

## British and Foreign.

Of 103 ministers of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (North) who died in the past year, one was ninety-eight years old, one was ninety, four were eighty-nine, three were eighty-eight, and fourteen were between eighty and eighty-eight; thirty-nine died between seventy and eighty; so that fully three-fifths lived beyond seventy.

DR. DUNCAN STEWART, of Spott, Established Church, died recently in Dunbar manse. For several years past he had been in feeble health, owing to a stroke of paralysis caused by overstudy in preparing a Hebrew grammar for which St. Andrew's University conferred on him the degree of D.D. He was ordained in 1860, and was a scholar of repute not only in Hebrew, but Gaelic.

A WESTMAN layman has offered to give the proceeds of his business for one year, £1,500, to the foreign mission, on condition that there is no retrenchment of the work on account of the debt, which is at present £16,800, and will amount to £40,000 at the end of 1889. Dr. Riggs declares that men must be withdrawn, as it is a false and immoral policy to go ahead in the belief that money would come.

A MONUMENT erected at Scarvating, Deerness, Orkney, to the memory of the Covenanters who perished there by shipwreck in 1679, was recently inaugurated. The memorial is a plain column of stone, rising forty feet, and surmounted by a crown. The two hundred Covenanters whose fate it commemorates were taken prisoners at Bothwell Brig. Addresses were delivered by Revs. J. Melville, A. Isdale, J. Walker, and D. Webster.

A SERIES of religious services in connection with the Glasgow Exhibition is being held on Sunday evenings in St. Andrew's Hall. The attendance has from the first been very large, especially when Dr. Whyte, Dr. Dods, and Principal Cairns are the preachers. On Sunday, when Principal Dykes conducted the service, the main hall (as spacious as Exeter Hall) was filled to overflow three quarters of an hour before the time fixed for commencement.

A PROFESSOR said to a student whom he considered dull: "My brother, have you ever thought what you will do if, after a fair test, you find that as a pastor you are a failure?" Student: "Yes, indeed, professor, I have often thought of that, and I have fully made up my mind in that event to seek a professorship in a college or a theological seminary." We heard a man tell that a few days ago, and he gave names, too; but probably no such thing ever happened.—*Christian Union*.

THE Queen accepted, on the occasion of her late visit to Glasgow, a copy of the new Bourgeois edition of the Oxford Bible for Teachers, as representing the work of the Oxford University Press, exhibited at the Glasgow Exhibition. The book is printed upon the Oxford India paper and bound in "garter blue" polished morocco, with the letters V.R.I., surmounted by the Imperial Crown, embossed upon its cover. It is enclosed in a blue morocco case, with a gold lock.

MANY good stories have been told of the beards of the Scottish Churches. The latest is as good as any. One Sabbath morning when a minister of an Ayrshire Established Church was about to enter the pulpit he found that John, the precentor, had not arrived. He instructed the beadle, who was also bellman, to ring the bell for five minutes longer, while they waited to see if John came. When he returned, the minister inquired: "Has John come yet?" "No, sir," answered the beadle. "Most extraordinary! What are we to do? I see no help for it but you must take John's place yourself for a day." "Ah, no, sir," replied the beadle, "I couldn't do that. Aiblins I could tak' your place, but I couldn't tak' John's."

DR. JOHN STUART, of St. Andrew's Established Church, Edinburgh, who recently died at Oban, was Her Majesty's senior chaplain in Scotland. Born in 1817, he was ordained in 1846, and, after a brief ministry in Glasgow, went to Newton as successor to Principal Caird. In 1857, after being successively minister of churches in Moffat and Stirling, he was translated to Edinburgh. His preaching at Balmoral was greatly enjoyed by the late Prince Consort, and the last sermon His Royal Highness heard in Scotland, in 1861, was one preached by Mr. Stuart, from the text, "Prepare to meet thy God." For the copyright of this sermon Mr. Stuart refused £200. He received his degree of D.D. from Edinburgh University in 1873. The interment took place on Monday in the Dean Cemetery.

THE Rev. Charles Greeley, Congregational minister at Oxford, U.S., a nephew of the late Horace Greeley, was engaged to preach at Otisfield a few weeks ago. "When the time for the service came," says the *Hackensack Herald*, "he was driven to church, but he carried him by mistake to the wrong place, viz., the Baptist. When he arrived, the Sunday scholars were just entering the chapel, and thinking he was rather late, he walked right down the aisle and innocently took possession of the pulpit. Immediately after the Baptist minister mounted the pulpit stairs. Mr. Greeley taking him to be a prominent church leader, asked him to give out the hymn and read the Scriptures, which the puzzled pastor did, and then Mr. Greeley proceeded to deliver a powerful sermon. The people at the Congregational Chapel in the neighbourhood waited, of course, in vain for the preacher, while the astonished Baptist minister's sermon had to lie over for a week."

MR. SPURGEON writes in the new number of *The Sword and the Trowel*: "To many inquiring friends the Editor would gratefully say that he is much better, though specially weak. Changing weather, with so much wet and cold, prevents a quick return to usual health. After a severe illness strength is slow in returning. Yet the work of the Lord has gone on with not less of blessing than in years past." In the same number he says: "The pastor and church at the Tabernacle are now free from all hampering connections with unions and associations, but by no means without communion of the warmest kind with the Lord's faithful people. We have no doubt that ways will be found in which all the benefits of fellowship will be enjoyed with those Churches with which we can honestly and heartily unite. Of any movement our friends shall be informed. We hope they will believe nothing which the newspapers may insert, since in the absence of information they are apt to make guesses, and state them as facts. Our attitude is that of waiting for Divine direction. Unbelief is in a hurry, faith can bide its time."

THE recent statement of the Dean of Bangor that Nonconformist ministers were applying for admission into the Church of England is alluded to in the annual report, just issued, of the Welsh Baptist Association. As a matter of fact, says the report, it has been shown, that during the last fifty years, the actual secessions have been very few, and that they are attributable to the failure of the seceders within the Nonconformist ranks. The statement of the dean of Bangor, and others of a similar character, are said to be backed by a manipulation of false figures by which it is sought to uphold and preserve the connection between the established Church and the State. It is, for instance, asserted that the Baptist ministers have dropped in number from 3,000 to 700, but, instead of decreasing, the Baptists of Wales are multiplying every year. This is proved, the report contends, by statistics, which show that within the last fifteen years the members have increased from 63,000 to 89,000, and the Sunday scholars from 61,000 to 100,000. And not only in numerical numbers is this growth apparent, but in strength and influence.

THE annual "Pastoral Address" of the British Wesleyan Methodist Conference, signed by Rev. Joseph Bush, as president, and the Rev. David J. Waller, as secretary, dealing with the spiritual life of the Connection, argues that, as the organization of Methodism is largely the production of piety at a white heat, it can only be easily and successfully worked by the same temper of spiritual life; that when commerce, science, politics, and pleasure are moving quickly, Methodism must not be slow-paced, but must move more quickly than they. Referring to the scepticism of the age, it affirms that a clear experience of the love of God in Christ and a life full of Christian work is the best defence from those utterances of unbelief which abound in the land. On the widespread habit of gambling it says:—"Should we not have more conscience than to waste our time with a pack of cards, and thus guide young Methodist life to the excitement and ruin of the gaming table? Is it well to find pleasure in the extravagance, the frivolity, possibly the sensual allurements of the ballroom? Should we seize the opportunity of absence from home to spend evenings at the theatre, with a relish for the innuendoes and associations of such places? Shall we marvel when children so trained leave the Church and God of their fathers? In some parts of the country, betting transactions will soon make some otherwise healthful sports unfit for the presence of the thoughtful and godly man. The feverish excitement of commercial speculation make some gains to be not those of honest labour or barter, but the ill-gotten gains of gambling." It urges a closer acquaintance with, and a more strict adherence to, the rules of Methodism, as drawn up by John Wesley. The pastoral next urges that Wesleyan Methodists should put their Christianity into the service of the commonwealth, on Boards of Guardians, on School Boards, in the Council chamber, and in Parliament; and goes on to say that "if the government and institutions of the country are not to fall into the hands of mere politicians, then earnest Christians must not shrink from citizen duties. That is but a feeble Christian life, not worthy of the name, which can only be preserved by avoiding the toils, the responsibilities and conflicts of the national life of our time." The pastoral thankfully notes the enterprise and success which have marked aggressive Methodist movements in large city populations during the year, 47,891 new members have been received during the year, exclusive of those on trial and in the junior society classes.

## Special Notices.

Efforts are being made to have the next Pan-Anglican Conference held in the United States. This is the suggestion of the American bishops.

## CATARRH.

A NEW HOME TREATMENT FOR THE CURE OF CATARRH, CATARRHIAL DEAFNESS AND ILL FEVER.

THE microscope has proved that these diseases are contagious, and that they are due to the presence of living parasites in the internal living membrane of the upper air passages and catarrhal tubes. The scientific Tyndall, Huxley and Dale, endorse this, and these authorities cannot be disputed. The regular method of treating these diseases has been to apply an irritant remedy, and even daily, thus keeping the delicate membrane in a constant state of irritation, allowing it no chance to heal, and as a natural consequence of such treatment not one permanent cure has ever been recorded. It is an absolute fact that these diseases cannot be cured by any application made oftener than once in two weeks, for the membrane must get a chance to heal before an application is repeated. It is now seven years since Mr. Dixon discovered the parasite in catarrh and formulated his new treatment, and since then his remedy has become a household word in every country where the English language is spoken. Cures effected by him seven years ago are cures still, there having been no return of the disease.

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## A SEVERE ATTACK.

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PRESBYTERIANISM in New England has steadily increased during the last five years. Since 1883, the number of Churches has increased from eighteen to thirty-one, and the membership from 2,875 to 4,588.

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## CONSTIPATION

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THE Day of Prayer designated by the officers of the World's and the National Woman's Christian Temperance Unions is October 14th.

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