

THIS interesting old photograph shows the original members of the St Andrews City Brass Band, which was formed in 1879. Only two of them now survive—Mr George Marr and Mr Alexander Doig, who is now in America. Mr Charles Russell, the first bandmaster, was in the old Fife Light Horse Band, and so also was Mr James Auchterlonie, who succeeded him as bandmaster. In 1908 the band got silver-plated instruments and then became known as the City Silver Band. When the Great War came the band had to be discontinued, and in the years immediately following the War the band was resuscitated, but owing to the difficulty of getting a bandmaster after Mr James Auchterlonie retired in 1924, it was discontinued again.

Through the efforts of Mr T. T. Fordyce and Mr J. B. Armit, however, the band was reformed to take part in the local celebrations of the Silver Jubilee of George V., and since then it has been successfully carried on. It is interesting to note that the present bandmaster, Mr Alfred Auchterlonie, is a member of a family which provided many players for the old band.



*Back Row*—Sam Kirk, George Marr, John Clark, James Normand, Tom Peatie.  
*Second Row*—Wm. Ritchie, Alex. Cunningham, Charles Russell (bandmaster), Wm. Brown, James Auchterlonie.  
*Third Row*—John Petrie, Robert Clark, John Mitchell, Wm. Scott, Alexander Doig.