

British and Foreign.

A VERY successful united evangelistic service has been conducted by Mr. Geo. Clarke in the First Presbyterian church, Lane, Co. Antrim.

OF the 433 ministers whose names were entered on the first roll of the Irish General Assembly after the union of the Synod of Ulster, and the Secession Synod in 1840, 30 still survive, and of these 27 are resident in Ireland.

A SERIOUS loss has befallen the Free Middle church, Greenock, by the sudden and lamented death of Provost Shankland, who was one of the most generous supporters of all the agencies of the congregation.

THE Moslems of Delhi have opened a Seminary in which preachers are taught all the objections of Western infidels against Christianity, that they may go forth to oppose the Christian preachers in town and country.

DR. W. J. R. TAYLOR, formerly one of the secretaries of the American Bible Society, and more recently pastor of the Clinton Avenue Reformed church, Newark, N.J., has been elected Corresponding Secretary of the American Sabbath Union.

A PRAYER-MEETING is held in Edinburgh twice a week of those who deplore the present Doctrinal Defections. The attendance began at about thirty. Mr. Balfour presided; the other ministers attending are Mr. John McEwen, Mr. McAllister, and Dr. Moor Potous.

A MONUMENT, fifteen feet high and made from Ayrshire bluestone, is being erected in the island of Arran to the memory of Rev. Archibald Nicol, late minister of Shikine Free church. The Duke of Hamilton has granted a site for the monument at the Torbeg Cross Roads.

THE Indian Witness states that secret believers in Christ are rapidly multiplying. For every convert who openly avows his faith there are hundreds who withhold such declaration for fear of their own households and caste-circles. Thousands are being made ready for public avowal and loyal service when the break shall come.

M. RENAN considers the ultimate departure of the Pope from Rome as inevitable. Italy, he adds, would certainly not long endure the idea of receiving spiritual direction from a Pope residing abroad, and would sooner or later elect an Italian Pope. So M. Renan expects to see two Popes in the field.

IN the fourteen years from 1872 to 1885 inclusive, 2,273 persons in the United States have received the degree of D.D.; 264 of these were conferred in the New England States, 570 in the four Middle, and 656 in thirteen Southern States, while twelve Western States and two Territories conferred 757.

TWO very important deputations, representing the General Assembly, have waited on the Chief Secretary for Ireland, with regard to the unfair treatment which Presbyterian Church members receive in State appointments of various kinds; and also to the supposed intentions of the Government in reference to primary and university education.

REV. RICHARD T. TRACY, M.A., probably the oldest Methodist minister in the world, died in his native city of Limerick recently; he was born early in 1790, so that he had nearly completed his hundredth year. A member of an influential Limerick family long identified with Methodism, he was placed on the list of reserve in the year of Waterloo.

SPEAKING at a conference of United Presbyterians in Aberdeen, Dr. Drummond, Moderator of Synod, remarked that the grounds of their denominational existence still remained. As long as the Church of Scotland was State-aided, and established and endowed, those grounds never can be removed, and to talk of their union as they were with the Church of Scotland as it was, was a delusion and a dream.

THE Bishop of the Mexican State of Tamaulipas is not a man to be trifled with. A short time ago eight hundred of the Bishop's flock addressed him a letter asking what had become of the silver plate given to one of the churches by their grandparents. The Bishop considered the matter, and then excommunicated the entire eight hundred. The letter of excommunication said nothing about the plate.

PROF. CALDERWOOD opened his class at Edinburgh university with a lecture on Socialism, which he regards as one of the prominent features of the time. In its first utterance it was the expression of discontent, but it was also a cry after greater unity. Socialism would destroy selfishness by putting an end to self-interest. There were two tests for every proposed remedy—it must be applicable and it must not kill the patient.

DR. MELVILLE, who was appointed secretary of the Sustentation Fund by the last Assembly, has been presented by his late congregation, in Free St. Enoch's, Glasgow, with a handsomely bound copy of the new edition of the "Encyclopædia Britannica," in an elegant oak case. The gift was accompanied with a solid silver afternoon tea-set for Mrs. Melville. Dr. Melville was pastor of the congregation for twenty years.

REV. JAMES M. SCOTT, of Leith, in a sermon on popular amusements, condemned betting as practical theft. He was ashamed that the Church of Christ should ever have to condescend to raise money by gambling in any shape or form. Religion was a bright and beautiful thing which led to bright and beautiful behaviour. It laid down a very simple rule respecting amusements, the grand principle of which was the determination to do right.

CATHINNESS Established Presbytery have approved of the Assembly's overture regarding the amendment of the formula for subscription by ministers and elders. Rev. Hugh Mair, however, protested that he did not think it right for a man to enjoy all the worldly and monetary advantages of the ministry unless he subscribed all the formulas that formerly used to be signed. If there was to be any change he thought it should be done honestly and openly.

THE desirability that Methodists should have a college at Oxford was, it seems, suggested long ago by Mr. Hugh Price Hughes. The suggestion is now revived in The Methodist Times, though with the substitution of Cambridge for Oxford. The hardship is also pointed out of condemning a successful university graduate to two or three years theological study at a denominational college after four years at Oxford—a course which the present system involves.

A DISCUSSION took place in Cupar Established Presbytery relating to the Church's educational institutions in India. Rev. D. Brewster moved that the present scheme be retained in the meantime. Rev. C. Fraser proposed an amendment to the effect that the Presbytery were of opinion that a more practically Christian direction should be given to the education in their colleges in India. He thought there was a widespread feeling of dissatisfaction throughout the country with the present system. Mr. Fraser's motion was lost.

THE native races in Bechuanaland have, through a committee, made an address to their chief, Khama, expressive of their admiration for his noble efforts, "successfully carried on for many years," to prevent the introduction of intoxicating drinks into his country, and adding an expression of their hope that "Her Majesty's Government, being now in the occupation of the country at the chief's invitation, will cordially co-operate with him in his efforts to prevent the introduction, sale, or barter of strong drink in the land."

THE Edinburgh Evening Dispatch considers it significant that the heretics are among the acknowledged foremost men in the Church for scholarship and mental power; any others who may be named as their equals are certainly not found at the Doctrinal Defection prayer-meetings. Those who possess knowledge are seemingly either heretics or tolerators of heresy. But something must be said for those persons who are praying for (or against) the professors. The latter are true to their vows; the professors are false to their confession until the Church alters the form of adhesion to its doctrine.

REV. WILLIAM M'INDOE, of Free Martyrs church, Paisley, died at the Manse, Castledale, on Friday, Oct. 18, in his sixty-second year. Mr. M'Indoe has been ailing for the last four or five months, and had received from the Presbytery leave of absence for three months. A native of Rothesay, where his father was at one time provost, Mr. M'Indoe was ordained in 1855, and afterwards laboured in Canada, Ireland, and England. It was while at Carlisle in 1866, that he received the call to Paisley, where he remained till his death, and in that Presbytery fulfilled the duties of clerk for several years.

DR. MACLAREN, of Manchester, who had never before attended one of its meetings, was a speaker at the great annual gathering of the United Kingdom Alliance. He declared that if the highest principles of Christian ethics are going to be regarded to-day in the shaping of the national and social action, they will make very short work of the drink traffic. The doctor was pulled up in the course of his speech by some patriotic Scots for speaking of the "English" House of Commons. Alluding to the alleged danger of legislating in advance of public opinion, he said this would be as impossible as for a man to walk in advance of his own legs.

REV. WM. MILROY, addressing Dumfries Free Church Synod, said that there was a taste for sensationalism in preaching that ought not to be gratified. Ministers are not to be too squeamish, for a church might die of propriety; on the other hand, no spiritual good was done by downright buffoonery. Ritualism and sacerdotalism had no power to save men's souls, but a direct tendency to mislead and ruin them. He insisted on the necessity of direct study of the Bible, which nowadays was too much overlaid with "helps" of one kind or another. Mr. James Pollock referred to the heresies that were creeping into the Church in regard to the atonement and future punishment, and urged that ministers should hold up the Scriptural view on these subjects. They should not introduce ephemeral speculations, and he advocated expository preaching, remarking that many of their young ministers' sermons are very much like essays, having little connection with any text.

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