

Last, but not by any means least, we have the pleasure of noticing an item of interest to all our alumni. We are sure that they, with us, rejoice that a former student and an alumnus of this College, the Rev. J. Ker, the popular Rector of Grace Church in this city, has taken the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Doctor Ker had the honor of being appointed Convocation preacher, and has, we are happy to inform our readers, kindly promised to publish his convocation sermon in our next issue.

THE JERUSALEM RAILWAY.

One of the most remarkable events of modern times in relation to Bible lands is the completion of the first railway in the Holy Land. The Palestine Exploration Fund is now carrying on important works of investigation along this line and expects to add great treasures to the stores of knowledge already accumulated by their unflagging efforts, which are in reality among the most valuable contributions to the cause of truth which service has made in the 19th century. Subjoined is a cut of the railway and a short description of it by the Rev. G. Abott Smith, copied for the Church Guardian.



The railway station, which is situated about a mile from the landing, is reached by way of narrow streets, full of indescribably offensive odours, in which the pedestrian must be wary if he desires—as instinctively he does—to avoid contact with the heavily laden camels and donkeys and the natives who throng part of the way.

Once out of the town, however, and upon the sandy road which leads to the station, the air is fresh and pure, and the eye rests gratefully upon the beautiful orange gardens which extend for some distance inland.

The first station from Jaffa is Lydd, the modern representative of Lydda, where St. Peter healed the paralytic Æneas (Acts ix, 32-35). Here is a picturesque ruin of the Church of St. George, built by the