

SCOTLAND.

ABERDEENSHIRE.

Gas has been introduced into the village of Strichen.
The office of Baron-Baile of Fraserburgh has been conferred on Sir Alexander Anderson.

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DUMFRIESSHIRE.

Large numbers attend the evening classes in Dalbeath just now.
The U. P. Presbytery of Annan have licensed Mr. Deas as a minister.

ARGYLLSHIRE.

Bailie Smith has been appointed Provost of Dunoon.
A man named Sinclair, belonging to Lochgilphead, was recently drowned in the Forth and Clyde Canal.

AYRSHIRE.

Mr. Andrew Stewart has been appointed teacher at Tarbolton in terms of Education Act.
Messrs. Fullerton, Guthrie, and Currie have been returned to the Andersons Council Board.

BERWICKSHIRE.

The dead body of a farmer named John Fender was found near the shore at Dodd's Well, Berwick, on the 28th ult.
The trustees in dispute of Gray's Prize Essay Fund have refused to award any prizes this year owing to the small number of essays sent in.

CATHNESSSHIRE.

At the exhibition for the Harvest of burbarus in Edinburgh, the first-bursary of a total value of £60, was gained by John Stevens, Dunelmabay, Cathness.
The Free Church College was reopened on the 6th inst., for the winter session.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE.

Deaths.—At Millinghill, Clack on the 29th ult., Andrew McQueen, corn merchant.
Considerable progress has been made by workmen in boring for coal in a field below Alva.

DUNFARMLINE.

The Alva coal company have taken 1s 6d per ton off the price of their coal, thus making the present price 10s. per ton.
Some rather serious correspondence has been going on relative to the moral and spiritual qualifications of some former members of the U. P. Church, now members of the Congregational Church, Glasgow.

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The following have been returned to the Annan Town Council:—J. Irving, Wm. Roxburgh, Geo. Pollock, H. Ker, C. McLean, G. Steel, M. Heron.

The office of Clerk of Peace of the county has been filled up by the appointment of Mr. J. H. McGowan, secretary of the Faculty of Procurators of Dumfriesshire.

J. W. Bell, Brydeknirk, has passed his final professional examination at the recent sittings of the examiners of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH.

The Queen of Holland paid a visit to Edinburgh on the 1st instant.
The lectures of the Literary Institute, now opened on the 6th instant with an address from Principal Tulloch.

Mr. Stanley, on the 1st inst., paid a visit to Mr. Stevenson's studio, Castle Terrace, and inspected Mr. Hill's statue of Dr. Livingstone with which he expressed himself delighted, both as a likeness and a work of art.

The Swiney Lectureship which has just been vacated by Dr. Colburn, will be filled up in February. It is a travelling lectureship, open to Doctors of Medicine of Edinburgh University, and is payable for five years.

We (Daily Review) are glad to hear that a new chair is to be founded in Edinburgh University. Mr. Henry G. Watson and his sister Miss Watson, have announced to the Senatus Academicus their intention to found a "Fine Art Chair" for the cultivation and promotion of painting, sculpture, architecture, and aesthetics.

The Rev. James Ewan, B.D., missionary at Annabank, has been ordered assistant to the Rev. Mr. Ritchie, of Taffolton.
In Kilmarnock there were recorded during the past month 82 births (illegitimate, 8; twins, 2); 46 deaths, and 18 marriages.

Deaths.—At Maybole, on the 5th inst., Thomas Blair, grocer, aged 75 years. At Kirkcaldy, on the 5th inst., James Dinning, miller, aged 78 years. At Glasgow, on the 26th ult., Allan Gibson, farmer, aged 70 years. At Irvine, on the 29th ult., Thomas Watt, aged 77 years.

PRESBYTERIAN.

A woman named Mrs. Hay, between 70 and 80 years of age, was burned to death on the 4th inst. at Kirkenhead.
John Phipps, aged 29 years, belonging to Largo, has just died from injuries received through a fall.

The result of the Anstruther elections shows that Messrs. Bonthron, Driscoll, and Anderson, have been returned.
The article on "Shakespearean Interpretations" in the current number of the Edinburgh Review, is from the pen of Professor T. S. Barnes, of St. Andrews.

FIFE.

John Walker has been re-appointed Dean of the Arbroath Guildry Incorporation.
Mr. John Smith, Ruthven, has just become the tenant of the East Quay of Kirriemuir.

Damage to the extent of £1000 was done on the 1st inst., at Fesque House, near Montrose, the residence of Sir Thomas Gladstone, Bart.
The poll at Arbroath closed as follows:—Miller, 736; Reid, 681; Porter, 530; Mackintosh, 478; Scott, 459; Keith, 421; Masterton, 393. These were elected to the seven vacancies.

The following are the returns for the Montrose Council and Harbour Board:—Town Councilors—W. Mitchell, 571; J. Reid, 498; J. McKenzie, 468; Chas. Durie, 446; D. Smith, 441; Charles Hutchison, 433; J. Gouk, 392; D. Mitchell, 340; J. W. Japp, 317. Harbour Trustees—J. Walker, 812; A. Menzies, 288; A. Watt, 280; J. Johnston, 271; R. Cook, 265; F. Aberdin, 252; J. McKenzie, 250; D. Smith, 232.

The Town Council has presented to the Rev. John Orr, Liverpool, to the Town Church.
The congregation of the U.P. Church, in Campbell Road, have agreed to erect a new church.
A course of lectures on Marine Engineering is about to be delivered at the Andersonian University.

Principal Barclay presided at the formal opening of the session of Glasgow University on the 4th instant.
On the 1st instant, damage to the extent of £200 by fire, was done to the premises of Mr. Macdonald, clothier, 38 Queen's street.

The following gentlemen have been returned to the Town Council:—J. Eadie, J. Thomson, J. Neil, J. Tolren, J. Lathie, J. H. Hamilton, J. Craig.
On the 5th inst., an infant named Margaret, six weeks old, daughter of James Millar, residing in Bridgetown, was found in bed dead.

Upwards of £600 has been subscribed by the members of the Scotch Missionary Society and their friends to erect a memorial to the late Dr. Norman Macleod.
A requisition is being signed in the Fifth Ward in favor of Mr. Archibald Tennent, land agent, to fill the vacant councillorship on the retirement of Messrs. J. Lang in December.

KINROSSSHIRE.

The Rev. Mr. Kennedy, the much esteemed pastor of the U. P. Church at Kinross, arrived home from his summer tour in America a few days since. Mr. Kennedy met with a warm reception by his congregation and friends in that vicinity.

PERKSHIRE.

Nairn Harbour has sustained a very severe damage through the severity of a storm.
The returns of the election at Nairn show that Messrs. Macintosh, Grant, Lauder, Storm, Mackay, and Roberts have been elected.

At the general meeting of the Cornhill Farming Society, Mr. Brock, of Fochron, was appointed president, and Messrs. Wm. Fraser, Blacklaw, and Andrew, Park vice-presidents.

The Standard understands that the Solicitor-General of Scotland will be a candidate for Orkney and Sutherland in opposition to Mr. Dundee.
The Glasgow Advertiser says that in Scotland preparations for entering into the marriage state are being made already—in spite of the failure in the crops—and merchants, tailors, and dressmakers are all getting something to do as usual, but rather earlier in the season.

People unconnected with the northern islands have little knowledge of the energy with which business is prosecuted in Shetland. At present there are not fewer than six large schemes either in operation or in progress. There is a copper mine to be worked at Sandholme, some iron mines at Duncostness, some chromite of iron quarries in Braef Grunnie, and a railway from the copper mine to the pier at Sandholme. There is also to be a line of steamers (two of which are already building) between Lerwick and the south; also a fishing company, four-welld snares for which are being built, while four already plough the ruin. The capital required for these extensive enterprises has been raised in the south; so far as we know, there is no shetland cash in it, but this is of little consequence. If Shetland furnishes a field for enterprise, why should not other places provide the necessary funds?—Orkney Herald.

PEEBLES.

Mr. Scott, Gas-fitter, Innerclotheg, was recently severely burnt about the face through a gas explosion.
The result of the Peebles election has been the return of Messrs. Russell, Veitch, Grieg, Lonsdale, and Donaldson.

The Rev. John Muir, of Newtyle, has recovered from his recent illness.
Andrew Christie, Townhead, Auchterarder, died suddenly on the 4th inst.
The shopkeepers in Canmie have agreed to close their places of business at 8 p.m.

The rolls in the Perth court are at present lighter than they had been for the last twenty years.
The employees at the Caledonian Railway engine sheds, Perth, have commenced work under the fifty-one hours' system.

The directors of the Grief Gas Company have advanced the price of gas from 6s. 8d. to 7s. 6d. per 1,000 cubic feet.
Captain Mitchell has presented the Cornish rifle volunteers with a silver medal, which must be won three successive years, by a member to secure its possession.

The churches at Perth are to be set up in the evening at Perth by Miss Grant, niece of the President of the Royal Academy.
The accounts of the Perth People's Institute for the past year show that the total income was £128 8s. 10d., and the ordinary expenditure £235 8s. 6d., leaving a balance of £93 6s. 8d.

A meeting of the Perth rate payers has passed the following resolution:—"That this meeting views with disapprobation the movement on the part of a certain party in Perth for the introduction of the day ticket for the Perth train markets, the arrangements for which have lasted from time immemorial.

ENGLAND.

The court of Teinds have given an adjudication of three shillings to the stipend of the minister of Kirkhope.
The accounts of the potato crop in this country are of the most discouraging character. The tubers, sown in September, and the bulk of the crop has proved at least a third below that of an ordinary crop, and a full third of what had to be raised was found more or less affected with blight.

Mr. Spurgeon's sister is preaching at Wilburton, Cambridgeshire.
Mr. Thomas Combe, the well known Oxford University printer, is dead.
The Emperor of Germany has created Mr. Hopwood Dixon Knight of the Order of the Royal Crown.

Foot-and-mouth disease has appeared at St. Mary, near Penzance, having been introduced by Irish cattle bought at Bristol.
The will of the late Charles Lever, the novelist, who died at Trieste on the 1st of June, has been sworn under £4000 pecuniary.

The emigration from Liverpool during the month of October amounted to 17,859, being an increase of 4,632, as compared with the same month last year.
The Rev. James Martineau has resigned the office of Minister of the Unitarian Chapel in Little Portland street. He retains his connection with Manchester College.

A committee of the Derby and Chesterfield Institute of Engineers has been appointed to consider the possibility of erecting a memorial hall, to cost £20,000 to £30,000, in memory of George Stephenson.
The Rev. John E. B. Mayor, M.A., Fellow of St. John's, has been elected to the Kennedy Latin Professorship at Cambridge University. The newly elected Professor was third Classic in 1848.

Consequent on the death of Bishop Goss, it is asserted that a new Roman Catholic bishopric, that of Lancaster, will be created; and that the Liverpool district will be advanced to the dignity of an archdiocese.
A London merchant has offered a magnificent contribution in aid of the extension of the foreign missions of the Church in the form of a subscription of £1,000 per annum for five years to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

The venerable Dr. Lang, founder of the Presbyterian Church in Australia, known in the literary world as a historian of distinction, has just retired from the pastorate of the Scotch church at Sydney, after a ministerial career of exactly fifty years.
An effort has been made with satisfactory success to establish classes of the Protestant Educational Institute (of which the Rev. Mr. Badenoch is secretary) in the two Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. There has been two classes established in each of these towns. Several of the local clergy are helping forward the movement.

Bibliographers will be interested to learn that a curious discovery recently made in the Bodleian Library completes a unique poem, hitherto imperfect. In Collier's Biographical Catalogue there is an account of a poem written by one William Basse, entitled "Ghazet Britain's Smeuasset; Dewailed with a Ghazet of teaz by William Basso," 1613. Unfortunately, Mr. Basse's shower of tears which is *ollava rima*, and priceless in its rarity is blown to the fourteenth stanza, and made the devoted despair of ever seeing it completed. A short time ago, however, one of the university librarians, searching in some old volumes found the missing verses, beginning with the fifteenth stanza, and having accordingly completed the whole. It has just been lithographed, and forms a neat little volume. The Bodleian contains many treasures of which few have any conception, for unfortunately, in spite of the efforts of the librarians, many of the books are misplaced. Miss Isidore of considerable industry, and a visitor who may have chanced fifty or a hundred miles to consult them, and partly explains the curious and remarkable deficiencies in the catalogue.—Globe.

IRELAND.

The Corporation of Dublin has rejected a resolution proposing the formation of a Foot-and-Mouth disease hospital on the site of a vacant building, called the County Registry.
Mr. William Johnston, M.P., in a speech at Downpatrick, has declared that the Home-Rulers need never appeal to the people for support.

It has been decided that the Archbishop of Dublin shall receive £1,000 as the yearly average of renewal fees which he received before the Act of Disestablishment.
Mr. Jas. C. Mathew, a member of the English bar and nephew of Father Mathew, announces his intention of coming forward as a Home-Ruler candidate for the County of Lonsford. He is reported to be a member of the Home-Ruler interest.