

"Balfour of Burleigh," is a good old Scotch name, with something sturdy in the sound. The present wearer of the name is a strong defender of the Kirk—the Established Church of Scotland. But he has been warning the people very earnestly against any alliance of the church with a political party, and Professor Flint has spoken, with unusual emphasis, in the same mood.

The last Scotch General Assembly empowered Presbyteries, in the case of young surgeons who are members of the Free Church, and are about to enter upon medical mission work abroad, if they see cause, after suitable examination and inquiry, to recognize them as members and servants of the church specially set apart for evangelistic work in the foreign field, and to commend them in prayer to the grace of God. And several have already been so dealt with.

Before Sir Tatton Sykes joined himself to the Roman Catholic Church, he had built at his own expense, fifteen Anglican churches in Yorkshire. That he intends to continue his building operations is probable. The Manchester Guardian says: "We have it upon good authority that Sir Tatton intends to erect solely at his own expense, a grand cathedral for the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Westminster, and that he has already forwarded a check which will permit of the digging of the foundation for the edifice being commenced very shortly."

Statistics compiled by the officials of the United States Internal Revenue Department show that in the year 1891 93,000,000 gallons of beer were consumed in this country, and 700,000,000 on the continent of Europe, and in Great Britain and Ireland. The total value of this beer was \$259,000,000. The United States stand third on the list of beer drinking countries, the average being about two and a half gallons for each inhabitant. Belgium stands first on the list. Little beer is consumed in Scotland and Ireland, whiskey being the national beverage. The English average ten gallons of beer per head per annum.

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Three of the Swiss Cantons which a few years ago abolished capital punishment have restored it.

Of twelve students of the University of Leipzig who died last year one was killed in a duel and six committed suicide.

At the burning of a circus in Berditscheff, Russia, on Saturday, January 13, more than one hundred and fifty persons perished in the flames.

Italy is now open for the Gospel. From end to end of the country the preacher and the colporteur can go freely with the Word of God, and the nation is prepared, in the providence of God, to hear. Should we not carry Italy on our hearts, that God may bless that land?

A CURSE.—A Spanish Bishop thus curses Liberal journalists:

"May the Almighty God curse these journalists with His perpetual malediction! Let them be curse day and night, sleeping and waking, in eating, in drinking, and in playing, when they speak, and when they keep silence! May their eyes be blinded, and their ears deaf, their tongue dumb! May famished wolves prey upon their corpses, and may their eternal company be that of the devil and his angels!"

They entertain great expectations in Italy. One of the theological students of Gavazzi College in Rome, recently said: "I am twenty years old. I may hope to live fifty years more. If I do I expect to preach the Gospel in St. Peter's Church." Gavazzi himself said to a large audience some time ago: "I think I shall have everything I want before I die. I have seen many hopes realised—the independence of Italy, the freedom of Rome. I have been permitted to go back to the Eternal City, and preach the free Gospel in its streets. So many of my dreams have come to pass, that I despair of nothing."

"A CENTURY and a half ago," says the *Moravian*, "our church was practically the first and only one as such engaged in Foreign Missions; now there is scarcely a Christian church that is not engaged therein. Then Leonhard Dober and David Mitschmann were practically the first and only Missionaries of Protestantism; now there are in the various fields about 5800, with 14,000 native helpers. Then the six dollars which Dober and Nitschmann had between them when they left on their Mission, represented about all the Protestant Church, as such, had ever given for the conversion of the heathen; now, 1,600,000. is its yearly gift for that purpose. Then, there was not one native Protestant communicant; now, there are about 520,000 in all the Mission fields. All this in one hundred and fifty years! Give to our God the glory."