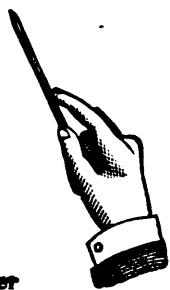


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Dr George Smith, C. I. E., of Edinburgh, has been appointed Graves Lecturer by the Reformed (Dutch) Church of the United States of America.

The Rev. Henry Miller, a well-known Presbyterian in West London, has completed the 24th year of his ministry at his church in Shepherd's Bush.

Rev. Thos Spurgeon preached in the Tabernacle on Sunday, July 30th, for the first time since his return from Auckland. The congregation was exceptionally large.

The personal estate of the late Miss Bryce, 1 Ashton Terrace, Partick, has been returned at £11,494. By her will she leaves £550 to Glasgow religious and charitable institutions.

Jerusalem has been enjoying a "boom" since the completion of the railway that connects it with Jaffa. Over 800 houses, hotels, stores and residences have been erected in the town since it became a railway terminus.

The Rev. Lewis Thompson who built the first Presbyterian Church on the Pacific coast is spending the close of a long and useful Home Missionary life at East Oakland, Cal. He is now eighty-four years of age.

Lord Herschell has been appointed Lord Chancellor of the London University in succession to Lord Derby. As the son of a Baptist minister, he was naturally sent to study at the London University at a time when Dissenters were tabooed at the older seats of learning.

The Reformed Presbyterian Church Synod of Ireland held its annual meeting at Cullybackey on the 3rd and 4th July, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Moffett, Letterkenny, from the Song of Solomon vi. 4, and first clause of the verse.

Throughout Scotland Sabbath, June 18th, was observed as a day of humiliation and prayer by the Kirk on account of Sir Charles Cameron's disestablishment bill now before the House of Commons. A pastoral letter from the Committee of General Assembly was read.

An agreement, signed by the Bishop of East Equatorial Africa, the Apostolical Vicar of Nyanza, Sir Gerald Portal, and Captain Macdonald gives back to the Roman Catholics of Uganda the greater part of the country which was taken from them. They get the large and valuable island of Sese.

Archdeacon Farrar is continuing his campaign against the Ritualising tendencies of the English Church. In the current number of the Contemporary Review he has an article on auricular confession, which he declares was unknown in the Primitive Church, and is an innovation of the Dark Ages.

The South London Presbytery is considering a novel point. An elder recently resigned his connection with the congregation which elected him, but contended that, "once an elder always an elder," he had a right to serve on a committee to which he had been appointed by the Presbytery. The presbyters will shortly give their decision.

Bishop Phillips Brooke, in his numerous visits to England, endeared himself to the congregation of the London church of St. Margaret's, near Westminster Abbey. Canon Farrar, who is the vicar of St. Margaret's, has announced that a memorial to the preacher will be put up there. It will consist of three panels of stained glass, representing the command, "Feed my sheep." The church will also send a subscription of \$1,000 to the Harvard memorial building fund.

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