

British and Foreign

At a conference in Belfast, on the state of religion, a resolution was adopted to arrange for a meeting on Keswick lines.

The oldest inhabitant of Ardrossan is Mrs. McGrattan, now in her 106th year. She was twenty-two years old when the battle of Waterloo was fought.

Rev. P. S. Wright, minister emeritus of Forfar Church, has died, after a protracted illness. Mr. Wright was ordained to the charge at Forfar in 1863.

Rev. Robert Beattie, minister of Conway for over forty years, has asked leave to retire from active duty. Rev. J. Porter, of Ballycastle, also retires owing to infirm health.

The rumor regarding the secession from the Church of Rome of the Earl of Dumfries, heir to the Marquis of Bute, has again been revived and again authoritatively denied.

Rev. R. J. Craig, of Dalgety Parish, Fifeshire, has passed away. He had been in ill-health for some time, and was recently granted six months' leave of absence. He was ordained in 1860.

Rev. Robert Henderson, of Innellan, has reached his ministerial semi-jubilee. At a meeting of the congregation he was presented with a purse containing £100. Presents were also given to Mrs. Henderson.

The Duke of Argyll has granted a site for an undenominational mission hall at Drumcrae, a mining village near Campbelltown, and has intimated that no payment for ground will be exacted during his lifetime.

Dr. McGaffin, a native of Belfast, who has been in the ministry in America, has been called to the pastorate of the Second Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, in succession to Dr. Fox, who became secretary to the Bible Society.

An unpleasant incident took place in connection with the communion service in a Forfar Church last Sunday, when an elder who had been suspended insisted on his right to take part. After some delay he was persuaded to give way.

There is a mild demand on the part of certain ministers of the Church of Scotland for a change from the universally accepted Geneva gown. One minister would like the black gown replaced by a blue one, and advocates the dress of an English dean for ministers of the Church of Scotland.

Dr. Wm. Frazer, who has died at Dublin, was a Fellow, a member of Council, and an examiner of the Royal College of Surgeons. He was also for thirty-two years an elder in the church at Ormond Quay. He was mainly the instrument in establishing a home for poor Presbyterian women, and was associated with the late Dr. Johnston in founding the Orphan Society.

Dr. Adam Milroy, minister of Moneydie Parish, near Perth, since 1858, has died at the age of 74. He was ordained in 1854, and for some time has been clerk of Perth and Stirling. Rev. W. L. Milroy, of Abernethy, is a son.

The election of Mr. M. Wright, Johnstone, to St. Luke's Church, Montrose, has been declared invalid by Arbroath Presbytery, on the grounds that a majority of the congregation had not signed the call, and that there was a lack of harmony.

Sir George Bruce being unable to attend the Pan-Presbyterian Council in Washington, his place will be taken by Mr. Robert Wales. The English Synod will thus be represented by Revs. William Hutton, W. Watson and Dr. Ross, and Messrs. Thomas Bell, William Caruthers and Robert Waes.

It has been decided to proceed at once with the immediate restoration of the north transept of Paisley Abbey and to carry out the complete restoration of the abbey in sections, leaving the tower until the rest has been finished. It is believed that the choir of the abbey was architecturally similar to the long choir at Dunblane and Dunkeld, and these are to be taken as models by the architect, Dr. Rowand Anderson.

Principal Story continues to appear with untiring zeal at public gatherings of all descriptions in Glasgow and the west of Scotland. Speaking at Clydebank at a bazaar in aid of a new church for Dalmuir, he remarked that while the temples of industry were rising on all hands along the Clydeside it was only fitting that the temples of God should likewise have a foremost place.

The choir of Elgin Parish Church failed to attend on Sunday evening. It is understood their action was intended as a protest against an article written by one of the ministers of the church, in which he described choirs as "composed for the most part of crude young persons of both sexes who turn up their hymns during the prayer, and indulge in amatory sniggers during the sermon."

The sum of £3,500 has been bequeathed to the schemes of the church by the will of Miss Janet Wares, of Wick.

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