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**British and Foreign.**

It is computed that there are about 200,000 consumptive persons in Great Britain.

Dr. John Hall, of New York, as in other years, will spend a portion of his holiday in Ireland.

The Salvation Army held a mass meeting at Berlin on Thursday, General Booth being present.

Miss Margaret Forest, one of the Irish Presbyterian Assembly's first medical missionaries to Surat, has died.

Troops sent to punish some cannibals on the West Coast of Africa destroyed a fetish house, the walls of which were built of human skulls.

Mr. H. M. Stanley has been lying ill suffering from gastritis and malaria, the latter a return of an attack he had when in Africa.

Mr. James Coats, of the great thread company, has contributed £20,000 out of the £72,000 required for the new Paisley Hospital.

Sir Hercules Robinson has been made a peer, but it is hoped he will return to South Africa as High Commissioner when his health is restored.

The Irish Presbyterian Students' Missionary Union, formed in 1890 for the purpose of aiding foreign mission work, contributed in the past year £253.

Earthquake shocks have been almost continuous in Cyprus for a week, causing great alarm and interruption of business, but no serious damage has occurred.

Preaching on Sunday in Dalry Church, Edinburgh, Professor Dods remarked that perhaps only three out of every hundred professing Christians took life seriously.

Stonehaven Free Church, which has been completely renewed internally and provided with a tower, was reopened recently, when the pulpit was occupied by Dr. Walter O. Smith, of Edinburgh.

Dr. Harsha, Professor of Systematic Theology in Omaha, U.S.A., who has been a delegate to the Pan-Presbyterian Council at Glasgow, preached at Ballyhay on Sunday, in the church of his great-grandfather.

The publishers of Mr. Spurgeon's sermons have received an order for a million sermons from the Spurgeon Memorial Sermon Society, Brighton, formed for the distribution of the sermons as loan tracts.

Dr. Gentles is resuming his agitation for the restoration of Paisley Abbey, which he estimates will cost about £30,000. He expresses the hope that three donors will carry out the work, and recalls previous offers of £4,000 and £1,000 which were made to him when he was not in a position to take the matter up.

Rev. S. D. MacNaughtan, reporting to Auchterarder Presbytery, of the recent General Assembly, declared that the Court this year had proved a kind of hum-drum Assembly, there being nothing of a very exciting nature about it. He was sorry say, however, that it had one distinguishing characteristic, and that was a curious mixture of servility and intolerance—servility towards the strong and intolerance towards the weak.

Rev. Dr. Ross occupied the pulpit of his new church at Newcastle on Sunday, for the first time since his return from the Cape. He incidentally spoke of the liberality of congregations at the Cape in the matter of giving, for coppers were rarely found in the collection-plate. He also referred to the colour line in South Africa. In the Dutch States the coloured natives had no status whatever. In the school and in the church the white and black people were separated.

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The Archbishop of York, addressing a Synod of his clergy in the Minster, dealt at some length with the Pope's recent encyclical, and said the English Church was bound to reject the claims which were put forward by the Pontiff.

The Queen does not now walk about her own residence, and will be wheeled into the chapel at Buckingham Palace on the occasion of the royal marriage. She never moves without her stick, which is made from the historic oak of Charles II., a tiny idol, taken in India, forming the handle.



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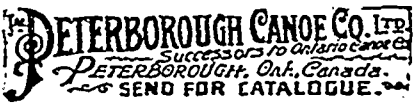
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