

British and Foreign

Rev. S. H. Ferguson, a Presbyterian minister in Australia, has been deposed for contumacy in continuing to preach Swedenborgian doctrines.

The Gladstone Memorial Fund has now reached £30,000. £6,000 has been contributed locally. The rest was remitted direct to the Central Committee. The fund closes shortly.

The New South Wales General Assembly has decided to celebrate the centenary of Presbyterian worship in Australia in 1901, and to make an effort to raise 100,000 guineas as a thankoffering.

The permanent memorial to the late Professor John Stuart Blackie is to be a triennial prize of £60 at the University of Edinburgh. The purpose of this memorial is, of course, to encourage the study of Gaelic.

The Fifth Avenue and Forty-eighth Street Congregate Reformed Church, New York, reopened for service on Sunday morning, July 30. The preacher was Rev. William Mackintosh Mackay, B.D., of Aberdeen, Scotland, brother of the pastor of this church.

The English, Scotch and Irish delegates to the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance, to the number of 150, leave Liverpool about the end of August. The meetings commence in Washington on September 27. Dr. Marshall Lang, the President, will deliver the opening address.

In consequence of the continued ill-health of Dr. Ross, it has been found necessary to relieve him of the duties of rector of the Glasgow Training College. Mr. A. M. Williams, M.A., a distinguished graduate of Aberdeen University, has been appointed to the post.

Rev. Professor Bryce, LL.D., says the Christian World, who has seen the City of Winnipeg grow in population from 300 to 60,000, has agreed to speak on "Christian Work in the Canadian Northwest," at Camden road Church, London (Rev. Dr. Thornton). Dr. Bryce has written important works on Canada, and is now engaged on a history of the Hudson Bay Company.

The summary of the Presbyterian Church (South) for 1899, as given by the stated clerk, William A. Alexander, presents, among others, the following figures: Synods, 13; presbyteries, 77; ministers, 1,471; churches, 2,919; ministers deceased, 31; churches organized, 56; churches dissolved, 14; added on examination, 8,613; added on certificate, 7,357; total communicants, 221,022, being an increase of 4,947; teachers in Sunday schools and Bible classes, 19,808; scholars in the same 143,639. The total contributions were \$1,851,771.

The Foreign Mission Committee considered Rev. A. Connell's report on his tour of the mission field. The report, which gave great satisfaction, showed that seven or eight new missionaries were required at once, and it was decided to issue a circular bearing upon the subject to be read from the pulpits. It was reported that an additional £3,000 or £4,000 a year will be required. Another ordained missionary is to be appointed for Rampore Boalia. Inquiries will be made to ascertain whether this Indian station can be worked in conjunction with one in the locality belonging to the Free Church of Scotland. It was decided to accept the offer of 10,000 dollars from a Chinese gentleman for the formation of an Anglo-Chinese school in Swatow. Rev. Wm. Dale, of New Parnet, was appointed delegate to the Ecumenical Council on Foreign Missions, to be held next year in America. Drs. Mackenzie and Dale, on their way home from China, will be asked to travel via New York in order also to attend the Conference.

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