

Bitesize Newsletter

Snippets from BNA & Outside Source

James Adam 1849

Death of James Adam, Esq., late of Barr, in the County of Renfrew. — We cannot allow this much respected man of genius to pass into oblivion without a special notice.

He was a native of Lochwinnoch, in Renfrewshire, and distinguished, not only as an eminent and extensive improver of land, but as a man of science. It was Mr. Adam who reclaimed the loch of Lochwinnoch by embankment and drainage. For this enterprising and extensive improvement he obtained the highest prize ever issued by the Royal Agricultural Society of England. His mind was ever active in the prosecution of science, and its application to works of public utility.

He was the first to project and survey a line of railway betwixt Edinburgh and Glasgow (confessedly better than the present line by far), and for which he was rewarded by a premium. His attention was likewise turned to the procuring for Glasgow an adequate supply of water— we understand he has left behind him a complete model and apparatus, to show how the city might be furnished with a superabundant supply of pure water from the upper sources of the Clyde, on the principle of the Shaws water at Greenock, and combining as it does a most ample supply of water for driving machinery.

This indeed is well worthy of due examination by the authorities, and the public spirited citizens of Glasgow ought to examine it. The plans and model referred to show satisfactorily how compensation water and all other requisites may be supplied, without injury to others who have claims upon it. Mr. Adam, in writing to a friend on the above subject lately, says, " As regards power of the best description and cheapest rate for driving machinery, and furnishing an ample supply of pure water for household purposes and manufactures, the city of Glasgow possesses the best means of any city in the world, from its own natural resources; for the Clyde has power enough to drive every mill in Glasgow, by dispersion through pipes, working pistons is cylinders, as denoted in the model that I have completed."



LOCHWINNOCH STROLLERS

2009



LOCHWINNOCH STATION



FLOOD

2015

1900

GOLF COMPETITION WINNER

A HANDSOME INK-STAND
WAS PRESENTED TO
MR. WILLIAM WADDELL

1897

LECTURE

MR. D. S. SALMON
GAVE AN ENTERTAINING
LECTURE ON SOUTH AFRICA
MEN, MINES, AND MISSIONS
ILLUSTRATED BY 150
LIME-LIGHT VIEWS

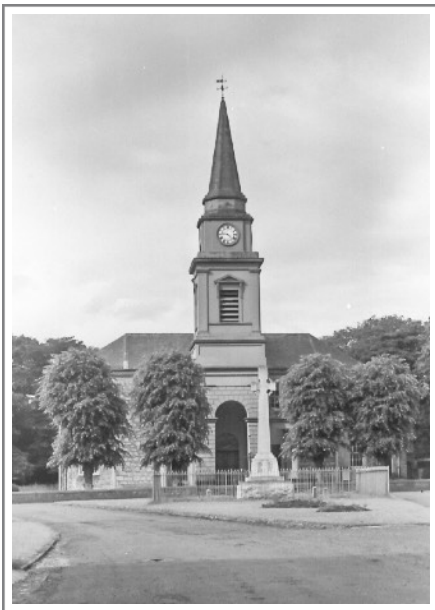
1921

SOUTH OF SCOTLAND
LAWN TENNIS MIXED
DOUBLES

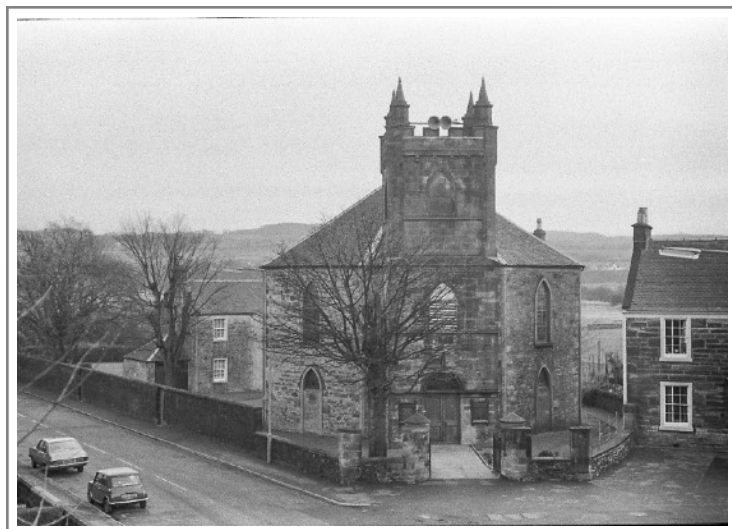
Mr. G. JOHNSTONE &
MISS M. JOHNSTONE
HAVE REACHED THE 3RD.
ROUND

CHURCH UNION October 19th. 1900

The Union of the U.P.* and Free Churches, which comes into force this month, has more than a passing interest for Lochwinnoch. There are many villagers who can recall the Disruption of 1842*, when Rev. Mr Smith and his followers left the Parish Church and formed the origins of the present Free Church congregation in Lochwinnoch. These were stirring times.



I know a woman who accompanied her mother to church on the first Sunday the Rev. Mr Smith preached in Harvey Square in the open-air. The mother worshiped in the Square, while the daughter attended the Parish Church.



Happily there will few or no dissenters to the Union of 1900. Matters will move along in harmony. The only difference will be in name, For instance. Lochwinnoch U.P. Church will be dropped and Calder United Free Presbyterian Church takes its place. The first of the candidates for the change was heard last Sabbath. In a short time the congregation will make their choice, and the church will settle down to its work again.

*[1842] The Disruption of 1843. 450 ministers split from the Church of Scotland to form the Free Church of Scotland

*The **U**nited **P**resbyterian Church (1847-1900) was a Scottish Presbyterian denomination. It was formed in 1847 by the union of the United Secession Church and the Relief Church.

NOBLE REQUEST 1836

William Brown Esq. Antigua, who died in October last, has bequeathed to the parish of Lochwinnoch the sum of £4,000, to be invested in property, and interest to be applied in perpetuity for behoof of the poor of that parish. Mr Brown, although not a native of Lochwinnoch, resided there for some time in his youth, and always felt interested in its prosperity.

A few years since, he presented the Parish Church with a fine clock. This gentleman also bequeathed a £1,000 to the church he was connected with in Antigua. It is exceedingly gratifying to find the residers in a foreign soil, and the gallant adventurers on the trackless ocean, giving such honourable proof of their remembrance of, and attachment to the church, and to the land of their fathers.

At a meeting of the heritors recently, a committee was appointed to consider of some durable means of handing down proof of the magnificent liberality of Mr. Brown, and of their own gratitude, to prosperity.