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## British and Foreign.

Rev. Peter McGregor, M.A., of Glencoe, has been unanimously elected minister of the parish of Assynt, in succession to Mr. Robertson, translated to Fearn.

The Ivy Place U. P. congregation, Stranraer, have resolved to replace the present church with a new structure, which is estimated to the cost about £3,000.

The Maharajah of Bhownugger, one of the most able and enlightened of the Indian native Princes, died on January 29th, after only two days' illness. He was in his 38th year.

The Free Church of Scotland *Missionary Record* has attained its jubilee. When it was first launched the total expenditure on foreign missions was £6,898, as contrasted with about £60,000 at the present time.

The Rev. A. Gibson, B.D., who for over three years has been assisting in Lansdowne U.P. Church, Glasgow, was presented with a gold watch and chain and a purse of sovereigns on the occasion of his appointment to the Free Church of Kinfauns.

It is announced that the Foreign Mission Fund of the Presbyterian Church of England, which began the year 1895 with a deficit of £950, has ended with an adverse balance of nearly £5,000, after £1,000 had been taken from a reserve fund.

The Rev. Duncan Campbell, minister of Luss, has completed the 50th year of his ministry in the Church of Scotland, and was presented with an illuminated address and a purse of 110 sovereigns, and Mrs. Campbell with a silver salver suitably inscribed.

Rev. Dr. Whyte, Free St. George's Edinburgh, was a Kirriemuir shoemaker; Professor Orr, U. P. College, was a Glasgow bookbinder; Professor F. Ferguson, Queen's Park, was a Glasgow draper; and Dr. Black, Wellington Church, was a draper in a country shop.

A United Presbyterian congregation was recently formed in the mining village of Kely, near Dunfermline, and a new building, which has been erected by the congregation, was formally opened on the 28th ult. Upwards of ninety members have been enrolled, and there will be seating accommodation in the new church for 300.

Previous to the departure of the Rev Andrew Laidlaw, of St. George's-in-the-Fields, Glasgow, for Egypt and Palestine, his former assistants entertained him to a complimentary dinner in honor of his semi-jubilee as a minister of the Church of Scotland, and presented him with a beautifully illuminated address expressing their high estimation and warm attachment.

At the annual meeting of Renwick Free Church Mission, Glasgow, the Rev. D. Elder Omand, assistant, Free North, Stirling, was presented with a handsomely bound copy of "Chambers' Encyclopaedia," ten volumes (new edition), by the elders, deacons, and a few of the members of Renwick Free Church, in recognition of his services as missionary of the congregation from January, 1893, till November, 1895.

Under the auspices of Belfast Presbytery, on January 28th, another of the series of meetings for special prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, was held in the lecture hall of Rosemary Street Church, at noon. There was a very large attendance of ministers, laymen, and ladies. Rev. George Shaw presided, and Revs. James Meconaghe, John H. Morton, S. Thompson, and others led the meeting in prayer. Rev. Dr. Williamson delivered an address from the text Zech. xii., 10—"I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of supplication."

### A FARMER'S ADVICE.

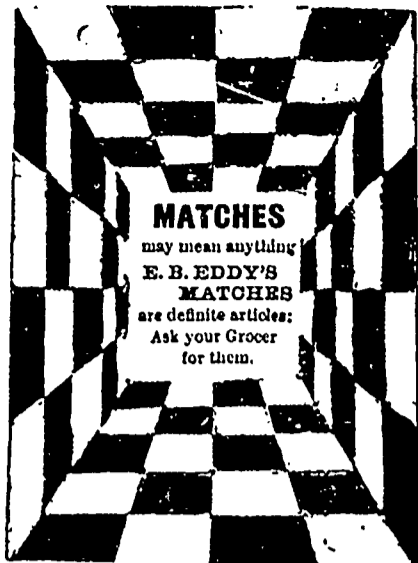
HE TELLS THE PEOPLE TO SHUN IMITATIONS.

He Had Been Imposed Upon by an Unscrupulous Dealer With the Result that it nearly Cost the Life of a Loved Member of His Family.

From the Woodstock, N.B., Sentinel.

A reporter of the Sentinel recently dropped into the Victoria Hotel looking for general news and to scan the register for arrivals. Among those present he noticed a well-dressed farmer sitting reading a small pamphlet. The reporter asked the landlord if there was anything new, and being answered in the negative the farmer turned and addressed him. "Looking for news, eh? Well, sit down, and I'll give you something worth publishing." The reporter was at once on the alert and the farmer continued, "You see this little book I hold in my hand? Well, the title of it is 'Five Prize Stories' and there is more good sense in it than in half of the philosophical works of the day, and it don't lay in any of the stories either. Well, about a year ago, I got hold of another little book by the same authors entitled 'Four Generations,' which I read carefully through, and one very important thing I read in it was, beware of imitations, just as I read in this little book. Now I wish to show how I had been taken in (deceived) and how I found it out and how near it came to costing me the dearest member of my household. Well, to begin at the beginning. My name is Shepherd Banks; I reside 11 1/2 miles from the village of Bristol, Carleton Co., N.B., and am a well-to-do farmer. For several years my wife was troubled with pains in the back and weakness of the kidneys. About two years ago she was taken very ill, the trouble taking the form of acute rheumatism. We consulted no less than three different doctors who, however, failed to help her. She continued to grow weaker and weaker, and the pains she endured were something terrible. For over a year she was unable to do a single thing about the house, and she had fallen away in weight from 180 to 130 pounds, and we despaired of her recovery. I happened to notice in one of the newspapers a testimonial of a similar cure through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I immediately got a couple of boxes. My wife began taking them, and by the time she had used these she began to gain appetite and her pains were much eased, and we began to have great hopes of an ultimate cure. I then went for another supply of the pills. This time I purchased them in bulk, paying 30 cents for 100 pills, which were taken from a large glass bottle. I took them home and my wife began their use. Soon after she began to grow worse again; the old pains returned severer than ever. We still continued the use of the pills until about a third of them were gone. About this time I got through the mail, along with my neighbors, the book entitled, 'Four Generations,' issued by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. On reading it it did not take me long to find out that the pills I had bought in bulk were a fraud, as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are not sold in bulk, but in boxes with the trade mark on the wrapper. I went to the cupboard and taking down the box in which the pills were, threw it and its contents into the stove. I then went and procured a half dozen boxes of the genuine Pink Pills, and from the time my wife began their use there was an improvement in her condition. She used about twelve boxes altogether, and to-day there is no heartier or healthier woman in the neighborhood, and Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the standard medicine in our home. Publish this? Yes, it may do some other sufferer good. We are all thankful for what Pink Pills have done for us, but be sure you caution your readers against those vile imitations.

The warning uttered by Mr. Banks is one that the public will do well to heed, for some unscrupulous dealers in different parts of the country try to impose upon the public by trashy imitations colored to present the appearance of the genuine Pink Pills. The public can always protect themselves by bearing in mind that the genuine pills are never sold by the dozen, hundred or ounce. They are always put up in boxes around which will be found full directions for their use, the whole enclosed in a label bearing the full trade mark, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." If you want a medicine that



will cure all diseases due to poor or watery blood, or shattered nerves, ask for the genuine Pink Pills, and take nothing else, no matter what some interested dealer who is looking for a larger profit may say.

A popular adage says: "Man's extremity is God's opportunity." It would be equally true to say: "Christ's need is his disciples' opportunity. Christ may not to-day be in personal need, but the need of the cause of missions, so dear to him, is his need, and by the voice of his servants he is calling for help.

The spirit of independence is becoming a power in Bulgaria. The minister of foreign affairs recently expressed that view in emphatic terms. For the present the fact has little significance, but it may mean much in the future. At all events, it may be recognized as an additional element in the troubles of Europe.

Leo. XIII., in declining to receive at the Vatican the young King of Portugal if he presumed to cross the threshold of his uncle Humbert's palace of the Quirinal, has furnished, perhaps unintentionally, the strongest proof yet given of the truth of Signor Crispi's argument that the loss of temporal power has in no way affected or diminished the prestige, the influence, and the power of the Papacy. For, placed between the alternatives of offending the Pontiff or the King of Italy, to whom Carlos is bound by so many ties of blood relationship, affection and gratitude, he decided not to go to Rome, and abandoned his long-promised visit to King Humbert and Queen Marguerite, with the natural result that Italy has withdrawn her envoy from Lisbon and suspended diplomatic relations with Portugal until, in the sarcastic words of Premier Crispi, "she recovers her independence in international politics."



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