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A DUNDEE SURPRISE.

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FUND FOR PORTRAIT
OF LORD PROVOST.

STRANGE SEQUEL.

An extraordinary situation has arisen in Dundee in connection with the presentation of a portrait to Lord Provost High.

It was decided some time ago to present Mr. High with his portrait on the occasion of his completing six years as civic head of the city, and in recognition of his public services generally.

The Committee in charge of the matter worked strenuously and were able to collect nearly £1600.

Mr. De Lazlo, the well-known painter, was entrusted with the work, and with characteristic consideration agreed to restrict his fee to 1000 guineas.

MEMORIAL BEDS PLAN.

The Committee, after arranging for the other outlays in connection with the portrait, took into consideration the best and most suitable way of utilising the balance of the sum subscribed.

The great services rendered to the city by the late Mrs. High appealed to the members of the Committee, and it was decided that a bed should be named after the late Lady Provost in the Dundee Royal Infirmary, and another in the Sidlaw Sanatorium—in both of which institutions the deceased lady took a life-long interest.

The decision of the Committee was intimated to the Lord Provost, and arrangements were being made to carry out the behests of the Committee.

PROPOSED CHANGE.

It is now alleged that suggestions have been made to upset the decision of the Committee, by substituting for the two memorial beds a motor-car, jewellery, and plate.

The members of the Committee, it is understood, are to meet at an early date to decide what should be done.