

Scotland.

ABERDEENSHIRE.

The state of Nethermuir, has been purchased by Mr. Henry Inglis, W. S., for £64,000.

On the 15th, as Major Wood, of the 91 Argyllshire Highlanders, stationed at Aberdeen, was riding along Fish Street, Aberdeen, the horse was started by a passing train, and the gallant Major was thrown heavily on the pavement. He was taken to the barracks, where he lies in a precarious condition.

Great excitement was occasioned in Fraserburgh, on August 20th by the arrival of the herring fleet, with a capture higher and more valuable than had ever before landed at that station. Of the 600 boats which entered the harbor only a few were unsuccessful. The total will be 12,000 or 13,000 crans, representing the enormous number of 10,000,000 of herrings, the value of which may be roundly stated at £15,000 to £18,000.

The second annual show of the Upper Dorside Agricultural Association was held at Farland, on the 15th inst. Polled cattle were very largely represented, Dr. Robertson of Indigo being a leading prize winner in that section. Mr. McColebie, Haugh, carried the medal for short horns, with a good three year old bull, bred at Sityton, the winner of the fourth prize at the Aberdeen show. Mr. Stewart, Don of Kildrummy, got the other medal, with a very fine yearling heifer.

ARGYLLSHIRE.

On Tuesday the 18th inst., the Free Presbytery of Islay ordained the Rev. Alexander Lee, A. M., to the pastoral charge of Kildalton and On.

In the Sheriff Court at Inveraray, damages laid at £85, with expenses, have been awarded a girl named Isabella Macgregor, residing with her father, a farmer, near Taysnait, against Donald Macintosh, mason, Cladich, Lochaweside, for breach of promise of a marriage.

In the prize-list recently published for Summer Session, 1872, at the University of Edinburgh, Mr. Alex. Kennedy stands third in Municipal Law. Mr. John C. Macdullich, Inveraray, receives honorable mention as a member of the Medical Jurisprudence Class, although prevented by another University engagement from taking part in one of the competitive examinations. Mr. Archibald C. Munro, Lochgilphead, appears twice in the list, viz., 5th in Practical Physiology, with 85.5 per cent. of marks, and 10th in the Honors list of the Botany Class (Senior Division.)

AYRSHIRE.

The Ayr Presbytery of Original Seceders have ordained Mr. Benjamin Brown, probationer, to the charge of the Colmonell congregation.

It is rumored that Miss Boswell, daughter of Lady Boswell, of Auchinleck, is shortly to be married to the eldest son of Lord Talbot, of Malabide Castle, Dublin.

Mr. Wm. Cameron, grocer, Glencairn Square, Kilmarnock, was recently presented with a purse of sovereigns and an elegant gold locket, along with a valuable brooch and earrings for Mrs. Cameron, as a mark of esteem on the occasion of his leaving Kilmarnock to enter upon another situation in Rothsay.

On the occasion of his marriage, the Rev. James L. Murray, of Princes Street Church, Kilmarnock, was presented with a purse containing 45 sovereigns, as a wedding gift from his congregation, accompanied by an address expressing their good wishes for the health and happiness of himself and his partner in life.

Mr. Charles Hall, sen., Newton Ayr, having superintended the Sabbath School and taken a deep interest in the spiritual welfare of the sick and aged at New Prestwick during the last thirty-five years, was recently presented with a handsome watch, with appendages, and a brooch for Mrs. Hall.

There is in the possession of Mr. John Wilson, Kyle street, Ayr, a translation of the Scriptures, which must now be very rare. It was printed in 1599, and is an edition of the Geneva Bible, properly called the "Brooches Bible," from its rendering of Genesis iii. 7. This translation was the work of some English divines, who fled to Geneva to escape the persecutions of Queen Mary's reign. It was published in 1557, and in it the Scriptures were first printed in Roman letters, and divided into chapters and verses.

BERWICKSHIRE.

W. G. Toope, Esq., second master of the Berwick Grammar School, has obtained a first class at the University of London.

A deputation from the U. P. Church, Earleton, recently waited upon Mr. Morrison S. Berrie, and presented him

with a purse of sovereigns as an acknowledgment of his kindness in granting the use of the school during the rebuilding of their church.

Colonel Begbie died in the house of his son at Lancaster Gate, London, on the 6th inst., at the ripe age of 89 years and 10 months. Colonel Begbie, at the time of his death, was the oldest burgess of Berwick on the roll—having been admitted to the freedom of the city on the 15th September, 1800. The Colonel entered the army shortly after serving articles, and took part in the Peninsular war. Shortly after the peace he resigned, and latterly lived in Portobello, paying frequent visits to his family in London, and at Renton House, Berwickshire.

BANFFSHIRE.

Mr. Wm. Flower, farmer, Ardmiddle, Turriff, has purchased the estate of Asleed, in the parish of Monquhitter, for the sum of £7228 sterling.

CAITHNESS-SHIRE.

The Town Council of Wick have resolved to present the freedom of the burgh to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

A new Roman Catholic priest has arrived at Wick, and Mr. Capron is to leave immediately, the trial arising from the recent disturbances having been concluded.

At Castletown, potato blight has appeared amongst the potatoes in the gardens and fields, which, should it widely spread, will be disastrous to the poorer classes in the winter months, as peats and coals are selling at such exorbitant prices.

DUMFRIESHIRE.

A carter named William Wright, has just died in Dumfries from injuries received by a heavy barrel of ale falling upon him.

At a meeting of the General Committee of the Dumfriesshire Liberal Registration Association, held in the Commercial Hotel, Dumfries, recently, it was unanimously decided that Mr. Jardine should make a personal canvass of the country.

The farm of Upper Belted Stane, Creca, extended to about forty-two acres, has been sold by J. P. Halbert, Esq., to Mr. Coulthard, Carronbridge, Thornhill, for £1,480.

We learn that last week the Rev. Mr. Mackie made known to the Trustees of St. Mary's the "terms" upon which he is willing to donit his charge. These were £3,000 down unconditionally, or £2,000 if the Presbytery cleared his professional character satisfactorily; the terms to be null and void until agreed to by the Presbytery, ineffectual until the money was paid, and £100 to be added for every month, subsequently to the Martinmas term next, that the terms remain unfulfilled. It is perhaps needless to say that the Trustees of the Church have not entertained this offer, and that it far exceeds in amount any sum that they possibly have contemplated allowing Mr. Mackie under any circumstances.—Dumfries Courier.

EDINBURGH.

On the 17th inst., an old man, named William Smith, who lived alone in Craigside Place, Edinburgh, was found dead in his bed.

Dr. John Brown's famous little story "Rab an' his friends" has just been printed in raised letters by the Worcester Society for providing cheap literature for the blind.

James Broadly, lately brakemen in the service of the Caledonian Railway Company at Addiewell Station, has died from injuries received on the 18th inst., while at work shunting some wagons.

FIFESHIRE.

An old man named Patton has been arrested on suspicion of murdering his sister, with whom he resided, near Kilconquhar.

Active operations are now in progress for the deepening of the Kirkcaldy harbor, in order to allow vessels of heavy tonnage to enter the port.

On the 17th inst., Charles Nisbet, Backmuir, Pitfirrane, near Dumfermline, received injuries of so severe a nature through falling from a cart, that he died next day.

On the 21st inst., during the progress of excavation at White House policies, Kirkcaldy, for the erection of an Independent Church, the workmen came upon two large stone coffins, in a fair state of preservation. A few days previous, two coffins had been discovered, as also an urn, supposed to be of considerable value to antiquarians.

The *Fife Herald* states that the Empress of the French, while crossing in the ferry steamer from Burntisland to Granton, became interested in the poor blind musician usually on board, who was singing some Scotch ballads, and before leaving the boat she gave the Prince Imperial a sovereign to hand to him.

FORFARSHIRE.

The Rev. D. O. Ramsay, Kirriemuir, has agreed to accept the call to Closo-burn, in the Presbytery of Penpont.

Margaret Taylor, a washerwoman, residing in Bell Street, Forfar, while engaged at that employment on the 19th inst., suddenly fell to the ground and shortly afterwards expired.

F. COMPANY, 1st F. R. V.—The annual competition for the gold medal presented by Lady Scott of Anernum took place on the 17th inst., at Monifieth, and resulted in favor of Private James Jameson, with a score of 44 points. Private D. Milne took the second place, with a score of 45. The ranges were 200 and 400 yards—seven shots at each.

GLASGOW.

The Tramways have been opened for traffic.

Mr. Hodson, Surveyor for the North of England, has been appointed postmaster for Glasgow, in room of the late Mr. James.

John Cathill, a carter, who resided at 186 Nelson street, Tradoston, was accidentally killed on the 17th inst., at Finnieston Quay, Glasgow Harbor.

A number of Scotch operative bakers brought from Scotland to Dublin to supply the places of the men on strike were "got at" by the Unions, and sent back to Glasgow.

On the 20th, a young man named Malcolm Nash, residing in Gallowgate, Glasgow, died in the Infirmary, from the effects of injuries received by being run over by a tramway car in Eglinton street on the previous night.

The poetical works of George Outram (chiefly humorous Scotch songs) are about to be given to the public. Some years ago they were printed for private circulation among the author's friends. Outram was a member of the Edinburgh bar, and belonged to the Professor Wilson "set." In his latter years he was the editor of the *Glasgow Herald*.

HADDINGTONSHIRE.

At a recent meeting of the Free Presbytery of Haddington and Dunbar, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"That the congregation of Knox's Free Church, Haddington, beg to state to the committee of Presbytery that they most respectfully, yet most firmly and decidedly, decline to entertain the proposal of the Presbytery that that Knox's Church should be merged into that of St. John's."

INVERNESS-SHIRE.

Foot and Mouth disease has appeared in many of the northern herds represented at the recent Kelso Show.

On the 17th inst., a young man named Duncan Macdonald, 23 years of age, in the employment of Mr. Thompson, Coanaroo Lodge, Glenmorrison, was drowned while bathing in the Doe, near the Lodge.

Right Hon. Robert Lowe, Lord John Hay, and Mr. Pender, M.P., arrived on the 20th inst., at Inverness in Mr. Pender's yacht, via the Caledonian Canal. They left for Dunrobin next day, on a visit to the Duke of Sutherland.

According to a correspondent of the *Scotsman*, shocks of earthquake have been so common in Lochaber of late years, "that no notice is now taken of them." One was experienced simultaneously with that felt at Bridge of Allan, but it caused no greater comment than a clap of thunder would have done. Another vibratory motion, accompanied by a rumbling sound, was experienced, it is reported, at Fort William on the 19th inst., and the shock was more than usually severe.

KINROSS-SHIRE.

The lands of Braefoot and Rantricknowe, near Crook and Devon, as possessed by Mr. Andrew Brown, were lately sold by public roup to Mr. Peter Robertson, coach builder, Glasgow, for £1,048.

LANARKSHIRE.

The Rev. James Drummond, Alva, has declined the call recently given him by the United Presbyterian congregation, Douglas.

Recently, a man, 80 years of age, named William Smith, residing at Stane, near Shoots Iron Works, died suddenly, while partaking of breakfast.

A foot race of one mile came off at Strathaven lately, on the Muirkirk road, betwixt James Lennox, laborer, and Thomas Owens, baker; the latter was handicapped 100 yards. The race was won by the latter.

The Sabbath school teachers of the Parish Church, Blantyre, at the invitation of their esteemed pastor, the Rev. Stewart Wright, met in the Manse on the 7th inst., when the rev. gentleman presented Mr. H. McFarlane, superintendent of the Sabbath School, with a valuable inkstand from the teachers for his faithful services, as he has left Blantyre for Glasgow, and Mr. J. F. Bain, preceptor of the church, with an excel-

lent gown from the ladies, as a token of their appreciation of his psalmody, to which both gave a feeling reply.

MORAYSHIRE.

A return bowling match between eight players from the Elgin and a like number from the Inverurie Bowling Clubs was played recently, and resulted in a victory for Elgin by fifty-two points.

It is in contemplation to erect a Hydropathic Establishment at Lossiemouth. The ground has been looked at—a square plot immediately below the residence of Mr. W. A. Stables, at Stotfield—between it and the sea.

ORKNEY AND SHETLAND.

At a recent competition between the members of the 1st Orkney and Zetland Rifle Volunteers for a silver medal presented to the corps in May, by F. Dundas, Esq., M. P., and Lord-Lieutenant of the county, the successful prize-taker was Corporal John Laing, with a score of 87 points.

The sale of Colonel Balfour of Balfour's lands in Deerness took place at Kirkwall recently, and attracted a large number of eager competitors. The purchasers, however, were all connected with Deerness, and some of them were tenants of Colonel Balfour in the lands sold. The prices received were on an average, 45 per cent. above the upset.

PEEBLES SHIRE.

The Presbytery of Peebles have resolved to translate the Rev. Mr. Gunn, at present assistant and successor to the Rev. A. M. Forrester, West Linton, to the church and parish of Edrom, in Berwickshire.

A bazaar for the purpose of raising funds to assist in the erection and completion of a new church for the parish of Manor, was held in the Chambers Institution, Peebles, lately. The total drawings from all sources amounted to the sum of £828.

PERTHSHIRE.

The result of the voting by the members of the East Church congregation, Perth, as to the introduction of instrumental music, has been announced. The total number of votes was 630, of whom there were in favour of instrumental music 560. The objectors numbered 70.

The Sheriff principal has issued an interlocutor, affirming a decision of Sheriff Barclay in an appeal at the instance of the Strathearn Hydropathic Company, who dismissed their application to have the premises and grounds erected into a special water supply district.

RENFREWSHIRE.

A cordial offer of the pastorate of the Iron Church, Glasgow, has been made to the Rev. Robert Duncan, minister of the Middle Church, Paisley.

The Wellpark Free Congregation, Greenock, have appointed a committee to prepare a list of candidates for the office of assistant to the Rev. James Stark.

The Greenock Free Gaelic congregation, have unanimously agreed to call to the pulpit of the church, which has been vacant for nearly two years, the Rev. John Kennedy, of Dingwall.

The Session-Clerk of Johnstone parish church has received fifty applications from all parts of the country for the pastorate of the church, rendered vacant by the death of the late Rev. William Gaff. The emoluments amount to nearly £300 per annum.

ROSS-SHIRE.

Telegraphic communication with Stornoway is now open.

The old and conspicuous building in the High street, Tain, known as the Mason Hall has been purchased by Mr. Finlayson of the Royal Hotel for £800.

Mr. John McWilliam, probationer, has received a unanimous call from the Free Church congregation of Carlow, which has been sustained by the Free Presbytery of Lewis.

In Stornoway the Good Templar movement is gradually rising into favor. Although only started in September last, about 800 members have been initiated into the lodge, established there, which has done a great deal of benefit, not only to the members joined themselves, but to the community in general, and has had a visible effect in the decrease of drinking there.

ROXBURGHSHIRE.

Sir Andrew Smith, K. C. B., Director-General of the Army Medical Department from 1851-58, died recently at his residence in Alexander Square Brompton. Sir Andrew was born in Roxburghshire in 1797.

For some time past workingmen have been engaged in preparing the new parish church which is about to be built on the glebe, and the masons have already commenced the work.

Foot-and-Mouth disease is very prevalent both in the town and neighbour-

hood of Kelso, and every farm within several miles, with a few exceptions, has lately been, or is at present, infected with the disease.

SELKIRKSHIRE.

Recently the remains of Mr. William Laidlaw, clothier, and sergeant in the 1st Selkirk Rifle Volunteers, were buried with military honours in Eastland cemetery, Galashiels.

A few of Mr. James Tut's fellow-workmen met in Mrs. Hymer's Temperance Hotel, Galashiels, and presented him with a beautiful silver Albert and locket, and also with a splendid meerschaum pipe, as a token of respect to him on occasion of his leaving Buckholm Mill.

SUTHERLANDSHIRE.

The return match between the North of Scotland, (Wick) and the Thurso Trades' Cricket Clubs came off at Thurso two weeks ago, when the North of Scotland gained the match by 8 runs.

The *Northern Ensign* understands that Mr. Donald Swanson, accountant of the Town & County Bank, Thurso, is to succeed Mr. Thompson in the office at Wick. A native of Castletown Mr. Swanson has been in Thurso for several years, and has so conducted himself as to secure the esteem and confidence of the community.

WIGTONSHIRE.

The price of coals delivered in Wigton has risen to 30s. per ton.

Cattle disease of a rather serious type has appeared amongst cattle in the Newton-Stewart district, and is spreading widely amongst milch cows.

Mr. R. Stewart, has been appointed first-lieutenant of the 2nd Wigtonshire, A.V.C.; and Lieutenant R. V. Agnew, has resigned his commission in the 1st. Wigtonshire, R.V.C.

Mr. John McKeand, manufacturer, Dr. Dickson, and Mr. David Kell, have been by ballot duly elected commissioners of the burgh of Newton-Stewart, to serve for three years.

Ireland.

Three persons were drowned lately in a lake in County Westmeath, by the capsizing of a boat which was returning from a picnic.

The Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Extension Railway from Enniscorthy to Wexford has been opened for traffic.

Seven hundred bakers having struck work in Dublin, the masters announced that if they cannot supply the inhabitants with bread, they will sell them the means of making it.

It is stated in Dublin that a large body of the members of the metropolitan police have intimated their intention of resigning, in consequence of inadequate pay.

It is expected Dr. Evary Kennedy will be a candidate at the forthcoming Derry election. It is said that his principles are those of an extreme Liberal, and that he hopes to obtain the support of the Conservatives Catholics and Liberals.

Recently, at Crossmolina, near Castlebar, a man named Michael McAndrew was killed by five other persons, relatives, with whom he had a dispute as to a right way. Three of the persons were arrested at once, and the other two surrendered themselves.

Mr. Gladstone has signified his intention of forwarding to the Loan Museum of the Dublin Exhibition an exquisitely designed silver salver of rare and elaborate workmanship. Some very important additions have recently been made to the Sculpture gallery, including two very attractive marble groups just sent from Italy, and a very beautiful figure from the studio of Mr. J. H. Foley, R. A.

"Borrow not a few," saith the Lord to every believer. O, thou sorrowing one, borrow empty vessels in which to receive abundant consolation from Christ. What magnificent grace shines in the word empty! God will not pour into vessels filled with creature supplies. Thus it is manifest that the oil comes direct from God; the word empty shuts out the creature. The words "not a few" have room for God to enter in. The heart's deep furrows are so many deep vessels to receive streams of comfort. The heart that has many is furnished with vessels "no a few." Faith's warrant is, "Borrow not a few."

Many mistake enlarged selfishness for unselfishness. They are ready to make almost any personal sacrifice for their own familiar and personal friends, but beyond that narrow circle their sympathies do not go. As if one should say, "Am I not Christianly unselfish? Behold how I love and serve my friends!" But there is no Christianity about it. Genuine unselfishness consists in serving those who can make no return for our service, and in loving those who have no society or family claims upon us. Instinctive affection, which we share with the brute creature, should not be mistaken for unselfishness or philanthropy.