FALKIRK BURGH SCHOOL BOARD.

A meeting of the Burgh School Board was held on Wednesday night, when there were present—Provost Russel, Bailie Cook, Geo. Wade, Mr Hodge, and Mr Henderson, clerk.

SOUTHERN SCHOOL.

Mr Liddle wished upon the Board a letter in reference to several vacancies about to arise in his school—Miss Hastie having secured an appointment in Glasgow, and Miss Gibson being married. In room of Miss Johnston, Mr Liddle recommended the appointment of Miss Elizabeth Nimmo, presently a pupil teacher in the Grahamston Public School, where she was praised as an excellent scholar and teacher. The Board stated that they had already advertised for a music teacher to supply the other vacancy at a salary of £30—Mr Wade and Mr Hodge being appointed a strong sub to look after the matter and report as to applicants, Mr Liddle being granted such assistance as might be found necessary in the meantime.

DEPARTURES.

Elizabeth Gillespie or McMurtrigal came before the Board on summons for having neglected to send her grandson, Donald Thomson, aged 10 years, to school for over two months. He had been attending the Roman Catholic School, but was expected to leave shortly outright. His parents were engaged, the father living in Edinburgh. His grandmother wished him sent to some institution, and stated that he was very highly spoken of. She was advised to apply to the Sheriff stating this, and promised to do so.

Mrs Wyper, widow, with three daughter, aged 9 years, has not been at school since the New Year, stated that she had had to work, and the girl resided with her grandmother in Kilbride. Her subsequently Mrs Menzies could not always attend personally on the Board's summons. It was stated that the girl was employed to run messages, and Mrs Menzies promising regular attendance in future, she was dismissed.

William Nottman, gardener, Kerr Wynd, appeared next. His son, aged 10 years, had been absent from school since the 1st of January. The parents having stated to the officer that they had lost control over him, the Board stated that when such a school has played truant, holiday forenoon, it is a sign of evil that the boy should attend regularly for time to come.

George Wilson, Grahamston, whose boy, aged 10, has not been at school since the 1st of January, stated that the boy's head had "broken out," in consequence of which he had been ordered by the doctor not to be allowed out, but only in the places set apart for the purpose in connection with the vaccination made by the Commissioner of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, and on condition of observing the directions of the doctor.

Mrs Lyon, Grahamston, whose daughter, aged 12, was only absent from school for one week since the New Year, stated that the girl had evaded class infancy with her parents, but that the boy, aged 7, daily keeps the girl from school. Mrs Lyon promised to personally attend to her daughter's education in future, and stated that since the summons was served she had been at school.

Mrs Smith, Grahamston, appeared. Her son Peter, aged 9, had been absent from school for a week or two, stated that the girl had evaded class infancy with her parents, but that the boy, aged 7, daily keeps the girl from school. Mrs Lyon promised to personally attend to her daughter's education in future, and stated that since the summons was served she had been at school.

Mrs Smith, Grahamston, appeared. Her son William