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The Prince-Regent of Bavaria has conferred the Order of St. Michael, first class, on Dr. Nansen, the explorer.

The London papers say that the health of Florence Nightingale is so enfeebled that she cannot live much longer.

The Rev. D. Ritchie Key has been appointed Moderator of the Edinburgh U.P. Presbytery for the ensuing six months.

The total contribution by New South Wales of men to the South African War is 1810, and along with them 1700 horses are being sent

It is stated on very good authority that at the outbreak of the war Lord Salisbury desired to make Lord Kitchener commander-in-chief of the forces in South Africa.

The Rev. J. Robertson is the Presbyterian chaplain of the Highland Brigade, who, after the terrible affair of Magersfontein, rode down to the Boer lines with a Red Cross flag and asked permission to remove the dead.

Five new dissenting sects were registered at Somerset House during the past year. They are called "Baptist Brethren," "Church of God," "Hebrew Congregationalists," "Ambulance Gospel Mission," and the "Brotherhood Church."

Sir Benjamin West's picture, "The Raising of Lazarus," which has formed a conspicuous feature of the screen in Winchester Cathedral for more than a hundred years, has just been sold for \$1,500, and is intended for the new cathedral church in New York. The proceeds will be devoted to decorative work in the Lodge Chapel, Winchester.

The Presbytery, London, England, says: "There is a Presbytery down Galloway way, on the borders of the Crockett country, where three new churches have been built within the past few years by young ministers, and of all those three young men it can be proved beyond doubt that their hair has turned grey in the process of 'seeing their enterprises through!'"

Bursaries would seem to be a glut in the market at present, says the Christian Leader, Glasgow. The town council of Glasgow have awarded one to a son of Dr. Donald Macleod, the only divinity student eligible. Two other bursaries are vacant for want of applicants. This fact indicates a falling off in the number of divinity students which is being felt by all the churches. It is the fact that there are more bursaries than students in all the divinity halls.

After a trying illness extending over two years, Mr. David Ross, L.L.D., Rector of the Church of Scotland Training College, Glasgow, has passed away at the comparatively early age of 57. It is noteworthy that both he and Dr. Thomas Morrison, who had done so much for education in the west of Scotland for many years, should have died within a short time of one another. Like Dr. Morrison, Dr. Ross held the post of President of the Educational Institute of Scotland.

The Scottish American tells of a certain young minister who, when visiting strange congregations, did not scruple to fish for compliments. On one occasion he was invited to take dinner with a douce old elder, as reticent as they make them. Manipulate the conversation as he would, our young friend could not get his host to say "sermon," and at last he boldly introduced the important subject by remarking directly:—"That was a fine text I had to-day." But the elder knew his man. "Ou, ay, there's naething wrang wi' the text."