17TH BLACK WATCH.—As advertised, Mr Jeffreyes is to reproduce at a matinee on Saturday next, 2nd proximo, in the Opera House, Kirkcaldy (kindly lent by the lessee), the charming play, "Circe and Ulysses," and sketch "Baloo," which were presented some weeks ago by the children trained by him. The reproduction is being given in response to many suggestions that an opportunity should be afforded of bringing the plays before a wider audience than could be accommodated at the previous performances. Many, too, will avail themselves of the opportunity of renewing their acquaintance of delight in the plays, and the enthusiasm and ability of the youthful performers. The large stage and new setting will also give fuller scope for and contrast to the previous production, and Mr Jeffreyes is to have the assistance of Mr J. M. Cooper and his orchestra. The proceeds are to aid the fund of the local Comfort Committee of the 17th Black Watch, a worthy claimant of this fund always and a ready response locally.

PATHHEAD

Buy your son's clothing now at Jamieson's sale, 25 High street, Kirkcaldy.—Adv.

CHILD KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR CAR.—Between 1 and 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon Kate Mathewson, 3 years of age, residing at 38 Overton Road, was admitted to Kirkcaldy Hospital suffering from injuries to her head and legs. It seems that the child had been playing near her parent's house at Overton Road when she was knocked down by a passing motor car. Fortunately, on examination, it was found that no bones had been broken.

BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR.—Under the auspices of this choir a social meeting was held in the Church Hall last Saturday evening. After a pleasant tea together, Rev. William Ruthven, who presided, spoke in appreciative terms of the helpfulness of the choir in the praise of the church, and of the importance of the service it rendered. During the evening the members and friends had pleasant intercourse together, and at intervals solos by Miss Tyrrell, Miss Gardner, and Sir Lindsay, a duet by Misses Gardner and Tyrrell, and an organ and violin selection by Miss Eva Robertson and Mr Marshall were effectively rendered. For the accompaniment and helpful work of Miss C. L. Wishart as organist, Mr Samuel Marshall as choir leader, and of all the choir members, as also for the service of all who sang and played, and of those who so readily saw to the arrangements for the meeting, hearty gratitude was expressed. E.U. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—The Sunday School held its annual soiree on Wednesday evening, under the chairmanship of the superintendent, Mr Peter Fleshey. The chairman, in his opening remarks, referred to the work which had been done during the past year, the number of children on the roll at present is 310. There was a large amount of scholars and friends, and a capital programme was enjoyed by the children. Recitations and solos were rendered by Lizzie Brown, Jessie Dunsire, Agnes Bell, Janet Cameron, Phemie Morris, Dina Balfour, Phemie Whyte, Ella Matthewson, Barbara Bruce, Lizzie Wallace, Bella Anderson, Maggie Donald, Miss E. Taylor, and Miss S. Trail, John Robertson, and Tom Leslie; duet by Jessie Grieve and Helen Bain, Mr Robert Matthewson delighted the audience with a few gramophone selections. Rev. D. L. Francis, of Bethelnie Parish Church, gave a most inspiring address, taking as his text, "Neglect not the gift that is in you." Rev. John Harvey presented several of the children with prizes for regular attendance. The superintendent spoke of the work of the London Missionary Society's scholars being to hand, but he hoped to have them in early date. The collection sum total—including the church's donation, this year amounted to £7 15s, which is the largest amount that has ever been sent during the years he has been superintendent. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

THE LATE MR JOHN K. BARCLAY.—Through the passing away on 20th inst. of Mr John K. Barclay, "St Ann's," Ravenscraig Street, Pathhead, a link has been broken with the early days of the floorcloth industry. Mr Barclay was a native of Pathhead, where he was born in the year 1840. In those days the sea had an alluring attraction to the boys who spent their early years by the seashore, and who usually had only before them an apprenticeship at the hand loom. The arrival and departure of the fleet of whalers in Kirkcaldy Harbour, and the flax ships from Riga, gave him a spirit of adventure, and a desire to see the world, which, like many another Pathhead lad, went to Shields and embarked on a seafaring career. After a few voyages to different parts of the world, he, however, tired of the sea life, and returned home. The floorcloth industry was then in the days of its infancy, and Mr Barclay, then a young man of 18 years of age, began work in what was known as "Nairn's Folly," in the beginning of the year 1860. He attained, and for many years held the position of foreman, in what was known as the "Frames" department, where the material for the foundation of the floorcloth was put on by hand with trowels. For 45 years, with scarcely a day off work, he was a faithful and trusted servant to his employers. On his retirement in 1905, he was the recipient of valuable gift, from the firm and employees of Michael Nairn and Company, Ltd. Mr Barclay was a year younger than the late Sir Michael B. Nairn, and as young men they both worked together in the old Floorcloth Works on the south side of Nether Street. He was always on terms of close intimacy and friendship with the families of his employers, and to the younger members of the families, "Jack," as they familiarly knew him, was an attractive personality. He had only one hobby, and that was his garden and live stock. A lover of domestic pets, he delighted to show his visitors round, and explain their habits and qualities. Mr Barclay, who was a predecessor by his three years of time, passed peacefully away in the presence of his daughters on Wednesday morning. His only son is serving his country in Egypt, and to one of them our sympathy goes out in their bereavement.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.—The annual congregational meeting in connection with Pathhead U.F. Church was held in the Church Hall on Wednesday evening. On account of the food restrictions there was no service of tea or cake. Rev. D. Gray, who presided, reported that most of the congregational activities had been maintained with their usual vigour, especially so in regard to the work among the young. Financially the position, under present circumstances, was very creditable. There had been a considerable increase in the contributions to the Central Fund, as well as in the church ordinary collections. They had also contributed £19 8s 8d to the Belgian Refugees' Homes, £2 15s to Kirkcaldy Hospital, and £3 8s to the Scottish Churches' Huts. In regard to the war they had contributed their reasonable share to the flighting forces. They had on the church roll of honour fully 140. Nine of these had made the great sacrifice, and while they deeply deplored the loss of those heroic spirits they, at the same time, honoured them for the response they made to the country's call for service, and they would always think of them with pride and affection, remembering that they died in the cause of justice and freedom. The response to the appeal for comforts for the men connected with the church now serving with the forces had been magnificent, a sum of fully £30 having been contributed for that purpose. As the result of that contribution a substantial parcel had been sent out to each man on active service. The Ladies' Work Party, in addition to looking after the men connected with the church, had rendered valuable assistance to the Voluntary Workers' Association, and a good name had obtained the Association's Janitor, Mr Wm. Gardiner, for his financial statement, which showed that the various funds had been well sustained, and they had been able to close the year with a credit balance of £21. On the motion of Mr Beveridge, seconded by Mr I. D. M'Cormick, the accounts were adopted. Mr James Brodie, superintendent of the Sabbath School, reported that they had 137 pupils on the roll, and a staff of 23 teachers. One of the teachers, Mr William Brodie, had the splendid record of over 50 years service as a teacher, and was still actively engaged in the work. Mr James Dougall reported a very successful season for the Band of Hope and Children's Church. The average attend ance in the Band of Hope was 120. In the Children's Church the attendance had been increasing steadily, and had now reached 131. Mr James Anderson, Mr R. B. Brodie, and others reported on other departments of church work.

GALLATOWN.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.—Considerable mystery is associated with the disappearance of Robert Mackenzie, miner, 53 Potter Street, Gallatown, who has been missing since Saturday, 2nd February. That evening he spent a few hours with friends in Thornton. He left to walk home shortly before eight o'clock, and about that time he was seen on the public highway between Thornton and Gallatown making his way homeward. Since then no further trace of him has been found. The woods in the neighbourhood have been diligently searched by the police and others, while the river Orr has also been dragged, but all to about avail. Decease, who was 38 years of age, was of stoutish build, and about 5ft. 10in. in height. At the time of his disappearance he was wearing a brown suit of clothes.

DYSART.

VOLUNTEERS.—Tuesday evening was almost entirely given over to bayonet exercise, in which the platoon is becoming very efficient. Opportunities for shooting practice have not been so frequent of late, and this was reflected in the scoring at the Miniature Range at the Old Mill on Thursday evening. A few of the members put on highly creditable scores, but on the whole the shooting was not nearly up to the standard reached when the range was open every week.

JUVENILE PICROCOSEL.—At a Children's Court on Tuesday—before Bailie Macleod—a girl of 15 years, who only came to Dysart from the West about a fortnight ago, was charged with having within that period stolen from various women, six purses, containing altogether over £1 in money. It was alleged that accused had never been in trouble before, and that her relatives had refunded the money. In view of her youth, and the fact that on the end nobody had to go a loser, the Bailie put the girl on probation for six months.

PRESENTATION.—An interesting presentation took place on Wednesday evening, when Mr James M'Kay, section manager in the Old Dubbies, was presented with a gold, pendant, and a purse of money from the employees, on the occasion of his leaving for another appointment. The speeches from the workers comprised Messrs Alex. Dey, Charles Grant, and Wm. Allan, and the presentation was made by Mr Dey, who expressed the regret they all felt at parting with Mr M'Kay, and wished him every success in his new sphere. Mr M'Kay, in thanking them for the unexpected gifts, said they would always remain hearty friends of the pleasant associations he had formed during his seven years in the Dysart Collieries.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.—A grand concert in aid of the Cadet Corps was held in the Victoria Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. Provost Anderson presided, and there was a good attendance. After a few remarks by the chairman on the value of the Cadet Corps to young lads, the programme was opened with a rousing selection by Pipers Ness and Fordyce. A quartette of ladies' voices, comprising Misses Whyte, A. and H. Stewart, and Tyrrell, rendered two very pretty part songs, viz., "Spring" by Misses Whyte, Tyrrell, and E. Taylor, with the merits applause of the audience. Exhibitions of Highland dancing were rendered by Misses B. Gordon, I. Wallace, M. Hutchison, and A. Allan, the music being supplied by Piper Fordyce. A special feature of the programme was a physical exercise and gymnastic display by a class of boys from the High School, under the direction of Sergeant-Major, on the parallel bars and the vaulting horse were performed with an agility and ease which elicited the hearty applause of the audience, while dumbbell and club-swinging exercises, gone through by a company of small boys, were highly appreciated by the audience. Mr Fordyce's attitude "The Sailor Laddie" given by a party of boys and girls, and an exhibition by Master John Burns, sent all present in high glee together. In proposing the votes of thanks, Provost Anderson made reference to the splendid training which the boys received at the hands of Sergeant-Major. He hoped Captain Symon stated that concert gave him greater pleasure than training the boys. A vote of thanks was also accorded with the singing of the National Anthem.

KINGHORN.

The Plean V.C., Sergeant John M'Aulay, Scots Guards, was accorded a public reception in Plean Public Hall on Saturday afternoon, when he was presented with a gold watch and chain, and a wallet of War Bonds. The gallant soldier is a native of Kinghorn.

During the past week a number of local men have been home from the various fronts. Among them were Sergeant John Hynd, Black Watch, Driver Wm. Crossan (Pleasance), Private John Crossan, Cameronians (Scottish), Flight Lieut. W. A. Tait, R.F.C. The numerous friends of Lieut. Tait will be pleased to learn of his rapid progress, and the short time it has taken him to get his scarce. His brother, Mr A. Tait, the Kinghorn champion golfer, is now making slow but satisfactory recovery from his wounds in an Edinburgh hospital.

OFFICER'S FUNERAL.—The remains of Petty Officer David Watson, H.M. Naval Service, were interred in Kinghorn Cemetery on Saturday with naval honours. Deceased during 25 years' service had been all over the world. He was first stoker on the China coast, and was on H.M.S. Amphorite at the saving of the survivors from the first Russian ship sunk during the Russo-Japanese war. During the present war he took part in the bombardment of the Dardanelles, where he had an attack of malarial fever, afterwards followed by pneumonia. After being in hospital in Malta and various hospitals in England, he was discharged as unfit for further service. He was in the 42nd year of his age. Prior to joining the service he was a cooper and trade. The gallant officer was a native of Edinburgh.

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IMPORTANT MEETING OF FIFE MINERS.

NEW MAN-POWER PROPOSALS FAVOURED.

At a meeting at Dunfermline on Thursday of the Executive Board of the Fife, Kinross, and Clackmannan Miners' Association, the result of the ballot of the members with regard to the Government's man-power proposals was declared.

The members were asked to reply in the affirmative or negative to the question as to whether they were prepared to co-operate with the Government in securing 50,000 miners for the army. In favour there voted 7075, and against 2596—a majority in favour of 79.

Delegates were therefore appointed to attend the adjourned conference of the Miners' Federation and the Labour party, with instructions to act in accordance with the result of the ballot.

A circular was read from the Scottish Advisory Committee of the Labour party, with nomination forms for the contesting of West Fife at the next election. The Executive unanimously decided to forward the name of Mr William Adamson, M.P., the general secretary.

A resolution was unanimously adopted protesting against the unequal restrictions by the Government upon the supply of coal to co-operative societies whereby a greatly inferior quality of coal is forced upon the workers, as the case in many instances depends upon those societies for their food supply, and demanding that a fair proportion of imported wheat should be allocated so that all citizens should be treated equally.

It was agreed to forward the resolution to the Ministry of Food.

SCOTTISH MINERS' OPPOSITION.

A conference of the Scottish National Union of Mine Workers was held at Glasgow yesterday. In the absence of Mr Robert Smillie, the chair was taken by Mr John Robertson, vice-president. The principal question discussed was the Man-Power Bill, and it was carried by a large majority that the Union take no part in provoking the men. Lanarkshire, Ayrshire, Midlothian, and West Lothian are against the proposal, and Fife and Stirling are the only counties in favour.

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PATHHEAD MOTOR ACCIDENT.

MOTORIST NOT TO BLAME.

In Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court yesterday, Sheriff Armour Hannay issued his interlocutor in an action at the instance of Mrs Jane Gilbert, wife of Henry Gilbert, footballer, residing at 38 Street, Kirkcaldy, against Dr Wallace, Loughborough Road, Kirkcaldy. Pursuer claimed £300 as damages for alleged injuries sustained by the fault of defender. His lordship's interlocutor is as follows:—

Kirkcaldy, 12th February, 1918. The Sheriff substitute having considered the cause, finds as matter of fact (1) that on 20th September, 1917, about 5.30 p.m., the pursuer was attempting to catch a tramway car at the corner of Junction Road and St Clair Street, Kirkcaldy, collided with the defender's motor car, (2) that the collision was entirely due to the pursuer's own fault (a) in respect that she left the pavement and crossed towards the car in an oblique direction instead of waiting on the pavements till the car was opposite, (b) in respect she advanced towards the approaching vehicle blindly and failing to observe the motor car coming in the other direction, and (c) in respect she ran against the defender's motor car, which was then stationary, (3) that the pursuer has failed to prove fault on the part of the defender, or that the motor car, which belongs to the defender from the conclusion of the action, and finds him entitled to expenses, shows an absence of regard to be given in, and remits the same when lodged to the Auditor of Court to tax and report.

(signd.) S. B. ARMOUR HANNAY

Note.—This is a clear case. On the evidence, I am satisfied that the pursuer was blameless on the part of the defender or his driver. He saw the pursuer some 40 or 50 yards away, slowed his car down to some four miles an hour, sounded his horn twice, shouted and eventually turned the car altogether. It was after this that she stepped out from the pavement. Nothing, I consider, can be done. No doubt the defender was on the south or wrong side of the road. The road, however, is narrow. It is occupied in the centre of the tramway rails, and, in the circumstances, as they have been explained by the witnesses, the defender exercised a wise and proper judgment in my opinion in keeping to the south side of the road as he did.

On the other hand, the pursuer was waiting for a tramway car to take her into Kirkcaldy. Instead of waiting on the pavement for the car to come abreast of her she left the pavement and advanced in a slanting direction towards the approaching car, watching it and failing to see the motor car coming in the other direction. The result was she ran into the stationary motor car and sustained the injuries of which she complains. One could scarcely have a clearer case of contributory negligence.

(Initd.) S. B. A. H.

Agent for pursuer, Mr James Clark; agent for defender, Mr T. Johnston.

JERICHO CAPTURED.

BRITISH ON BANKS OF JORDAN.

Reuter's Agency learns that Jericho has been captured, and that British cavalry are now on the banks of the Jordan.

THE GERMAN ADVANCE

PETROGRAD MAY FALL IN TEN DAYS.

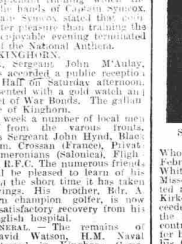
The "Daily Telegraph" Petrograd correspondent says: Petrograd may fall in ten days. The German troops are steadily advancing and meeting with no resistance. The order to destroy war material before retirement is not being obeyed.

The population of Petrograd, terrified and harassed to the last degree by Bolshevik rule and reduced to the brink of starvation, seems, on the whole, completely indifferent to the approach of the enemy.

GERMAN FLEET STEAMING TO REVAL.

The "Daily Express" Petrograd correspondent telegraphs: A German fleet consisting of 45 warships is steaming towards Reval. Troops are being landed on the coast.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.



SURGEON PROBATIONER DAVID J. WHITTON, R.N.V.R.

Who was killed in action on H.M.S. — on the morning of the 10th inst. He was the son of Mr Wm. Whitton, St Clair Street, and a nephew of the late Mr Thomson, of the firm of Messrs Thomson, Carlyle Road. He was educated at Dunnikier Road, and subsequently at Kirkcaldy High School, from which he proceeded to Edinburgh University to qualify for the medical profession. Here, his quiet self-control, his studious habits, and his enthusiasm for his work, quickly attracted the attention of his teachers, and very early in his career he was appointed junior house surgeon to Professor Chiene in the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. In this position, his service were so highly valued that a little later he was asked to accept the post of senior house surgeon—a singular proof not only of the young student's ability, but of the readiness with which he gained the confidence of all with whom he came into contact. Refusing this appointment he offered himself for medical service in the Navy, was immediately accepted and last August entered upon a six month's engagement. This he had just completed, and having received his demobilisation papers, he was awaiting the arrival of his successor when his ship was again ordered to sea. An action followed shortly after, and this young life so rich in promise was brought to a tragic close. Never quite robust, Mr Whitton took little or no part in outdoor sports, but found his recreation in the study of music. As a violinist he frequently lent his assistance at benefit and other concerts, where his playing was characterised by true artistic feeling. His many friends mourn the loss of an exceedingly attractive personality, one who by his kindly unselfish disposition endeared himself to all who knew him. From fellow students, friends, and University officials numerous letters have been received paying tribute to the charm and innate nobility of his character, expressing deep and heartfelt regret for his loss, and bearing with his relatives a common sorrow.

FORMER MINER DIES OF WOUNDS.

Mrs Napier, 36 Nicol Street, has received a letter stating that her husband, Sergeant David Napier, Royal Engineers, has died of wounds and enteric fever. Sergeant Napier had been in Mesopotamia for two and a half years, and was formerly a miner in Lochore. He leaves a widow and one child, for whom much sympathy is expressed.

KIRKCALDY BANKER HONOURED.

Information has been received that Corporal John Herriot, R.G.S.R., has been honoured for his gallant conduct. Corporal Herriot, who is the youngest son of Mrs J. F. Herriot, Elibank Villa, Pethbie, had been on the staff of the British Linen Bank, Kirkcaldy, before he joined the army. He has been on active service for eighteen months, and during that period has taken part in most of the engagements on the Western front. Regarding his devotion to duty at Cambrai, Major-General Beauvoir de Lisle, commanding the 29th Division, writes to Corporal Herriot as follows:—I have read with much pleasure the report of your Regimental Commander and Brigade Commander regarding your conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the field on 30th November, 1917, and have ordered your name and deed to be entered in the records of the Division." ***

ANOTHER LINKTOWN SOLDIER HONOURED.

In a letter to his aunt, Mrs Young, of 4 Bridgeton, Pioneer D. O'Leary, Signal Section, R.E., late of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, makes the interesting announcement that he has been awarded the Military Medal. He says:—"I suppose you will be surprised when I tell you I have been awarded the Military Medal. My name appeared in the list, and I expect to get the ribbon in a day or two." Sapper O'Leary came from India with the R.I.F. shortly after the outbreak of war. He was wounded early in 1915, and still carries a piece of shrapnel in the event in the form of a bullet in his breast. As your brother is in the Navy, while another has been discharged from the army wounded, it will be remembered that another brother, L. Cpl. W. O'Leary was killed in the early months of the war.

PATHHEAD BROTHERS HONOURED.

YOUNG PAOIE MINERS' GALLANTRY.

Then two soldiers from the same household should both be awarded honours for gallantry in the field is not a very common or commonplace occurrence, and it is a source of greater pride still that one of them should receive a gallant decoration.

This is the good news that has just reached Mr and Mrs A. Cruickshank, 141 Overton Road, Kirkcaldy, whose son, Sergt. John Cruickshank, R.F.A., who was awarded the Military Medal in the beginning of last year, recently won a bar to that medal, while his brother, Driver A. Cruickshank, has just been recommended for the D.C.M. Sergt. Cruickshank is the younger of the two. "Though," his mother explained with a smile, "in the army he's older than his brother." He enlisted when only sixteen years of age, but at the time was a tall, strapping youth, well developed by hard work in the Pannie Pit, and looking easily two years more. He is now nineteen, and to have won at that age the Military Medal and bar is an honour which one might go far to find paralleled. On both occasions he received special recognition for his outstanding gallantry under fire, carrying on under circumstances which proved that, "as his officer said in a letter to his mother, 'he is absolutely without fear.'"

This letter explained how Sergt. Cruickshank, after a machine gun had been wounded, under mulling fire from the German guns, took for and three guns and five loads of ammunition with one team, leaving every time what seemed certain death. Twice that day he was the only "on left" to the team serving a gun. "He completely saved the situation," adds the officer simply.

The bar was won under somewhat similar circumstances at Cambrai, though the details are not so clear, having only been lightly indicated in the letter to his mother himself. "We went forward with our guns and came into action in the open," he writes, "and then the fun began. 'Open sights' on a village near cambrai. It was the nearest thing I have ever been in, and I don't want to see another 'open sight' engagement like it!" As for the deed that won him his second honour he has nothing to say.

His brother, Driver Cruickshank, has also seen through much heavy fighting during the three and a half years he has been in France.

Births, Marriages, Deaths.

Notices of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, not exceeding 24 words, are inserted in the "Fife Free Press" at a minimum charge of 1s 6d and 1d per word extra beyond 24 words.

In Memoriam notices and Acknowledgment of sympathy same rates as above.

Poetry 3d per line.

BIRTHS.

At St Boswells Avenue, Kirkcaldy, on the 16th inst., to Mr and Mrs W. Buchanan, a daughter.

At 79 Normand Road, Dysart, on the 13th inst., to Mr and Mrs John Aitken, a daughter.

At 97 Nether Street, Pathhead, on the 16th inst., the wife of Sapper H. Kirk, R.E., France, of a son.

At 50 East March Street, Sinclairtown, on the 19th inst., to Mr and Mrs H. Anderson, a son.

At 258 Maple Street, Kearney, New Jersey, on the 29th ultimo, the wife of Alexander Moyes, of a daughter.

At Maritzburg, Natal, on 2nd January, the wife of R. M. Dewar, Hill Crest, date of Kirkcaldy, a daughter.

At Avon Cottage, Murrickvalle, Sydney, on the 4th January, to Mr and Mrs William Bonk, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

At St John's Manse, Kirkcaldy, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. R. R. Wiseman, Private David Barn, 3rd Royal Scots, to Jean, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Raeburn, 62 Balsusney Road, Kirkcaldy.

At 41 East March Street, Kirkcaldy, on the 19th inst., by the Rev. Mr Morris, M.A., Alex Henderson, M.C., Lieut. R.G.A., son of James Henderson, 1 Seafoorth Place, Gallatown, to Christine Dunsire, only daughter of John Simpson.

At Rossend Castle, Burntisland, on the 21st inst., by the Rev. Hugh M'Donald, Lieut. Pte of London, Lieutenant Stewart S. Whitelaw, 1st Royal Scots, youngest son of Mr Whitelaw, Seaview, Musselburgh, to Mabel Wilson, youngest daughter of Charles D. Fairley, Burn Island.

At Gretna, on the 29th January, by the Rev. Mr Sutherland, Corporal Harold Yates, Canadian M.R.E., France, to Mary Brown, eldest daughter of Andrew Gibson, 73 Balfour Street, Kirkcaldy.

At Wormouth, on the 9th inst., by special licence, Private Andrew Forsyth Auchinlay, Imperial Forces, to Margaret Ellen Dougal, daughter of John M'Leod, Factory Road, Kirkcaldy.

On the 16th inst., at St Luke's, Grassbut, by the Rev. A. E. N. Simms, James C. M. Carson, Lieutenant, Canadians, second son of Captain and Mrs Carson, Ballymena, 14 Sycamore Gardens, to Elsie Hilda, third daughter of Mr and Mrs J. T. Buckle, Portsmouth.

SILVER WEDDING.

At Darling's Resort Hotel, Edinburgh, on the 22nd February, 1893, by the Rev. John Cairns, D.D., Kirkcaldy, William Wright, engineer Pathhead, to Christina Imrie, daughter of the late David Gourlay, engineer, Leith. On the 22nd inst., Leith, Liverpool (formerly of Springfield, Fife) Presentation—1 Brandlaine Terrace, Bothesay, Bute.

DEATHS.

Killed in action, on 11th inst., on H.M.S. — Surgeon Probationer David John Whitton, R.N.V.R., aged 21 years, third year Medical Student, Edinburgh University, dear and only son of Mr William Whitton, engineer, nephew of the Misses Whitton, Carlyle Road, Kirkcaldy.

At St Ann's, Ravenscraig Street, Kirkcaldy, on the 20th inst., John K. Barclay, in his 78th year (for over 40 years in the employment of Messrs M. Nairn & Co., Linoleum Factory). Funeral on Saturday, at 2.30 p.m., to Dysart Cemetery. All friends invited.

At 38 Mitchell Road Kirkcaldy, on the 20th inst., David Leitch, aged 60 years. Funeral to Abbotshall Cemetery to-morrow (Sunday) at 3.15 p.m. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation and invitation.

At 4 Mona Terrace, Kirkcaldy, on the 18th inst., Mary, dearly beloved daughter of Peter Anton Bruce, and grand-child of George Michie, boatmaker, Edinburgh.

At Wellesley Place, Kirkcaldy, on 20th inst., Catherine Junor, aged 76, for 44 years faithful nurse and friend with Mrs McIlwen and family.

At No. 3 Rosemount Place, Dundee, on the 22nd inst., Mary Lister, widow of Andrew Scott, in her 85th year.

At her mother's house, 38 Glover Street, Perth, on the 15th inst., the wife of the late Neil Ferguson, Dundee.

At 427 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, on the 13th inst., Wee Jean, dearly beloved child of Wm and Margaret Arnott, late of Kirkcaldy.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of my dear wife and mother, Annie Hughes, who died at 34 Mary hall Street, Kirkcaldy, on February 19, 1917. Gone, but not forgotten.—Inserted by her husband, Private Sergt. M'Robbie, seaforth Highlanders, Salonica.

In loving memory of Margaret Moldrum, beloved wife of William Leighton, who died 22nd February, 1910.

There is a link death cannot sever,
Love and remembrance last for ever.
—Inserted by husband and family.

In loving memory of our dear husband, Robert Henderson, who was killed 26th February, 1915. Twelve years has passed since that day.

When one is dear to our hearts to stay,
Oh, teach us from our hearts to say,
"Thy will be done."
—Inserted by his wife and family.

In loving memory of Helen Blyth, the beloved wife of Wm. Munro, who died 21st February, 1917.

Do not ask us if we miss her,
Ask instead if we can be happy;
Never murmured, ever suffering,
No one knew what she came through.
—Inserted by her loving husband, daughter, 21 Quality Street.

In loving memory of my dear brother, Thos. Leitch, who died at Gallatown, 19th February, 1917, aged 43 years.

Always so loving, gentle and kind,
Few in this world his equal to find;
One of the best that God could lend,
A loving brother and faithful friend.
—Inserted by his sister.

In loving memory of Wee Nannie, the dearly beloved daughter of Mr and Mrs Cameron, who died at the Fever Hospital, Kirkcaldy, on 22nd February, 1914, aged 4 years and 4 months.

Grieve not for me, but be content,
For I to you was only lent;
Prepare in time, do not delay,
For I shall be waiting for you alway.
—Inserted by her father and mother, Viceroy Street, Kirkcaldy.

In loving memory of Robert Binnie, beloved husband of Jane Binnie, who died at 36 Commercial Street, Pathhead, on 8th February, 1917.

Dear husband, my loss can never be told,
I miss you more as the years grow old;
Oft when I sit in sorrow and woe
There comes a dream of the dear long ago.
Darkness is dear to mine eyes stoolsby my side
And whisper, dear wife,
Death cannot divide.
—Inserted by his widow and two daughters.

In loving memory of our dear daughter, Mabel Gibb, who died at 7 Loughborough Road, Kirkcaldy, 26th February, 1916, aged 15 years.

Time may heal the broken hearted,
Time may make the wound less sore,
But time can never stop the longing
For our daughter gone before.
—Inserted by her father and mother.

In loving memory of my dear mother, Jessie Gordon Lumsden, who died at Main Street, West Wemyss, on the 28th February, 1917.

Rest, dear mother, thy work is over,
Thy battle fought, thy race is run more;
A loving mother, good and kind,
No one on earth like her we find.
—Inserted by her daughter, Grace.

In affectionate remembrance of Mr Thomas Brown, spirit merchant, who died at 200 Hiatt Street, Kirkcaldy, on Sabbath, 24th Feb., 1917.

Thee our topic as we gather
At the ingle, morn or eve;
Good, kind husband, loving father
Thou art gone, yet thy loss we grieve.
—Inserted by his widow and family.

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And has had many narrow escapes, one horse having been killed under him, while another has been wounded five times.

BRUTE TO A CANADIAN SOLDIER.

Mr David Speed, 15 Mitchell Place, Pathhead, has received from Canada a copy of the "Medicine Hat News," in which touching reference is made to his son, Lance Corpl. Alex. Speed, Canadian Contingent, who died from wounds at the end of last year. The notice states:—"Scotty,' as he was familiarly called by his numerous friends, came to Melfort in the spring of 1914, and was employed on the telephone work at Yorkton. Later he was employed on the telephone work at O. G. O'Brien, and later by A. E. O'Brien, until he enlisted. He learned his work quickly, and developed into a first-class lineman. He was a plumber by trade, and only had another year to serve before he could take out his journeyman's card. 'Scotty' will certainly be missed around Melfort. He was a lance-corpl. who reverted to the ranks in order to stay with the boys and get across to France."

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FARMERS' OMISSION.—Bailie Mackie, Leven, the subagricultural commissioner for Fife, states that he had lost 28 skilled ploughmen through farmers not giving him notice that they were finished with their soldier ploughmen. If he got two days' notice from the farmer he would be able to retain the men for agricultural work.

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SOLDIERS AND SAILORS' PENSIONS

SCOTTISH FEDERATION AND WELFARE LEAGUE BUREAU.

A branch of the Scottish Federation Bureau will be opened in Kirkcaldy, this autumn, with the purpose of giving advice and direct assistance to all discharged and disabled men and wives, widows, or other dependants of soldiers or sailors, with the purpose of securing adequate pensions and allowances, and also, where necessary, assistance from other quarters in case of sickness, etc. Mr A. Bulchair, who was acted as local secretary for the last twelve months, and also as local representative for Mr J. M. Hogge, M.P., states that he will give advice to any party applying through our office. Inquiries should be addressed, and will be given, on similar to Mr Gray, who is Mr Hogge's representative in Edinburgh. Parties wishing notes addressed to them should letter "Pension & Free Press Office," Kirkcaldy. In their letter they should give all particulars, and a month's notes will be forwarded any week will, where possible, be answered in the "Free Press" of the following Saturday. Bureau to be opened during the forenoon of Saturday, 23rd February, meantime, from 3 till 6.

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Mrs W., Markinch—Am making enquiries today.

Mrs H., Buckhaven—Your case sent to M. of P.

Mr L., Abchill—Put your case before Disablement Committee of your district.

A.B., Kirkcaldy—Your case receiving attention.

"Justice," Kirkcaldy.—Fill in Army Form O. 1840 A., and forward to secretary.

DISCHARGED AND DEMORILISED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS FEDERATION.

The weekly meeting of the local branch of Federation was held in Coal Wynd Hall on Tuesday evening. A lively discussion took place regarding the treatment meted out to certain members by employers. One case in particular called for drastic action, and after hearing the full facts, these have been communicated to the Ministry of Labour, whose reply will be eagerly awaited.

THE OFFICER'S CHILDREN ALLOWANCE.

It is expected that all arrears due to officers under the new Army Order increasing the rates of pay will be credited to them by the end of the month. The Army agents will then proceed with the issue of the children's allowance as soon as they ascertain that the documents in support of each claim are in order.

OUTDOOR WORK FOR BLINDED DISCHARGED MEN.

There is general agreement that perhaps there is no more tragic loss among discharged men than that of sight. For men who have been blinded as a result of service it is certain that some form of employment is always be necessary, especially if the blindness is accompanied by other injuries leading to other incapacity. Under the Royal Warrant, as has been pointed out in this column, there is provision for the payment to the discharged man requiring the partial or constant attendance of another party. The maximum allowance is £2 per week for such service, but Local War Pensions Committees recommend an appropriate sum after investigation, and after the Ministry has approved of it, and is added to the ring pension paper of the man.

All blinded men will be interested to learn that the Ministry of Pensions has just intimated an important concession. It has now been decided that all discharged soldiers and sailors who are blind as a result of their service in the present war are to be treated as requiring constant attendance, and the sum mentioned above payable under this article of the Royal Warrant will be 18s per week. That means that all blinded discharged men will receive this addition, at least, automatically. Further, Local War Pensions Committees are empowered to recommend a higher allowance where the limits of the £1 maximum per week if they consider that the circumstances of the case require it. This modification should be widely known, especially in Edinburgh, which is likely to a me extent to be a Blind centre, and perhaps afterwards a sphere of work for such men.

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It is worth while looking in at Jamieson's, 25 High street, Kirkcaldy, to see the value now offering.—Adv.

LINOLEUM SUPPLIES.—A MORE HOPEFUL OUTLOOK.—In the House of Commons on Thursday, in reply to Mr Denman, who asked whether supplies of linseed oil required for the production of glycerine and soap are being used with approval of the Minister of Munitions in the manufacture of linoleum, Mr Wardle, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, stated—The War Cabinet have decided that in order that Government requirements may be met, and to alleviate unemployment in certain localities, manufacturers of linoleum shall be allowed to use certain quantities of linseed oil actually in their hands. I understand that certain processes now under investigation may enable manufacturers to dispense with the use of linseed oil at an early date.

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