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The waters of Free Presbyterianism in the Highlands of Scotland are swollen and are beating against their banks with renewed vigour, because Provost John Murray, Dornoch, a man of prodigious energy and iron will, is not to return to Evelix Church, until his sentence of six months from the rights and privileges of the church has been annulled. The suspension was passed by Evelix Kirk Session and was later approved by the Northern Presbytery of the Church, because dancing took place at a Christmas party in the Provost's home.

The dispute was intensified on Saturday night as the result of a third and final summons from the Kirk Session calling upon Provost Murray to appear at a Session meeting in Evelix Church on Tuesday, so that his opposition meetings at Birichen Library among other matters, might be brought under the ecclesiastical microscope.

Provost Murray, who replied on Monday, made it clear that he is not to attend any meeting of the Church until the Kirk Session honours its summons by reconsideration of his suspension.

"I have no fear of the result," Provost Murray said when interviewed. "I will fight my adversaries until they have admitted the wrong done my wife, my family and myself. They must cancel the suspension illogically passed upon me before I ever enter the church as a member."

Although the third citation does not disclose the fact, this final summons to the Provost means that, unless he appears before the Kirk Session, he will be deposed from the Church by means of a notice displayed before the congregation, and as the Kirk Session show no desire to remove the ban, and as Provost Murray is equally determined to fight it, this course is likely to be adopted.

When Nurse Ross, Dornoch, and Nurse Macpherson, Embo, were motoring to Embo the other night they both had a narrow escape from being killed. A stag, dazzled by the headlights of the car, sprang from the side of the road, struck the car, and was thrown to the side, being killed outright. The nurse's car, which was damaged, was thrown into the ditch and very nearly overturned. The nurses had to crawl out, both receiving minor injuries.

Mr Roswell Miller, Skibo Castle, gave a very fine show of motion pictures, depicting scenes in the South Sea Islands in natural colours, including pictures taken under water, in the Territorial hall, on Thursday night. The proceeds were on behalf of the Sutherland Nursing Association.