

British and Foreign.

M. DE PRESSERRE, of Paris, has undergone the operation of tracheotomy.

MR. SPURKON has been urged by his deacons to take a brief holiday, but intends to remain at his post until he leaves later on for Mentone.

THE Rev. George A. Smith, of Aberdeen, is rusticating at Pitlochry, and the rumour runs in the granite city that he is not to be won by Tourak.

DR. W. M. TAYLOR says there are more shrines for the worship of Bacchus in one of our great cities than there were in the whole of ancient Greece.

MR. ALFRED WILLIAM JOHNSTON, M.A., missionary in Belhaven Church, Glasgow, who spent a short time in Canada, occupied his father's pulpit in Dunoon and preached with acceptance to a large congregation.

Two stained glass windows have been placed in the north transept of Givian parish church by the congregation in memory of Rev. William Corson, minister from 1848 to 1887. He was a schoolfellow of Thomas Carlyle.

THE Rev. John McNeill preached in Dunbar Parish Church recently to an overflowing congregation, which numbered at least 1,500; it was one of the sermons in connection with the anniversary of the Free Church, but the latter building could not accommodate those who desired to hear Mr. McNeill.

THE late Mr. James Nasmyth, the inventor of the steam-hammer, whose personality amounts to \$1,219,025, has bequeathed a sixth part of his residuary estate to the Scottish Academy to form a fund for decayed artists, to be called by his father's name. Various asylums for the blind and other charitable institutions will also benefit largely under Mr. Nasmyth's will.

THE spire of the new church at Colwyn Bay is now finished, and the building itself within measurable distance of completion; but meanwhile successful services are being held in the public hall. Dr. Thain Davidson is conducting these during the present month, and is attracting the largest congregations that have yet been brought together in the Presbyterian place of worship.

THE Rev. Robert Fairweather, for forty-six years minister of Nigg, and who was previously for four years pastor of the Scottish church at Rotterdam, died recently in his seventy-fourth year. His ministerial jubilee was celebrated in September last. A native of Brechin, he preached his first sermon in 1839 for his wife's uncle, Dr. Thomas Guthrie, who was then minister of Greyfriars, Edinburgh.

MRS. PETER, of Stirling, who died recently, has bequeathed \$1,250 for the Baker Street Mission of the North congregation, and leaves Parkhall House and grounds as a manse for the minister. The residue of her estate, about \$75,000, is to be devoted to the erection and maintenance of a new church to be called the Peter Memorial. Rev. John Chalmers is to have the first offer to become its pastor.

THE Rev. Gavin Carlyle, M.A., of London, a nephew of Edward Irving, and formerly editor of the now defunct *Weekly Review*, is delivering a course of four lectures at Glasgow under the auspices of the Sabbath Protection Association. The first dealt with true and false criticism. In another lecture he reviewed the leading positions of the naturalistic critics as to the Pentateuch, the Psalms and the Prophets.

LADY VICTORIA CAMPBELL, one of the Duke of Argyll's daughters, is making her annual round of the Hebrides, and at Bunnessan has been entertaining the young women to tea in the school-room one evening, and the older women on the following night. She is much interested in sustaining an industry among the poorer women in the island of Tiree, and watches over the young woman's association she has organized.

THE Rev. R. Borland, minister of Yarrow, has furnished the introduction and notes for a volume, "Yarrow: Its Poets and Poetry," to be published presently. The work will be richly illustrated with drawings by Constance W. Mangin, and portraits of Allan Ramsay, the Ettrick Shepherd, Christopher North, Sir Walter Scott and Wordsworth; while the large paper edition will contain besides a dozen photogravures.

IN connection with St. James' Church at Alnwick there is a ramblers' club formed two years ago which has been very successful. It is not sectarian and any one is welcome who wishes to join. Most of the gatherings are on Saturday afternoons, and the parties number from ten to ninety. On each excursion one of the members reads a short paper, which forms the theme of discussion as the ramblers proceed to their destination. There an essay is read and the various places of interest visited.

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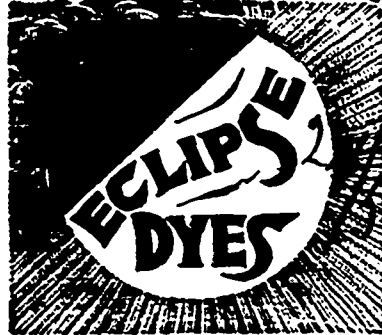
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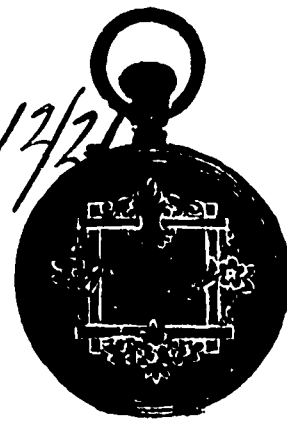
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