wait till that comes to pass, I'm afraid 'twill be a long day; but the worst comfort is better than none. Look! you said he would appear, and there he is, with his grandson."

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