

Correspondence.

For the Standard.  
Mr. Editor.—One of those neighborly occurrences which take place in this vicinity, is worthy of notice, and by your permission, I will give a brief account of the same. On the 10th inst., twenty-one heavy young men, took Mr. Edward DeWolfe by surprise with their axes and saws. Having called him into his yard, and pointing to his well-piled hay, they informed him that they intended to cut up and split his years' supply of wood, which they accomplished at 4 P. M. When about to leave, Mr. DeWolfe conveyed his thanks to them for their generous act, and also with his amiable daughter, requested the fine fellows to return in the evening with their female friends, and have a pleasant dance, with other amusements. They accepted the invitation, and after spending a very pleasant night—went home with the girls in the morning.

We had heard that that Miss Emma DeWolfe, the amiable daughter of the host, can get up the best "dances" around these dignities. It also is evidence that Mr. DeWolfe is esteemed in the community.

Yours, &c., The Virginia Press.

CHARGED WITH LARCENY.—Hon. Thos. R. Jones made information at the Police Office yesterday that Mr. Robert T. A. Scott, a partner in the dry goods business, had fraudulently embezzled, and stolen the sum of \$12,140. Mr. Scott was arrested on a warrant, and brought before the Magistrate. Nothing was done in the case, however, a postponement being made until Saturday next. The defendant was admitted to bail in the sum of \$25,000, himself in \$14,000 and R. S. DeWolfe, Esq., in \$10,000. It appears that Mr. Scott has been in England on a tour of duty for the firm. The sum he had been taking from the credit of the firm, and it is claimed to be without his authority. Mr. Scott says he can make the matter clear, and as Mr. Jones is willing to submit the case to arbitration, a settlement will doubtless be made as it certainly ought to be—reaches the *St. John Globe*.

COUSIN'S EYE.—About two years ago, Mr. Alexander Ferguson of Gill Islands, discovered in the woods in the vicinity of Reed Hill, a bear's cave, which evidently had been vacated only a short time. On visiting the cave, he found no traces of the bear. On the 11th inst., his two sons, who had been in the investigation and seen the bear, had returned to their old haunts. Armed with guns and axes they started forth, and after a tedious journey reached the old cave. Very soon, however, accompanied by two yearling cubs, put in an appearance. The bear at once shot the lead dead on the spot, and with his axes dispatched the cub. The little heroes deserve great credit for their courage. Reed Hill is about three miles from this town.—*Liverpool (N.S.) Times*.

The Legislature of Rhode Island is endeavoring to make education compulsory throughout the State.

Among the new persons is one of black skin, adorned with a deep blue eye, and having a gaily colored butterfly emblem on it.

Mr. Moody detects shams, and shows his detestation on every fit occasion. At the Boston Christian Conference he said: "He would not have a man speak or pray who only paid fifty cents a dollar, when he could pay one hundred cents." To the question, "How to stop long prayers?" he replied that "he would tell the long prayers to stop it. He had often hit a man with his foot, in Boston, to stop him when he was praying too long. He thought some men prayed to the audience, and he would stop that too."

Another shooting "accident." A young man in Halifax was playing with a loaded revolver one day last week, and whilst the muzzle was in his mouth, one of the charges went off, lodging in the back of his throat. His recovery is doubtful. The result of this criminal cockiness is called an "accident."

LIME AS A FERTILIZER.—Pure lime where it is not mingled with clay, sand, and other organic and inorganic substances, consists of the oxide of the metallic element calcium, and entering into the composition of all plants, must occupy a large place in Nature's laboratory. It has an affinity for water and carbonic acid, when applied to the land it absorbs water, forming hydrate of lime; this hydrate then absorbs carbonic acid, so that lime, although applied to the land in the caustic state, really exists, in the form of its application, in the form of carbonate, along with a little sulphate and phosphate, as previously mentioned. Lime has for a long time been used as a fertilizer; when land previously unworked is brought into cultivation, or when worn out pasture land is broken up, lime is generally applied. It affects chiefly the vegetable matter contained in the soil, promoting its decomposition, and thus rendering it available as plant food. We, however, find its action important on some of the mineral constituents—decomposing insoluble silicates, the result being soluble.

The Pennsylvania Inquirer says—

"The Reformed Episcopal Church, begun only a little over three years ago, has now four bishops and about one hundred pastors. It is established in this city, New York, London, Charleston, New Orleans, Chicago, and Philadelphia and other cities, in most of which there are several churches, whose influence extends into the interior of the States in which several cities are located. In Canada and British Columbia this church has also spread rapidly, its whole growth indicating that it is deeply rooted and destined to flourish."

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St. Andrews, April 19, 1877.

FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS.

T. T. Odell,  
Robert Stevenson.

LAST GENERAL MEETING OF SESSION.

In our last week's edition we noticed the opening of the General Session of the County Council, prior to the adjournment of the County Council. The attendance of Justices was more numerous than at any previous occasion, the proceedings were interesting, and conducted with a dignity and propriety, and devotion to the interests of the County, equal to the Dominion of any other Parliament. The Chairman, Justice Stevenson, by his intimate knowledge of County matters, his correct ruling, strictness of manner, and close attention to the proceedings, adhering strictly to parliamentary procedure, quietly but effectively presided, and kept the Justices to the business which they had met to transact. His sound judgment in the selection of the proper men on the various Committees, expedited business, and proclaimed him a fit and proper person for a County or any other Council.

A number of interesting and eloquent discussions took place on County matters, and the full and able reports of Committees, would have done credit to any legislative body. On Friday last after the meeting of the Session the following addresses were read and presented and appropriate replies made:

To ALLEN T. PAUL, Esq., Sheriff of the County of Charlotte.  
Sir.—The Justices in General Session at present convened hereby desire to express to you their high appreciation of the courtesy manifested by you towards this Court, during a period of many years.

Your readiness at all times to render the assistance which your experience and extensive knowledge of County matters enabled you to do, has been most valuable to the Court.

Wishing you many years of usefulness in the office which you discharge with so much ability and general satisfaction.

We are, Sir,  
Yours with every consideration of highest regard,

W. Whitlock,  
Geo. F. Stuckey,  
David Mann,  
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R. Watson,  
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Committee.

Court House, St. Andrews,  
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REPLY  
To the Justices of the Peace of the County of Charlotte, in General Session assembled.

GENTLEMEN.—I receive with much gratification your kind Address, upon this last occasion, when my official duties will require me to be in attendance upon your Body assembled in a collective capacity.

I am very much gratified to find that any little attention I may have paid to the members of your Body while attending the Sessions, are appreciated by you.

The feelings of interest which I have always entertained, in the progress and welfare of this my native County, have led me, to try and make myself acquainted with its resources and requirements, as fully as I possibly could; and your recognition of my desire to bring any knowledge of that kind which I might have acquired into practical use, in forwarding the business of so important a part of our local machinery of government as your Body has hitherto been, is very satisfactory to me.

Trusting that the friendly wishes expressed by you for my continued usefulness in my official capacity, may be more than realized by the success of my endeavours to merit the approbation of those to whom I may hereafter be responsible, as well as the Body of the large and important County.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,  
With every consideration of respect,  
Your obedient servant,

ALEX. T. PAUL,  
Esq., Q. C.,  
Clerk of the Peace, &c.

To GEORGE S. GRIMMER, Esq., Q. C.,  
Sir.—The Court of General Sessions now in Session convened, have great pleasure in expressing to your high appreciation of the efficient manner in which you have performed

your duties as Clerk of this Court. They feel that your diligence, energy, ability, legal acumen, and industry have largely contributed to the despatch of the public business.

Cordially wishing you continued success in your profession.

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Mr. Grimmer in an impressive reply, expressed in writing and in person, returned his acknowledgments, during the delivery of which he was frequently applauded.

Reports of various committees were read and accepted, the County and other accounts were passed, and the Justices made appropriate, loyal and feeling addresses before adjourning due die.

SESSION SUMMER.

The Justices of the County, who for many years had met annually in St. Andrews, to transact County matters, agreed to separate before meeting together for the session, to enjoy a pleasant evening at the festive board. Arrangements accordingly entered into with one last Night of the "Maggie Hotel" to prepare a supper, were carried out admirably. At 8 o'clock on Friday evening a large number of the Justices assembled at the table, which was well supplied with abundance of choice viands. Robert Stevenson Esq., was chairman, ably assisted by W. Whitlock, Esq., and W. A. Voss. After some justice had been done to the tempting viands, the cloths were removed, and with the cheering and frequent applause and water, the chairman gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, commencing with His Majesty Queen Victoria, the Royal Family, the Army and Navy, Governor General, &c., &c., which were drunk with all the honors. The vice chairman then gave the toast of the "County of Charlotte," which was responded to by G. S. Grimmer, Esq., Clerk of the Peace, after which other toasts were given and acknowledged.

The enterprise of St. Stephen's was responded to by Robert Watson, Esq., who alluded to the successful efforts which had been made in building the St. Stephen's, Warriston and Aberdeen Branch Railway and other enterprises.

The "Press" called forth eloquent replies from Justices Mann and Down, in which the usefulness, power and blessings of an independent Press were ably set forth. The editor of this paper acknowledged the compliment.

During the evening several songs were sung and recitations given, one of the latter—"Pan o Shant"—given by special request, by the chairman, elicited much amusement, and was an instance of the power of memory. The host and hostess were greatly respected by Mr. Neil, after which, and joined in singing "God Save the Queen" and with a hearty good feeling which we hope will be perpetuated, until the Magistrate of Charlotte. This terminated one of the most agreeable and pleasant entertainments held here for several years.

Our editorial report is necessarily brief and imperfect, but having taken notes, the pleasant gathering however, will long live in the memories of the Justices.

Woe—we fear, is imminent. If it has not already been declared between Russia and Turkey, if the cable dispatches can be relied on. The Turks are apparently counting a fight with Russia, and have made great preparations for it; but we do not hesitate to express the hope that Macedonia will be wiped off the map of Europe; and then arrangements will probably be made as to the disposition of Turkey proper.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENT.—The new arrangement for running of trains on the N. B. & C. Railway still continues the connection at McAlister Junction, only three times a week for passengers leaving St. Andrews—viz., on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, returning the following days. Well, this it is to be hoped will soon be changed by the Judges' decision, to daily trains. What a blessing for the people of St. Andrews residents are—now attend!

CRIMINALS.—It appears that a large city importing firm has had some trouble with the Customs authorities. Writing to export Martell's celebrated brand in smaller cases than quarters, leave was obtained to fill octavo cases in bond, bearing Martell's brand, with the genuine article, about 60 cents a gallon, cheap, and known as Rivers, Gardist & Co., was substituted for Martell's. The result was seizure, and the matter has been referred to Ottawa.—*Montreal Star*.

AMERICAN INVENTIVE PROGRESS.  
Under the above heading the *Scientific American* of May 7th has a long and interesting article, from which we make the following extracts:

To show with what rapidity inventors made improvements on invention embodying original principles, says the writer, it may be noted that in the early days of the sewing machine 116 patents were granted for improvements therein in a single year; and out of the 2,910 patents issued in the year 1857, 152 were for improved cotton gins and presses, 161 for improvements on the steam engine, and 198 for novel devices relating to railroads and improvements in the rolling stock. In the year 1848, three years after the publication of this paper was commenced, but 660 patents were granted; but under the stimulus of publishing their inventions as they were patented, ten years later, in 1858, the number had increased sixfold, reaching 6,710, while up to January 1, 1859, as already stated, the aggregate of patents issued amounted to 17,467; since that time and up to the present the total is 181,015.

And certainly, these records (adds the editor) to reveal our own work, extending back, say, twenty years, or 1839, a period during which 178,742 patents have been issued. We hardly need count, that 62,862 applications have been made through the Scientific American Agency for Patents in the United States and abroad. This averages almost ten applications per day, Sundays excepted, over the entire period, and bears the relation of more than one quarter to the total number of patents issued in this country up to the time of writing.

TRACING A CRIME.  
A YOUNG MAN WENT \$1200 WHICH HE CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR.

Last Saturday the following despatch was to be forwarded from Boston:

Timothy H. Green has been arrested in this city for the robbery of about \$1200 from an unknown person in Benedita, Mass. Late Wednesday night Green and two men came into a saloon on Franklin street, and the proprietor, knowing Green, paid considerable money to him, but not regarding the men with him, he did not suspect the man with him to be a thief, and the latter that they could not be traced in his place, and three went out. On looking into the stall where the men had been, the proprietor found \$1200 in greenbacks, done up in a cloth. Officer Howard was notified, and about eleven o'clock Thursday morning, Green came back to the saloon looking for his money, and Officer Howard, who was the night clerk, took him to the station house to see what explains this robbery, which he found in possession of so much money. He said that his mother, who lived in Lowell, gave him \$500 to come to Boston and buy a number to build a house with, and that he also had \$200 in gold, mostly sovereigns, which he first said was given him by his mother, but afterwards stated that his father left it him at the time of his death, a few years ago. On being searched, no gold was found on him. Officer Howard went to Lowell and ascertained that the man was a shrewd sort of person, worth nothing and supported by his mother, who lives there. His mother is in poor circumstances, and last her husband last summer. What little he has been drawn out of the bank from time to time to support the family. She says her son has not been in Lowell for seven or eight weeks, and about that length of time back she brought him a ticket to Bangor to help carry him to Benedita, Mass., where his aunt lives. It seems that this man has a little farm there with no one to run it, her husband being dead, and Green has the promise that the property would be sold to him if he would carry on the farm while the money lived. After being told that his aunt had changed her mind and would her possessions to the bishop of Portland, it is strongly suspected that he robbed the old lady, or possibly assaulted her or killed her. The lady has not the appearance of having been in current use.

It now appears that a young man from Napa, California, came to Benedita at the time named, and stopped for a few days with an old couple living in an out of the way part of the town. The old people were infirm, and one day, during the visit, the old man was taken ill and was barely able to reach the house, falling dead upon the threshold. The widow was left speechless with grief, and some of the neighbors kindly took her home. The young man, however, went away. The old lady and her husband had \$1500 in the house, but the money could not be found, and after a careful search, the neighbors came to the conclusion that she was mistaken, or else that her husband had hidden the money so securely that nobody could find it.

Special McClain, of Bangor, has gone to Benedita, and will make a thorough investigation of the case.

SURRENDERED.—A young man named Curtis, who deserted some ten months ago from the 6th Dragon Guards, at Sherburne, has surrendered himself to the British military authorities at Montreal. He has been living in good style for some time past, and enjoying the pleasures of society. His parents it is understood, are of high standing in England, and his military was one of those brave young men who will take, duty to repeat. Mr.

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