

stage. The audience department also claims a passing notice, as it has also undergone a complete transformation, no less tasteful than agreeable. Boxes, pit, and stalls have been re-covered; painting, papering, gilding, and washing have done wonders for the "Palace," and now it is a beautiful and comfortable little temple of amusement, where old, young, and middle-aged of both sexes and of all conditions may while away a few hours very agreeably during the long winter evenings.

SHERIFF CRIMINAL COURT.

Yesterday, the following cases were disposed of before Sheriff Smith and a Jury:—

Patrick Guy, an old offender, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment for having, in West Nile Street, on Monday the 3d of November last, stolen a purse containing 2s. 4d. from the person of Mrs. Jack, residing in Shamrock Street.

Ann Finlay or Brown was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for having, on the 1st of November last, in Howard Court, stolen a pocket-book containing a number of letters from the person of a stucco figure-maker.

James Andrews and Mary Jane Briggs were convicted, the former of having broken into the premises of James M'Phee, tailor and clothier, London Street, and stolen therefrom a quantity of wearing apparel and cloth, and the latter of having resisted the property. They were sentenced—Andrews to twelve months' imprisonment in Perth Penitentiary, and Briggs to four months' imprisonment.

William Robertson was sent to prison for eight months, for having, on Sunday the 26th October last, stolen a show-glass, containing 3 lbs. weight of confections, from the shop of David Ross, confectioner, Great Hamilton Street.

Julia Telford was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, for having, on Sunday the 26th October last, broken into the house of William Clark, sen., coal dealer, Cowcaddens, and stolen therefrom 3s. 11d. in silver and copper money.

The Treasurer of the Glasgow Eye Infirmary gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following sums, from operatives in public works, for the benefit of that valuable institution, and respectfully requests all others who have not yet done so to contribute immediately, so as to appear in this year's report, viz:—

Table with 3 columns: Name, Amount, Total. Includes entries like Barclay, Curll & Co., Stoboross Building-yard, £2 0 0; Wilson & Co., Ponnell and Kennare Collieries, 2 8 0; Mossend Ironworks, 2 15 5; Mossend Collieries, 9 11 0; R. Napier & Son, Govan Building-yard, 5 2 9; J. & M. P. Bell & Co., Glasgow Pottery, 4 4 0; James Cree & Co., Rose Street, 1 0 8; Collis Dunslop & Co., Clyde Ironworks, 5 0 0; Collis Dunslop & Co., Quarter Ironworks, 5 0 0; Addie & Miller, Rosehall Colliery, 3 13 6; Robert Addie, Esq., Langloan Ironworks, 3 13 6.

privately, but I do not know that; but even that would not do. If he is guilty, he must be punished according to the laws of the land.

Mr. KIDSTON—As a subject of Queen Victoria you are bound to answer the question.

Witness—I still decline to answer the question. Mr. DOUGLAS—I feel very much at the painful and distressing duty that calls upon me to ask your Honour to commit this witness for contempt of Court. I hope that your Honour, and I trust that the witness, will not suppose I press the case any more than I would do if it was any other gentleman than a clergyman. In these circumstances, however painful the duty, I have no alternative but ask your Honour to commit him to prison.

Mr. KIDSTON—The Court has been very indulgent to you in giving you time to consider the matter. I am obliged now, in the discharge of my duty, to commit you to prison for 30 days, for contempt of Court. (Sensation, and slight hissing.)

Mr. M'LAREN, the prisoner's agent—Although the prisoner still adheres to his plea, he is now willing to alter it, if it would have any effect upon the sentence now pronounced.

Mr. DOUGLAS—it is too late now; the offence has been committed.

Mr. CRAWFORD—If the prisoner had made this proposition at the first diet it would have altered the case; but now it is too late.

After some further conversation, Mr. CRAWFORD read the warrant, and the rev. gentleman left the Court in charge of an officer. He was shortly after conveyed to prison in a cab. The case was then proceeded with, and after several witnesses had been examined, and the Court addressed by Mr. Douglas and Mr. M'Laren.

Mr. CRAWFORD said that the first step in a charge of theft, or a crime of any kind, was to prove that a crime had been committed. It was clearly proved that this man at the bar was entrusted with a letter with two half-sovereigns in it, which letter had been written in his presence, and that he had got it to post. He said he put it into the Post Office; but it is clearly proved that, although he got it in good time to post that Sunday night, yet he could not have directly posted it. It was proved it had been stamped the next morning in the Post Office, but whether the coins were then in it or not is unknown. Now, the only indication they had that a theft had been committed was a letter addressed to the secretary of the General Post Office, Glasgow, which asked him to make inquiries into an alleged theft. That was all the proof they had that the money did not properly reach the person to whom it was sent, and there was no evidence to prove that that man had not actually received it. The Magistrate, therefore, could not, in the absence of proof that a theft had been committed, convict this man. But the evidence of this clergyman might have led to his conviction, had he been able to say that the prisoner had come to him and confessed the crime, which would have supplied the missing link. But the clergyman had detected that object, and in consequence this man must be discharged. There was, however, grounds for believing that the prisoner took the money out, and that he afterwards knowingly posted the letter without it, but there was no proof to convict him, so that the Justice must dismiss the case as not proven.

The prisoner was then liberated.

very proud indeed to be able to announce the intention of the gentlemen at this table, of evincing to Mr. Paris how grateful they were for what he had done in the past, and how deeply they respected him. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk with applause. The following toasts were afterwards proposed and responded to:—"The Patron and the Extraordinary Directors of the Society," the Croupier; "The Evangelical Clergy of Scotland," Mr. Hamilton; "The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of Glasgow," Rev. Dr. Robertson; "Edinburgh Angus Club," the Chairman; "The Agricultural and Commercial Interests of Angus and Mearns," the Croupier; "The Chairman," Rev. Mr. Munro; "The Educational Institutions of Angus and Mearns," Mr. Allardice; "The Mercantile, Manufacturing, and Shipping Interests of Glasgow," Rev. Mr. Wilkie; "The Croupier," Mr. Yates; "The Kindred Societies of Glasgow," Mr. Davidson; "The Ladies," Mr. A. Spence; "The Office-Bearers of the Society," Mr. Kerr; "The New Members," Mr. A. Martin; "The Strangers," Mr. Black.

CAFFRARIA.

(From the Indaba, the Newspaper published at Lovedale)

OPENING OF A CHURCH AT GAGA.

On Tuesday the 16th September, a building, lately finished in the Flagoes location on the Gaga, in connection with the Lovedale Free Church Mission station, for the double purpose of a church and schoolhouse, was opened. The Rev. Bryce Ross Pirie, editor of the Indaba, preached in the morning. A meeting was afterwards held, presided over by the Rev. Wm. Govan, Lovedale, when the Rev. Richard Ross, the missionary of the district, gave a statement of the sums expended in the erection, and also of what have been contributed to meet this expenditure. The cost of the erection was about £352, of which about £252 had been raised chiefly by the people themselves, leaving still a debt of about £100. The meeting was addressed by the Chairman, the Rev. H. Calderwood, the Messrs. Ross, Mr. M'Glashan Ailpe, and by a considerable number of natives, both office-bearers, church members, and heathens. An excellent spirit pervaded the whole proceedings, which were continued for more than three hours. The natives seemed to vie with one another in liberality, so that the collections of the day amounted to the extraordinary sum of about £93, besides upwards of 20 sheep and goats, and two pigs. The price of these animals will raise the collections to upwards of £100—more than sufficient to pay off the whole debt. Throughout the day the house was crowded, large numbers not being able to find admittance. The whole was concluded with a feast, a number of sheep and goats having been slaughtered for the occasion.

This is the third building of a similar kind erected at out-stations connected with Lovedale, within little more than two years. The cost of these has varied from about £350 to £380. They have been erected chiefly by the native people themselves, and there remains now on the three a debt of only £80.

a daughter. At 29 Upper Grosvenor Street, London, on the 9th inst., the Lady Dorothy Nevill; a daughter—still-born, prematurely.

At the Mull of Cantyre Lighthouse, on the 5th instant, Mrs. Matthew Harvie; a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

At 39 Arlington Street, on the 11th inst., by the Rev. James Dewar, of Kilmoran, William Guthrie, Esq., treasurer of the Water Commission, Glasgow, to Euphemia Halliburton, daughter of John Bulley, Esq., Glasgow.

At Mount Blow, Pollokshields, on the 11th instant, by the Rev. Henry Batchelor, John Pinkerton Kerr, Esq., Underwood, Paisley, to Margaret, second daughter of George Smith, jun., Esq.

At Rothesay, on the 9th instant, by the Rev. Robert Elder, M.A., assisted by the Rev. A. Sutherland, of G. b. raiter, James Johnston M'Andrew, third son of Robert M'Andrew, Esq., of Isleworth House, Middlesex, to Barbara, only daughter of John Miller, Esq., M.D.

At Graham's Town, on the 15th October, by the Rev. George Chapman, G. N. H. Crozier, Esq., second son of William Crozier, Esq., of London, to Harriet, third daughter of the Hon. George Wood, of Graham's Town.

On the 9th inst., by the Rev. Thomas Findlay, uncle of the bride, George Haines Parke, Esq., of Edgbaston, Warwickshire, to Anne Eliza, elder daughter of James Muirhead, Esq., of Fair Hill, Hamilton.

DEATHS.

At 28 Brandon Street East, on the 11th instant, Christina Lightbody, wife of Mr. John Brown.—Friends will please accept of this intimation.

At Kilmalcolm, on the 6th instant, Mr. John Spence, late of Strathaven.—Friends will please accept of this intimation. At 104 South Street, St. Andrews, on the 5th inst., George Scott, Esq., aged 74 years.—Friends will please accept this intimation.

At Cairnra, on the 10th instant, aged 84, Helen Kay, relict of Mr. John Patrick, mechanic, Cairnra Works.

At 37 Broughton Street, Edinburgh, on the 9th instant, John Pyper, Esq.

At the Free Church Manse, Malrose, on the 9th instant, Mr. John Cousin, late bullock in Edinburgh, in the 82d year of his age.

At 26 Maitland Street, on the 8th inst., Alex. Wilson, youngest son of William Thomson.

Very suddenly, at Southboro', Tunbridge Wells, on the 8th instant, Thomas Staveley, Esq., late of the Foreign Office, London.

At Hertford, on the 5th inst., aged 82, Chandos Hoskyns, Esq., brother of the late Sir Hungerford Hoskyns, Bart., of Harwood, in the county of Hertford.

On the 4th instant, aged 83, Georgiana, widow of Vice-Admiral Sir George Eyre, K.C.B. and G.C.M.G.

At Aberdeen, on the 4th instant, Mrs. Helen Stirling, widow of the Rev. John Stirling, minister of Peterculter, Aberdeenshire.

At Mount Barker, South Australia, on the 23d August, Wm. Murray, cabinetmaker, late of Glasgow.

At Shaftesbury Crescent, Pimlico, on the 4th inst.; Mr. Catherine Gordon Peckel.



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