

Scotland.

ARGYLLSHIRE.

The Hon. John Bright, M.P., is enjoying his favorite recreation of fishing on the river Awe.

A new public academy for Oban is projected, the building to cost about £1200. Mr. Kennedy, of Kilmarnock, has subscribed £300; Mr. J. G. Mackay, of Ardenhall £150.

A man named D. Livingstone, a steward on board the "Gondolier," was found drowned in the Caledonian Canal, near Inverness, on the 27th ult. Deceased was 30 years of age, and belonged to Tobermory.

Mr. James Wyllie, Chamberlain of Argyll, has, in addition to his present charge, been appointed to the management of the Duke of Argyll's estate in Mull, vacant by the death of Mr. Campbell, of Ardenhall.

IONA.—Owing to the wet weather, the crops have not been gathered in, although it is expected that with a few more windy and dry days, the remainder of the grain may be secured in tolerable condition. Potatoes are not greatly diseased.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, enquiring in Mr. Pender's yacht some days ago, was landing at the Island of Scalpa, Harris, from a small boat, and as the bench was shelving, the party had to be carried on shore by the islanders. Mr. Lowe, not accustomed to this mode of conveyance, hesitated to accept the proffered help, when the stalwart gillie said, "Nae fear; greater men than your Lordship have been carried ashore here." "Yes; and who were they, pray?" responded the Chancellor. "Haeo King of Norway," replied the gillie. "Here goes then! but I trust," said Mr. Lowe, "my fate may not be like his," and the gillie carried him safe to shore.—Glasgow Citizen.

ABERDEENSHIRE.

Large tracts of land along the river-courses are still under water, especially on Donside, and the ungathered crops are almost irretrievably ruined.

The Rev. John Calder, late assistant to the Rev. Dr. Paul, of St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, has been ordained to the church and parish of Leochel-Cushnie.

The Free Presbytery of Aberdeen have discussed the Mutual Eligibility of Ministers scheme, and by a majority of 26 to 16, approved of the overture sent down by the General Assembly on the subject.

AYRSHIRE.

A man named Peter Montgomery, belonging to Auchmann, near Dalry, has a number of his ribs injured by being run over by a lorry.

Henry Reid, the strolling piper, the only person who is in the meantime suspected of the murder of the young man near Ayr, has been apprehended.

Mr. David McGill, Veterinary Surgeon Kilmarnock, has been appointed Professor in room of Professor Fordie, of the Royal Veterinary College, Glasgow.

Mr. F. Mitchell, probationer, Glasgow (late of the Kilmarnock Holm Mission Church), has intimated his acceptance of the call addressed to him by the U. P. congregation of Kirkecowan.

At Galston, on the 25th ult., Miss Janet Moeckie, At New Mill, by Dunlop, on the 23rd ult., Martha Linn, wife of Robert Howie, aged 51 years. At Cairn, on the 21st ult., Thomas Barclay, teacher, aged 73 years.

A blacksmith named Buchanan Stewart residing in Ayr, is in custody on a charge of having attempted to poison his niece. Stewart gave the young woman a quantity of naphtha to drink, alleging that it was beer. She is in a dangerous condition.

BERWICKSHIRE.

DEATH.—At Greenw., on the 17th ult., William Wait, aged 84.

In addition to a former donation of £3 J. Stapleton, Esq., M. P., has kindly given a further donation of £1 towards the Spittal Reading Room.

The drying house belonging to Mr. Martin, Greenlaw Wauk Mill, took fire recently, the roof being entirely destroyed, and the wood, of which there was a considerable quantity in it was a good deal injured.

BANFFSHIRE.

Around Tomintoul, snow covered the arable lands on the 23rd ult., to the uniform depth of from three to four inches. Shortly after noon the snow mostly disappeared on the low ground, but late in the evening the hills and meadows were deeply coated. In Glenavon the snow is in some places from two to three feet deep.

The design for the new Town Hall for Eyemouth, prepared by Mr. Gray, architect Berwick, has been placed in the hands of the committee, and has met with unqualified approval. The estimated cost is from £1000 to £1200.

On Friday morning the oldest inhabitant, Mrs. Aitchison, Bridgend, widow of Mr. John Aitchison, feuar in Duns, peacefully breathed her last, after having exceeded the allotted span of four score by no fewer than eighteen years and five months. Her father, John Pirie, Joiner, settled in Duns considerably more than a century ago, and for many years carried on an extensive business.

GLACKMANNANSHIRE.

Small-pox is still lingering about Alva. Died, at Tullibody, on the 20th ult., Robt. Archibald, shoemaker, aged 75 years.

Never in any former year has there been such an influx of visitors to Dollar as during the recent vacation session.

Mr. Smeaton, favorably known from his connection with Dollar, was some time ago elected by the Regent of Dollar Institution as assistant classical master, in room of Mr. Leitch.

CATHNESS-SHIRE.

Mr. S. Cooper, who has acted as drill instructor to the 1st Cathness Rifle Volunteers for several years, has resigned his appointment.

Sir Robert C. Sinclair, Bart., has a vessel under charter to carry the first cargo of iron ore from Thurso to Newcastle. The quality of the iron is excellent.

DUMLARTONSHIRE.

Mr. J. S. Rae has just received a call to the U. P. congregation of Maryhill as colleague and successor to the Rev. Robert Niven.

On a recent Sabbath, the fifteenth anniversary of the Rev. John Hamilton's pastorate here was celebrated with special services in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Denton.

The congregation of the U. P. Church, West Bridgend, Dumblarton are about to appoint an assistant to their pastor. It is also contemplated to introduce an organ into the church.

Mr. James Brown, manager of the printing department of the Dumblarton Herald, died in an alarming manner on the 26th ult. Having occasion to go to the back premises of the printing office, he was found quite dead by one of the compositors half an hour after.

DUMFRIESSHIRE.

A cabinetmaker named Samuel Callender, belonging to Dumfries, recently attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a pen knife.

The new public hall for Annan is now nearly completed. Its length is about 90 feet, and its width 35 feet. The proceeds of the entertainment to be given on the occasion of its opening are to be handed over to the committee of the Ladies' Society.

Mr. George Rough, teacher of the Industrial School, Dumfries, has been presented with three beautifully bound volumes, consisting of the works of Goldsmith, &c., by the Sabbath School teachers in connection with the U. P. Church, Lorburn street, Dumfries, as a token of respect and esteem.

At the Lockerbie fair, on the 9th inst., about 7000 lambs were forward for sale, but owing to there being a poor demand not more than half of them changed hands. The prices for those sold were—for half-breeds, from 4s. to 6s. under the price at the August market; and for Cheviots, from 2s. to 2s. 6d.

FIFE SHIRE.

A miner named John Allan was killed on the 30th ult., while at work in No. 6 Pit, Lownhill Colliery, Dumfermline.

In the Kirkealdy, Dysart, and Largoward districts of Fifeshire, small-pox is spreading rapidly, and has assumed a virulent aspect.

The dead body of a tailor named Peter Morrison, twenty-five years of age, who resided in Roger's close, Kirkealdy, has been found on the beach there.

The town of Anstruther had a great education reformer before the visit of Mr. Lowe. Old Daniel Ramsay had of two things: That he had taught Dr. Chalmers, and instructed the Duke of Wellington how to govern Ireland. His plan for curing the ills of Ireland was that the Duke should just take the law in one hand and the Testament in the other.

FORFARSHIRE.

The Royal Humane Society have transmitted a medal to a boy, aged fourteen, named James Sharp, serving on board the training ship "Mars," who saved a woman aged seventy.

The Dundee police have arrested a man named Scobbie, who has been identified as the person whom the murdered gamekeeper Spalding had in charge when he left home on the 24th ult.

The dwelling-house, No. 16 Springfield, Dundee, has been sold by private bargain for £700, to the congregation of Dudhope Crescent Road U. P. Church (the Rev. Mr. Wilson's) as a manse for their minister.

Provost Yeaman, Dundee, who has now almost completed the fourth year of his Provostship, has been presented with a testimonial in recognition of his public services. The testimonial consisted of a life-size portrait in oil, executed by Hugh Collins, Esq., Edinburgh, and a magnificent silver epergne, the value of both being £200.

The new bridge now in course of construction over the Frith of Tay will be the longest bridge in the world—longer even than the Victoria bridge, Montreal. The Victoria bridge is 9194 feet long, while the Tay bridge will be 10,321, making a difference in favor of Tay bridge of 1,126 feet. If the Tay bridge were eighty yards longer, it would be two miles exactly, and for all intents and purposes it may therefore be called a two-mile bridge, and will have ninety piers and eighty-nine spans.

GLASGOW.

The U. P. Presbytery have inducted Mr. James M'Erwing, recently minister at Hawick, as co-pastor to the Rev. Dr. John Kerr.

It is stated in iron trade circles that John Elder & Co., Fairfield, Glasgow have closed a contract for fifteen screw-stenmships for a French firm.

The export of sewing machines from the Clyde has now become pretty general. One of the latest shipments reported of late is one of the value of £2010, per the "Ben Venue," for Melbourne.

The London Gazette announces that the Queen has been pleased to present the Rev. John Macdonald Lang to the Church and Barony Parish of Glasgow, in the Presbytery of Glasgow and county of Lanark, vacant by the death of Dr. Norman McLeod.

The Augustine Free Church, the erection of which was commenced last year in Rutherglen Road has just been opened. The

new church will be placed under the charge of the Rev. David Riddle, the minister of the Wynd Church, and will form the fourth offshoot from the latter church within the last dozen years.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN LADIES' ASSOCIATION.—The first annual meeting of this association has just been held in the Pilgrims Institution Rooms. The treasurer submitted the report, which showed that the membership now amounted to 250, and that close upon £5000 had been subscribed for evangelistic work and church extension since the formation of the association.

HADDINTONSHIRE.

At the conference which was held concerning the desirability of the union of the two Free Churches—Knox's and St. John's, Haddington, under a name—the majority of the office-bearers of St. John's expressed a wish for the union, but the office-bearers of Knox's unanimously declared their determination strenuously to oppose the proposal to merge the two churches.

INVERNESS-SHIRE.

A new Gas and Water Company is projected in Inverness, under very favorable auspices.

John Forsyth, a noted character, and who held the pump for supplying water to man and beast at the Muir of Ord, has just died at the age of 81 years.

The Record says that the refusal of a majority of the Town Council of Inverness to confer on the Chancellor of the Exchequer the freedom of the town, is attributed to a speech of his at Glasgow in 1852, reported by a lady, that he thought the Caledonian Canal ought to be disestablished, and a good railway substituted for such very antiquated and barbarous modes of travelling.

The weather in Inverness just now is remarkably cold. Ben Wyvis is covered with snow, and the harvest weather has been their most disagreeable experienced for years.

Messrs. Henry Munro & Co., Inverness, in a circular just issued, says of the crops: "Taking the harvest altogether, it will, to many farmers, be one of heavy loss, while the public must suffer in a considerable diminution of food supply. But, if that is any comfort to us, we are hardly so ill off as in the south of Scotland, and in many respects it is not so disastrous as it at one time threatened to be. We have an enormous bulk of straw and hay, a heavy crop of oats, and barley and wheat, though much below an average, and so much of it injured, will yet turn out a greater bulk of good, sound, useful grain."

KINCARDINESHIRE.

The Rev. David Smith, recently from Nottingham College, has accepted a unanimous invitation from the Congregational Church, Laurencekirk, to become their pastor in room of the Rev. A. Noble, lately retired.

KIRKCUDBRIGHTSHIRE.

The property of Deanton, in the parish of Lochrutton, extending to about 160 acres, belonging to Mr. Andrew Cleland, merchant, Nottingham, has been sold at the price of £8,500.

LANARKSHIRE.

The Wislaw tailors are agitating for an advance both for piece and time work.

Mr. Hamilton of Dalzell, M. P., has purchased the estate of Jerviston, in the parish of Bothwell, and adjacent to Motherwell.

Robert Nisbit, 20 years of age, residing at the Royal George, Wislaw, was severely injured in one of the Coltness Iron Co's pits on the 27th ult.

PEEBLESHIRE.

On the 20th ult., Mr. John Hunter, Sheriff substitute of Peebleshire, died suddenly at his residence, Kingsmuir, Peebles. The deceased was the only surviving son of the late Mr. John Hunter, auditor of the Court of Session, and grandson of the late Mr. John Hunter, Principal of the United College of St. Salvador and St. Leonard, St. Andrews.

PERTHSHIRE.

The Right Rev. Robt. Cornthwaite, Roman Catholic Bishop of Beverley, is presently on a visit to the Redemptorist Fathers, St. Mary's, Kinnoull.

Mr. Smythe, of Methven, Convener of the Court, is to be presented by his tenantry with a half-length portrait of himself, painted by Mr. J. M. Barclay, R.S.A.

At the first meeting of the winter session of the Perth Literary Club, Mr. Daniel Douglas was elected President; Mr. George T. Cairncross, Secretary and Treasurer; and Messrs. R. Duasmore, W. A. Boyes, and John Henderson, jun., were appointed members of C. committee.

ROXBURGHSHIRE.

On Tuesday, the well known blind Scotch vocalist, Mr. Main and Miss Kellie, gave one of their concerts in Jedburgh.

DEATHS.—At Lenderfoot, on the 11th ult., Robt. Mitchell, blacksmith. At Melrose, on the 18th ult., Mrs. Alison Ronald M'Dove, aged 83 years.

A case of sudden death occurred last week in Denholm. Barbara Brown retired to rest on Tuesday night, apparently in her usual health, after having been engaged in harvest work during the day with no symptom of disorder. On Wednesday morning her sister went to her bedside and found her dead.

The annual sale of rams has just taken place at Kelso. This year the first of the Mertoun rams which passed through the ring went to the Marquis of Tweeddale for £170. Last year £115 was obtained for one of Lord P. J. J. rams, the highest sum which had been given for one of these animals up to that time.

RENFREWSHIRE.

The foundation stone of a new Free Church at Govan, which when completed, will cost £7000, was laid on the 25th ult.

The Rev. John Smith, M. A., Gala Church, Paisley, has been presented with an elegant gold watch, chain and appendages, by his congregation.

Christina Hamilton or Begg, the wife of Mr. James Begg, grocer, 33 Stone street, Paisley, was found dead in her bed by her husband, on the 25th ult.

George Harker, fruit dealer, Greenock, has been fully committed on the charge of having caused the death of his wife in their own house, 8 Cross-shore Street, lately.

Michael McKendrick, laborer, was killed instantaneously on the 28th ult. by a basket of sugar falling upon him from a height of about 50 feet, while he was at work on Messrs. Blair, Reid, and Steele's sugar refinery, Greenock.

ROSS-SHIRE.

The number of voters on the roll in the burgh of Dingwall is 242, being an increase of 24 over that of last year.

The marriage of Miss Baillie, of Dingwall, with Mr. Charles Grant is arranged to take place on the 29th of Oct. inst.

The Castle at Dingwall, lately the property of Miss Cameron, has been sold by private bargain to Dr. William Fraser, a local medical gentleman.

The voters' roll for the county of Ross completed by the assessor, and the number on the roll this year is 1433, against 1421 last year, showing an increase of 12.

The majority of Duncan M. Ross, son and heir of Col. Ross of Cromarty, is to be celebrated on the 18th inst. The company are to hold a public dinner at Cromarty in the evening.

The Established Church congregation at Dingwall have agreed to request the Home Secretary to present the Rev. J. Cameron, M. A., minister of the second charge, Campbeltown, Argyllshire, to the vacancy caused by the translation of the Rev. James Fraser to Legierat.

SELKIRKSHIRE.

On the 26th ult., James Scott, a laborer, residing in Back Row Selkirk, was accidentally killed at the newly erected factory of Scott & Anderson.

On the 21st ult., Mr. Andrew Heatlie, who is leaving Selkirk for San Francisco, was presented with a gold Albert from his fellow-workmen in Forest mill.

DEATH.—At Scott's Place Selkirk, on the 20th ult., Jane Dobson, relict of the late Mr. John Anderson, mason, aged 89 years. At Galachels, on the 20th ult., Mr. John Gill, in the 77th year of his age.

STIRLINGSHIRE.

The directors of the Stirling Gas Light Company will, it is understood, raise the price of gas next month to 5s. per 1000 feet.

The Earl of Dummore has sold to an English breeder, Mr. Pavin Davis, a couple of short-horn heifers for 2500 guineas. They are of the Cambridge blood, and are splendid specimens of this valuable class.

WIGTONSHIRE.

Administrative Battalion, Galloway—L. C. Singleton, Esq., Captain 92d foot, to be Adjutant; Adjutant Singleton to serve with the rank of Captain, under the provision of Article 193.—London Times.

Peter Edgar, the man who was in charge of the cart the wheel of which passed over and killed a child at Garthston lately, has been tried on the charge of culpable homicide at Wigton, and the verdict returned was one of not guilty.

IRELAND.

It is stated that the Emperor Napoleon is on the outlook for a residence in Ireland, in the vicinity of Bray.

Additional military and constabulary forces have been ordered to Lisburn, Ireland, as an anti-Catholic disturbance is threatened in that town.

The Irish Poor Law Commissioners have issued a circular warning the Irish Americans that, owing to the shortness of the harvest and disease of the potato crop, great distress may be expected next year.

Mr. George Bryan, M.P. for Kilkenny, writes that he will be most happy to assist in the construction of any assembly or scheme which has for its object the advancement of an honest home-rule movement.

Mr. Edward Hull, of Geological Survey Office, Dublin, says that the estimated quantity of coal in Irish coal fields, available for use, is 182,230,000 tons, nearly one half of which (77,580,000 tons) is in the Queen's County, Kilkenny, and Carlow districts.

A coal bed of immense dimensions has been discovered about two miles from Waterford, and within easy access to the River Suir. The coal-seam to a thickness, of ten feet, lies immediately under the old red sand-stone, the lower strata being a very fine outcrop of silicate of magnesia. About 300 acres of the coal-seam belongs to Mr. Nicholas Alfred Power, of Dellewne, with whom arrangements have been made.

The recent great advance in the prices of coal has led to some important experiments for testing the quantity as well as the quality of the coal which is known to exist in various parts of the county Tipperary. It is now stated that a gentleman of the highest standing in the county has made a preliminary movement towards organizing a company for the purpose of opening, and working extensive mines not far from the town of Nenagh. Should this desirable object be accomplished it is said that coal will be had at about the cost of £1 per ton, or less than half the present price.—Irish Times.

The reports from all parts of the province of Ulster are of a very discouraging character, and on all hands very plenty fore-castings are to be heard as to the prospects of the harvest. Disease has been very great, and has done much to prevent the crops from standing this season. A considerable portion has taken place in the price of potatoes in Belfast. The flax markets are opening for the season. In the various districts of the north the crop of flax is turning out better in the south than was expected, and on the whole, is likely to be as remunerative as any other crop this year. Owing to the wetness of the season much of the grain has been laid so flat that the reaping machines could not be used.

The Inspectors-General of Prisons in Ireland report that in the year 1871 there 31,129 commitments (other than for debt) to the county and borough jails in Ireland, and that 12,428 of the persons committed were wholly illiterate, 610 knew the alphabet only, 882 knew spelling, 5520 could read imperfectly; only 11,187 could read and write—viz., 8898 of the 18,771 males, and only 2629 of the 12,358 females. The state of the education of the population in 1871 was not ascertained. Taking the juvenile commitments alone, the return is more favorable. Of the whole 1200 there were 376 wholly illiterate, 78 knew the alphabet, 67 knew spelling, 176 could read imperfectly, 511 could read and write. It may be borne in mind that persons committed are here counted on every commitment. The number of persons committed was, but 21,002—viz., 15,540 males and 6462 females; 2077, viz., 2081 males and 1876 females—were committed more than once in the year 1871; 799 of the females four times or more.

FRETTING.

This morning I got up as cross as a bear. I felt rough and tingly as a chamois hurr. I was all out of sorts, and it seemed to me it would be a pleasure to strap of anybody who spoke to me, as short as I could.

Most likely I would have done so, and set the whole household by the ears for the rest of the day, but that I have had such moods before, and learned by experience the best way to manage them.

"Now," thought I, "my best plan is not to influence the whole family, but to remain neutral, and let them influence me." Accordingly, I tried to control myself a little, and await events. Well the two elder children got up merry and chipper as crickets; papa was in a pretty good humor; and the baby sat in her high chair and displayed all her little airs and graces, and her newest funny little capers, and we must all look and admire; and by the time breakfast was over, I was laughing and smiling as cheerfully as the cat, and passed a pretty comfortable day a ter all.

As I was thinking of this evening, I thought how easily a little fretting might lay us up, and spoil the whole family, and spoiled the day.

Now fretting is both useless and unnecessary, it does no good, and a great deal of harm; yet it is almost a universal sin. More or less we are all given to it.

We fret over almost everything, because it is hot, or cold, or when we are sick, or when we are angry, or when anybody else is angry.

But if anything is to be done, it is to be done in a quiet and unobtrusive manner, and to have our own share of it.

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