

A MEMORY OF THE RESURRECTIONISTS

Body-snatching did not appear to be much practised in this direction. Miss P. recalls her grandmother telling of a very pleasant gentleman named Dr. Knox. He came very often at week-ends from Edinburgh for the fishing in the Whitadder at Abbey St. Bathans. The old woman provided him with food and if necessary a bed. Little did she dream that his real mission to the Borders was not fishing but the buying of the dead bodies from the body-snatchers. Her only comment when he was caught was "I'm real sorry for he was a very nice kindly man".

THE PIG TABOO

One of the stories about this superstition was about three brothers. These brothers owned a fishing boat and they were very superstitious. One day there had been a flood and a small suckling pig had been washed down the river where a mischievous youth had conceived to capture it and set it up in the trawl of these three fishermen. The next day when the elder brother arrived at the boat he found the pig, and therefore did not go to sea that day. On returning home he met his two brothers and told them "The brute's there afore 'oo". So that boat did not put to sea until the pig had been removed the following day.

These anecdotes were written by school children in response to Questionnaire No. 1.