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those early days, she frequently sat in the audience and watched the vocal class trophies being presented to the famous sisters, Anne and Laura Brand.

A former organist of Inverurie West Church, she was conductor of that choir when it was awarded the highest mark in a whole week of festival adjudications, three years ago.

## LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY

(By a Special Correspondent)

ON the evening of Wednesday, 6th June, five of the Bailies of Bennachie (Mrs Helen Fraser, Messrs A. Watson, R. White, H. Cadenhead and J. R. MacKay) along with 18 pupils from Inverurie Academy set off from the Pittodrie car park armed with spades and sacks kindly supplied by Mrs Fraser and Mr Johnston Hay. Their object was to improve the path to the Mither Tap and to remove any litter. A number of drainage channels were dug to prevent further erosion of the path, more stepping stones were put into position and an astonishing amount (and weight !) of broken glass, papers, cans, etc. was removed.

Bennachie is now clear of litter — let's keep it that way. We advise people to take their litter home with them and not to attempt to bury it — even under rocks — as it has a habit of re-appearing sooner or later.

## ON THE EXPEDITION

It was a beautiful evening and the pupils enjoyed the work but they will be most disappointed if the operation has to be repeated.

Pupils who took part:

Class VI — Maureen Airlie, Anne Houston, Celia Stewart.

Class III — Anne Strachan, Pamela Simpson, Johan Watson, Catherine Irvine, Derek Bisset, James Simpson, Kenneth Wood.

Class II — William Lander.

Class I — Douglas Rae, John MacKay, John Thomson, Colin Ironside, Yvonne Simpson, Elizabeth Green, Mark Bland.

## ECHO MEETING IN CLUNY CHURCH

The Garioch Presbyterial Council Echo meeting was held in Cluny Church and welcomed by Mrs Tom Brown. Mrs W. Moore, president, was in the chair. Mrs Jackson, secretary, took the roll call.

Reports were given by Miss C. W. Reid, St Andrew's Church (Home Board); Mrs Horne, Kemnay (Overseas); Mrs Pattie, West Church (Moral Welfare); Mrs Morgan, Blairdaff Church. Speaker on the Assembly the Rev. J. L. Scott, West Church.

The collection was taken by ladies of the Cluny Guild, Mrs Ewen, Miss Robertson, Mrs H. Ross and Mrs R. Scott.

Votes of thanks were given by Mrs J. Donald.

Mrs A. S. Allan, Tillycairn, was at the organ. Members of the Cluny Guild provided the tea.

## AILEEN GALL GETS HER QUEEN'S BADGE

AT the 2nd Inverurie Girl Guides parents night on Friday Aileen Gall, Craigforthie, Inverurie was presented with her Queen's Guide Certificate and Badge by Mrs Doreen Shiach, Division Commissioner.

Mrs Gill enrolled six new Guides to the Company — Ruth Annand, Linda Hird, Leslie Melvin, Ruth Chalmers, Susan Benzie and Katherine Mountford.

Ten Child's Nurse, and five Hostess Badges were presented by Mrs Shiach.

Ronnie Gall, Craigforthie showed a film of former Guide camps.

Mr John Chalmers gave votes of thanks.