

Scotland. ABERDEENSHIRE. The Aberdeen cow-owners have raised the price of milk 20 per cent.

Mr. Grant Duff, M. P., has been proposed for the Lord Rectorship of Aberdeen University.

A public hall and club rooms are to be erected in Aberdeen by Mr. T. M. Mackenzie of that town, who has promised a subscription of £200.

Mr. Louth, the recently elected member for Aberdeen, has been appointed a Q. C. and will now take the lead as counsel at the General Committee.

Recently a man named John Keith, who was employed as a surfman on the mill way, was found dead in the gentleman's sitting room at the Fraserburgh railway station.

Since Sunday last snow has fallen daily in Banff, and there is yet no sign of abatement. Occasionally the frost is very severe, and already the large carrying pond near the village is covered with ice.

The depth of snow is still considerable, but there is every appearance of a heavy fall.

GLASGOW. Mr. Douglas Abernethy, probationer, Glasgow, has been elected to the pastorate of the Holm U. P. Church, Kilmaronock.

The proprietors and factors of dwelling houses in Perth have resolved that 16 per cent should be added to the present rates of the dwelling houses.

A congregational school was recently held in the Free Church, at which the Rev. Mr. Reid was present with a pulpit gown and cassock, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his services as pastor of the congregation.

DEARBY. At Newmiln, on the 11th ult., Charles Brown, late of Kilmaronock, at Stewarton, on the 7th ult., John Cunningham, Sen., aged 91 years. At Byres, Kirkcaldy, on the 6th ult., Helen Ramsay, wife of James Young.

At a meeting of workmen belonging to Thornybank Colliery, Kilmaronock, recently held in the Star Inn, Joseph Gilmore, who has been for many years employed as a clerk there, was presented with a handsome watch and a purse well filled with sovereigns.

Mr. M'Kinnon, tailor, Old Bridge Street, Ayr, died very suddenly on the 8th ult., and was to be buried on the 11th ult. At the same hour for the funeral the friends bidden assembled at the house of the deceased was about being removed Mrs. M'Kinnon suddenly expired.

ARGYLSHIRE. A fearful storm, the violence of which has not been equalled for some years, burst over the town of Oban on the 11th ult., about the town a good deal of damage has been done by the gale. The roof of a warehouse at Hol Cleuch Distillery was completely lifted off, and carried a considerable distance, and large trees have been uprooted.

In consequence of the long continuance of rain, all the rivers in the district have overflowed their banks, and a considerable number of the low-lying lands have been flooded.

PERKSHIRE. James Rae has been elected the junior baillie of Lander.

A young lad named John Fairley was killed at Chirnside on the 14th inst.

On the 12th ult., a laborer named James Gillie was so seriously injured at Ayrton that he died the following day.

Mr. William McDougall, son of Mr. McDougall, farmer, Jamesfield, Main, Forfarshire, has been appointed accountant of the branch of the Commercial Bank at Cardburgh.

Mr. Gibb, who lately entered upon the duties of a farmer, receives a day's ploughing from the farmer, and several he is bound on the 10th inst., when upwards of 100 ploughs turned out.

The farm tenants and other employees on the house farm and estate of Maudslott, Dundee, were recently, through the mediation of their popular and liberal-minded employer, William Miller, Esq., entertained to a harvest home.

DEARBY. At Dunoon, on the 6th inst., John Crawford, formerly town-crier, aged 70. At Tweedmouth, on the 5th inst., Jane, widow of Ralph Watson, bank clerk, aged 71. At Liberton, on the 9th inst., Mrs. Flaherty, late baker, Leith.

EDINBURGH. The Council has been re-elected for stating that the Hon. Charles Carnegie, M.P., will resign his office of Colonel-in-Chief, Inspector of Police in Scotland.

It is rumored that the Lord Advocate will call the Scotch members of the new Court of Appeal, before the appearance of the Solicitor-General at Oldray in opposition to Mr. Cairnes.

The parties in the Edinburgh book and jobbing office, upwards of 100 in number, with few exceptions, went out on strike on the 16th ult., on account of a dispute with masters about wages and the hours of labor.

At the annual meeting on behalf of the London Missionary Society, held in Dalkeith, the secretary to the Edinburgh branch stated that the society would receive some £1700 from the estate of the late Mr. Borthwick, Dalkeith.

Some time ago, Dr. John Muir, of Edinburgh, placed at the disposal of the Senate of the University of Glasgow the sum of £100, to be awarded as a prize for Hebrew scholarship—the competition to be open to students of the Scotch Universities. The examination was held at the University, and has resulted in the equal division of the prize between Mr. John McPherson, M.A., of Aberdeen, and Mr. Robert Annon, F.A.S., of Glasgow.

The Law Courts are likely to be occupied with a new Scotch poeage bill. The Earl of Sutherland passed in 1799; but ever since that time a Mr. Alexander Hume, who was a partner in the late firm, has been prosecuting a suit, which totally collapsed. It is now said that Mr. Alexander's widow, who calls herself Countess of Sutherland, has taken up the matter, and is going to renew the suit, not for any lands, all having gone, but for the title—Scotlands.

The death is announced, on December 11th, at London, of Mary Somerville, the celebrated Scotch mathematician and astronomer. The deceased was born some few years before the close of the last century. She was, it may be, seventy-eight years of age at her death, which was caused by a school near Musselburgh, where she was distinguished for her easy, modest, and unassuming manners. She was married first to an officer of the Royal Navy. This gentleman took great pleasure in initiating her into a knowledge of mathematics and general science, encouraged thereby by the wonderful aptitude which she displayed for such pursuits. The latter part of her husband's life was thus developed. Her first work, a summary of the "Mechanics of Celestial Bodies," was undertaken at the suggestion of Laplace, and was published in 1803, under the title of "Mechanism of the Heavens" in 1818. This was succeeded by "The Connection of the Physical Sciences," in 1834, a work which was warmly praised by the reviewers. Next came a "Physical Geography," in 1848, comprising the history of the earth and embracing all those branches which are connected with the history of the human race.

At a recent meeting of the congregation of the Free Church, Lerwick, the Rev. Mr. Croftland, to be pastor of that congregation.

The postman who travels between Paisley and Johnstone, and who has been about fourteen years on the road, lately struck for more wages. His remuneration has been a subject of discussion for some time, and he has been travelling and delivering letters.

There are at present no fewer than four vacancies in churches within the bounds of and belonging to the Established Presbytery of Paisley, those being, the parish churches of Johnstone, Leith, Leithmuir, and the good road church of Howwood, in the parish of Leithmuir.

The vicar in the parish churches has all the duties of a vicar, and that of Howwood by the demission of the late minister.

Hugh Colquhoun died in the poorhouse of the Abbey parish of Paisley, at the advanced age of 80. The young man has taken a prominent part in promoting educational principles, and rendered himself so obnoxious to the Government that a detachment of dragoons was sent to Edinburgh to arrest him, and he effected his escape by jumping the canal.

There is no substitute for the preaching of the word, as the official, and ordinary means of conversion and Christian education. No one who expects to die the death of the righteous can simply leave this, and resort to penitential works, or to the quietude of his own spirit at home, or to the oracle of reason, or to the printed sermons of gifted authors. A printed sermon as read at a public meeting, or written, may be more profound, finished, or pointed than the fact that the reading of sermons in private by those who can attend church is not in the divine plan, is enough to condemn it as a means of grace.

No matter who preaches. The ambassador whom a European sovereign may send to our national capital, cannot be ignored because he may be a third-rate or a fourth-rate talent. It is the seal of his royal master to his commission, his is received and his despatch considered. And so, without allowing personal considerations to obtain, we should concern ourselves chiefly with the virtues which our Divine Sovereign makes to us, under his own seal, sending by whom he will.

For those physically able to attend church, but spiritually dead, and who please to be regular or neglectful, we say thus ever a new leaf. Go to church. You will find a provocation in it; for God's word and providence is gathered—Our Weekly.

The sinner and the Saviour are made for one another.

Wife, has recently been presented with a pulpit gown and cassock, a pulpit bible, and a set of books, and a marble tablet. An enterprising händler has found a large lot of land, with the intention of erecting a new station, in the vicinity of the newly-opened railway station at Paisley, Bathwell.

On the 12th ult., the old manse, garden, and office house at Lanark were sold by public sale, to the Royal Bank of Scotland, for £231. Mr. Thomas Watson, owner, died in 1775, on board of Broughton U. P. Church, the work in South Vennal was knocked down to Fratton Broad for £270.

On the 16th ult., Sheriff Locke, the Sheriff for the Airshire district, died suddenly of paralysis, in the Court Hall, County Buildings. The Sheriff was on the bench trying a case assault, and was the act of addressing the jury, when he suddenly dropped down unconscious. The alarm at once spread and five medical gentlemen were seen in attendance. They immediately administered stimulents to his Lordship, who was not able to bear removal from the bench. The Sheriff recovered consciousness for a short time, but he gradually sank and never rallied, expiring about an hour after the shock.

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