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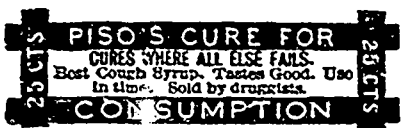
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Cremation, according to the report of M. Salmon, the Secretary of the French Cremation Society, has made great progress of late in France. So great has been the use made of the crematorium at Pere Lachaise Cemetery that the Society recommends the placing of a similar establishment in every one of the Parisian burial grounds. Members of the Society, for some reason, are not satisfied with the name usually employed to designate the destruction of the body by fire. At their last meeting they carried a resolution abolishing the name "Cremation Society," and adopting, in its stead the title "Society for the Promotion of Incineration."

## British and Foreign.

Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, of New York, will sail for Europe on June 6th.

It is many years since such a spring has been enjoyed in Scotland as that of this year.

Columbia College was enriched last week by a gift of \$10,000 from its president, Mr. Seth Low.

Rev. John G. Paton, the missionary, preached at the Regent Square Church, London, April 29th.

The income last year of the Scottish Temperance League was £9,100, and the expenditure £8,983.

Rev. George H. C. McGregor was inducted into his new charge at Nothing Hill on the Queen's Birthday.

Mr. Erskine Orr, proprietor of the Greenock Telegraph, died on the 8th ult. at his residence, Kilmalcolm.

The Free Presbytery have decided to have a special collection in aid of the hospitals on the last Sunday in October.

Rev. Daniel Fisher, Dunfermline, was ordained to the pastorate of the U. P. Church, Pittenweem, on the 2nd ult.

Three United States Senators were born in foreign lands—McMillan in Canada, Pasco in England and Walsh in Ireland.

Lane Theological Seminary has elected to the chair of Church History Professor Henry W. Hulbert, now of Marietta College.

Mr. Peter Coats is to erect a separate home for nurses in connection with the new Paisley Infirmary. The cost will be about £10,000.

Rev. E. D. Fingland denounced late shopping on Saturday nights from the pulpit of St. Andrew's Free Church, Greenock, on the 29th ult.

It has already been found in New Zealand that where a temperance candidate has been in the field the women's vote has been given to him.

Mr. J. M. Barrie, the Scotch novelist, who is about to enter his 35th year, believes that the only author by whom he has been influenced is Carlyle.

In Australia no newspapers are published nor railroad trains run on the Sabbath. Telegraph offices are closed, and all business is suspended.

The Lord Mayor of London has remitted £3,600 to the Metropolitan Archbishop of Athens for the relief of the sufferers from the recent earthquake.

The British Commissioners to the Chicago Fair have issued their report, in which they declare that the Exhibition was the most magnificent since that of 1851.

The London Omnibus and Train Workers' Union are trying to bring about a twelve hours working day. Many of the men now work 14, 15, or even 16 hours a day.

The Duke of Veragua has made a gift to the Lenox Library of forty-six original documents of the Columbus family, which were exhibited at the Chicago World's Fair.

Mr. Herbert John Clifford Grierson, M.A. has been appointed professor of English literature ("The Chalmers Chair of English Literature") in the University of Aberdeen.

The Presbytery of Inverness, on the 8th ult., adopted an overture calling upon the General Assembly to take steps towards the publication of a new edition of the quarto Gaelic Bible.

The Superintendent of Indian affairs reports there are 5141 Indians remaining in New York State. These red men embrace the Cayugas, Onondagas, Oneidas, Senecas and Tuscarora tribes.

At the meeting of the English Presbyterian Synod Rev. A. Gordon represented the Canadian Presbyterian Church and the Synod commended that church to the liberality of the churches in England.

The church erected at Paisley in memory of the late Mr. Thomas Coats, by his widow and family, was opened on the 13th ult. It is for the use of the Storie Street Baptist congregation, and cost £100,000.

The public exercises of commencement week at the McCormick Theological Seminary, in Chicago, began Sabbath evening, April 29th, with a memorial service for the late Professor Edwin Cone Bissell.

The works constructed at Glasgow, at a cost of £100,000, for the purification of the sewage of the city before passing into the river Clyde, were formally opened on the 2nd ult. by Lord Provost Bell in presence of a large company. The works cover an area of nine acres.

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The total number of lives reported at Chicago as lost through the last severe storm on the lakes recently is twenty-six, and the number of lake craft, mainly schooners, known to have been sunk is twenty-eight.

Rabbi Gottheil, of New York, speaking on the Young Men's Hebrew Association, says: "We initiated the Y.M.C.A., but we left out what is the real secret of its success—religion. All its branches are subservient to Christianity."

It is just 30 years ago that the Bishop of London's Fund was established by the late Dr. Tait. Since then the fund has expended £230,000 on clergy and lay agents, £130,000 on mission rooms, and £320,000 on church building.

Professor Drummond has an idea that a party of boys of the Glasgow Boys' Brigade should be sent to this country to give exhibitions of drill to American lads, who, the Professor says, go through their drill in a slovenly fashion.

At the opening of Peckham Rye Park on Whit-Monday, Mr. John Hutton, chairman of the London County Council, stated that during the last five years, 1,000 acres had been added to the open spaces of London, at a cost of £100,000.

The sixty-seventh commencement exercises of the Western Theological Seminary were held May 3rd, in the First Presbyterian church, Allegheny, Pa. The graduating class is composed of twenty-five men. Among them is Youan Yoseph Aurahani, a Persian.

The British Museum has books written on bricks, tiles, oyster shells, bones and flat stones, together with manuscripts on barks, on leaves, on ivory, leather, parchment, papyrus, lead, iron, copper and wood. It has three copies of the Bible written on the leaves of the fan palm.

Four Scotchmen are at present Mayors in New Zealand. Mr. Matthie, of Shellharbour, is a native of Whitburn; Mr. Barrie, of Lismore, a native of Carmyllie; Mr. Taylor, of Rockdale, a native of Cumnock; and Mr. Scouller, of Marrickville, is also a native of Whitburn.

The Duke of Westminster roughly values the inheritance of his heir-at-law (young Lord Belgrave, now 15 years of age) at £16,000,000 sterling, and complains that if the Death Duties proposed in the Budget are adopted his heir will have to pay to the Crown no less than £1,300,000.

Mrs. Hammond, wife of the late Dr. William G. Hammond, chancellor of the St. Louis Law School, on April 13th donated her husband's entire library of historical legal works to the law department of the State University of Iowa, of which Dr. Hammond was chancellor for thirteen years.

The Cornell University Christian Association maintains a representative in Japan to do Christian work among the educated young men of that country. The name of the Cor-

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well missionary is R. S. Miller, a graduate of the class of '88, and he has now been in Japan nearly four years. He resides at Tokyo. Cornell is the only university in the United States that supports a foreign missionary.

At the Glasgow sittings of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod, lately, the Rev. Dr. Matthews, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Alliance, gave an interesting account of visits he had recently paid to the Reformed Presbyterian and other missions in the Turkish Empire. He described at considerable length the efforts made by Russia to get hold of Syria and Palestine, and through them of the Mediterranean, all in the interests of the Greek religion. Dr. Kerr, in moving a vote of thanks to Dr. Matthews, spoke of him as the Prime Minister of the Presbyterian world.

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