

British and Foreign.

A PRESBYTERIAN Church seated for 200 has been opened on Holy Island.

THE personality of Rev. Dr. Donald Fraser amounts to \$19,250. He died intestate.

MISS JANET BECK, missionary, Blantyre, has been ordained a deaconess in the Church of Scotland.

GLASGOW'S licensed premises consist of twenty-one hotels, 1,476 public-houses and 311 grocers' shops.

THE Rev. R. Rentoul, late of Darlington, has been installed in the pastorate of the Church at Clonmel.

A HUNDRED boys from H. M. S. Caledonia sat down at the communion on a recent Sabbath in Queensferry Church.

MESSRS. MOODY AND SANKEY have been conducting meetings in the Town Hall, Birmingham. From there they go to Ireland.

THE Irish Assembly's missionary at Damascus, Rev. J. G. Phillips, who is recovering from a serious illness, has arrived at Belfast on furlough.

A JEWISH authority estimates the number of Jews in London in 1891 at 67,523, and in other parts of the United Kingdom in 1890 25,676.

THE Rev P. McAdam Muir, of Morningside Parish Church, Edinburgh, continued the opening services of the Cooke Centenary Church, Belfast.

THE war secretary has appointed Rev. A. Stirling, of York, acting chaplain to the Presbyterian troops encamped at Strensall during the drill season.

THE Rev. Dr. Walter C. Smith, of Edinburgh, is leaving for a two months' visit to the continent, Carlsbad and Interlaken being among the places he will visit.

THE Rev. J. Guinness Rodgers has, it is understood, accepted the office of president of the London Nonconformist Council, in succession to the late Dr. Allon.

MR. R. A. WILSON, solicitor, Derry, has paid to the financial treasurer of the General Assembly \$5,000, the bequest of his uncle, which should have lapsed to himself by operation of law.

MR. ARCHIBALD STUART, a licentiate of Route Presbytery, has been appointed to the Syrian mission field; and Mr. W. H. Gillespie, M.A., of the Newry Presbytery, to the work in China.

ACCOMMODATION in private households for the General Assembly during its stay in Dublin is being arranged; Methodists and Episcopalians joining with Presbyterians in providing hospitality.

THE Rev. Dr. Cock, of Rathen, Buchan, has been presented at a public dinner with a silver service on the occasion of his ministering jubilee. Lord Saltoun, the chief heritor, made the presentation.

THE Rev. J. W. Stewart, M.A., B.D., son of Rev. J. Stewart, of Ardrishaig, has been called to Cleator Moor, and Rev. Alexander D. Gray, M.A., of Holywell, to Penrith, both in the Presbytery of Carlisle.

OXENDON congregation have agreed to address a call to Rev. John Huey, M.A., B.D., minister of Trinity Church, New Bridge Street, Manchester, where Rev. Dr. McCaw laboured for more than a quarter of a century.

LONDON Presbytery has approved of Rev. Dr. Pentecost, a Congregationalist, as "stated supply" in Marylebone Church for a year. Rev. Dr. Pierson, who is supplying the Metropolitan tabernacle, is a Presbyterian.

DR. JAMES THOMSON, emeritus professor of Civil Engineering in Glasgow University, and, like his brother, Lord Kelvin, better known as Sir William Thomson, a distinguished scientist, died recently in his seventy-first year.

As a memorial of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, of Glenburn Hall, there has been placed by their family in Jedburgh Parish Church a stained glass window representing the promise in Isaac and the fulfilment in Christ.

THE Rev. Dr. Johnston's jubilee was celebrated at Belfast. A conversation was held in the Botanic Gardens Exhibition Hall, when the addresses and the congregation's testimonial were presented. The Memorial Fund exceeded \$7,500.

A COMMITTEE has been formed, with Lord Herschell as chairman, to raise a fund to commemorate Mr. Spurgeon. His institutions are to be aided, a monument is to be erected at Stockwell orphanage, and a memorial over his grave.

THE Rev. Dr. Mackinnon attended the meeting of the Irish Presbyterian Assembly's Board of Missionary Directors as a deputy from the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society, asking sympathy and support in the erection of a hospital at Damascus, to cost \$25,000.

PROFESSOR MAX MULLER regards the doctrine of the evolution of man as practically a thing of the past. He speaks of "the few biologists who, undeterred by the absence of facts, still profess a belief in the descent of man from some known or unknown animal species."

AMONG the legacies of the late Mr. Alexander Allan, of the steamship line, whose personality amounts to \$2,875,000 are \$10,000 to Wellington Church, Glasgow, \$10,000 to its Managers' Fund, \$5,000 to its Sabbath School Society, \$3,750 to its Bible Mission, and \$2,000 to each of the Church's Foreign Mission and Augmentation Funds.

IN celebration of the jubilee of Erskine Church, Glasgow, special services were held, Rev. Dr. Drummond preaching in the forenoon, Rev. James Kidd in the afternoon and Rev. James Jeffrey in the evening. A social meeting on Monday evening in the Grand National Hall was addressed by Rev. Dr. Black, Rev. Dr. Drummond, Rev. James Jeffrey, Mr. Corbett, M.P., Mr. R. Gourlay and Bailie Primrose.

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