

British and Foreign.

By the death of Dr. Macaw, J.P., the Presbyterian church at Bushmills, county Antrim, has sustained a great loss.

The American Home Missionary Society received recently the sum of \$8,950 from the estate of the late Mrs. Harriet L. Rollins, of Des Moines, Iowa.

The American Baptist Education Society reports that one-half of the \$400,000 needed to secure John D. Rockefeller's gift of \$600,000 for a Baptist university in Chicago has been secured.

The Rev. G. A. Smith, of Aberdeen, author of the new work on Isaiah, has been unanimously called to succeed Dr. Marcus Dods in Renfield Free church, Glasgow.

Mr. John Morley, according to the Saturday Review, "never forgets his manners except in reference to the Deity, the Christian religion, and the House of Lords."

The Jews, so long confined in the Ghetto, in Rome, propose to erect a magnificent synagogue in that city. Much encouragement has been given to the project by wealthy British Jews.

Rev. C. De Heer, for over thirty years engaged in mission work on the West Coast of Africa, and noted for his indomitable energy and success in that field, died at Clifton Springs, N.Y., on Sunday, 20th ult.

The Dicky Bird Society, which was founded by "Uncle Toby," at Newcastle, thirteen years ago, for educating the finer and more Christian feelings of children, and for inculcating kindness to animals, has now 180,000 members.

The Free Synod have unanimously agreed to petition the Government to abolish all endowments for the teaching of Protestant theology. The Synod also deprecated the endowment of any university for the teaching of Roman Catholic theology.

While Presbyterians and Methodists have been increasing in Ireland, the Episcopal Church, since its disestablishment, has declined greatly. In 1869 the Episcopalians had 2,174 preachers in Ireland, but this year the number has decreased to 1,590.

In Italy no clergyman can be inspector or director in a State school, a law having been recently passed to the effect that the local control of schools shall be in the hands of heads of families. The subject is to cut the schools loose from clerical influence.

The Pall Mall Gazette says that the Archbishop of York was one of the four Bishops who voted at the Lambeth Conference in favour of allowing Non-conformists to preach in Church pulpits. The Bishops of New York, Minnesota and Ripon were the others.

More than one-half the Church property in Chicago, about \$5,000,000, belongs to the Roman Catholics. Their parochial schools are attended by 43,000 children, more than one-half the school population of the city. Their church income is about \$1,000,000.

The Japanese Government has removed the tax from Christian churches, thus placing them on the same basis as Shinto and Buddhist temples. Though faith in the old religion is declining in Japan, yet there are still more than 250,000 Buddhist priests in the empire.

The narrative of Fayetteville Presbytery, which was prepared for the Synod, revealed the fact that over seven hundred accessions had been made to the churches during the last few months, and that there were strong evidences of an increase of piety among the people.

When Bishop Talbot, Missionary Bishop of Wyoming and Idaho, was speaking for Home Missions in New York city, he showed a handbill, giving notice of a meeting at which he spoke. The closing line of the handbill was, "Please leave your guns with the usher."

Mr. Rice, of Madras, in a discussion in Langholm Presbytery as to whether the Indian colleges of the Church should be discontinued, expressed himself against giving up the colleges, but suggested that economy might be exercised by a union of the colleges of the different denominations.

The churches in ten Synods of the Presbyterian Church, North, contributed for all purposes, during 1888-9, the enormous total of \$10,975,221. The Synod of New York gave more for home missions alone than the entire Protestant Episcopal Church gave for both home and foreign missions.

The sons of the manse in the House of Commons receive an accession in Mr. Seymour Keay, the new member of Moray and Nain, whose father, as in the case of Mr. Robertson, the present lord-advocate, and that of Mr. Balfour, the ex-lord-advocate, was a minister of the Church of Scotland.

In response to an appeal of Rev. William Park for a minister of the spirit of Rev. Thomas McAulis (who recently died of fever in the Indian mission field) to take his place, Rev. Robert Henderson, M.A., of Castledawson, Ireland, has offered himself, and been accepted by the Board of Directors.

To mark the attainment of his semi-jubilee, Rev. Robert Cameron, of Cambridge-street United Presbyterian Church, Glasgow, has been presented with a pulpit-gown, a silver salver, and a purse containing upwards of £100. On behalf of the mission congregation in Garscube-road, Mrs. Cameron was

presented with a Bible and walnut writing-desk.

There is at Rio Marina, in the Island of Elba, a flourishing Protestant church, which owes its establishment, in a large measure, to Signor Giovanni Gignotti, a merchant who carried on business between the island and Nice. Accepting the gospel at Nice, Signor Gignotti zealously disseminated it. His death has recently been announced, but his work survives.

Through the generosity of an alumnus of Princeton College, a path has been made through the beautiful avenue of elms in the President's grounds, which will henceforth be known as "McCosh's Walk," so named in honour of the venerable ex-1 resident, who was often seen during the years he served as head of the College, slowly walking, with meditative aspect, beneath the grateful shade of the trees.

In 1881, in Roman Catholic France, there were 7,684,906 French citizens who enrolled themselves as of no religion. There were not quite 700,000 Protestants. The Month for July, 1885, and October, 1886, a Roman Catholic organ, admitted that the Roman Catholic losses in England exceeded the gains by over "one million," and this was allowing for immigration of foreigners, and for the prolific marriages of the Irish residing in this country.

The Irish General Assembly's Board of Missionary Directors met in Dublin, Rev. Wm. Clark, Moderator of the General Assembly, presiding. Rev. Geo. McFarlane reported a debt of £4,000 against the Foreign Mission, and there are still three or four months to come before the annual collection on behalf of these missions will be made. The debt would have been much larger only that a number of friends, in response to an appeal from the conveners, sent in sums amounting to £1,400. A special collection has been made towards paying off the debt in many of the churches.

Principal Miller, in the current Contemporary, points out that the attacks on the Christian colleges and schools in India seldom, if ever, come from men who have a wide experience of the moral and spiritual wants of the country. The most devoted itinerant missionary the Church of England ever had in Bengal, at the outset of his work looked upon the schools and colleges as a great mistake; but after more than seventeen years' close and careful observation, he arrived at the deliberate conviction that his first impressions were wrong, and that the school and college work was largely contributing to the future glorious triumph of the Redeemer's cause in India.

The dispute between the Catholics and Protestants of Boston, which was last year carried into local politics, and which brought out nearly 25,000 female voters, may be revived this fall. The Boston Committee of 100 some time since sent letters to President Warren, of the Boston University, Professor Sheldon, the well known historian, Rev. Dr. A. A. Miner, Rev. Dr. E. E. Hale, and Rev. James M. Gray, asking them to make a careful examination of "Anderson's General History," now in use in the Boston Public Schools, and to report upon it. They report, first, that "This history is a partisan and Romanized production." Its author, in a letter published in the Boston Daily Advertiser, distinctly denies that the last edition was revised to meet the requirements of the Roman Catholic critics.

George Muller, founder of the Bristol Orphanage, who is now eighty years old, is still travelling and preaching, and at last reports was at Darjeeling on the Himalayan Mountains. He reports the sums received since March, 1883, to amount to nearly \$6,000,000. Nearly 8,000 orphans have been cared for, and five large houses have been built in Ashley Downs, Bristol, at an expense of \$775,000, which can accommodate 2,800 orphans at a time. During the year 1888-9 one legacy has been received of \$25,000, another of \$10,000, and later, another of \$25,000. The old principles on which the institution was founded still prevail. The managers make no debts; they buy nothing on credit; they ask God for the supply for every need. The institution is a marvel of faith—a standing demonstration of the mighty power of prayer in the midst of a skeptical and scoffing generation.

With the annual evangelistic conference of the two London Presbyteries, held in the College recently, the winter's work was inaugurated. Rev. C. Moinet presided. Rev. William Ross, of Cowcaddens Free Church, Glasgow, introduced the subject, "Aggressive work in large cities." He touched upon the helps and hindrances. A calculation had just been made, he said, that there were 300,000 persons in Glasgow who were outside church organization of any kind. To reach such men needed to be filled with the Holy Ghost, their purposes should be fixed, but their plans free. Impressions should always be followed up, and in the work for the elevation of the masses Gospel Temperance must take a prominent place. Mr. Ross spoke of the success of his work in Cowcaddens, where services have been held for 2,190 consecutive nights. The work should be done by the church into which the people should be gathered. The subsequent speakers included Principal Dykes, who dwelt on home mission methods, and by Dr. Donald Fraser.

Special Notices.

The congregation of Glasry, county Down, has presented the pastor, Rev. R. Workman, with a portrait of himself.

Rev. Alexander Magre, of Ballacolla, Queen's county, Ireland, has resigned his charge in order to emigrate to Canada.

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The receipts for the first month of the new financial year of the A.B.C.F.M. amount to \$25,126.91, an advance over those of the first month of last year of over \$12,000.

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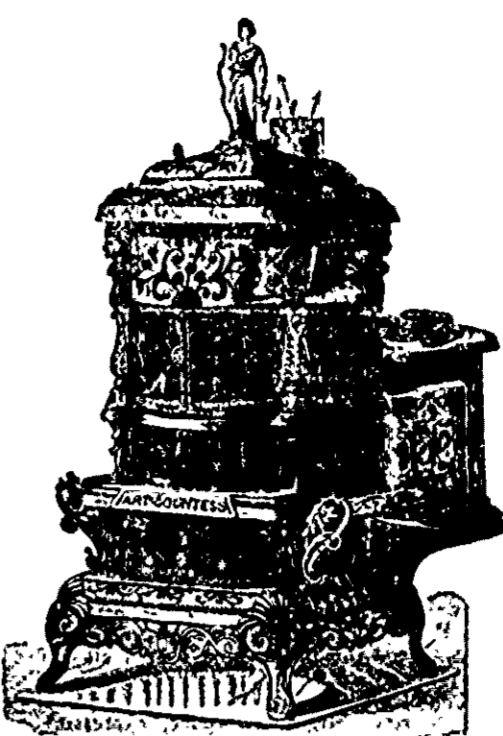
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