

British and Foreign.

The Church of England has nearly 360,000 members in India.

The death is announced of Mr. Alex. Wylie, an elder in College-square North, Belfast, and for twenty-three years manager of the Bible and Colportage Society.

A PROTESTANT chapel is to be erected at Bethlehem for pilgrims, the Sultan having granted the necessary permission on being appealed to by the German Embassy.

£1,335,491 is estimated as being the aggregate amount as the year's British contributions for foreign missions. This is £105,000 more than the previous year's total.

At the meeting of the Free Church Commission, in Edinburgh, Nov. 20th, Dr. Thomas Brown, of Dean Free Church, in that city, was unanimously nominated for the Moderatorship of the next General Assembly.

M. MARLE D'AVIGNON, the son of the well known author of the "History of the Reformation," is visiting England, and has held several meetings in support of the Foreign Aid Society, now entered on the jubilee year of existence.

A NEW YORK millionaire, the late Mr. Crerar, has left £446,000 for the foundation of a public library at Chicago, upon condition that French novels and works reflecting upon the Christian faith shall be for ever excluded.

SWITZERLAND has 1,162 Sunday schools, with 5,459 teachers and 84,000 scholars. Sweden has 3,340 Sunday schools, with 15,000 teachers and 220,000 scholars. Austria has 140 Sunday schools, with 312 teachers and 4,519 scholars.

RECENT statistics, secured almost throughout from the secretaries of the various synodical organizations, give the Lutheran Church of America a total of 4,633 pastors and professors, 1,626 parochial school teachers, 7,543 congregations, and 1,163,746 communicants.

An interesting statement is announced from Constantinople, that the Sultan has sanctioned the erection, at Bethlehem, of a chapel for Protestant pilgrims. It is stated that this decision is most gratifying to the German Embassy, who has had the scheme particularly at heart.

REV. JOHN McNEILL has commenced a weekly prayer meeting to precede the Wednesday evening service, and to which the whole of the Regent-square congregation are invited. Mr. McNeill begins to find out what London life means. He complains that he has not a minute to himself.

DR. COLLINGWOOD BRUCE, of Newcastle, ex-Moderator of the English Synod, and well known as an antiquarian, is interesting himself in a recently discovered tombstone in Northumberland bearing a Christian inscription, and which is said to date back to the second or third century.

PROFESSOR DODS' Edinburgh classroom, which is, perhaps, the largest in the place, is entirely filled, being thronged not only with the regular students of the two years devoted to his subject, but also by the students in general, certain of whom had formerly completed a theological course; and the heterogeneous dress of the busy note-takers is here and there varied with the clerical costume.

SIR GEORGE BRUCE publishes a paper on "The Presbyterian Position in England." In closing he says: "Presbyterians have always been distinguished for an unflinching loyalty to kings and queens in the past, and our most gracious Queen has no more loyal subjects than those who decline to recognize her as head of the Church, yet will always be found ready to maintain to the utmost the stability of that throne she graciously adorns.

IVAN PAULIN, the Russian author, was baptized in the Central Baptist church of Minneapolis, Minn., on Sunday evening, 17th November, previous to his renunciation of infidelity. All his life, up to the time of his graduation from Harvard in 1884, Paulin was an infidel. He went to Minneapolis a year ago to deliver a few lectures. Since becoming a Christian he has renounced lecturing on worldly topics, and will henceforth stick to the pulpit.

THIS Queen, on Sunday, Nov. 10th, attended her private Presbyterian chapel at Balmoral for the last time before returning South. Rev. Arthur Gordon, of Edinburgh, preached, and, along with Rev. A. Campbell, subsequently dined with Her Majesty. The Queen's private Presbyterian chapel forms one of the most recent additions to Balmoral Castle. The interior is panelled with native Scotch pine from Balmochdale Forest, and which is so highly polished that it resembles satin wood.

In connection with the contemplated reproduction, in book form, of the works of the Scottish Constable, Rev. John Thomson, of Dunnington, the present minister of that great landscape painter's parish, Rev. J. A. Hunter Paton, writes to complain that the interesting old church of Dunnington contains no memorial of its artist minister. He suggests a stained-glass window as an appropriate memorial, and intimates that several gentlemen have signified their intention of subscribing.

At the late meeting of the Presbytery of London (North), Dr. Verner White submitted a statement, which he had

printed and circulated among the members of Presbytery, regarding his retirement from the pastorate at South Kensington, and from the work of the ministry generally, on his attaining his jubilee in January next. After cordial expressions of sympathy by the Rev. Dr. Fraser and Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, it was agreed that the consideration of the question of Dr. White's retirement be postponed till January.

As was anticipated several weeks ago, Dr. A. K. H. Boyd, of St. Andrews, has been elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The election took place November 20th, previous to the usual Quarterly Meeting of the Commission in Edinburgh. Dr. Boyd is a native of Auchinleck, Ayrshire, where he was born in 1825. He first became known to the reading public as a writer under the now familiar initials, "A. K. H. B.," his early papers appearing in Fraser's Magazine. Edinburgh University conferred the degree of D.D. upon him in 1874, and subsequently he received the degree of LL.D.

In the second of his Croall Lectures, delivered in St. George's, Edinburgh, Dr. Scott dealt with the historical antecedents of Buddhism and Christianity, and the evidential value of their respective Scriptures. He pointed out that while the original Scriptures of Christianity had been before the tribunal of the world's keenest and most hostile criticism for eighteen hundred years, we are only now getting to know the Scriptures of Buddhism. The merit of Christian literature over that of Buddhism did not lie in the fact that it claimed to be inspired, for that was claimed for every collection of religious writings.

REV. COLIN FRASER, M.A., who died recently, in his eighty-second year, was licensed in connection with the Established Church, but at the Disruption he threw in his lot with those who "came out." After labouring as a probationer at various places, he was ordained to the church at Fasnakyle, Strathglass, in 1853, and there he continued to minister until 1880, when failing sight compelled him to retire. The last years of his life were spent in his native village on Loch Maree. Mr. Fraser was an admirable Gaelic scholar, and from time to time enriched the pages of The Celtic Magazine with some of his stores of Highland tales, legends, and poetry.

A CONFERENCE of ministers and elders from the presbyteries of Berwick, Northumberland, Newcastle and Darlington, was held at Newcastle. Rev. James G. Potter presided over an afternoon conference, at which Rev. J. S. Rae, Sunderland, read a paper on "The Rest of Faith: How Attained and How Manifested." Rev. R. Leitch referred to the many conferences that had been held of late, for the purpose of waiting upon God with a view to realizing how to better enter into the "Rest of Faith." Rev. John Bogue, of Stockton, presided over the evening meeting, and referred to the offer of Mr. William Gray, of Hartlepool, to pay off three-quarters of the entire debt on the churches of the Darlington Presbytery. Thus encouraged, the Presbytery was likely at next Synod to be in a position to show a clean balance sheet as regarded debt. He believed Mr. Gray was willing to help the northern presbyteries to rid themselves of debt. Rev. A. F. Douglas, of Ancroft Moor, read a paper on "The Claims of the Lord's Day upon Professing Christians." On the motion of Rev. W. Rogerson, seconded by Rev. J. B. Hastings, the following resolution was adopted: "That in the opinion of this conference the conscientious observance of the Lord's day conduces not only to the temporal welfare of the individual and community, but is essential to the spiritual prosperity of the Church and its members, and demands an important place in the consideration alike of ministers and congregations." Some speakers spoke strongly against ministers riding in trains and public vehicles on Sunday. Rev. A. H. Drysdale read a paper on "The Present Relation of our Church to other Churches in England." The Presbyterian Churches, he said, were in concord with the whole evangelical Nonconformity of England. They were finding it easy to hold fellowship with them, but more ought to be done in this direction. He moved the resolution, seconded by Rev. John Thompson, dealing with the Archbishop's proposals, submitting "that owing to the indefiniteness and ambiguity of certain terms in the basis of union proposed by the bishops, it might be needful to have such terms as 'historic episcopate' made more clear, and that a conference might be attempted among the various parties." Rev. A. F. Douglas held that the Church of England attempted a system of social ostracism. Rev. J. B. Hastings pointed out that the Anglicans and Roman Catholics did not regard the Presbyterians as properly ordained. These Churches, therefore, mutually excluded each other. Dr. Bruce thought many evangelical Anglicans would gladly shake hands with them, as all did not believe in the Apostolic succession. Rev. John Bogue said it was difficult to cooperate with Church clergymen on equal terms. Mr. Sutton, sheriff of Newcastle, thought the Church was drifting more towards Rome than Presbyterians. The motion was carried.

Special Notices.

REV. DR. KINNEAR, Letterkenny, has forwarded 100 standard volumes to Magee College Library—his thirty-third donation.

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THE Assembly's College, Belfast, opened its session in the Gamble Library Hall, Thursday, Nov. 7th, the venerable President, Dr. Killen, in the chair. Professor Heron's installation address, which was the feature of the occasion, was a masterly production—at once deep and clear—and assured a distinct success in the professorate. A cap and gown were presented to Professor Heron on the previous day by the professors and a few other friends.

PRINCIPAL CUNNINGHAM, while agreeing with those who think that the Confession would be improved if it were cut down to one-tenth its present size, does not anticipate any good result from the appointment of the Free Church revision committee. While all are agreed that the Confession should be abbreviated and changed, he declares that no two men are agreed as to how it should be done. The Principal told the students of St. Mary's College, St. Andrew's, that nothing he has done in his life gives him more gratification than the part he took in getting the General Assembly to revert to the original form of subscription to the Confession. He also added that it had long been a reproach to Scotland that she had never produced one really great theologian.

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