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British and Foreign.

One of the London papers states that Sir W. Harcourt on his resignation will be given a peerage.

There are from 14,000 to 16,000 good houses in Melbourne, Australia, at present standing empty.

A proposal was made to open the Portrush Golf Club on the Sabbath, but it was happily defeated.

Mr. J. Borthwick Dale, the son of a Liverpool elder, has been placed in the first class of Part II of Cambridge Mathematical Tripos.

The *Christian Commonwealth* says the proposal of erecting a Roman Catholic cathedral in Westminster is once more in the air.

The anti-gambling crusade which has been established has received support from the Bishops as well as from the leading Nonconformists.

Hong Kong has been visited with a plague said to resemble the black death which once devastated England, and hundreds of deaths have resulted.

The English Church Union, now celebrating its thirty-fifth anniversary, comprises over 35,000 members, of whom 4,266 are clergymen and 27 bishops.

It requires a sum of upward of £10,000 a year, voluntarily provided, to maintain and educate the 500 fatherless children of the Spurgeon Orphan Homes, Stockwell.

The Russian Imperial yacht *Polar Star*, with the Czar's wife on board, arrived at Gravesend on Wednesday, June 20th, and was received with a salute from the Fort at Tilbury.

Roman Catholic Bishop for Wales.—The establishment of a Roman Catholic Bishopric for Wales is under consideration. Father Jones, of Carnarvon, is likely to be the first bishop.

The Methodist Conference in London passed a resolution against gambling and horse-racing, and expressed regret at the countenance the Prime Minister is giving to the turf.

In honour of the 79th anniversary of the battle of Waterloo, fought on June 18th, 1815, the many regiments which took part in the engagement decorated their colours on Monday the 18th ult.

Whitworth College, Sumner, State of Washington, has conferred honorary degree of LL.D. on Mr. A. M. Stewart, editor and proprietor of *The Scottish American*, of the city of New York.

Rev. Jacob Primmer has been telling his congregation that no justice need be expected in the Assembly so long as it remains dominated by the circumlocutory Ritualistic oligarchy, who try to crush everyone bent on exposing them.

Dr. W. MacNeile Dixon, whose lectures on English literature in Belfast in connection with the University Extension movement are remembered with pleasure and profit, has been appointed Professor of English Literature in Mason College, Birmingham.

The congregation of the English Presbyterian Church of Belgrave, Sloane Street, London (vacant by translation of Rev. Mr. Paterson to the White Memorial, Glasgow), are about to address a call to the Rev. Robert Duff, of St. George's Church, Liverpool.

The *Contemporary* contains a scholarly paper on the early evolution of the bishop, in which the writer contends that the office grew out of a permanent chairmanship of elders, and that this pastoral Episcopate is the only "historic Episcopate": the diocesan bishop was a later development.

It is not more than six months since Bulawayo was in possession of an African savage, and already the foundations of a town and of civilized life have been laid. Some may look with regret on the disappearance of the noble savage, but he must disappear that civilization may increase.

The Bill for legalizing marriage with a deceased wife's sister has been defeated in the House of Lords. The Prince of Wales voted for it, but the entire bench of bishops voted against it. An English religious newspaper thinks that this of itself is sufficient to warrant the abolition of the House of Lords.

The Marquis of Dufferin is at present editing a volume of poems by his mother, Helen, Lady Dufferin, some of whose lyrics are amongst the best in the English language. Her "Emigrant's Farewell" and "The Bay of Dublin" have long since been recognized as worthy of rank with the best products of the most gifted Irish pens. In Ulster the volume should prove exceedingly welcome.

Portraiture by telegraph is the latest. Some days ago interesting experiments were made by a French scientist in the telegraphic transmission of outline drawings between Paris and Lyons. The reproductions at the Lyons end of the wire were so good that the likenesses were at once recognized.

Mr. W. S. Adie, of Trinity College, Cambridge, who is bracketed Senior Wrangler this year, is, or ought to be, a Presbyterian. His father, Mr. Patrick Adie, was one of two young men who left Regent Square in 1845 to initiate a Presbyterian Church in Chelsea—the church that is now known as "Belgrave."

The speech of the Duke of Devonshire has attracted much attention. He referred to the cost of keeping up the great houses which he has inherited, and a London correspondent learns, on the authority of one who is not much less wealthy than the noble duke, that the cost of "keeping up" Chatsworth is little, if anything, short of £40,000 a year.

The Italian cases against the city of New Orleans for damages resulting from the death of the Italians in the parish prison assault on March 14, 1891, have been decided in the United States Court of Appeals. The Court holds that municipal corporations in Louisiana are not liable for any damage done by mobs or riotous assemblages, except for damage to property.

There is living in Russia at the present a man named Nicholas Savin, whose age is 126 years. A soldier almost from boyhood Savin fought under the French flag during the Consulate and Empire. He was captured by the Russians in 1812 at the passage of the Beresina. The Parisians are endeavouring to gain for the old warrior the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.

The last report of the London Young Women's Christian Association gives in detail the valuable work carried on by that society. In London it has forty institutes, homes and restaurants, one hundred other branches, and two gymnasiums. Besides the religious, social and educational departments, there are others designed to meet the special need of girls, like employment agencies, sick and convalescent aids, travellers' aid, etc. The membership numbers fourteen thousand.

Marylebone Presbyterian Church was crowded on Sunday morning, 10th ult., to hear Dr. Cuyler, of New York. In spite of his advanced years he is as vigorous as if in the prime of life. A minister in a black gown wearing a flower was an unusual sight, and it was a very pleasant novelty. In America there is not the same prejudice against flowers in churches which exists in this country. The sermon, though of considerable length, was listened to throughout with great attention. Dr. Cuyler spoke of the great pleasure he felt in being once more in England, and of the losses the London pulpits have suffered meanwhile through the death of Spurgeon, Liddon, Allon, and Donald Fraser.

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Rev. Dr. J. Munro Gibson, of St. John's Wood Presbyterian Church, evoked loud applause at one of the Y.M.C.A. Jubilee meetings in London by defending the previous evening's programme, which had been objected to because of its including songs and gymnastic exercises. Were their muscles, he asked, not from God, and music from Him? It was time, he declared, that they were all done with the ungodly divorce of the secular from the sacred, done with the superstition that God was to be acknowledged only in part of our life.

Montreal Witness: The questions that would have to be settled by arbitrators, were the matter at issue submitted to such, would be whether Mr. Pullman could make the changes the men desire without loss to his business, or whether, assuming that there would be a loss, Mr. Pullman has a fortune that could be drawn upon to meet it, and if so how far that fortune should be drawn upon. In other words, the question at issue is a very big one for the world, namely, whether individuals shall carry on business at all, or whether they shall hand the management of affairs over to arbitrators. This is a question in which every free citizen would like to have a say.

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