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Mr. H. R. Gilmour, a licentiate in charge at Blarney, Ireland, is about to proceed to Canada as a missionary.

Rev. Hugh Ross, of St. Stephen's Church, Glasgow, has obtained three months' leave of absence in consequence of ill-health.

Mrs. Wanchope, widow of the General ha sheen elected to fill the vacancy on Liberton school board created by her husband's death.

The Queen has sent a contribution of £200 towards "The Smaller Liv...g Fund" in connection with the Established in Church of Scotland.

Mr. Robt. McGill, M.A., Pn. D., has been are not a blaghera, a congregation that has had among its ministers, Dr. With-erow, Professors Leitch and Dickey, and erow, Pro Dr. Hall.

Between 1897 and 1893 the consump-tion of Beer in the United Kingdom in-creased from 34,000,000 to 36,000,000 barrels, and the consumption of spirits from 32,000,000 to 35,000,000, gallons.

In the Manx House of Keys a bill to legalise marriage with a deceased wife's sister has been read a first time. A year ago the House passed a similar measure, but it was rejected by the Leg-islative Council.

Dr. Mathews, the secretary, has been requested by the Council of the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance to represent the Alliance at thie first meeting of the Federated Presbyterianism of Australia. Other official duties will, however, pre-vent Dr. Matthews from visiting the Antipodes.

A United States architest expresses his ability to erect the highest 'sky-scraper' in the world. The structure would be 1,500 feet high-hait as high again as the Eiffel Tower, and would contain 125 storeys, atfording accommo-dation for 6,000 offices, and at least 30,000 months. people.

At a meeting of the Liverpool Presby-At 2 meeting of the Liverpool Premy-tery a call from Willeden to Rev. D. Eyffe, of Fairfield Church, Liverpool, was disposed of. Commissioners having been heard Mr. Eyffe intimated his ac-ceptance of the call, and the Presbytery with much rescet arised to his travela. with much regret agreed to his transla-tion to London.

At the meeting of Glasgow Presbytery it was decided, on a motion by Dr. Mar-shall Lang, and oy a large majority, to decline the petitic 1 of Rev. J. L. Skerret, minister of the congregation known as Free Established Church. Mr. Skerret was elected to Cathedral-square United Presbyterian Church in 1886, but was sus-pended in 184. pended in 184.

pended in 184. The Westminster Gazette says: "It has just become know, that Rev. Dr. Waiter C. Smith, who was Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland in 1890-the Church's jubi-lee year-was at that time offered a bar-onetcy by Mr. Gladstone'. Dr. Smith year-was at that time offered a bar-onetcy by Mr. Gladstone's letter which I did not read to the Assembly for the simple reason that it was a purely per-sonal and kindly reference to myself. I cannot now recail it, but it was one of several generous greetings which I had from the distinguished statesmen and which were highly appreciated by me and my family. My son took possession of them as herizoms to be faitfully cher-isod face. I cannot therefore quote there was no proposal of honouring me voint anything more than a kindly re-constition such as I have received from him more than once before. More than that I neither desire nor deserve." that I neither desire nor deserve.

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