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As a souvenir of his first communion, the Pope has sent the boy King of Spain a cross set in diamonds.

The Queen has forwarded to Miss Weston the cost of furnishing and endowing a cabin in her Sailors' Rest at Devonport.

To celebrate the coming of age of Lady Henry Somerset's son the tenantry and school children were entertained at Eastnor Castle.

Mr. Wm. Johnston, sen., founder of the Johnston line of steamers, died at his residence, near Liverpool, recently, at the age of 90.

The Queen has conferred knighthoods on the Snabzada's interpreter and agent. Our Afghan visitor is expected to leave England very shortly.

Bishop Fallows is acquiring saloons in Chicago and successfully running them on Temperance lines. The Bishop's example is being followed elsewhere in America.

The Rev. Dr. Black, High Church, Inverness, met with an accident lately breaking three of his ribs. He has been forbidden to engage in pulpit work by his medical adviser for some time.

The American Pilgrims, who are now about turning their faces homeward from the Continent, appear to have had a good time. Complete success, we are told, has attended the pilgrimage.

Amid the ruins of the amphitheatre of Carthage, the scene of the martyrdom of so many early Christians, a chapel has been erected in accordance with the wishes of the late Cardinal Lavigerie.

The King of the Belgians paid a private visit to London and walked from Charing-cross Station. After calling upon Lord Salisbury, Mr. Balfour, and Mr. Chamberlain, he left the following evening on his return to Belgium.

In the past year 8,831 Orthodox Christians, 1,224 Mohammedans, 510 Jews, 506 Catholics, 235 Lutherans, 119 Sectarians, 50 Lamaists, 35 Gregorian Armenians, 30 Skoptzi, and a large number of heathen were transported to Siberia.

In St. Andrew's Presbytery, Dr. Anderson, the colleague of 'A.K.H.B.,' protested against the General Assembly calling upon that court to pay £46 towards the expenses of the Assembly. His motion, declining to give the money, was not seconded.

Rev. Dr. MacEwan, London, England, is taking his holiday at Kirkwall, Orkney. During his absence the Clapham-road Church is being redecorated at a cost of £800. It will be opened by Dr. MacEwan on the third Sunday of September.

A recent *British Weekly* contains an article supporting the claim of Lord Rosebery to the continued leadership of the Liberal party, but saying that if the noble lord is to remain in that position he will have to give up his connection with the turf.

At the laying of the foundation-stone of the lecture-hall and schoolrooms at Whitley, Newcastle, by Sir Geo. Bruce, Rev. Jas. Mackenzie, of Dresden, and formerly of Shields, stated that during the last twenty years the Newcastle Presbytery had spent £60,000 in church building.

The Central Committee of the National Society for Promoting Women's Suffrage have compiled a list of members for the present Parliament who are favourable to their cause. Out of the 670 members 222 are entered upon this list as advocating the granting to women the same Parliamentary voting privileges as men. The list consists of 129 Conservatives, 22 Liberal Unionists, 67 Liberals, and 2 Nationalists.

Dean Farrar will continue to officiate as Chaplain to the House of Commons until the end of the year

Dr. Ross Taylor, of Glasgow, is visiting the Highlands to plead the cause of the Sustentation Fund.

The American Presbyterian tourists, headed by Rev. Dr. Thompson, of New York, worshipped on a recent Sabbath in the cathedral of St. Pierre, Geneva, when a Scottish service was conducted by Rev. James M. Inglis, of Newtown Stewart, acting-chaplain.

The joint meetings at Keswick of representatives of the Y.M.C.A. and the Inter-University Christian Union, were attended, amongst others, by Sir George Williams, Mr. W. H. Seagram, Dr. J. H. Gladstone, F.R.S., Mr. W. H. Mills, and Mr. J. H. Putterill; as well as by Messrs. Mott and Wisard, representing Y.M.C.A. and University work on the other side of the Atlantic.

THE PASTOR'S WIFE.

AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW WITH MRS. (REV.) F. B. STRATTON.

Threatened With Paralysis—Weak, Emaciated and Unable to Stand Fatigue—Pink Pills Restore Her Health.

From the Napanee Beaver

The Rev. F. B. Stratton, of Selby, is one of the best known ministers in Bay of Quinte conference, of which body he is the President. During the two years Mr. Stratton has been stationed at Selby, both he and Mrs. Stratton have won hosts of friends among all classes for their unassuming and sincere Christian work. Some time ago Mrs. Stratton was attacked with partial paralysis, and her restoration having been attributed to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, a reporter of the Beaver was sent to interview her. In reply to the reporter's question Mrs. Stratton said that she had been greatly benefited by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and was perfectly willing to give her experience that those similarly afflicted might be benefited. Mrs. Stratton said that before moving to Selby she had been greatly troubled by a numbness coming over her sides and arms (partial paralysis) which, when she moved, felt as though hundreds of needles were sticking in the flesh. For over a year she had been troubled in this way, with occasionally a dizzy spell. She was becoming emaciated and easily fatigued and was unable to get sleep from this cause. The trouble seemed to be worse at night time. Mr. Stratton had become greatly alarmed at her bad state of health, and it was feared that complete paralysis would ensue as Mrs. Stratton's mother, the late Mrs. Weaver, of Ingersoll, had been similarly stricken, at about the same age. Knowing a young lady in Trenton, where Mr. Stratton had been previously stationed, who had been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, it was determined to give them a fair trial. When Mrs. Stratton began using the Pink Pills she was very thin and her system badly run down, but after taking the pills for a time, all symptoms of paralysis disappeared, and she found her health and strength renewed and her weight increased. Mrs. Stratton is about fifty years of age, and a more healthy, robust, and younger looking lady is seldom seen at that age.

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In a recent after-dinner speech Mr. Rider Haggard mentioned two odd literary coincidences that had occurred in connection with his works. One of these concerned his invention of an incident on the Tana River, where a mission station was attacked by the Masai and the mission people were killed. Strange to say, after his imaginary account had appeared, some missionaries did found a station on that river, were attacked by the Masai, and some of them were killed. In this book, "The People of the Mist," he had fixed upon an unknown part of Africa and had described a region from his inner consciousness; and only a week before the speech was made a company, in which the author is a director, had sent out orders to take possession of the very tract he had in view, and so far as the reports of the native agents who had inspected it went, he believed his descriptions were fairly correct.

Philanthropy at Small Cost.—Friend. "Say, old boy, how in the world did you, with your small income, get such a reputation as a great philanthropist." Sharpp. "I announced far and wide that I would pay the railroad fare of all the unemployed who wished to go to work on farms." "Well?" "Well, total expenses so far, ten cents."—*The Weekly*, New York.



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