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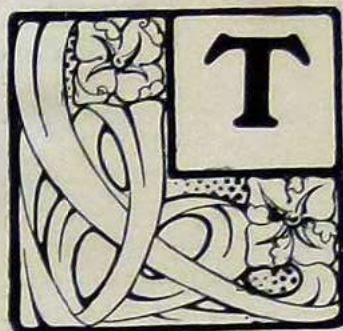
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On Setting Forth



THE day has come when youthful feet will cross the portals of the old School for the last time—the jocund day that for these venturers on Life's highway “Stands tip-toe on the misty mountain tops.” The Master, shading his eyes, looks after them down the sunny road with a mournful smile on his lips, and light is his heart if one or two fling back to him a final grave salute.

And whither will the road lead these wayfarers over those same shadowy hills? For the moment they are off to the Castle of Enchantment that, towered and battlemented, waits for them in the Valley of Hope. Will they ever reach it, or will most of them pass it in the night?

Some will go to the far-distant places of the earth. How will the old School look to them across these countless miles? Will knowledge fail them, or the things of the mind and heart, the intangible spirit of man, that can produce a far more enduring effect than the material results of his struggle? Will character be theirs, character that can find friends and bind them with hoops of steel? Or did the School fail?

And some will look back to the old School through the mists of years. As the shadows lengthen for them, will they cherish the ideas and sweet illusions of youth? Will their later days be touched with tender memories, romance, a never-fading hope? Will they find company in a book, beauty in a running brook, the sweet savour of life in the warm friendship of men?

May the answer be, “No, the School did not fail!”

MR WILLIAM MITCHELL, M.A., LL.B., K.C.

It is pleasant to have to record that on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr Mitchell has been appointed Sheriff-Substitute of Roxburgh, Berwick, and Selkirk. After graduating M.A. at Aberdeen in 1893 and LL.B. at Edinburgh in 1896, he was admitted a member of the Faculty of Advocates in Edinburgh in 1897, and soon made a name for himself at the Scottish Bar.

He has acted as Advocate-Depute, figuring in important cases, and his studies in certain branches of the law led to his appointment as Examiner in Law at Aberdeen University.

It is interesting to note that Mr Mitchell is following the footsteps of a renowned "Shirra" in the person of Sir Walter Scott, and it may well be that the Wizard's spirit yet haunts the Borders and "breathes inspiration round." If so, we have no doubt that the new "Shirra" will go a little farther along the road he has entered upon, and follow up his "Prince Charles Edward Stewart and the Rising of 1745"—a work recently published—with something that will recall the painter of our finest Scottish portraits.

We congratulate Mr Mitchell on his appointment.

THE PRESIDENT.

This office is now filled by a very worthy son of the Grammar School in the person of William Riddoch, M.A., LL.D., late Rector of Mackie Academy, Stonehaven. Dr Riddoch enjoys his retirement with the same vigour and energy with which he enjoyed his work, and it will not be his fault if the Association does not react to his enthusiasm. One of his first acts after appointment was to donate £5 to his old School to be used for prizes, and the editor hopes to receive from his pen one of these days a little of his philosophy of life.

THE EX-PRESIDENT.

The same keenness and vigour that characterise our new President are the possessions of our Ex-President, the Rev. George Birnie, B.D. He is Moray's oldest ordained minister and has just completed 40 years' ministry at Speymouth. Yet one would not think that Time had even hinted to him the advisability of slowing down. An hour in his presence makes us realise to the full the romance of olden days, the joy of living, and all the beauty and glamour of the wide open spaces of his native North-East. Floreat!

Chile

"Never put off till to-morrow what can be done to-day," and "Don't trouble to do to-day what can be done to-morrow," illustrates the difference between British and Chilean ways. In Chile, with her blue sunny skies and warm air, no one ever hurries, and life proceeds at a leisurely, peaceful pace; a very pleasant change after the hurry and bustle of life at home.

Chile is one of the favoured countries of the world. She has no great mineral wealth, but her soil is very fertile, and so provides the ideal life of husbandry for her people. In the cities, modern and up-to-date, life is much the same as in other countries, but in the rural districts schools are few and far between, so that the country folks are for the most part uneducated. Here, too, the wages are low, but it would be difficult to find a more contented, happy people. Each cultivates his own little farm, and works for the proprietor when he is needed. The system works very well; all have plenty and none are very poor.

In her desert land, Chile is very fortunate. Large quantities of nitrates, so valuable in all branches of agriculture, are extracted from the dry parched wastes of the far north. This region is exceedingly ugly, for no green plant will grow, as rain scarcely ever falls—once in 15-20 years or so.

The most fertile part of Chile is the Central Zone, where Santiago, the beautiful capital, lies on a wide plain, surrounded by the snow-clad Andes. Here, too, Chile is most thickly populated. In this region Chile enjoys all the blessings of a semi-tropical land, with none of its disadvantages. Malaria carrying mosquitoes, poisonous insects, and venomous snakes, cannot live in Chile, because the hot moist atmosphere of tropical rainfall in summer heat does not exist. The rainfall comes in the cool winter season, making the winter too cold and the summer too dry for these evils. The climate here is one of the best, nine months of brilliant sunshine and three of cool weather, broken by occasional weeks of rain. Large rivers, offering ample irrigation for the dry months, make this region the garden of Chile, one of the most productive in the world.

Great numbers of people are employed in all branches of stock breeding and agriculture. Great fields of wheat, maize, alfalfa, white clover, beans and lentils are tilled by the gentle oxen and the wooden plough. Vineyards, orange and olive groves, peach and apricot gardens, nut and alligator pear avenues, flowers and trees of every description lie basking in the golden sunshine, and fill the dreamy air with an exquisite perfume, while lovely birds, gaudy butterflies, blue dragon flies, and enormous bees add more colour and song. It is no wonder that much of the land in this favoured spot is valued at £120 per acre.

The temperate region has also a fine climate, having a dry summer and a wet winter. Agriculture and stock breeding are the principal industries, but oats take the place of wheat, and apples and pears instead of the softer fruits. The breeding of the Chilean pony is a profitable business, for he is a well built, sure-footed animal, and greatly in demand for polo playing. Here is to be found the loveliest scenery in Chile. A wonderful lakeland, with active volcanoes, snow-clad mountains, thermal springs, rushing rivers, dashing waterfalls and beautiful forests makes this the tourists' paradise.

The south end of Chile is very sparsely populated. Here are to be found the last of the Araucanian Indians. The Chilean of to-day is mainly sprung from a fusion of this hardy warlike race with the Spaniard. This area includes also the Islands and canals and the west coast of Tierra del Fuego. The climate is not good. Rain falls almost daily on the densely wooded slopes of the mountains, which here rise precipitously from the sea, while further south the trees grow stunted and finally disappear under the great gales of snow-laden winds from the South-West. The scenery of this part is magnificent, rivalling the fiords of Norway in its grandeur; wooded creeks, barren islands, boiling seas, dazzling glaciers, enormous snow-clad mountains.

The only part of Chile to be found on the Eastern slopes of the Andes is that which lies on both sides of the Straits of Magellan. Great tree-less pampas of rich pasture lands make this district ideal for the raising of the millions of sheep, which prove a very profitable business for Chile. The climate here is very good; a long dry summer with brilliant sunshine, and a short hard winter of rain, frost and snow. Unfortunately the summer is marred by the dreadful gales of wind that blow over all this region.

Railways are found in all parts; electric for the steep gradients on the famous Transandine, and high powered steam ones for the others. The air service is very efficient and very safe. Ships from all parts move on the lazy Pacific. Motors of every make, with American predominating, are opening up the country near and far, but the carriage and pair is still the leisurely mode of the outlying camps. Horses take the place of the motor bike.

Golf, tennis, cricket, basket ball, football, polo playing and swimming have all their adherents, while the sportsman finds ample scope in trout, salmon, otter and seal fishing; goose, duck, snipe, plover, partridge, turtle, quail shooting; rabbit, hare, fox, puma hunting.

Thus Chile caters for almost every taste—the glamour of the desert, the joys of sun and sea bathing, mountaineering, winter sports of sleighing and ski-ing, the glory of lake land and forest, the grandeur of fiord and sea, the intimate life of the city, the simple life of the camp, but rarest of all, the solitude of the great open spaces.

A. J. H. G.

From Keith to Kenya

A far cry—and especially did it seem so in the breathless heat of the Red Sea, when one longed for the cool breezes from the Balloch. After a month's adventuring on the sea, we woke up one morning to find ourselves anchored outside Mombasa, the port of disembarkation for many. Anxious to take stock of the country which was to be their home for several years at any rate, the passengers crowded on deck to gain their first impression. Many were the questions asked by the "greenhorns" of the "old stagers," who were only too pleased to air their superior knowledge. The prospect spread out was of the brightest. The town lay steeped in sunshine, and the intense blue of sea and sky seemed to frame it in a fairy picture. The shining houses were like jewels set in a background of cocoanut palms and stalwart mango trees, while the massive baobabs added to the variety of the scene.

But sight-seeing was to come later, for passports had to be shown, stewards tipped, and lengthy forms—asking all sorts of questions—filled in. By that time the ship was surrounded by any number of small boats, manned by jabbering Swahili boatmen. The noise they made was awful—fighting, screaming, pushing—each one more eager than his neighbour to be first in the queue for taking passengers on shore. At last, having been treated more like parcels than human beings, we found ourselves deposited in the Customs shed, where we spent a moist hour or two sitting limply on our baggage, waiting for the officials to put it through.

That done we (the people who were going up country) set out to see all that was possible before the train was due to leave in the late afternoon. Mombasa, although in the past called "The Isle of War" (for it lies on an island), is now a thriving town, and does a large trade with the interior. We saw a curious pillar in the principal street (called Vasco da Gama Street) said to have been erected by that great sailor to commemorate his visit which so nearly ended in disaster. We rode in rickshaws, a novel experience for a country cousin, and all too soon it was time to catch the train for Nairobi. At the station many good-byes were said, as we left friends we had made on the voyage, and it was with mixed feelings that we turned to yet another new life.

We crossed the Salisbury Bridge which connects the island of Mombasa with the mainland, and then began the slow and steady climb. Looking back, one caught beautiful glimpses of Mombasa with the blue sea beyond bathed in the brilliant sun-

shine. Looking forward, the scenery reminded one of English parks—green and fresh. Gradually the picture changed as we passed through the Taru Desert—bare and boasting only scrubby undergrowth and miserable looking trees. Then the famous African red dust began to make itself seen, and before long we were covered with the fine reddish powder. Some eighty miles from the coast we reached the end of the desert, but the scenery changed little. We had reached the game country—a thrilling thought—and every speck in the distance was eagerly scanned. We saw ostrich, wildebeeste, and buck, but the lions we so longed to see did not appear.

In the evening we stopped at a station called Voi, where a meal was served. Toasts were drunk to "The Land of Opportunities," and invitations to holiday were given and accepted, for more friendly and hospitable people would be hard to find. Darkness had fallen, so we went back to the train, and fell asleep to waken early in the morning to what seemed a different climate. We had been climbing most of the way, and when the train steamed into Nairobi station at mid-day, we had reached an altitude of 5,495 feet. There more good-byes were said, and as no train left for my part of the world that day, I spent two nights with some friends near Nairobi.

A fascinating town is Nairobi, not beautiful in most parts, but with such a "hail fellow well met" atmosphere. It is the rendezvous of Europeans, where they "blow in from the blue" when life seems at its worst, to drown their sorrows in the meeting of friends, and in the joys of civilisation. Government Road with its bright array of shops greets the visitors with a "won't you buy" expression, and in the Stanley Hotel lounge, one is almost sure to run across an acquaintance. So weary visitors go back to the blue lighter in purse and in spirit.

The day came for boarding the train from Nairobi to go up country some eighty miles to the terminus of that branch of the railway at that time. The scenery was beautiful, as we climbed through banana-groves still farther into the Highlands of Kenya and of Kikuyuland. Sagana was the station where we stopped, and there I found a car waiting for me. We motored through some sixteen miles of scenery amazing in its beauty—not that it was more beautiful than Scotland, but just different. Here were dense banana groves, luxurious vegetation, and everything green. The greenness was so unexpected, for in my ignorance I had visioned Kenya as parched and bare with an occasional palm tree.

All around us rolled the hills—as someone has described them, "The waves of the Atlantic"—and away in the distance could be seen the snow-capped summit of Mt. Kenya. We had reached the Native Reserve, and crowds of native villages



KENYA.

nestled in the hill-sides, looking in the distance like neat little groups of bee-hives. At first, the road took up most of my attention. It looked more like the bed of a dried up river than a road, and we skidded rather badly once or twice in the dust. However, the driver seemed to take it as a matter of course (as everyone learns to do in Africa), so I decided that skidding in Kenya couldn't be as dangerous as I had imagined it to be in Scotland, and directed my attentions to the surroundings.

Here was the Kikuyu country, the home of those pastoral and agricultural people called the A-Kikuyu, who had been able to hold together as one community more or less, mainly because of the character of the country. There were no impassable rivers, no uncrossable valleys, and so the A-Kikuyu had managed to keep in touch with one another, united often against the common danger of attacks by the Masai, their once warlike neighbours.

Tumu-tumu, the place where I was stationed, is situated on a hill-side, 5,700 feet above sea-level, and consequently fairly cool. It looked out on to the slopes of Mt. Kenya, and to the forests around.

To describe adequately the life of those Kikuyu people, one would have to view it from two standpoints—the old and the new, and a mixture of both old and new. The village—the centre of African life—consists of several low round huts with a smaller one for a food store. To visit such a village is indeed a revelation. The visitors enter the hut by an opening in the wall, about three or four feet high by two feet wide. To stand upright inside is impossible, and it takes a few minutes to get accustomed to the smoke and darkness. The fire is in the centre of the circular hut, and right above it is a platform for storing firewood. Behind is a narrow platform of wooden planks—a bed! Three or four calves and a dozen sheep or goats spend the nights there, and a bunch of sweet potato leaves hangs for them to browse on during the night. Panting for air and light, the visitors stagger out into the daylight and gratefully squat down on small three-legged stools beside the village fire. No wonder eyes are bad and health poor. That is the old order. The new is found when one visits a village where the house is large and a rectangular building—airy, with windows flung open, and with smaller buildings for the animals.

The African woman has a hard and busy life, for it falls to her lot to plant and gather in the food crops; to cook, to pound the grain, to carry goods to market, to attend to the family, and to see that the family attend to the goats. The goats are precious possessions, for with them are bought wives. So she ages rapidly, and one feels sorry to see her; her blanket draped gracefully from one shoulder and decked with ornaments, staggering

along under a heavy load of firewood. The Kikuyu boys who come to school are being taught to respect their wives, and not to treat them as beasts of burden.

In school one finds a mixed crowd—no grading according to age there, for often a man of over forty sits next a boy of fourteen. School is to them a great adventure—examinations a joy! and their eagerness to learn and know most gratifying to the teacher. More satisfactory people to teach would be hard to find. They sit with big eyes rolling while one tells them of something that would seem quite ordinary to us, but which to them is wonderful. They are entirely unselfconscious, and their simplicity makes a great appeal.

So it means great responsibility to those concerned with the education of the youth of Kikuyuland—a land faced with all the problems of a complex civilisation—to see that in their thirst for knowledge they get of the very best.

M. P.

AT LIFE'S GLOAMIN'.

Aye, that's my hoose,
That factory, tae, is mine;
An' yon braw chiel in yon braw car
Is waitin' for a sign
To come my ways.

Wealth an' Pooer I hae,
An' Honour, tae, is mine;
E'en yon braw Lord that shook my hand
Is, after a', a sign
That siller pays.

But . . . Aye, there's a But—
Memory, tae, is mine;
An' yon auld school in yon deep glen
Is standin', for a sign
O' happier days.

SEVID.

Nursing

No occupation can be quite intelligently followed or correctly understood unless it is at least to some extent illumined by the light of history. We must know how our work of nursing arose, what lines it has followed, and under what direction it has developed. It is important to have a general knowledge of ancient and modern history for great turning points in world progress; for instance, such catastrophes as the fall of Rome or the Russian Revolution are often also turning points in nursing. Great wars have been especially significant in its growth.

Nursing is a larger development of the mother care of the young, and must have co-existed with this care from the earliest time. The word itself comes from the word meaning "to nourish." In its broadest meaning it covers not only the care of the sick, the aged, the helpless, and the handicapped, but also the promotion of health and vigour in those who are well, especially in the young, on whom the future generation depends. Thus in the term "nurse" there also lies the idea of building up and treasuring health as well as relieving illness.

Florence Nightingale plays a most important part in the history of nursing. It was she who first insisted on the need for a long and careful training, which should include not only practice in nursing itself, but also knowledge of the principles on which it is based, "for without knowledge and skill, no tenderness, and no sympathy, no love, no gentleness will save the sick and suffering. If science guide not pity, she may well harm those she seeks to save." It was Florence Nightingale who first showed the world that nursing was an art, "the finest of the fine arts."

In order to acquire this art the nurse must undergo a period of training in a hospital which is recognised as a Training School for Nurses. At the present day it is so arranged that a nurse is initiated into hospital life gradually. The first six weeks in hospital are spent in the Preliminary Training School, where she undergoes training in the class room in practical and theoretical work. During this period she also has an opportunity of coming in contact with patients by doing duty in the wards for a short period each week, thus gaining a little knowledge before she eventually undertakes the busy ward work. This method of starting off life in hospital is of great advantage, as it means (for most girls) entering a new life. As in all large

institutions a strict order of discipline must be observed. At times the nurse is inclined to think the hospital rules hard and unnecessary; for example, "bed 10 p.m., lights out 10.30 p.m." A nurse, in order to carry out her work efficiently and do her duty to her patients, must maintain her own health, and therefore must have a sufficient amount of sleep, fresh air, and exercise.

With regard to off-duty time, the nurse is allowed so many hours off each day; these leisure hours she may spend as she pleases, except that she must do so much study. All during her training she has weekly lectures dealing with the theoretical side of nursing. There are examinations to pass, and during the course of general training two State Examinations which qualify her as a State Registered Nurse. After this there are still many different branches to follow; a nurse's training is only the beginning of knowledge.

When a nurse commences her training in hospital she very often thinks that hospital life is a hard one. She comes with high ideals of gently administering to the sick and suffering, but often she finds there is little time "to bathe the fevered brow, and soothe the troubled brain." There is much work to do and little time for doing it. After the first few months are over, she looks upon her duty with different eyes. How great is the pleasure she experiences when she sees in her sick and helpless patient the first symptoms of recovery!

Life in hospital makes the nurse very happy, contented, unselfish, and gives her a broad and sympathetic mind, and strong belief in the stanza—

"And so in spite of all that's hard,
In spite of tired feet,
There's something in this busy life—
A something that is sweet;
And if I had my choice again
I still would be a nurse,
And take the cap and apron still
For better or for worse."

"A NURSE IN TRAINING."

Oberammergau in 1930

Another ten years have passed and once more the village of the Passion Play has been the Mecca of thousands of curious pilgrims attracted by rumours of wonderful things to be seen and heard when, out of a pious duty, the man in the street has for a brief space turned actor and has opened his house-door to the world. The pilgrimage is well worth while. All I would say to those who have never been there is: Should the opportunity come your way in the future, do not fail to take advantage of it. Do not let the thought of a tiresome and complicated journey prevent you. Things are made very simple for the inexperienced traveller by the many touring agencies who are so eager to make arrangements. It is an interesting journey, too, by whichever route you travel, whether you go direct by Belgium and the romantic Rhineland so rich in legend, or by the more circuitous route through the picturesque mountain scenery of Switzerland and the Austrian Tyrol. If you dislike night travel, then take the journey in easy stages. You will find any number of convenient and interesting stopping places.

Do not be deterred either by the fear that your delicate sensibility as to things religious may be offended in any way by what you will see. Rest assured, you will leave Oberammergau with your faith strengthened and your hope renewed. You will realise as you have never done before the fascination of the old Gospel story of the life of our Lord, his Passion and Death, so dramatically and reverently set forth in a series of scenes throbbing with life and colour, which leave you amazed and wondering.

Most of us are familiar with the origin of the play. For the past three hundred years the Passion Play has been performed as an act of penitence and thanksgiving and a testimony of faith on the part of the village folk of Oberammergau. They are fulfilling a vow made by their forefathers in the year 1633, that should they be delivered from the great scourge of disease and death which was depriving the village of its best citizens, they would give every ten years a reverent performance of the Passion Tragedy. It is owing to the fact that their prayer was answered and the plague ceased its ravages, that to this day the pious people of that tiny mountain village remember that vow and keep it sacred.

The village itself is eminently suitable as a background for this religious theme. It nestles in a lovely peaceful valley, high up among the Bavarian Alps, a quaint village of winding streets

and painted wooden houses, with balconies made gay with creepers and trim gardens which invite one to linger longer than the allotted two days. The Passion Play without this natural setting would lose half its charm. One cannot believe that it would make the same appeal were the action staged in the garish atmosphere of a city theatre.

Delightful, too, are the simple village folk who welcome you in such a friendly way on your arrival. On every side you hear their sincere greeting "Grusz Gott." You no longer feel a stranger, but like one of a great family with a common aim. For many months they have been preparing this welcome and have been qualifying themselves to look after your material comfort by attending courses in cookery and the household arts. There are few hotels, but for the time being practically every private house has been transformed into a "pension." Certain privileged persons found themselves the guests of the Christ in the Pension Alcis Lang. Another coveted lodging was at the house of the disciple John, Hans Lang. But the bulk of the audience is housed among the ordinary village population, the wood-carvers, potters and tradesmen who sacrifice their own comfort temporarily so that their numerous guests may be adequately catered for. In whatever house you find yourself, you are sure of a spotlessly clean and comfortable bed and good wholesome food.

It is only from householders that tickets of admission may be obtained as part of the inclusive arrangement system in operation. These inclusive arrangements provide:—

(a) A room from the afternoon of the day preceding, to the morning of the day following, a performance.

(b) Board commencing with dinner or supper on the first day; breakfast, lunch and dinner on the second day, and breakfast on the third day.

(c) The right to purchase an admission ticket to a performance of the play.

The charges vary according to the class of accommodation, from about 30/- in good but plain private houses to about 50/- in the best hotels, while admission tickets cost £1 for first class seat, 15/- for second class seat, and 10/- for third class seat.

You must of necessity reach Oberammergau on the night preceding a performance, for the play begins at eight o'clock in the morning. But an extra night spent among these charming mountain folk is not wasted. Every minute of the time is occupied. When darkness falls the streets still remain gay. The lighting is good, for electricity is cheap. Crowds throng the streets, moving hither and thither among the interesting little shops buying souvenirs and post cards. Autograph hunters are in their element, for all of the main characters in the play from

the Christ downwards will cheerfully sit and sign photographs for hours, so that no one may go away disappointed. It would be interesting to know how many times Alois Lang signed his name between the 11th May and the 28th September, the dates of the opening and closing performances.

Within the limits of a short article it would be impossible to describe adequately the course of proceedings on the day of the play. Early in the morning the tired sleeper is awakened by the firing of cannon. One can hear the hurried footsteps of the villagers on their way to early Mass, for the days of the performance begin with Divine Service in the village church at six o'clock. By half-past seven the vast concourse of people seeking admission to the theatre begins to move in that direction. But there can be no confusion. On the ticket of each visitor is clearly marked the number of the seat, the number of the row and the number of the door by which he enters. As the doors are numerous, the number of people seeking admittance at each is never very great, so that there need be no jostling as in an ordinary theatre queue.

We enter and take our seats in the vast auditorium. One has had so little trouble in reaching one's seat that it is difficult to realise that one forms part of an audience of close on 6000 people. The auditorium is covered, but the stage is open, exposed to wind and weather. Behind it, looking down on it is the rugged peak of the Kofel, surmounted by the symbolic crucifix. On either side of the stage a street winds backwards into real open-air scenery. Swallows fly in and out twittering merrily. Some of them seem to have built their nests in the rafters of the roof overhead and are attending to the needs of their broods.

At eight o'clock the firing of a signal gun announces the beginning of the play. A hush falls on the audience as the vast orchestra of fifty instruments strikes up the prelude. Then the chorus appears with its forty-five white-robed singers exhorting us sinful creatures, on whom lies the curse of Adam, to bow in wonder before God's might, for God is a merciful God and offers us His peace. Then two tableaux are exposed, the one showing the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden, the other the Adoration of the Cross, reminding us that although we are born in sin, we may be purified through the Cross.

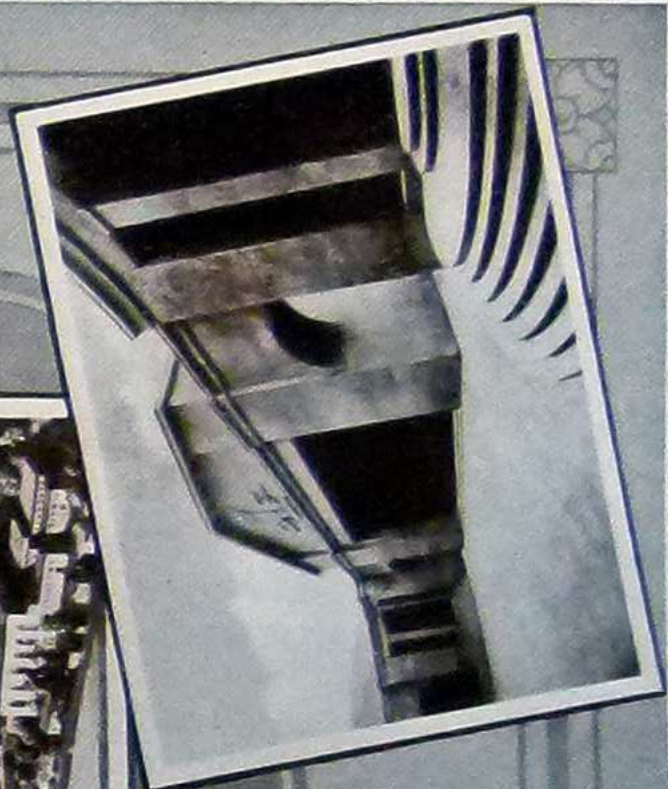
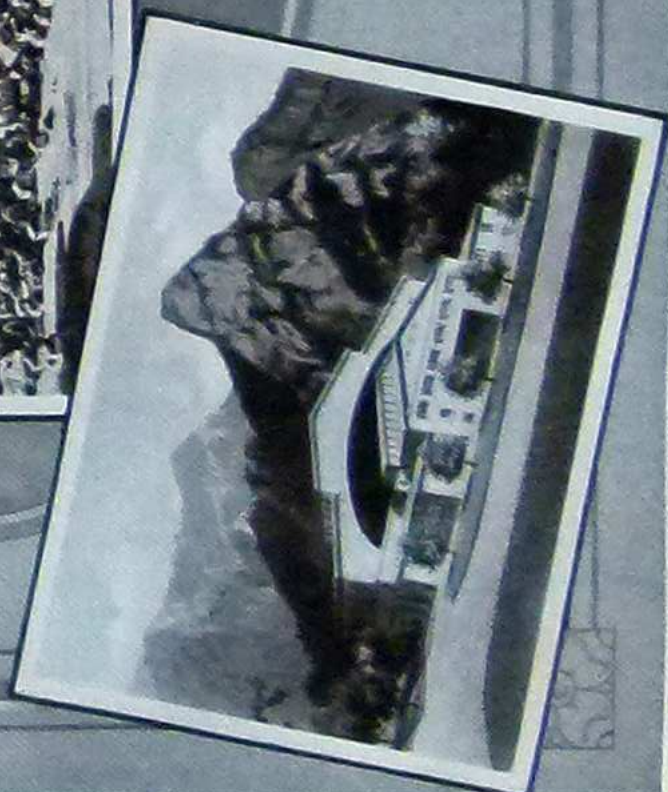
Nearly every one of the 16 scenes which compose the play is prefaced by one or more of these tableaux representing Old Testament incidents having some bearing on the ensuing episode from the life of the Redeemer. It is no crude representation, but a work of Art in the highest sense of the term, a triumph of artistic impulse on the part of the producer, George Lang. He must be no mean artist who can devise such a feast of beauty and

colour. As each tableau is presented, the chorus appears and explains the connection with the episode which is to follow.

The action proper starts with a scene in which almost all of the 700 performers take part. It depicts the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem. The air is rent with the hosannas of the crowd which presses round our Lord. Conspicuous beside Him is his well-loved disciple John, dressed in green and wearing a red mantle, his long fair, natural hair forming a halo round his youthful face. Then the curtain of the inner stage rises, revealing the doorway of the temple and the money changers and dealers transacting their affairs on the steps of the sacred building. A noisy scene follows, but the commanding voice of Alois Lang is clearly heard above the rabble, ordering these profaners of the holy place to betake themselves elsewhere and allow God's house to be what it was meant to be, a house of prayer.

All are not unanimous in praising Alois Lang's interpretation of his difficult part, but what struck me most throughout the many scenes in which he appears was his commanding personality. Immediately he entered he seemed to fill the stage with his presence. We see him bidding farewell to his dear friends at Bethany, weeping over Jerusalem and predicting its sad fate, eating the last supper with his disciples, praying in the lonely night watches on the Mount of Olives, standing before Pilate, being betrayed by Judas, carrying the Cross and suffering the shame, being crucified, with dignified bearing and noble resignation. To me he made the part real and convincing without undue emphasis.

All the characters in the play did their parts well, but two in particular deserve to be mentioned. They are Judas and Mary Magdalene. Judas fascinates us with his magnificent acting and his fine oratory, above all in the scene where, overcome with remorse, he tells us of the mental conflict raging within him. He sees himself an outcast of humanity, deservedly despised by all, good for nothing but to hang on a tree. It is for different qualities of acting that we admire Hansi Preisinger, the Mary Magdalene of the play. We love her for her beauty, her winning personality and the delightfully musical quality of her voice. She is ever gentle, tenderly appealing, ministering to our Lord's wants with affectionate solicitude. It was originally suggested that she should take the part of the Virgin, but to my mind the role she played was infinitely more suited to her talent. She comes more prominently before us than in the Bible narrative. She is the comforter of all in trouble, accompanying the Mother of Christ along the Via Dolorosa to the foot of the Cross where Jesus hangs, lingering with her while the body is laid in the tomb, returning at dawn to find the sepulchre empty, and being



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rewarded by a word from her risen Lord when He appears radiant and shining in His white resurrection robe. And as He vanishes from our sight, hers are the closing words of the final scene: "Oh! my teacher! He has disappeared. I see Him no more! But I have seen Him, I have heard His dear voice. He has returned to this life—the Divine One—the merciful friend of sinners—the Saviour of all who believe on Him! Oh! could I proclaim it throughout the world, so that mountains, and rocks and heaven and earth might echo the words!—

"Halleluja! He has risen."

The Chorus echoes her words in a final hymn of victory. Christ has conquered death!

J. G. S.

THE 80's.

The following is a mere list of names, yet it will have many associations for those who belong to the older generation. It contains both certificated and pupil teachers.

James Grant, M.A.

Charles McGregor

Mary J. Wilson

Wm. McConnachie

Alex. Cruickshank

Jessie Henderson

Robert Findlay

Jane Innes

Janet Anderson

Allan Robertson

Christina Fraser

John McPherson

Mgt. Ross

Robina Whitelaw

John Mair

George Allan, M.A.

Jane Taylor

Mary Cowie

Jessie Munro

John Cochrane

Mary Stuart

Jessie McIvor

Jane Bennett

Thomas Watt

Wm. Mackay

Jessie Wallace

Wm. Alexander

George Cameron

Eliza Grant

The Inspector of the time was Mr Thomas A. Stewart.

MORE ASSOCIATIONS.

The Annual Examination.

Examinations conducted by the Department of Science and Art.

Examination conducted by the Governors of the Dick Bequest.

Pupil Teachers' Examinations.

Aberdeen University Local Examinations.

Examination in Religious Knowledge by deputation from School Board.

Leaving Certificate Examinations.

Bursary Competition (Aberdeen).

Local Bursary Competition.

To Coffee Land

Liverpool lay dull and murky under a lowering sky, chill winds blew piercingly from the north and followed us "south along" all the way to Lisbon. There they were good enough to leave us, and then for sixteen sea-borne days we fared westwards and southwards, following the wake of many a Don and Hidalgo, the air ever becoming warmer.

Our port was Rio de Janeiro, and one day she burst upon us, her wonderful world-famed harbour bathed in brilliant sunshine. Liverpool's chill forgotten, the heat surged round us. Great mountains formed her coronal, a gorgeous ring of the luxurious vegetation of the tropics edging the deep translucent blue of ocean. A lovely city! Grand showy buildings, wide spacious streets and squares edged with beautiful feathery trees of welcome shade, great gardens laid out in magnificent proportion and full of wondrous plants girt with palm-bordered avenues. To feast our eyes on such a scene we mounted by a quaint cog-wheeled railway for some two thousand feet up the steep Corcovado, a precipitous cone-shaped hill, from whence one has a prospect that cannot be forgotten. At the very tip there is being raised for all to see a colossal statue of Christ on the Cross. Visible for miles, it will one day be the wonder of Rio.

Other cities visited were Santos, fully a day's journey by rail, the coffee city, with great stretches of beautiful white sands that form a magnificent motor-way for some scores of miles; Rio Grande, less imposing but with far healthier climate; and Pelotas, an inland town of considerable size.

To a northerner the most attractive sight is the tropical vegetation. Rare plants, never seen in Scotland except in hot-houses, grow with profuse luxuriance. Forests seem one mass of plant life, one plant often battenning on its neighbour. Yet with all the exotic beauty of the gorgeous blooms, one misses the sweet scents of our Scottish flowers. It is the same with bird life. There is a riot of colour, but no song. And then all this beautiful plant, bird and butterfly life is marred for man by myriads of mosquitoes that know how to bite, ants that prowl and devour, and beetle-like creatures that will not leave one alone. To crown all, there come down on Brazil dreadful thunderstorms. The rumble and roar of the thunder almost cracks one's ears, and vivid lightning flashes dazzle the eyes for hours on end. Very spectacular, one may grant, but rather terrifying!

And what has man done with this fine country? Well, in

the vast pasture lands there roam immense herds of horned cattle, a principal source of wealth. Then there is agriculture pretty much as we know it at home, but with additional crops indicated by soil and climate. There are great sugar and coffee plantations, fields upon fields of tomatoes, excellent fruit farms finely managed, vineyards and banana groves.

Nature is lavish, but wisely so, for man is inclined to be lazy. The temperature has probably got to do with it, but at any rate indolence seems to be inborn, especially in the native. He is not particularly clean in habits, at least in the writer's estimation. The populace of the cities is cosmopolitan, with Portuguese for a common language. English, Americans, Germans and Italians form the bulk of the "foreign" element and have their separate "colonies." Because of the heat, marketing has to be done early in the day among stalls that display goods in the open. If you do not get your fish before 9 a.m. you will be too late, for the policeman will have seen to it that all unsold by that hour is destroyed. As befits a coffee growing country, Brazil swears by coffee, black and sweet even to the consistence of syrup. It was the writer's one "grouse," a cup of good tea could not be had. There was a second, but perhaps not so valid a one, sweets were very expensive.

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Obituary

DR JAMES ALLAN GRAY.

The School has lost a good friend by the death of James Allan Gray, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P. (Edin.), V.D., of Leith. It was only in the last number that his retirement after 50 years' practice was recorded, and it may be said that he died in harness.

His interest in the School led the Doctor to gift substantial prizes during his lifetime for studies in the Doric, and his name will be kept alive by a donation of £50, the interest of which is to continue these prizes. In one of his last letters he wrote with affection of the "auld farrant tongue," and expressed the wish that the prizes would be named the "Allan Gray," first because it kept in mind his old grandfather, James Allan, who held the little farm of Kempcairn for 37 years, and secondly, because he himself was known in Edinburgh as Allan Gray.

COLONEL J. J. GEORGE, C.B.E.

A notable public man has passed away in the person of Colonel George of Macduff. Probably no man of his time was better known in the county, and a fitting requiem may be found in the words of Mr Samson, chairman of the last County Council. "They were met," said Mr Samson at the last meeting of the Council, "under the shadow of a great loss in the death of the respected Convener, Col. George, one of the most outstanding men in Banffshire during the present century. Endowed with the same high sense of public duty as animated his predecessors in the Convenership, and with a faculty and lucidity of speech which compelled attention, he inspired the utmost confidence, a confidence that was reflected in his annual re-election to the Convener's chair. As a county man, far-seeing and sagacious, generous and sympathetic, he would be greatly missed, and they paid willing homage to his memory."

REV. JOHN SCOTT.

Another man of fine outstanding character has also gone in the Rev. John Scott, minister of Auchterless U.F. Church (Continuing). Fitting reference was made to his sterling qualities by Dr D. M. Forrester of Peebles, who in the course of his remarks from Mr Scott's pulpit, alluded to the fact that they both came from Keith, and dwelt with admiration on the dignity and worth of the late minister.



DR J. ALLAN GRAY.

JAMES A. MOGGACH.

There is also to be recorded the death of Mr James A. Moggach, retired Post Office overseer, Aberdeen. Mr Moggach was transferred from Keith to Aberdeen early in his career, and soon made himself known as a very efficient member of the G.P.O. staff. His well-known figure will be missed, especially in the Kittybrewster district.

MR P. S. ANNAND.

Many people in the West of Scotland must remember with respect the late Mr Patrick S. Annand, who for many years was bank agent at Tobermory. Since retiring to his native town Mr Annand took a keen interest in local affairs, and was for a time a County Councillor. He was a son of the late Mr Peter Annand, ironmonger.

REV. THOMAS LAING.

We have to record the loss of another staunch member of the Association, the Rev. Thomas Laing, minister-emeritus of the former United Free Church of Auchindoir. He was a remarkable man in many ways, and something of the tenacity of purpose that animated him may be gathered from the fact that he graduated M.A. in his 73rd year, six years after he had retired from the ministry. He was a keen student of Astronomy, and admired intensely the grit and mental acumen of another of his own type, James Ferguson, on whom he wrote an article in the last number of our Magazine.

The death took place at East London, South Africa, of Mr John McConnachie, brother of Mr Wm. McConnachie, Mid Street, Keith. Before leaving for South Africa, Mr McConnachie was on the staff of Keith Post Office.

There died in January at Boise, Idaho, U.S.A., Mrs Alexander Bremner (née Jeanie A. Henderson). Before her marriage she was on the staff of Keith Grammar School, and later was headmistress at Auchanacie, Keith.

Personalia

BIRTHS

- Williams.—At 120 Mid Street, Keith, on 4th January, to Mr and Mrs C. S. Williams, a son.
- McHardy.—At The Grange, Banff Road, Keith, on the 11th January, 1930, to Mr and Mrs A. S. McHardy, a daughter.
- Petrie-Hay.—At a Nursing Home, Elgin, on 22nd January, 1930, to Marjorie, wife of Frederick William Petrie-Hay, South Kedah, Malay States, a daughter.
- Stewart.—At Mansewood, Hamilton, on 17th February, 1930, to Rev. and Mrs M. Stewart, a daughter.
- Laing.—At Kelvin House, Buckie, on the 6th April, 1930, to Mr and Mrs Alex. Laing, a daughter.
- Robb.—At Queen Mary's Hospital, Stratford, London, on 20th April, 1930, to Mr and Mrs James A. I. Robb, a son.
- Slater.—At The Park, Keith, on 9th May, 1930, to Mr and Mrs A. Slater (Baghdad), a daughter.
- Gilbert.—At Brabloch Nursing Home, Paisley, on the 31st July, 1930, to Mr and Mrs Duncan L. Gilbert, 44 Glasgow Road, Paisley, a son.
- Hunter.—At Gowanbrae, Selkirk, on the 6th August, to Marion (née Davidson), wife of Wm. Hunter, solicitor, Selkirk, a son.
- Wilson.—To Mr and Mrs B. Wilson, 3 Broomhill Road, Keith, on 22nd August, a daughter.
- Boyne.—At Millen Nursing Home, Calgary, Alberta, on the 27th August, to Mr and Mrs Alex. J. Boyne, a daughter.
- Robertson.—At Flushing, New York, on 10th September, 1930, to Mr and Mrs James Robertson (née Ella Stephen), a son.
- Clark.—At Fife-Keith, on the 15th September, 1930, to Elizabeth, wife of A McD. Clark, Indian Civil Service, a son.
- McPherson.—At Sunnybank, Dufftown, on 4th December, 1930, to Mr and Mrs Ian McPherson, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

- Newlands—Henderson.—At Aberlour, on 24th December, 1929, by Rev. J. Sinclair, Urquhart, Frank, son of Mr and Mrs Newlands, Knockan, Boharm, to Annie Shand, daughter of the late Mr Robert Henderson, Fochabers, and Mrs Henderson, now Mrs McConnachie, Tombain.
- Kennedy—Rutherford.—At St. Andrew's Church, Edinburgh, on the 3rd January, Clifford D. Kennedy, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., only son of Mr and Mrs W. D. Kennedy, Earlsmount, Keith, to Isobel Sinclair Rutherford, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. S. Rutherford, 36 Garscube Terrace, Edinburgh.

- Macpherson—Roy.—At the Craigellachie Hotel on 9th January, 1930, by the Rev. Lewis L. L. Cameron, minister of Mortlach Parish Church, Ian Macpherson, son of the late John Macpherson, Sunnybank, Dufftown, to Patricia, daughter of the late Mr Robert Roy, 48 Land Street, Keith, and of Mrs Roy, Craigielea, Craigellachie.
- Rayne—Donald.—At the Grand Hotel, Glasgow, on 9th January, 1930, by the Rev. Geo. McKenzie, B.D., William Allan Rayne, M.P.S., Dunbeth Avenue, Coatbridge, to Elizabeth Donald, M.A., elder daughter of the late Benjamin Donald and of Mrs Donald, Boat of Garten.
- Smith—McLaren.—At the Commercial Hotel, Keith, on 31st January, 1930, by the Rev. D. McMillan, Charles Smith, Dufftown, to Jessie, youngest daughter of George McLaren, 75 Union Street, Keith.
- Gruer—Stuart.—At Douglas Hotel, Aberdeen, on 19th March, 1930, by Rev. John Freeland, Keith, John Longmore Gruer, Romford, Essex, to Barbara Ross, younger daughter of the late Alexander Stuart and of Mrs Stuart, 22 Station Road, Keith.
- Simpson—Nicol.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church, Bloomsbury, London, on 31st March, 1930, Dr John Edward Alan Simpson, of 8 Cranbury Terrace, Southampton, only son of Mr and Mrs C. H. Simpson, Southampton, to Janet Cruickshank, elder daughter of the late Robert Nicol, D.D.S., Keith, and of Mrs Nicol, 22 Grosvenor Place, Aberdeen.
- Riach—Allan.—At the Station Hotel, Elgin, on the 16th May, 1930, by the Rev. Simson Wallace, Botriphnie, George Morrison Riach, Glackmuick, Botriphnie, to Jessie Emily Gordon Allan, youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Allan, The Bush, Keith.
- Watt—McConnachie.—At the Commercial Hotel, Keith, on the 5th June, 1930, by Rev. J. Freeland, James Gault, elder son of Mr and Mrs F. G. Watt, Station House, Keith, to Isabella Simpson, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. McConnachie, 19 Duff Street, Fife-Keith, Keith.
- Fraser—McKie.—At the Imperial Hotel, Aberdeen, on the 6th June, 1930, by the Rev. W. R. Lawrence, M.A., Alexander K. M. Fraser, son of Mr and Mrs Fraser, Dingwall, to Netta, only daughter of Mr A. A. McKie and the late Mrs McKie, 2 Station Road, Keith.
- Robertson—Burgess.—At the United Free Church, Yonkers, New York, on the 16th June, 1930, by the Rev. Joseph Hake, Gordon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robertson, 1 Carronside Street, Banisford, Falkirk, to Elizabeth Ena, eldest daughter of the late James Burgess and of Mrs Burgess, Broadfield, Keith.
- Moir—Paterson.—At Wellington Church, Glasgow, on 4th July, 1930, by Rev. J. K. Thomson, Charles McGregor Moir, B.Sc., second son of the late James Moir and of Mrs Moir, 73 Argyle Place, Aberdeen, to Jean Browning, only daughter of Mrs J. B. Paterson, Hyndland, Glasgow.
- Herbertson—Reid.—At the Parish Church, Anniesland, Glasgow, on the 17th July, 1930, by the Rev. J. Carswell, B.D., Roderick Logan, only

son of Mr Herbertson and the late Mrs Herbertson, Knightswood Lodge, to Evelyn (Queenie), fourth daughter of the late Henry Reid and of Mrs Reid, 61 Union Street, Keith.

Roche—Munro.—At St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the 19th July, 1930, by the Rev. Dr I. A. Clark, Henry E. Roche, son of Mr and Mrs Henry A. Roche, Watt Street, Halifax, to Isabella Annand, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Munro, 19 Regent St., Fife-Keith.

McKilligin—Stewart.—At the North Church, Keith, on 30th July, 1930, by Rev. D. C. Murray, M.A., minister of Baxter Park Church, Dundee, Foster Fiddes, second son of the late George McKilligin, and of Mrs McKilligin, Upper Smiddyseat, Turriff, to Lizzie Isabella, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Thomas Stewart, Glencottar, Keith.

McKay—Simpson.—At the Commercial Hotel, Keith, on 30th July, 1930, by the Rev. Neil Wilson, B.D., Marnoch, Donald, youngest son of Mr and Mrs William McKay, "Ledo," Aberchirder, to Jessie Pater-son, daughter of Mr James Simpson, Keith, late of Bridgend, Mossat.

Barclay—Munro.—At the Commercial Hotel, Keith, on Friday, 15th August, 1930, by the Rev. K. J. Cameron, Newmill, George Barclay, son of Mr and Mrs Barclay, Brookland Villas, Newmill, to Jane Lobban, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Munro, 17 Station Road, Fife-Keith.

McKenzie—Leslie.—At the Barony Church of Glasgów, on 20th August, 1930, by the Very Reverend John White, D.D., LL.D., Fred McKenzie, of Minlaton, Yorkes Peninsula, South Australia, to Alice Jeannie, only daughter of the late Allan Leslie, and of Mrs Leslie, Alandale, Braco Street, Fife-Keith.

Barron—Strathdee.—At Gordon Arms Hotel, Keith, on 19th September, 1930, by the Rev. John Freeland, M.A., Keith Parish Church, Alexander John, eldest son of Mr John Barron, Mill of Towie, Keith, to Annie, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Strathdee, 4a Duff St., Fife-Keith, Keith.

Farquharson—Mathieson.—At Gallatown Church of Scotland, Kirkcaldy, on 2nd October, 1930, by Rev. Archd. Fleming, M.A., Paisley, assisted by Rev. W. T. Wishart, M.A., Garmouth, and Rev. John Philip, M.A., Edinburgh, Rev. W. C. Farquharson, M.A., minister of Gallatown, son of the late Mr Charles C. Farquharson, 17 Braco St., Keith, and of Mrs John Milton, Station House, Garmouth, to Janet Wright Gater, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Mathieson, Avondhu House, Kirkcaldy.

Symon—Anderson.—At St. Thomas' Church, Keith, on 8th October, 1930, by the Rev. Geo. Wiseman, Peter, son of Mr John Symon, 166 Mid Street, Keith, to Isobel Margaret, daughter of Mr William Anderson, Dunallan, Keith.

McInnes—Stewart.—At the Episcopal Church, Knightswood, Glasgow, on the 15th October, 1930, by the Rev. Duncan McInnes, Allan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Duncan McInnes, 33 East Laroach, Ballachulish, to Annie Calder, elder daughter of the late Alexander Stewart and of Mrs Stewart, 22 Station Road, Keith.

Laidlaw—Shearer.—At the Palace Hotel, Aberdeen, on Tuesday, 28th October, by the Rev. W. R. Lawrence, M.A., B.D., Provost Laidlaw, Yarrow Bank, Keith, to Annie, daughter of the late George and of Mrs Shearer, Broomhill Road, Keith.

Reid—Barclay.—At the Church of Botriphnie, on 29th November, 1930, by Rev. W. G. Guthrie, B.D., Glass, Alfred Lillicrap, son of the late James Reid, Peterhead, and of Mrs Reid, 37 Bon-Accord Street, Aberdeen, to Alice Smith, daughter of the late William Barclay, Stripeside, and of Mrs Barclay, Midtown, Botriphnie.

DEATHS.

MacHattie.—At Springbank, Keith, on the 21st December, 1929, John Taylor, younger son of the late Wm. MacHattie, merchant, Mid St., Keith.

Budge.—At Guatemala City, Central America, on 2nd March, 1930 (the result of an accident), James Logie, of the Anglo-South American Bank, Ltd., elder son of James Budge, jeweller, Keith, in his 24th year.

McKenzie.—At the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, on 3rd April, 1930, John McKenzie, N.C.S. Ltd., aged 37 years.

McLean.—At 156 Hilton Drive, Aberdeen, on 6th April, 1930, John McLean, N.C.S. Ltd., beloved husband of Isabella McPherson, in his 59th year.

Annand.—At St. Ninians, Banff Road, Keith, on July 29, 1930, Patrick Stewart Annand, late of Tobermory.

Simpson.—Died at Shadwell, Leeds, on the 3rd August, John, second son of the late John Simpson, and of Mrs Simpson, 24 Land Street, Keith.

Garden.—At Fife-Keith, on 31st August, 1930 (result of an accident), Charles W. Garden, aged 17 years, second son of Mrs Garden, 4 Station Road, Fife-Keith.

Laing.—Died at Skenepark, Nairn, on 2nd September, John Machattie Laing, much and dearly beloved husband of Freda Laing.

Mackay.—At 31 Mid Street, Keith, on 30th September, 1930, Barbara, eldest daughter of the late George Mackay, Keith.

Lawrence.—At Keith, suddenly, on 1st October, 1930, Arthur D. H. Lawrence, only son of Rev. W. R. and Mrs Lawrence, North Manse, Keith.

Annand.—At 105 Mid Street, Keith, on the 5th November, 1930, Mary, only surviving daughter of the late Alexander Annand, Keith.

Pirie.—Suddenly, at 83 Mid Street, Keith, on 24th November, 1930, James Pirie, chemist, aged 66 years.

Laing.—At Correen, Bieldside, on 10th December, 1930, the Rev. Thomas Laing, M.A., minister-emeritus of U.F. Church, Auchindoir, in his 80th year.

Ward.—At Muar, Johore, A. E. C. Ward, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs James Ward, Seafeld Cottage, Keith.

Echoes

Mr A. Auchinachie, Vice-President of the Association, has been elected a member of Keith Town Council.

Mr R. C. T. Mair is President of the Glasgow Moray and Banffshire Friendly Society.

Mr Alexander F. Laing has been appointed Town Clerk of Coupar-Angus.

Mr Lewis Morrison, Lecturer in Zoology at the Armstrong College, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has been appointed Lecturer in Entomology at Canterbury University, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Miss Annie Riach, Headmistress, Parkhill School, was on the occasion of her retirement presented by pupils and friends with a silver afternoon tea service, oak tray, and Westminster chiming clock.

For the next Banffshire Musical Festival Miss Taylor, Earlsneuk, Keith, has been chosen as adjudicator in the Elocution Section.

For the same Festival Mr H. J. Sandison has been selected as official accompanist.

At the summer graduation of Aberdeen University the degree of M.A. was conferred on Mr W. B. Cowie and Miss Mary E. Fiddes, the latter with Honours in Modern Languages.

At Edinburgh University Miss Isabel W. Taylor had the degree of B.Com. conferred upon her. She is the first lady F.P. to strike out in this new path.

Mr Ralph Hunter, agent of the Commercial Road Branch of the North of Scotland Bank, Ltd., has been given the agency of the important St. Nicholas Branch in Union Street, Aberdeen.

Mrs Dr Taylor, O.B.E., is Vice-Convener of the Public Assistance Committee of the County Council.

Miss Martha M. Calder, M.A., is studying for the Ontario High School Teachers' Certificate.

Miss Annabella Stewart has been admitted to the Flushing (New York) Hospital Training School for Nurses.

Miss Kittie Cranmer is a student at the Scottish National Academy of Music.

Dr Isabella Gordon is assistant in charge of Crustacea in the Zoology Section of the Natural History Museum.

Miss Janet M. McKay has obtained the "Diploma in Public Health Administration" of Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York.

Allan M. Clark, I.C.S., who was home on holiday during the summer, is now District Magistrate in Howrah, Bengal.

Mr Alexander Peterkin, M.A., rector of Grove Academy, Broughty-Ferry, has been appointed rector of Harris Academy, Dundee.

He has been succeeded in the Grove Academy by Mr James Taylor, M.A., from the Morgan Academy, Dundee. Previous to his going to Dundee Mr Taylor was a Master in Elgin Academy.

Mr A. S. McHardy, M.A., Classical Master and First Assistant in Keith Grammar School, has been made Rector of Fordyce Academy.

Mr David MacKenzie, M.A., Rector of Fordyce Academy, has been chosen as Rector of Banff Academy. Mr MacKenzie is a former Dux of the Grammar School, and previous to his appointment to Fordyce was Headmaster of Cullen Higher Grade School.

Dr Edith Bruce Wilson, in addition to being in practice in North London, has been appointed Clinical Assistant at the Surgical Out-Patient Department of the Elizabeth Jarrett Anderson Hospital, Euston Road.

Rev. James E. Pirie, of Bridgend Church, Perth, received a call in January of this year to Fairfield Church, Glasgow.

Rev. Wm. Thomson, M.A., minister of Townhead Church, Dumfries, and formerly of Auchencairn, Dumfries, celebrated his semi-jubilee as a minister in June of this year.

Mr A. Prentice Howat, M.A., son of Mrs Howat, Cameron Schoolhouse, St. Andrews, has gained a First Class in Part II. of the Classical Tripos of Cambridge University.

The Hon. Alexander McKenzie and Mr Alexander Simpson, from Penang, were on holiday in Keith this year; also Mr Wm. Anderson from the Argentine.

A stained glass window has been placed in the North Church, Keith, in memory of the late Mr Peter Currie, Keith, and of the late Mrs Currie, by their son, Mr James Currie, now of Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A.

Miss Helen Raffan, M.A., is now studying at the Sorbonne in Paris.

Mrs McPherson (née Mary McConnachie), now resident in Cults, Aberdeenshire, received gifts on retiring from the position of Headmistress of Bonnykelly P.S., Aberdeenshire.

Miss May Pirie is home after a few years' sojourn in Kenya.

Misses Jeannie Allan, Agnes Milton and Gladys Smith have entered the Nursing profession.

Mr T. M. Taylor has been adopted as prospective Labour Candidate for Cathcart.

Mr John Goodall is assisting in the Natural Philosophy Department of Aberdeen University.

Dr George Riddoch was the Vice-President of the Neurological Section of the British Medical Association which met in Toronto last summer.

Mr George Hume is in the service of the Anglo-South American Bank in San Salvador, Central America.

Mr William McHattie was home on holiday from Brazil.

Mr Charles G. Anderson has completed his course for the degree of B.L. at Edinburgh University.

Miss Mary Farquharson has obtained her Diploma from the Edinburgh School of Cookery and is now teaching in Eastbourne.

Aberdeen University

Arts Bursary Competition—

- 32 Janetta M. Johnston (£25).
- 64 Winifred M. Davidson (Declined).
- 88 John C. Annand (£30).

Science Bursary Competition—

- 21 Janetta M. Johnston.
- 37 Winifred M. Davidson.
- 46 John C. Annand.
- 53 Wm. J. Shand.

CLASS RESULTS.

Greek (Graduation)—

- 14th Alexander Milne.
- 18th Isabella Goodall.

Greek (Advanced)—6th Alice J. Milne.

Latin (Graduation)—

- 32 Wm. B. Cowie.
- 37 Isabella Goodall.
- 40 Alexander Milne.

Latin (Advanced)—6th Alice J. Milne.

Latin (Junior Honours)—14th Alice J. Milne.

Mediaeval Palaeography—4th Alice J. Milne.

French (Graduation)—26th Wilhelmina Scott.

French (Advanced)—

- 11th Margaret Geddes.
- 13th Jeannie B. Goodall.

French (Senior Honours)—4th Mary E. Fiddes.

Logic (Graduation)—10th Alice J. Milne.

Chemistry—2nd Class Certificate, Stephen Smith.

Botany—2nd Class Certificate, Stephen Smith.

Economic Statistics—4th Wm. B. Cowie.

Industrial Psychology—1st Prize, Wm. B. Cowie.

Edinburgh University

English Literature—2nd Class Certificate, T. R. Campbell.

Philosophy—2nd Class Certificate, T. R. Campbell.

German (Inter. Honours)—1st (Medallist)—

Jeannie Gemmell.

French (Inter. Honours)—2nd Class Certificate—

Jeannie Gemmell.

Physics—20th Florence Traves.

Chemistry—11th Florence Traves.

Mathematics—39th Florence Traves.

Public International Law—1st Class Certificate—

Isabel W. Taylor.

Organisation of Industry—7th Isabel W. Taylor.

Institute of Bankers in Scotland

(1930 Results).

Members' Examination (Partial)—

Henry W. Auchinachie.

James Cumming.

Eric C. Laing.

Associates' Examination—

James S. Annand.

Alexander Gordon.

Alex. B. Grant.

Charles McAdam.

George F. Smith.

Associates' Examination (Partial)—

James Murphy.

Very successful Evening Classes were held during the winter, and quite a number of Society of Arts' Certificates were gained.

The School, 1929-30

Dux—Janetta M. Johnston.

Collingwood-Kynoch Medal in Mathematics—Janetta M. Johnston.

F.P. Medal in Latin—Janetta M. Johnston.

Town Council Medal in English—Janetta M. Johnston.

“Brown” Prize in French—Janetta M. Johnston.

Ogilvie-Ferguson Medal in Science—Agnes Wilkinson.

Special Prize in German—Helen Cran.

Special Prize in Greek—John C. Annand.

“J. J. Gray” Prizes in Advanced Division—

Class A—George Barron.

Class B—Thomas Milne.

“Allan Gray” Prizes for Scots Vernacular—

Junior—1st Margaret Annand.

Middle—1st Charles Webster.

Senior—1st Freda Milne.

“Australian” Prize—

Mary Taylor.

Forbes Jamieson.

Special Prize for 11 years' perfect attendance—

Roland McKay.

Day School Certificates (Higher)—

Elsie Milton.

Agnes Milton.

Helen Keay.

James Ross.

James Spence.

Group Leaving Certificates—

Helen Cran.

Winifred Davidson.
Ella Grant.
Roland McKay.
Eleanor Reid.
William Shand.
James L. Taylor.
John D. Taylor.
Agnes Wilkinson.

Preliminary Teachers' Certificates—

Annie W. Cruickshank.
Janetta M. Johnston.
Ella Grant.

To add a little stimulus to the work of the Session, the School has been divided into four "Houses," to each of which the name of a former Rector has been given. The names chosen were Ogilvie, Smith, Grant, and Mair. Marks were assigned for both school work and games, and the first winner proved to be Ogilvie House with a lead of 18 points over its nearest rival.

At the closing ceremony an inspiring address was given by A. Lang, Esq., H.M.I.S., and Mrs Lang presented the prizes.

At the Inter-School Sports held at Banff the School was successful in winning the Middle Shield.

Choirs, Brownie Pack, Girl Guides, and individual candidates in Elocution were entered at the Buckie Musical Festival with very satisfactory results.

As the result of an "Egg Collection" in May, 100 dozens of eggs were sent to the Turner Hospital and 48 dozens to the Parish Home.

On Poppy Day £4 7s 8d was collected in School.

Visitors to the School this year included Mr W. W. McKechnie, Secretary to the Scottish Education Department.

Amongst repairs and additions to the School, it may be noted that one room was fitted out with 25 new Dual Desks, that new Lavatories have been built for the Senior Department, a new Staff Room provided for the men teachers, and the old Staff Room handed over to the Senior Girls.

STAFF CHANGES.

Mr A. S. McHardy has been promoted Rector of Fordyce Academy.

Mr G. J. Laing from Fordyce takes his place.

Miss Myra Duncan, assistant in Mathematics, has been promoted to be principal teacher of Mathematics and Science in Dufftown Secondary School.

Miss Annie Mackenzie, Forres, takes her place.

Miss Dorothy K. Wood, Gym Mistress, has received an appointment in Aberdeen.

Miss Mary S. Sandison has been appointed in her stead.

Miss Helen G. Pirie has been transferred from Cullen to Keith.

The three members of the Staff who left were met by their colleagues and presented with suitable mementoes of their service in the Grammar School.

Council's Report

Early in the year a sum of two guineas was received from Dr J. Allan Gray, Leith, to be devoted, as in former years, to prizes for the encouragement of the Vernacular. This continued generosity on the part of Dr Gray to his old school was duly acknowledged.

Following, in the month of September, came the intimation of Dr Gray's death, and that he had bequeathed Keith Grammar School a sum of £50 free of duty, the proceeds of which to be devoted to prizes for the study of the Vernacular.

The Council, on behalf of the Association, gratefully accepted the gift, the Secretary being instructed to enter in the minutes an expression of the Council's high appreciation of the late Dr Gray's generosity, their deep sense of loss at his death, and their sympathy with the relatives in their bereavement. The Secretary was also instructed to send an excerpt of same to deceased's son, Dr J. D. Allan Gray, Liverpool.

The Council recommend to the Association that the bequest be invested in War Stock in the name of the Rector, for the time being, of Keith Grammar School.

The Council, on behalf of the Association, sent hearty congratulations to Mr Wm. Mitchell, K.C., Edinburgh, on his preferment to be Sheriff-Substitute of Selkirk.

Statement of Accounts for Year 1929

INCOME.

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| By 2 Life Members - - - - - | £4 0 0 | |
| 241 Ordinary Members at 2/6 - - - - - | 30 2 6 | |
| 66 Members (Aberdeen Branch) at 1/6 - - - - - | 4 19 0 | |
| From Dr J. Allan Gray (Vernacular Prizes, 1929) | 2 2 0 | |
| Interest on Deposit Receipt - - - - - | 0 19 11 | |
| | <hr/> | £42 3 5 |

EXPENDITURE.

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| To Deficit on Reunion, December, 1928 - - - | £3 18 0 | |
| To Messrs J. Mitchell & Son (Publishing, etc.) | 25 4 3 | |
| Mr A. F. Giles, Edinburgh, for the late Professor A. W. Mair's Children's Fund - - - - - | 5 5 0 | |
| Mr Craig, Solicitor, Dufftown, for Miss Grant's Fund - - - - - | 1 0 0 | |
| Messrs J. Mitchell & Son (Vernacular Prizes) | 2 2 0 | |
| Cheque Book from Bank - - - - - | 0 4 0 | |
| Mr James Budge (Medal and Engraving) - - - | 1 10 0 | |
| Hon. Treasurer's Outlays - - - - - | 0 9 11 | |
| | <hr/> | 39 13 2 |
| Credit Balance for year - - - - - | - - - | 2 10 3 |
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| | | £42 3 5 |

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| Cash on Deposit Receipt - - - - - | £30 16 5 | |
| Cash in Current Account - - - - - | 29 1 10 | |
| Cash in Hon. Treasurer's hands - - - - - | 5 4 10 | |
| | <hr/> | £65 3 1 |
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| At Credit at beginning of year - - - - - | 62 12 10 | |
| Credit Balance for year - - - - - | 2 10 3 | |
| | <hr/> | £65 3 1 |

The above Statement of Accounts examined and found correct and properly vouched.

G. PETRIE HAY.

23rd December, 1929.

KEITH GRAMMAR SCHOOL F.P. ASSOCIATION.

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Students' Representatives—Miss M. S. Grant and Mr John Annand.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, 28th November, 1930.

The Branch is now in the sixth year of its existence. The Annual Business Meeting of 1929 was held at the conclusion of the ordinary meeting on Friday, 29th November, in the Empress Café, Union Street. Mr Gordon, President of the Branch, was in the chair. The Hon. President, Mr D. M. Andrew, was also present and addressed the meeting. The Hon. President, President, other officials and members of Committee were re-elected, with the addition of Mrs Kynoch to fill a vacancy on the Committee, and Mrs McCallum to represent the "Associated" members. Mr Alex. Anderson was chosen to fill the post of Vice-President, rendered vacant by the transfer of Mr Norman Anderson to Cheltenham. The representatives nominated by the Students were co-opted.

The syllabus of meetings for 1929-1930 followed the lines of former years, there being four meetings during the winter months, all of which were held in the Empress Café, Union Street. The session opened with a "Social Evening," when the musical part was sustained by the members and their friends. This was followed by two Whist Drives, and a Whist Drive and Dance. This latter proved very successful, and brought together many of our young friends. The Presentation of the Whist Prizes was held over till the last gathering, when all the prizes won during the session were presented at the same time.

The Annual Summer Outing was held on the afternoon of 7th June, when, in beautiful weather, a party of about 50 motored to Fyvie, and revelled in the sylvan freshness of this quaint and attractive village. Various places of interest in the locality were visited; the old ruined "Mill o' Tifty"; the Parish Church, with its magnificent stained glass window to the memory of the only son of the late Lord Leith of Fyvie, who died in the South African War; needless to say that, in reviewing that tragic event in the history of the present House of Fyvie, the "olden freits" regarding Fyvie Castle and its owners, were in everyone's mind; the Parish Manse, where the present Archbishop of Canterbury first saw the light; the memorial stone in the churchyard, raised by public subscription, to mark the resting place of the unfortunate "Mill of Tifty's Annie"; the War Memorial, &c. The Castle and policies, however, were not on view, being closed to the public at that time on account of the illness, which terminated fatally a few days later, of Lady Leith of Fyvie.

Tea was partaken of at the commodious Fyvie Clubhouse, and the journey back to town was accomplished in record time, and in the pleasantest weather conditions.

Unfortunately, it has to be recorded that the membership of the Branch has decreased during the year that is past. Various causes account for this state of affairs, chiefly, the removal from the city of some of our members, while within a week of each other we lost two of our most devoted members by death. It is to be hoped that, in order to keep up our strength, any Former Pupils coming to the city from our home town will give us their countenance and support by immediately joining our numbers.

The membership meantime stands at 60 "Full" and 21 "Associated" members, making a total of 81.

We regret deeply to have to record the deaths of Mr John McLean and Mr John McKenzie, both of whom were very regular attenders at our meetings, and to whose relatives we extend the sincere sympathy of the Branch in their bereavement.

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