SCOTTISH HUMOR.

ever I have come across a book by the

an amende honorable for what he had

said before and it contains the admis-

sion that the Scotch are, as I think they

are, an immensely funny people".

lence in the matter of humor as Canon McKenzie may be forgiven if the thrust

living, but letting that opinion of certi

ficates stand for what it is worth I shall

adduces to prove his point. The writer

he quotes, is Dr. Talmage and this is

"Next to my own beloved country

they make no attempt at suppression of

glee. They do not simper, or snicker,

or chuckle. Throw a joke into a

Thanking you for your space,

COUNTY COUNCIL.

At the Friday morning session reports

Gordon, chairman of County Property;

by Mr Patterson, which was adopted.

Yours, Cor.

centre of gravity?

without discussion.

part of what he has to say :-

give one of the test; monies the Canon

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PRICEVILLE.

On Sunday the 1st day of March the Rev. Mr. Varley had communion at grave. The people are in such down-Sacrament will be dispensed in Gaelic Ebenezer Church the Sunday before town, it is to be hoped that all those in the Methodist Church here that day. so as to have a well filled church of the now, every Sunday at 2.30 o'clock in Highland Race on that solemn occas- the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Hurlbert.

have Gaelic preached but once a month laid aside for a few days. to be on the 1st Sabbath in each month during the winter season and if not suitable a vote is to be taken at some future time by Gaelic speaking members see his best girl in a blizzard such as we and brow until the emotion becomes had some days lately. fied with the change or not, so that We noticed that the applications for the crown of the head to the top end of Gaelic speaking worshippers have an opportunity to decide for themselves if calls the duties to commence on Feb.

time at the Paislev Scotch Concert duties must either commence on the Scotchmen, McKenzie culls the following his sister was there also and they speak | Another blizzard on Sunday last highly of the people of the West. causing a lot of good church goers to Scotchmen are always noted for being stay at home from attending church. of a liberal disposition, and the good people of Paisley are no exception from

Mrs. (Rev.) Matheson is unwell for the intend to stay for a few days. last few weeks and confined to her room but we are pleased to hear that she is on the mend now.

Mr. C. C. James spent a few pleasant days visiting friends at Woodbridge and other points recently.

Dakota visited friends on the D. R. and elsewhere for a week lately. Commissioner McArthur made the

liberal offer for a site for a Town Hall gratis on front street next to the post the advantage of this liberal offer. Mr. are good entertainers. McArthur made the offer of a \$1000 check to the County Council providing they would bring the House of Refuge Brown of Howick are visitors at Mr. J. munications and Memorials, presented to Priceville, and John says ne would Hardy's and Mr. John Aldcorn's re-

Miss Gertie McLeod left for Manitoba a week ago, she is getting a school there and had to leave sooner than she ex- are also yisiting friends here. pected. We are very sorry to lose Miss McLeod from onr midst as she was a lady of the highest reputation, and was uation as teacher in Alberta and leaves always ready to aid in every good this week.

a splendid portrait of John S. Cameron Robt. Parslow's. Esq., Atlanca, once a boy of this town. Mr. Cameron now occupies the honorable position of being Vice-Pres., of the ville Literary Society Friday and were da in Georgia. A certain writer from that part of the world, says Mr. Camer- was varied. A number worthy of specon is popular with everybody who ial mention was an exhibition of club knows him and to know him no body swinging by Miss McDonald. The orcan help but to like him. Mr. Cameron ganization affords ample opportunity for this town and a brother to Mrs. John practice in public speaking. It is am-McInnes, D. R. Glenelg. We take the azing what latent possibilities lie dorpleasure of sending our congratulations mant in the youth of our country. to our young friend John for being promoted to the exalted position he now

A funeral of a young child of Mr.

took place to the cemetery here one day

in the Presbyterian Church in this last, consequently there was no service right earnest, there is such a :oar in their mirth like a tempest in the Trossachs. Take a Glasgow audience and a ancient language will be in attendance | The Baptists have regular meetings speaker must have his feet well planted on the platform, or he will be overmas-

tered by the sympathy of the populace. They are not ashamed to cry, with their At the last annual meeting of the We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Reily Presbyterian church it was decided to had a fall lately which causes her to be

> There is no surer sign of a fellow the center of his diaphragm and then being in earnest than when he goes to spreads out both ways toward the foot

they choose. The Minister don't interfere in the matter whatever.

Isth. We are assured that the good the assessor to commence on Feb. Clerk of Glenelg does not mean to have the assessor to commence his tramp on a Sabbath morning of the first clause recommended that the and half about the Scotch character. What he hates, he hates; what he likes he likes and he lets you know it right away."

The first clause recommended that the chair. from an American source :

Mrs. Thompson, South Line, came home a few days ago accompanied by her brother and brother-in-law, they

SWINTON PARK.

Mr. Jno. Aldcorn had a very successful wood-bes Tuesday afternoon. After Mr. Wm. Beaton and daughter of tea, although the weather was not too were presented; also an application from pleasant, many of the neighboring the Prisoner's Aid Association for a grant, young ladies gathered to spend the ev- and a similar application from the Owen ening. The commodious dwelling was | Sound and County of Grey Poultry Ascomfortably filled and a very pleasant office. Now is the opportunity to take time was spent. Mr and Mrs Aldcorn

Miss Pritchard and Miss and Mr. and Mr McColman, chairman of Comtheir reports, all which were adopted

Miss and Mr. Aldcorn of Mt. Forest

Miss M. McMillan has secured a sit-

Miss E. Lawrence, of your town, is We have received a book containing spending the week at her uncle's, Mr.

A goodly number visited the Boothmuch pleased with the program which

Mr Will Harrison returned from his police village were passed by the council. flying visit to the west.

Ou motion of Messrs Harness and One day in conversation with cur tenders for printing was left in the hands genial neighbor Mr Charles Moffatt, the of the clerk and Mr Patterson, chairman subject of the humor of Scotchmen of Printing, and adjournment was made

came up, when I made some reference to the joke of the Rev Sydney Smith to the effect that it required a surgical tapping the desk, with his nevel tapping the desk with his never tapping the desk with his never tapping the desk with his nevel tapping tapping the desk with his never tapping tapp It was 9.30 when Warden Preston, by operation to get a joke into a Scotchman's head. The happy rejoinder of Lord Iddesleigh. Of course he means an English joke", was discussed, but still my friend was not altogether satisfication of the committees. tapping the desk. with his gavel, cailed | fied. It was not the reputation of the committees.

Scotchman that was troubling him for Mr Pring Mr Pringle presented report of Figure,

such a thing was above suspicion, but Scotchman-like, he was somewhat troubled about the reputation of Sidney Smith, which seemed to be sadly dis-Smith, which seemed to be sadly discounted by the suspicion of ignorance of the wealth of Scotch humor. "They have been reviting Smith" he said "What Smith said I saw in an Edin-

burgh Review some years ago". The incident as he recollected it was as follows:—In conversation with Chambers, the publisher, the subject turned to the characteristics of the Scotch, Chambers leading on remarked "You see we are an industrious and hard working people." "Ah, labore, labore", said Smith sententiously "how that word expresses the character of your country." "Well "replied Chambers, "we do sometimes work pretty hard, but for all that we can relish our little pleasantries as much as our neighbors. You must have observed that the Scotch have a considerable fund of humor" must have observed that the Scotch have a considerable fund of humor"
"Oh. by all means" replied Smith, You are an immensely funny people, but you are a little of his property of the loss was estimated allowether at metal allo are an immensely funny people, but you need a little operating upon you to let

the fun out, and I know of no instru- sand dellars. Mr Boyd, the solicitor ment so effectual for that purpose as stated, was a man of peace and desired

a settlement without going to war. Set in this light, it did seem as if Syd- Whether Mr Boyd had sufficient grounds ney Smith had perhaps been wrongly for an action in the courts or not Mr quoted and that the bald surgical oper-Dress Goods at half price, \$1.50 some one that had not brains enough to relish a joke when it was given. Since council would consider the matter in due ation story was just a tale started by solicitor could inform them on that point.

Rev Canon McKenzie, on "Scotland's Mr. McArthur presented report of share in civilizing the World" and find | Education, which recommended that inthere the story of the surgical opera- spectors' reports for South and East Grey tion" joke and then following it is the be printed in the minutes; also that story of the interview with Chambers grants for continuation classes as per statein substantially the same terms as Mr | ment from county treasurer be made. Moffat tells it, to which Mr McKenzie | The report was adopted.

Mr. Mckinnon presented report of special committee to investigate the Treasurer's sureties. They found two bouls from Mr Parker himself for \$50,000, each, Whether my friend can forgive Sydney and a bond from Mr H. Parker, Durham, Smith or not I fear the evidence is and Mr C. H. Moore, jointly, for \$50.000, pretty strong that he did rub Scotch- which was considered good and sufficient men a little on their want of humor and security. The report was adopted.

even one so confident of Scottish excel-A motion by Messrs Dovle and Allen to grant the General and Marine Hospital leads him not only to protest against \$1,000 to assist in building an addition for the misrepresentation, but to look operating room, on condition that the around for testimonials to certify to the hospital directors extend the same priyiability of an ordinary Scotchman to lege to individual members of the council understand a joke. For myself I confess as is now enjoyed by the Warden only. that I feel that when one has to go and namely, of sending patients to the Lospiget a certificate to prove a case of that | tal, led to an extended discussion, in kind, his case as a rule is as hopeless as which nearly all the members took part. would be that of the man who had to In this discussion the rules of order as to the number of times a member should -peak were relentlessly broken, and the Warden was asked to enforce the rules of procedure. The credit of the county was also referred to, and in this connection ex Warden Mckinnon stated that at the beginning of the year the county had \$10,000 to its credit with all debentures paid up. The motion to grant the !:ospital \$1000 was finally corried on the fol-

> Yea-Allen, Brown, Doyle, Gordon Harness, McKinnon, McLean, Patterson, Pringle, Thomson and the Warden-11. Nay-Bell, McArthur, McKinnon, Mc-Colman, Schenk, Shute-5.

brown palms wiping awaythe tears, and Messis Shute and Gordon having reports ready for presentation that order of business was gone tack to, council having Scotchman's ear and it rolls down to reached the last order of business, that introduced by members on motion, Mr Shute's report of Reads and Bridges dealt mainly with accounts, and was

Mr Gordon presented report of the

men aud that is precisely what you clause recommended that the action of conneil had made a bad mi-take. ex-Warden McKinnon and the Clerk in issuing an order for \$3.600, the purchase price of the Marsh farm, be ratified, and that the house of refuge be crecked on this farm. At this point Mr Gorden moved in amendment to the last clause, seconded by Mr Doyle, that the Marsh farm he sold to the highest bidder, and the Boyd farm in Sydenham be purchased as a site for

the house of refuge. In support of his amendment Mr Gordon being complied with and the contractor rose to sit again and council adjourned at sail it would give a straight saving at the would be nere this afternoon to lay his 12.35 to meet at 4 p. m. -O. S. Advertiser. Mr Pringle, chairman of Finance; Mr tenders, and besides this the county would be able in time to get back overy cent of Mr McArthur, chairman of Education, invested capital by supplying vater power from the Boyd site. It would cost \$1200 to erect outbuildings on the Marsh farm equal to those on the Boyd farm. The question of water supply for fire protection On Friday afternoon an unimportant on the farm at Markdale was a serious session was also held. The only commitconsideration. A tank tower 95 feet high tee report presented was that of printing would be required and power of some kind to lift the water up to it in order to have A lengthy discussion took place over a feet long was all that would be required at the fire protection needed. A drain loo motion by Messrs Brown and Paterson, the Boyd farm, while " thousand feet more that the council ask for applications to be than that would be required at Markdale handed in at the June session for the pur. The grant of electric lighting given by on Markdale site on the strength of cerpose of making a valuation of the county Markdale was held up as a strong srufor equalizing the assessment of the same. ment; also the grant of \$500 by Mr W. J. firm which were found to be incorrect. It was moved in amendment by Messrs McFarland. But the latter grant is robbed not have been made. It was not too late form to Mr. Robt Matthews of Glenelg, McKinnor and McLean, that the matter of its charitable aspect when it is remem- not have been made. It was not too late of appointing valuators, and also the bered that the condition of the grant is yet to the h the matter out. matter of advising what system of valua- that the house of reguge must be almost ting is to be adopted be referred to the at the door of the donor's place of bust- season was past. Council had been Finance and Assessment committee, to ness, and he may expect to get it all back threshing all fall and on into the winter purchased another 100 acre farm from report ways and means at the June ses- and more in the way of business Mark- The Council was being treated in rather a Mr R. Brunt for the sum of \$4000. sion of Council.—Amendment carried. dale was said to be the centre of the coun- humilating way by the present action, By-law 630 to confirm By-law 612 of ty, but it was not the centre of population. which must have arisen out of the egotism 631 to erect Priceville to the status of a geographical position.

Donald McFarlane of Swinton Park, McFarlan in the loss of their little child. | ence to a special grant to build an ad- | been dealt with differently. It was too | old. | with reservence to the General Marine Hospital. | late now, however, for the council could knew for a fact that parties had tendered in a week or two.

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chairman and Messrs McKinnon and Mc- not act like a lot of school boys and throw without going over the plans, and he Arthur be a committee to select and stake the whole thing overboard, for if they did strongly suspected that the tenders made out the site on the Marsh farm at Mark- so they would become the laughing stock public in December had been used as the "She-What do they mean by the dale; the second, that the chairman be of the community. Besides this, if the basis. He resented the implication that inspector to watch the progress of the matter had to be opened up sgain he there was any underhand proceeding in He-Tell a joke to a party of English- work in the interests of the county. would press Meaford's claim as a site for which he had part. He referred to the

the house of refuge question or making discussion. any more opposition thereto.

presented the old arguments which they at the election. had heard before. It would not do to open the question again. The tenders ment, it was lost This move led to a lengthy discussion. had been accepted on certain conditions

Mr Pringle had always opposed Markdale site, but the majority had ruled in selecting it and he could not support the amendment to the report.

Mr Allen regretted the matter coming up again. The chairman should have given this information before. With all grass grow where there formerly was People all over the county were in favor of the markdale site.

Mr McColman thought the threshing has already started to move out. the Township of Artemesia, and By-law which was more important than the or conceit of those who originated it.

These clauses were passed. The third the house of refuge. He believed the late hour at which the cheque for purment of the Marsh farm had been signed, Mr Harness was not in favor of opening and claimed the privilege of closing the

> Mr McKinnon defended his action in Mr McKinnon was surprised at the signing this cheque at the eleventh hour stand Mr Gordon had taken. The com- as he held the office of warden until his mittee by ten to six had decided on the successor was appointed. He would not Marsh farm, and Mr Gordon had only have acted otherwise had be been deleated

The vote being taken on the amend-

(Continued next week.)

Vickers.

Mr Wm Grierson sold a team of horses last week for the sum of \$190. As a result of making two blades of

this opposition to the Markdale site and but one, Mr. Juo, Coutts finds that his a lawyer threatening action on behalf of barn is much too small and is therefore Mr Boyd it might be suspected that there preparing to enlarge it during the com-

Our School Trustees have been suc-

for the sum of \$4500. Mr. Matthews

RENEW FOR THE REVIEW .- A large number attended to this duty. We want a large number more to do so in the Mr Brown replied that if these arguner in which the speakers were at cross but the printer's dollars are largely Mr J. Armstrong, B. A., and Rev. Jas. ments advanced by the chairman had been purposes, some admitting that his argular singles, and count up. Please renew Lediard addressed the council with referation advanced by the chairman had been purposes, some advanced and count up. Please renew ments were new and others that they were if your label is behind. Labels entitled Sympathy is extended to Mr and Mrs ence to a special grant to build an adbeen dealt with differently. It was too long the council with reference to the tenders he to be marked up will be attended to knew for a fact that parties had tendered in a week or two.

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