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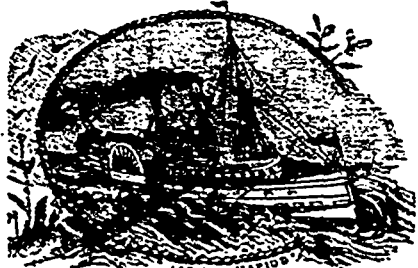
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The marriage of Mr. Asquith and Miss Margot Tennant takes place on May 10.

Japan has 910 miles of completed track, and transported, in 1889, 11,700,000 passengers.

A bill has been introduced in the Ohio Legislature providing for local option in all parts of the state.

A daughter of the venerable Principal Brown of Aberdeen is a diligent and successful worker in the East of London.

Under a regulation passed by the Sanitary Board of Johannesburg, Kafirs are flogged if they walk on the pavements.

Portraits of Arthur Clough and Tom Hughes, two old Rugbians, have been unveiled at Rugby School by the Bishop of London.

A liquor Prohibition League has been formed for all India. Opium is now forbidden in Burmah to all the natives, but foreigners can buy and use it.

James Hobbs Hansen, LL.D., principal of Coburn Classical Institute, one of the most celebrated educators of New England, died recently at Waterville, Me.

Prof. A. B. Davidson, of Edinburgh, is contributing a series of articles on "The Theology of Isaiah" to *The Expository Times*. The first appears in the April number.

A meeting last week in Nicholson street Reformed Presbyterian church, Glasgow, presided over by Rev. Dr. Kerr, adopted a resolution against the Sabbath tramway traffic.

Bethany Sunday school in Philadelphia, of which Mr. John Wanamaker is superintendent, has a membership of more than 5,000, and Mr. Wanamaker's class numbers over 1,200.

At the annual meeting of the United Presbyterian Ministers' Sons Society last week £730 was allotted among the widows and families of deceased ministers, the applications numbering 52.

A monument of silver grey granite has been erected in Sighthill cemetery to the memory of the late Dr. A. A. Bonar. The monument, about 11 feet in height, is from the works of Mr. Robert Gray, sculptor.

The Established church in Berwickshire claims 8,920 communicants, while the rolls of the Free and United Presbyterian churches together show only 7,474; yet the electorate has declared for disestablishment.

A crowded disestablishment meeting was held lately in the public hall, Hawick—Mr. A. L. Brown presiding, and Principal Hutton, Rev. Dr. Oliver, and Rev. Mr. Steven (Selkirk), being the chief speakers.

The son of Rev. Colin Macdonald, of Rogart, as heir to the fee of the estate of the late Mr. Andrew Hall of Calrossie, has been allowed by Lord Kincaid £250 a year for maintenance and education out of Mrs. Hall's life rent.

The Secretary for Scotland refuses to say more regarding the introduction of the Disestablishment Bill than that it will be at a date which shall allow the Scottish people ample time to consider it before it comes up for second reading.

A new magazine at the price of a penny is issued by the proprietors of the *Westminster Gazette*, its object being to give at a glance by a combination of letter-press and illustrations the political events of the month. Its title is *Picture Politics*.

As a memorial of the late Lord Tennyson, it is proposed to erect a granite monolith in the form of an Iona cross on the loftiest part of the Down, Freshwater, so long the home of the Laureate. It will serve as a beacon on that portion of the Isle of Wight.

The Highland Committee of the Free Church are sending out about 70 missionaries this summer. At the annual meeting, presided over by Rev. A. Lee, stress was laid on the necessity of preaching the Gospel clearly, and without touching on questions leading to strife.

Mr. G. R. Parkin, speaking at a meeting in the Free Assembly hall in aid of colonial missions, stated that capitalists in this country had £1,200,000,000 invested in colonial securities. Those, therefore, who were rolling back wealth to this country had surely a claim on its people.

Greenock Presbytery Committee on Religion and Morals report that Sabbath desecration, drunkenness, uncleanness, profane language, gambling, and other sins find a place in the community, whilst there is also an inordinate craving by many for amusements, to the obstruction of the gospel and the spiritual loss of all concerned. But they do not believe that this anti-Christian spirit is on the increase.

The venerable ex-President of Princeton, Dr. McCosh, is now in his eighty-third year. He is declining in strength, but his brain is said to be still active and clear. He has a book in the press which is to contain his last word to the public which he has been addressing for nearly sixty years.

Rev. Dr. Kerr, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, suggests the appointment in a public manner of a committee of 5 Established ministers, 5 Free, 4 United Presbyterian, 2 Original Secession, 2 Free Church Secession, and 2 Reformed Presbyterian, to consider the question of reconstructing the Presbyterian Church.

The High Congregation, Edinburgh, have agreed to call a colleague-successor to Dr. Smith instead of amalgamating with another congregation or selling the church to the college authorities. The stipend will be £400 in addition to the Sustentation Fund dividend. Dr. Smith is to be presented with a substantial sum as a testimonial.

Mr. Chamberlain in his Edinburgh speech said he had voted for disestablishment, and might vote for it again. But Lord Rosebery proposed to disestablish the Scottish Church on Establishment principles, a thing that could not be right and was logically absurd. On the church question in Scotland he, Mr. Chamberlain, confessed himself a Home Ruler.

In a dainty little book issued by Messrs. Passmore & Alabaster, Mrs. Spurgeon tells the story of another year's work in connection with her "Book Fund." By means of this excellent agency Mrs. Spurgeon has conferred a boon on many a poor pastor. A pathetic interest is given to this touching report by its frontispiece, which is a view of the empty study at "Westwood."

The congregation of Gorbals Tabernacle, Glasgow, are taking steps with a view to filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. John Robertson. The names of the Rev. G. McGregor, Aberdeen, and the Rev. Mr. Smith, Dufftown, have been before the congregational committee. It is stated that, in the event of either of them accepting the charge, a prominent and wealthy member of the Free Church has undertaken to erect a new church for the congregation.

At the Free Church Congress held in Leeds, Rev. John Hunter, D.D., of Trinity Congregational Church, Glasgow, read a paper on "Worship," in which, while admitting that the sermon was the vital part of worship, he maintained there were many changes desirable in the devotional part. Better manners were needed, and the liturgical element ought to be introduced. A discussion followed, in which Rev. T. Rider, of Leeds, remarked that aesthetic people when hearing sweet music thought they were at the gates of heaven, but in truth the gates of heaven were not in that neighbourhood.

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