

Bitesize Newsletter

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RATEPAYERS AND THE SCHOOL BOARD

1900 Mr. MacDowall proceeded to deal with the question of a new school for Lochwinnoch and the merit certificate. Addresses were also delivered by Rev. Mr. Russell, Messrs. Browning and Cornelia.

Mr. Johnstone dealt at some length with the school accommodation in Lochwinnoch. Speaking on the Public School he said he did not know one redeeming feature in its favour. It was built on an unfortunate site, it had not sufficient ground for extension or for playground purposes, and its amenity was likely to be seriously affected by the new railway passing quite near to it. The railway was expected to give a great impetus to trade and building in the village, and he thought the School Board were justified in looking ahead and considering how best to provide for the growth of the village. It might be asked what could be done with the present school in the event of a new one being built. It could be sold or turned into a public institute for the benefit of the village. On questions being invited, a ratepayer suggested that the schoolhouse and garden be used for the purpose of extending the Public School. A hearty vote of thanks was awarded Mr. MacDowall for presiding, and the meeting terminated. [edited]

1884 EXTENSION OF TRADE

Mr Crawford, woollen manufacturer, Calder Glen, is in progress with a large additional building for the manufacture of wool, which will be of advantage to the town. The large cotton mill is still idle and there has thus been a want of employment, which the projected works will help to remedy.

1885 DESERVING POOR

Sir Shand Harvey of Castlesemple has just made arrangements with the Inspector of Poor for Lochwinnoch for the distribution of provisions for the deserving poor of the town. Each person is to receive a pound of tea, 4 loaves of bread, and half a stone of oatmeal.



Alex Valance
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One way to break the Ice!
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1905 This handsome new school, is to be opened by Sir Charles Renshaw. It is erected on the high ground to the north of the village, on the east side of the Calder Glen-road, where the breeze from the south and west will get freely round the building, and where it will be so far sheltered from the north and East winds by the rising ground behind.

The old school, besides being now inadequate, has always had the objection of being on a low level site where the movement of air is less refreshing and where proper drainage was impracticable. The Board have acted wisely, and in the best interests of the youth of the village, in selecting a more elevated and bracing site for the new school.

The entrances to the school are quite distinct for boys and girls, and the playsheds are so situated that the scholars can be arranged in order in the shelter sheds and matched without confusion into their various classrooms. Male and female teachers' rooms are provided on the ground floor, and assistant teachers' cloak rooms and lavatories on upper floor. Cloak rooms and lavatories for the scholars are provided immediately inside the main entrances.

The whole school is heated by an improved application of hot water pipes and radiators from an independent boiler in the heating chamber, and fresh warmed air is admitted into all the classrooms by means of inlets all round the building in connection with the heating radiators. The vitiated air is extracted by means of ducts from the walls and ceilings connected to ventilators on the roof. The gas lighting of the hall is by means of Lucas lamps, and of the classrooms and other apartments by means of appropriate pendants and incandescent lights.

The general architectural treatment, both of the exterior and interior of the building, is in a Continental Renaissance style.

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OLD JOKE OF THE MONTH

“Children, how many of your parents say grace?” Asked the Sunday-School teacher.

“What's that?” asked the girl.

“Why Maggie” exclaimed the teacher, “Is it possible you don't know what grace is? Doesn't your father say something before you begin to eat?”

“Oh!” responded the girl, with a glow of intelligence. “Yes, he does; he always says; “Don't make pigs of yourselves; that's all the butter there is in the house”