

SOLDIERS' FEDERATION AND COLONIAL SOUTERS.

Every seat was occupied and every bit of standing room taken up by the immense audience which crowded the Victoria Hall where the grand concert and bussin' of the Colonial colours was held under the auspices of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Federation. The admission money was given in aid of the Selkirk Cricket, Rugby and Association Clubs, and a large amount must have accrued. The concert was of a high class character with Miss N. Johnstone, Miss G. Paterson, Mr J. Stoddart (Glasgow), Mr C. Reekie, Mr Jas Kemp, and Mr W. Bourke as soloists, and Mr Wm. Lindsay (Canada) at the pianoforte. Bailie Crichton presided, and was supported by Mr Craig-Brown, Mr J. B. Fairgrieve, of Edinburgh, who was announced to give an oration, and by Mr J. Judge, Rosslyn, who came to perform the interesting ceremony of presenting to the Burgh Standard Bearer a medallion subscribed for by Edinburgh and Midlothian Souters.

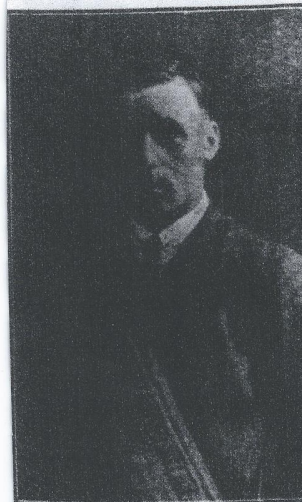
With a chairman so deeply versed in Common Riding lore as Bailie Crichton we got what we expected, an interesting address. He could, of course, have said a great deal more, but a programme has its limits, so the Bailie contented himself with a mere review of the subject. He found opportunity, however, to express on behalf of the members of the Federation their appreciation of the services rendered by the women of Selkirk during the time of war. What they had done, he said, was known best by the men themselves, and they desired to show their gratitude for it. At the same time he might say that nothing had done so much to inspire their men to fight for freedom as those traditions which were associated with the doings of their forefathers who had fought so bravely for King and country at Flodden.

During an interval in the proceedings, the Colonial colours were "bussed" by Miss L. Lindsay, who handed them to the standard-bearer, Mr John Rae.



COLONIAL BUSSER:
Miss L. LINDSAY.

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COLONIAL STANDARD-BEARER
Mr J. RAE.