British and Foreign.

THE Wesleyans have nearly 1,000 Sunday schools in England and Wales, and close upon 100,000 Sunday scholars.

REV. JAMES COOPER, of Aberdeen, has translated a post-communion anthem from the ancient *Book of Deir* for use in public service.

A UNANIMOUS call from Corlea church in the Bailliebor' Presbytery, Ireland, has been given to Mr. D. B. Knox, a licentiate of Route Presbytery.

THE report of the Irish Sustentation Fund for the half year shows an encouraging increase. The total receipts for the six months is £7,413, compared with £6,935 in 1888.

THE death has occurred at the early age of forty of Rev. Thomas Martin, of Shercock, Co. Cavan, Ireland. This makes the seventh death in the ministry since the Assembly.

DR. ALEX. WHYTE, of Edinburgh, preaching to the members of the Roseburn Fellowship Association, denounced the unmanly habit amongst young men of making love when no real love was intended.

IT is expected that Sir George Bruce will shortly propose to the London Presbytery that services should be commenced in parts of London not yet occupied, with a view to the formation of congregations.

GLASGOW Established Presbytery is looking into the matter of students' examinations in Biblical knowledge. The very poor appearance made by their young men lately is too much to be passed over.

PROF. BRIGGS, of Union Seminary, explains that the expression, "snorting against higher criticism," was quoted by him from Eichhorn, and that he had no thought of applying it to such men as Prof. Green.

IN Melbourne the law decrees that no newspapers shall be published on the Sabbath, and no vehicle is allowed to drive past a place of worship during the hours of divine service at a faster pace than a walk.

AT a special meeting of Elgin Established Presbytery, a letter was received from Rev. Geo. Gordon, LL.D., resigning his charge of the church and parish of Birnie on account of increasing years. Dr. Gordon was ordained in 1832.

REV. JOHN ROBERTSON, in a recent discourse, told his congregation about a Highlander on the streets of Edinburgh, who replied, when asked about his musical training, "Ach! she'll knew the difference petween a polisman's whistle and the train."

MR. GEORGE RICHARDSON, at the Romish Congress at Manchester, said the adherents of the Ritualistic movement in the Church of England have fought their way from the original position they occupied thirty years ago into the belief of almost every doctrine of the Catholic Church.

A VIGOROUS discussion is at present going on in *The Glasgow Mail* on the comparative failure of Methodism in Scotland. The general opinion seems to be that this failure is due in the main to the three years' system, and the enforcement of the class meeting as a test of membership.

LORD BALFOUR, in laying the memorial stone of the new church for Craiglockart congregation, Edinburgh, said that during the last four years there has been added to the Established Church in Scotland seventy-two congregations and 26,000 communicants, whilst seventy churches have been built.

A TELEGRAM from Zanzibar states that the Sultan has given Mr. Portal, the Acting British Consul-General, a written promise that all children born in his dominions after January 1st next, shall be free. This is considered to be the greatest concession ever made by a Mussulman prince to a European.

DR. PENTECOST, in one of his addresses at Airdrie, said he sometimes thought the people of Scotland had arranged to die on Sunday, because all they did in connection with religion seemed to be done on Sunday. He was glad they had such a great respect for that day, but why not have as much to do with religion on the other days of the week?

CARDINAL LAVIGERIE has informed a representative of the *Temps* that he adjourned his Lucerne Anti-Slavery Congress owing to the rivalry of the great powers. England would insist on the right of search, which French sailors would resent. The Cardinal also added that he was not a candidate for the tiara. Not only was the Pope likely to live ten years, but the College of Cardinals being composed chiefly of Italians, would probably not elect a Frenchman.

REV. JOHN STARK, of Duntocher United Presbyterian church, died on Friday evening, Oct. 18, in his 62nd year. Mr. Stark, who was one of the best known ministers in the United Presbyterian Church in the west of Scotland, was ordained to Duntocher in 1859. A rigid adherent of the creeds of the Church, he had no toleration whatever for new views, and figured prominently in the cases in which Mr. Macrae and Dr. Fergus Ferguson were concerned. The church in which Mr. Stark ministered is historic from its connection with the "Old Lights" and the "New Lights" of the last century.

REV. DAVID MACRAE asks why the U. P. Church of Scotland does not confess the error which under the name of the Secession Church it committed in expelling James Morison. Why should it not admit, as bound in fairness and honesty to do, that the doctrine it declared heretical in 1841 was now part of its own creed? An ecclesiastical example of confession and reparation might yet be shown, but it seemed almost as hopeless to expect a Church to confess its own sins as a leopard to change its spots. Infallibility, in Mr. Macrae's opinion, is as much the pretence of Protestant as of Popish Churches.

THE Manchester *Examiner and Times* announces that the joint committee appointed by the Methodist New Connexion Conference and the United Methodist Free Church Assembly, at a Conference in Manchester, have unanimously affirmed the desirability of the organic union of the two denominations, if found practicable, on terms honourable to each. Certain points of the polity on which the two denominations differ were discussed at great length, and by mutual concessions agreement was arrived at. Other questions will be considered at a subsequent meeting, but the union is now regarded as very probable.

LORD BUTE, in a striking letter to Rev. Lord Archibald Douglas, read at the Roman Catholic Congress at Manchester, stated that no one in Scotland now even pretended to believe the Westminster Confession of Faith. It was always subscribed on the understanding that this implied only adherence to its leading doctrines, and even that was disputed by some. He adds that the Catholics are more widely separated from Anglicans than from Presbyterians, in so far as they disagree with the latter only upon the details of the ministry ordained by the Divine Head of the Church, whereas they differ from the Anglicans upon the very question of the Divine prerogative of Headship itself.

THE new Students' Union in connection with Edinburgh University was opened by the Lord Justice General, Chancellor of the University. His Lordship briefly sketched the history of the movement that had led up to the formation of the Union, and pointed out some of the advantages that were likely to follow from a more social and gregarious life among the students, and freer intercourse between teachers and taught. Lord Lothian, in his capacity of Lord Rector, also congratulated the students on the successful completion of the Union, and spoke of its value in training them to take part in the public affairs of the country. The students had a torchlight procession through the city in the evening.

IT is now almost a matter of certainty that Dr. Dods is to be served with a libel. The dying embers of the controversy that raged at last Assembly have been rekindled by his blast in St. Giles's, and not a few friends of the new professor are far from ready in argument now. Principal Rainy will have no want of work on his return from the Antipodes. If Dr. Dods is to be dealt with by the way of libel, and not merely suspension on general grounds of expediency, the task of his prosecutors is by no means an easy one. With the formula of subscription for a foundation it may not be difficult to frame the premises and conclusion, but from the point of view of morality and fairness a libel would not stand well in face of the revision of the Confession which is now under consideration. It is greatly to be regretted that Dr. Dods did not get to his professorial work, and give proof to his opponents of his capacity to render real service to the Church, before treating us to this renewed declaration of his disturbing views. — *Christian Leader.*

SAYS the Hamilton *Spectator*: "Some time ago a cable dispatch affirmed that the Russian Government had abolished the Lutheran Church throughout the empire. The statement was improbable, because all religions are tolerated in Russia. The last census showed the presence in European Russia of about 62,000,000 Greek Catholics, 80,000,000 Roman Catholics, 3,000,000 Protestants (mostly Lutherans), 3,000,000 Jews, 2,600,000, Moslems, and a few pagans. It was not at all probable that the Lutherans alone would be picked out for persecution. However, we are in a position to say without any qualification that the report was incorrect. A prominent merchant in St. Petersburg writes to a friend in Hamilton as follows: 'In reply to your favour of the 1st instant, I can only say that you can with good conscience deny peremptorily the assertions of the writer. There is no attempt whatever made by the government to deprive the Lutheran and Reformed population of Russia of their curates or churches, and the Church service is nowhere prohibited or impeached. It is true that the Russian language is now obligatory in all schools of the empire, and this was the reason that a certain number of curates in the Baltic provinces protested against this measure, and from this arose a long, bitter and unjust polemic in the press abroad. Besides, the prescriptions in regard to mixed marriages are more strict and severe, and their execution is under stronger control. But from this to the suppression of the Lutheran religion is a long way, and there is not the least proof or sign that the government intends such a step.'"

Special Notices.

THE Boys' Brigade movement is extending in London, where within a couple of years, about thirty companies have been formed. In connection with the Fifteenth London Company (Somerstown church) a concert was given in St. Pancras Vestry hall. Rev. J. T. M'Gaw, presided, and the concert was under the patronage of the Marquis of Lorne.

REV. JOHN MCNEILL announces that he has every night between now and Christmas excepting Saturday, occupied. Mr. McNeill thinks the young men's societies connected with congregations need revolutionising. He thinks they are top-heavy. Instead of elaborate papers he would have men tell in about fifteen minutes what they do know, even though it might be the mysteries of their own particular trade.

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WITH very general regret, says the *British Weekly*, the citizens of Norwich have learned that Dr. Cunningham Geikie is obliged to leave the city to reside in a climate less severe. Norwich is so near the eastern coast that Dr. Geikie has not been able to continue his work as parish clergymen through a single winter; he has therefore decided upon seeking a less trying place of abode. Rumour says he is going to reside in Oxford, but no public statement on the subject has yet been made.

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PROFESSOR SALMOND thinks the Free Church is in for an era of restoring and building churches. The future of that church, he added, when speaking at the opening of a bazaar for the John Knox congregation, Aberdeen, would nor be a great one if they maintained an exclusive attitude towards others, and went on praising themselves and speaking of themselves as if everything were right. That provoked a spirit of uncharitableness, and that spirit narrowed a church, and made it weak and incompetent to do its work.

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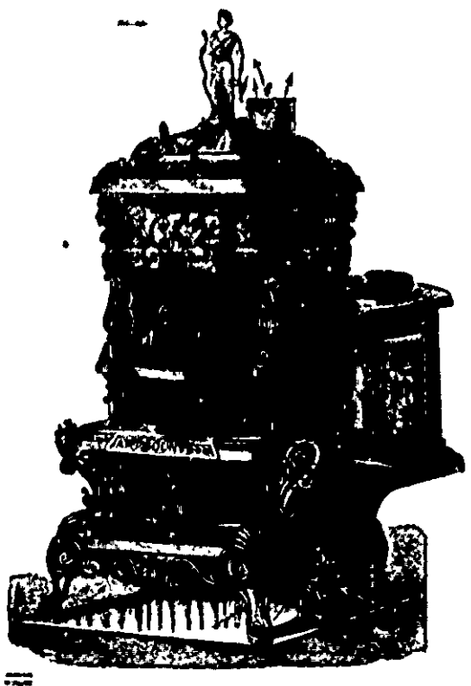

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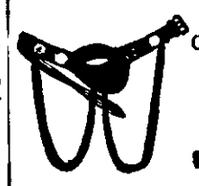

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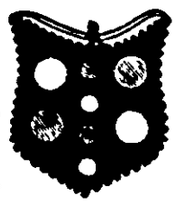

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