## EPITAPHS AND INSCRIPTIONS
FROM
BURIAL-GROUNDS, OLD BUILDINGS, &c.,
IN THE
NORTH-EAST OF SCOTLAND.
WITH NOTES, HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL.

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### Alford.

*[Corrected and enlarged.]*

(S. ANDREW, APOSTLE.)

ABOUT 1199-1207, the church of *Alford* was given by Gilchrist, Earl of Mar, to the Priory of Monymusk. The gift was afterwards confirmed to Monymusk by Pope Innocent, and some of his successors.

The church is rated at 18 merks in the Old Taxation. In 1574 it was served by one minister, along with three neighbouring churches. John Paton was then reader at Alford.

The bell, which appears to bear an inscription similar to that at Durris (*sup*., p. 00), was re-cast in 1761, by John Mowat, Old Aberdeen, at a cost of £9 6s sterling, less £3 12s 2d for the old instrument and the iron work.

The former church bore the date of 1603; and the following is upon the west end of the present building:—

BUILT A.D. 1804; ENLARGED A.D. 1826.

A marble tablet within the church bears:—

The late Mr JOSEPH TAYLOR of London, a native of this parish of Alford, left, in 1816, to the Poor here, £100 sterling, and desired this inscription to be put up as an example to others.

The following inscription, kindly communicated by the late Rev. Dr Gillan of Alford, is from a slab below the pulpit:—

H. L. GULIELMUS BADENOCH, A.M., Eccles. Cortachensis in Com. Angus XII an., hujus autem Ecclia VIII an. Pastor, qui vitam LVIII an$^{m}$. explevit V die Feb. M.D.C.C.XLVI. Virtutis amans & veritatis fidem quam docuit Christianam fectis probavit et charitatem. DOROTHEA etiam, filia unica, gaudium breve VIII mensium, quæ ob. XXVI Mar. M.D.C.C.XLII. Conjugi, quocum feliciter vixit VI an., et filiolæ ab ubere raptæ Barbara Forbes hoc monumentum non sine lachrymis posuit.

[Here lies WILLIAM BADENOCH, A.M., minister of the church of Cortachy in the county of Angus for 12 years, and of this church for 8 years, who closed a life of 58 years, Feb. 5, 1746. A lover of virtue and truth, he exemplified in his life the Christian faith and charity which he inculcated. Here also lies DOROTHY, his only daughter, a brief 8 months' delight, who died March 26, 1742. To her husband, with whom she lived happily for 6 years, and to her little daughter, torn from her breast, Barbara Forbes, not without tears, erects this monument.]

—There is an inscription at Cortachy to the memory of Ann Farquharson, Mr Badenoch's first wife.

Fragments of a monument, which stood within the old church, are preserved at the west end of the present building. These consist of a skeleton and three human figures, all rudely carved. The skeleton, which is upon the base of the monument, lies in a horizontal position, and a nude, winged figure is upon the top. Two clothed figures, which flank the inscription-panel, have scrolls upon their garments, which are respectively inscribed,—*Verere Deum* (fear God), and *Nosce te ipsum* (know thyself.) The panel bears:—

*Within this isle inter'd behind these stones,*
*Are pious, wise, good* MARY FORBES' *bones;*
*To* BALFLUIG *daughter, and of blameless life,*
*To* MR GORDON, *Pastor here, the wife.*
*Expiravit Apr: 27, A.D.* 1728, *Æt. suæ* 46.

—Mr Gordon, who was Professor of Divinity in King's College, Aberdeen, before he came to Alford, was translated to Alloa in 1736, where he died about 1750. He wrote notices of some of the parishes in Aberdeenshire. Being the first Presbyterian minister at Alford, he was ironically called *The Bishop.*

His wife was probably born in the Castle of Balfluig, a good part of which still remains, with the date of 1556 over the entrance door. The first Forbes of Balfluig was John, fourth son of Forbes of Corsindae. John Forbes, who sold the estates in 1753, is said to have gone to Rotterdam.

A head-stone (upon the south side of the kirk), bears a shield, charged with the Forbes arms, also this inscription:—

Here lyeth MARY MORRISON, lafull spouse to John Forbes in Mains of Balfluig, who dyed the 30 Jan. Here lyes J: FORBES, who died in Kinstair, Jany. 11, 1751.

The next four inscriptions are from an enclosure on the south side of the church. The first is built into the church wall, and the others are coffin-slabs, or Templar tombs of free-stone, each of which has an ornamental cross upon the top:—

[1.]

JOHN FARQUHARSON, Esquire of Haughton, inclosed this burying ground for himself and family, A.D. MDCCXXVI.

[2.]

Here resteth the body of IOHN FARQUHARSON, Esquire, who departed XIV May MDCCCLIV, aged LXXVI years.

[3.]

Here resteth the body of MARY-ANNE, wife of John Farquharson, Esq., who departed the XVIII Oct. MDCCCLII, aged LXXIV.

[4.]

Here lyeth the body of ANDREW FARQUHARSON, Esq., of the XXXVIII Bengal Light Infantry, son of John Farquharson, Esq., died VIII Nov. MDCCCXLIII, aged XXXI. Haughton.

—The first Farquharson of Haughton was "John Farquharson in Breda," who bought the lands of Over and Nether Haughton, [illegible]

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hic requiescunt; filii etiam CAROLI, qui in insula Grenada, medicinam exercens decessit cœlebs, A.D. 1804, ætat. 30. Posuit hoc marmor solus dict. liberorum superstes Duncanus Davidson de Tillychetly, 1845. DUNCAN DAVIDSON of Tillychetly & Inchmarlo, died 8th Decemr. 1849, in the 77th year of his age, and lies interred in the church-yard of Banchory. 1850.

[To the memory of JOHN DAVIDSON of Tillychetly, who died 31st March 1802, in the 61st year of his age; and of his wife ANN FARQUHARSON, and of his children, HENRY, JOHN, JAMES, ALEXANDER, OLIVER, and JANE, who all died young, and rest here with their father; also of his son CHARLES; who died, unmarried, in the island of Grenada, where he was practising as a physician, in 1804, in the 30th year of his age. Duncan Davidson of Tillychetly, the sole survivor of the children of the aforesaid, erected this monument.]

—The ancestors of the Davidsons of Tillychetly, Inchmarlo, and Desswood lie at Tarland, where a flat stone, with a curious inscription, marks their graves. Mr Duncan Davidson (*supra*, p. 0), was an advocate in Aberdeen. A daughter of the present laird of Inchmarlo is the wife of Sir Francis Outram, whose father distinguished himself so greatly in India that, among other honours, he was created a baronet. He married a daughter of James Anderson, Esq., corn-merchant, Brechin, by whom he had his successor.

In 1696, and for sometime afterwards, the properties of Tillychetly and Carnaveron belonged to a branch of the Garriochs of Kinstair. The above-named John Davidson bought Tillychetly from Garriochs; and, according to Tradition, Carnaveron was given in dowery with an illegitimate daughter of a laird of Craigievar, who married a person named Stewart. However this may be, the Barony Court Books of Craigievar (*M.S.*, 1707-66), shew that a Duncan Stewart in Norham was bailie of the Court in 1723; also that in 1729, the same person is designed "Duncan Stewart *of* Carnavern." Duncan's last appearance as bailie is upon 5th June 1732; and in 1735, James, "son of Duncan Stewart of Carnaveron" held the same office.

It is interesting to find that the same authority confirms the tradition (*supra*, p. 000), of the Stewarts having borne the name of *Aelanach*, for, it appears that in 1724, when Duncan Stewart in Moram (Norham) paid his own rent, he also paid 15s. Scots "for Peter *Alanach his brother*, (being) his part of a custom wedder for Whitsunday 1725."

The above-mentioned were ancestors of the Rev. Patrick Stewart of Kinneff (*q.v.*), who was sometime laird of Carnaveron. He had a family of sons and daughters; and the property now belongs to the descendants of one of the daughters, who married a medical practitioner of the name of Stewart, and went abroad.

*(Alford to be continued.)*

Mr Odger's case was again in the London Bankruptcy Court on Friday, when it was stated that the claims against the estate amounted to £1113, and the assets to £6.

DR BEGG'S VISIT TO THE ANTIPODES.—Dr Begg, it is reported, has secured a berth in the Somersetshire, which sails from London for Melbourne next month. He is to visit Sydney and Dunedin, and perhaps India, and will be away about six months.

Mr J. C. Cox, of Belper, who announced himself as a candidate for Bath in the Radical interest, arrived in that city on Friday, and was to have addressed a public meeting at the Guildhall the same evening. Before arrival the room was crowded with an exasperated mob. No sooner had Mr Cox entered the building than he was hustled out of it amidst showers of snuff and cayenne pepper, which nearly blinded him and the police, who protected him from still harsher treatment. The meeting then dispersed.

Though the talk about a dissolution in the autumn, which was very prevalent for a short time after the Ministerial crisis in March last, has died away, there is still in a good many quarters a strong suspicion as to the intentions of Mr Gladstone on this subject. Nothing, of course, is really known as to the determination of the Prime Minister, but there is among many members of the House a belief that Mr Gladstone will seek an escape from the unsatisfactory position which the Ministry now holds in a general election in the autumn. In saying this I do not refer to the opinions of those persons who deal in the mysterious, and who believe that the unexpected is always going to happen. Politicians of experience—men not at all inclined to take a sensational view of things—believe that the present position of the Government is so harassing and worrying to the Prime Minister that he will seek an escape from his difficulties in an early dissolution. The Government is not strong enough to feel secure of its position, nor is it weak enough to justify its resignation. It has still strength to surmount a real crisis, but on minor and less important points it is liable to frequent rebuffs and checks. A less sensative Minister than Mr Gladstone would take these things easily and composedly. He, however, has not so learned politics, and it is known to his friends that he chafes angrily against the humiliating position in which the Ministry is so often placed. It is consequently believed in many quarters that he will as soon as possible effect a change in the political situation, and will advise Her Majesty to dissolve Parliament in the autumn. I do not profess myself to place much confidence in these speculations. I merely repeat what I am told, but at the [illegible] of *Dundee Advertiser.*

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## SETTLEMENT OF THE FETTERCAIRN SUCCESSION.

### REJOICINGS AT FETTERCAIRN.

The tenantry on the Fettercairn estate, the succession to which was last week decided by the House of Lords, entertained Lord Clinton, the father of the young laird, to dinner on Monday, in the Eagle Inn, Fettercairn. The case has been in the courts of law for the last seven years, and the decision, shortly stated, is that the son of Harriet Williamina, the only daughter of the late Sir John Hepburn Stuart Forbes of Fettercairn, is the heir to the estate, Lord Clinton was married to this lady, who is now dead, and the young laird, the Hon. Charles John Hepburn Stuart Forbes Trefusis, was born in 1863.

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., a telegram was received at Fettercairn, intimating the result of the decision in the litigation between the eldest son of Lord Clinton and Sir William Stuart Forbes, Bart. Immediately on the news spreading, numbers of flags were displayed in the village, and the bell in the Parish Church was rung at intervals during the whole evening. The bell at the mansion house was likewise rung with short intermissions till nearly mid-night. A committee of gentlemen belonging to the village and neighbourhood was formed on Wednesday evening week for the purpose of fixing on a suitable way of expressing to Lord Clinton their heartfelt joy and congratulations at the decision of the House of Lords. It was resolved to give a treat to the children attending the various schools in the district on the afternoon of Monday last, and to entertain Lord Clinton at dinner in the Ramsay Arms Hotel in the evening. On Monday morning, accordingly, the flags, which had been kept flying up to Saturday evening, were again hoisted. All business was suspended in the afternoon, and the village assumed quite a holiday appearance. At two o'clock P.M., the children of the district assembled in front of the Parish School to the number of 500, and were there marshalled by two and two into a procession, which marched, preceded by a brass band and accompanied by pipers, through the village to a field in front of Fettercairn House. They were there drawn up into four lines, and three cheers for the Queen and three for Lord Clinton, proposed by Mr Aiken, chairman of the committee of management, were heartily responded to by the children and the large number of others present. Lord Clinton briefly replied, and thanked those present for the interest they showed in him and his family. He concluded by hoping they would enjoy themselves, and granted them the privilege of seeing through the garden and grounds.

A liberal supply of milk and buns, &c., was served to the children sitting in rows on the grass, after which games of various sorts were engaged in and continued with much spirit till nearly five o'clock, when each child received a bag of sweeties, and the procession having been re-formed, they returned to the village, preceded by the brass band as before. There having assembled round the cross in the middle of the village, Mr Aiken proposed three cheers for the teachers and three more for the Queen, which were very lustily and heartily given. The children then separated, much delighted with their treat, those from a distance being conveyed to and from the village by the kindness of some of the farmers in the district. The children present were from Fettercairn Parish School (Mr Cameron), Fettercairn Free Church School (Mr Murray), Lady Gladstone's School at Fasque and Dulliemyres (Miss Cowan and Miss Allan), Mrs M'Inroy's School, Inch, Arnhall (Miss Gold), the late Sir John Stuart Forbes' School at Luthermuir (Mr MacLachlan), and Sauchieburn School (Miss McKinnon).

### THE DINNER

took place in the Eagle Inn, at half-past five o'clock, when over a hundred gentlemen sat down to the excellent dinner provided by Mr Hogg. Mr Aiken, Kirkhill, occupied the chair, and was supported on the right by the guest of the evening, Lord Clinton, Rev. Mr Anderson, Rev. Mr Belcher, and Mr White, Coldstream; and on the left were Mr Durie, Dalladies; Dr Fettes, Fettercairn; Mr Brown, Pitnamoon; Mr Don, banker, Fettercairn. Amongst the company present we noticed Messrs Crichton, Castleton; Falconer, Arnbarrow; Merchant, Bogmill; Nicol, Boghall; Boa, land steward, Fettercairn House; Alexander, Bent of Haulkerton; Macdonald, merchant, Fettercairn; Murray, teacher, Fettercairn; Cameron, teacher, Fettercairn; James Murray, land steward, Fasque; Mitchell, Dunstrath; Lyall, Wanlkmill; Thornton, Waterside, Phesdo; Milne, Burnside; Parker, excise officer, Fettercairn; Thom, excise officer, Fettercairn; Duguid, Landend; Durward, Caldhame; Carr, clothier, Fettercairn; Young, Laurencekirk; Young, flesher, Fettercairn; Balfour (2), East Muirton; Dr Steven, Fettercairn; Messrs Wallace, Balbegno; Watson, Sauchieburn; Dinnie, Fettercairn; Henderson, Blackiemuir; Scott, mason, Fettercairn; Innes, Laurencekirk; Watson, carrier, Fettercairn; Edgar, carrier, Fettercairn; Taylor, Sauchieburn; Beattie, Hairyholme; Harris, Fettercairn; Nicol, baker, Fettercairn; Strachan, Fettercairn; Emslie, Fettercairn; Lawis, Laurencekirk; Hughes, wright, Fettercairn; Guthrie, plasterer, Fettercairn; Carrie, gardener to Lord Clinton; Shepherd, blacksmith; Coullie, gamekeeper, Fettercairn House; Robb, Birse, Harris, Cruickshank, and Sime, Fettercairn; Mitchell, Inach; Crowe, Fettercairn; Prain, &c.

Grace was said by the Rev. Mr Anderson, and thanks returned by Rev. Mr Belcher. The covers having been removed,

The CHAIRMAN gave "The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales," "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces."

Lord CLINTON, in responding to this toast, as captain of the New Pitsligo Rifle Corps, said it was a [illegible]

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young yet to realise his good fortune. But if he is spared, the time will come when he will look back with great pride on this day, and when he will, I hope, endeavour to show his gratitude for all you have done for him to-day. (Applause.) He will, when he grows up, be in an important position. The position of a landed proprietor is one which requires a most careful education. A boy should be taught, and I hope my son will be taught that, while he may enjoy the rights of his property, there are duties to be performed, and responsibilities to be incurred. I hope that while he will have the privilege of enjoying the rights of his property, he will also remember that these duties must be discharged, and that he must never shrink from these responsibilities. (Applause.) I hope he will grow up to use his rights unselfishly—that he will think of others, and not of himself—(applause)—that he will grow up interested in agriculture—that he will be brought up, as far as possible, among his tenantry—(applause)—that he will endeavour to study their interests, and to learn their wishes. (Applause.) If he does this, he will truly enjoy his property. He will enjoy it unselfishly. He will enjoy it for this reason, that he is endeavouring in his station to do his duty, and to do good to those around him. (Applause.) Now, gentlemen, let me once more thank you. I look forward to the time when my son may be among you himself, when I hope that he will show that he has profited by the education which has been given him. (Applause.) He will start with this very great advantage. I know that you will accord to him your esteem and affection; and it is my earnest prayer that he will deserve it all. (Applause.)

Mr DAKERS proposed "The health of Lady Harriet Stuart Forbes." Lady Harriet, he said, was held in high esteem by the community. The kind interest she took in all around her, in her domestics, the young, the distressed, her ladylike bearing to all, had endeared her to them. They were pleased to know that by the late decision the link which bound her to the home of her life was still unbroken. He was sure that if she came back again to Fettercairn House, whether for a short or a permanent residence, she would receive a most cordial welcome from the inhabitants of Fettercairn, the tenantry, and the neighbouring families in the county. (Applause.)

Lord CLINTON replied on her behalf. There was no one for whose health and happiness he was more anxious than for hers. (Applause.) Some of them would understand him when he said that the event which was now causing them so much joy had not been unmixed with sorrow. When the trial began, the anxiety was shared in by those who had not been permitted to see its happy conclusion. Lady Harriet's greatest happiness now would be to see in her grandchildren some of those qualities which endeared to them those who had passed away.

Mr STEWART, Craigniston, proposed "The health of Lord Clinton." (Great applause.)

Lord CLINTON replied, stating that this was an additional proof of their kindness to him. During the seven years that the litigation had been going on he had to look forward to the possibility of losing the place, to which he had become most deeply attached. It was now five years since an unanimous decision was given by the Judges in Scotland in favour of his son. During the time that had elapsed since then the management of the property had been attended with some inconvenience, for, not knowing but that he might lose it, he had had to give an account of all that was done, and that to strangers. He supposed that the opposing party would now be convinced that his son had come rightly into possession. (Applause.) His desire would be that the property would not suffer during the time it continued under his management. He would like to see his son, when he came into the management of the estate, find it every way in good condition—(applause)—with good farm buildings, sufficient cottage accommodation, and a prosperous and enterprising tenantry, prepared to join with the landlord in improving the estate. (Great applause.) That would be his task, and he thought it would be an agreeable one. He knew he would have their sympathy and support. With mutual forbearance they would come to see that the interests of the tenants and of the landlord were identical. (Loud applause.)

Mr WHITE, Coldstream, proposed "The Clergy," and Rev. Mr ANDERSON replied.

Lord CLINTON next proposed "The Schoolmasters," to which toast Mr CAMERON replied.

Mr ALEXANDER, in giving "The Proprietors," said that no county in Scotland could boast of proprietors who resided more on their estates than those of Kincardineshire, and particularly those around Fettercairn. He then referred to the deliberations of the "Laurencekirk Parliament" that afternoon, and expounded the principle of Mr Fordyce's Agricultural Buildings Bill, which he approved of highly, so far as it went. He, however, thought the bill was defective in so far as that it did not include buildings other than labourers' cottages. (Applause.) He was sure the proprietors of Kincardineshire would not blame him for saying anything hostile to them, for he was indeed advocating their own cause. He trusted that the time would soon come when they would not only have cottages in plenty, but when they would have many small farms of two-horse labour. (Applause.)

Mr DON, merchant, gave "The Younger Members of the Clinton Family," and Lord CLINTON acknowledged.

Mr BOA, in giving "The Tenantry of the Mearns," said—I am sure those gentlemen are worthy of some one more capable than I am to sing their praises, as a respected gentleman lately remarked, while proposing the same toast, that they might inscribe on their banners, "Second to none." For my own part, I can say that, having practised and seen the science of agriculture carried out in various parts of England and Scotland, I am now under the impression that if the generality of the farmers of Great Britain were possessed of the same spirit of improvement as those of the Mearns, our continental friends and American cousins would have to retain a considerable quantity of the grain and a great many of the cattle that are at present brought to our shores. (Applause.) Gentlemen, I have only to add, in proposing the health of the tenantry of the Mearns, it is our wish that, when collecting days come round, they will always be able and willing to meet the factor; and when their rents and all other expenses are paid, they will have something handsome to jingle in their pockets as a reward of their industry and enterprise. I have much pleasure in coupling this toast with the name of the most enterprising breeder of shorthorns in the county—to wit, Mr Stewart of Craigniston. Gentlemen, I shall now ask you to drink to the health and prosperity of [illegible]

Mr STEWART, Craigniston, replied.

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Dr Mitchenson was on Tuesday consecrated Bishop of Barbados in Canterbury Cathedral.

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## HIGHLAND AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Highland and Agricultural Society, at its half-yearly meeting on Wednesday, admitted by ballot the large number of 195 new members on the usual terms, besides a number of others who were admitted free in virtue of their having gained the Society's agricultural diploma.

The following are the names of a number of gentlemen in this district who were admitted as members:—

Arbuthnott, The Hon. the Master of, Arbuthnott House, Fordoun.
Bisset, Hugh, Pitarrow, Laurencekirk.
Bissett, Thos. S., agricultural engineer, Blairgowrie.
Brown, William, Pitnamoon, Laurencekirk.
Burness, William, Redford, Laurencekirk.
Craighead, James, Sillyflatt, Bervie.
Donald, John, Aquherie, Stonehaven.
Falconer, William, Candy, Drumlithie.
Greig, James Booth, Secretary Kincardineshire Farmers' Club, Laurencekirk.
Kinnear, Arthur W., jun., Stonehaven.
Lawie, Alexander, implement and manure merchant, Laurencekirk.
Paton, William, Maryfield, Blairgowrie.
Roberts, James, Lumgair, Stonehaven.
Smith, James, Pitengardner, Fordoun.
Smith, John, Balmain, Fettercairn.

The following gentlemen, among others, who hold the diploma in agriculture of the Society, were admitted in terms of the new bye-laws:—John Milne, Mains of Laithers, Turriff; George Campbell, Balbrogie, Coupar Angus; John Gerrard, New Aberdour, Aberdeenshire; Adam Ogilvie Torry, St Ann's, Coupar Angus. The Secretary reported that the arrangements for the meeting at Stirling on the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th of August were in a very satisfactory state of advancement, and a successful show was anticipated. Mr Menzies, Secretary, stated that since last general meeting the Directors had sent a memorial on the subject of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act. The memorial had appeared in the newspapers some time ago. When the memorial arrived at the Privy Council Office a Committee of the House of Commons had been appointed to examine into the working of the Act. Since then the Society had been requested to send up the names of parties to give evidence before the Committee, and Mr Barclay, the member for Forfarshire, had been in correspondence with him (Mr Menzies) on the subject. They had sent up several names to him with precognitions, and it was likely they would be called before the Committee. These persons were Mr Walker of Bowland, Chairman of the Local Authority in Edinburgh; Mr List, the Inspector for Haddingtonshire; Mr George Stewart, veterinary surgeon, Perth, Veterinary Inspector for Perthshire; and Mr Milne, of Montrose, who had been taking a great interest in the conveyance of animals by rail, and who had invented a new sort of truck, which they hoped to see the Railway Companies adopt by and bye. The sending of the memorial was approved, and the meeting then adjourned.

## PARADE OF THE 1st ADMINISTRATIVE F.R.V. BATTALION.

The third parade of the battalion for the season took place on Saturday last on the usual ground at Guthrie Station. The various corps arrived on the ground about six o'clock, when they were immediately equalised, and, under the command of Colonel Dickson, afterwards went through a variety of battalion and light infantry movements. The weather was all that could be desired, and a number of spectators were present. The muster on this occasion was fully higher than any of the previous weeks. The other mounted officers present besides Colonel Dickson were Major Dowall and Captain and Adjutant Bax. The following is the state of the different corps:—

| | Officers. | Sergts. | Rank & File. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arbroath, | 7 | 8 | 113 | 128 |
| Montrose, | 2 | 4 | 61 | 67 |
| Brechin, | 4 | 7 | 63 | 74 |
| Friockheim, | 2 | 5 | 46 | 53 |
| Battalion Staff, | 2 | 4 | | 6 |
| | 17 | 28 | 283 | 328 |

At the close, Colonel Dickson again impressed on all the absolute necessity for attendance next week (to-morrow) at the annual inspection. A larger muster will then be required than any that has been yet, as unless 360, or two-thirds of the minimum strength of the battalion (540), are present, no inspection will take place.

Agreeable to instructions received from the War Office through the officer commanding the Brigade Depot, in marching past in future, "the rear and supernumerary ranks will *lock up*" as formerly.

## LAURENCEKIRK.

ACCIDENT.—On Thursday night week, while two commercial travellers were returning from Fettercairn to Laurencekirk, driving a horse and machine belonging to Mr Wm. Harris, horse-hirer, when near Laurencekirk, the horse stopped rather suddenly and the dog-cart, not having been properly balanced, both shafts broke close by the machine, throwing both occupants in the road, but neither of them were much worse.

FORTNIGHTLY MARKET.—Our fortnightly market was held on Monday. The attendance was not large. The cattle shown were chiefly Irish, for which there was little demand. The few fat cattle present realised high prices. Subjoined are a few of the sales:—Mr Taylor, Cushnie, sold 4 stots to Mr Donaldson, Montrose, at £24 each. Mr Largie, Haulkerton Mains, sold 3 stots to Mr Donaldson, at £22 each. Mr Crichton, Castleton, sold a cow to Mr Edward, Forfar, at £25. Mr S. Young, sen., sold 2 cows to Mr Durie, Fettercairn, at £39. Mr Murray, Burnside, sold 4 stirks to Mr Edwards, Charleton, for £46. Mr S. Young, jun., Auchinblae, bought a cow from Mr Milne, Shepherdshaugh, for £19. Mr Alexander Young, Auchinblae, sold 2 stirks to Mr Merchant, Bogmill, for £22. Mr Barrie, Stonehaven, bought 20 Irish stirks from D. Callighen at £12 10s each. Mr Wilson, jun., Mains of Thornton, bought a lot from Arthur Collins at £6 each. Mr Carnegie, Dunlappie, bought 10 Irish calves at £5 each.

## JOHNSHAVEN.

EDUCATION ACT.—At a congregational meeting of the Free Church of this parish held on Tuesday—the Rev. Mr Roger in the chair—it was unanimously agreed to hand over their school to the Board according to the regulations of the Act, with the proviso that the teacher be kept. The offer has been accepted by the Board, as it is considered it will save a considerable amount of expenses to the parish, and of course has their approbation.

## BERVIE.

Mr Duncan Urquhart has been appointed Sanitary Inspector of the parish, in room of Mr James Simpson, resigned.


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