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The Rev. J. Waddell, Convener. mitted the report of the Sabbath servance Committee of the Belfast Presbytery, from which it appeared that they had under consideration various forms of Sabbath desecration, including the opening of small shops on the Lord's day, the holding of meetings on that day for the discussion of secular subjects and the question of Sunday funer-The committee highly commended the action of the Belfast delegates at the late Labour Congress, in having resisted successfully the proposal to hold public demonstrations on the Lord's day. The report was adopted, and the following resolutions were carried unanimously: "That the Presbytery expresses its high approval of the action of the Belfast delegates at the late Labour Congress held in this city, in resisting successfully the proposal to hold public demonstrations on the Lord's day;" "that ministers be asked to warn the people against the attempt to turn the Sabbath into a season for the discussion of secular subjects;" "that all available means be used to secure the discontinuance of funerals on the Lord's day, except in cases of absolute necessity."

British and Foreign.

It is rumoured that the youngest daughter of the Prince of Wales is about to be betrothed to the Czarevitch.

Miss Frances E. Williard has broken down in health, and will probably not speak in public for a year.

Wolverhampton congregation have decided to give a call to Rev. J Beveridge, M.A., B.D., of Stow, McIrose United Presbytery.

A lady was anonymously sent £500 to wards the philanthropic work carried on in East London by the Rev. Archibald Brown's mission.

Rev. A. C. Mackenzie, of Dundee, says that most of the young men of the day worship the god of sport, serving him with marvellous fidelity.

The German Empress having such a passion for English-made gowns, has followed the example of her husband's aunt, Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, and has two exact models of her figure secured without the trouble of "trying on."

Speaking at the opening of the new Gothic church for Hutcheson-town congregation, Glasgow, Dr. Walter C. Smith declared that the Free Church was never meant to be the church of the rich, and well-to-do, but to combine all classes, so that the Gospel might be preached to the poorest.

Prior to her marriage, the Princess of Wales had allowed her £12 a year as pocket money, and in order to eke out per limited income, she made her own dresses, bonnets, etc., a fact which may account for the exquisite taste she has ever displayed as a leader of fashions wings she same to this country. since she came to this country.

On Sunday, Oct. 1st, in many of the Highland churches, copies were circulated of a statement issued by the Constitutional party as to their position in re-lation to the Declaratory Act, together with a narrative of the facts which led to the meetings of the party in Inverness and Glasgow in 1892, and the resolutions then adopted.

Prior to leaving Aberdeen to reside in Edinburgh, Dr. Milligan was entertainin Edinburgh, Dr. Milligan was entertained to a dinner by a large and representative company. Sir William Henderson presided, and members of many denominations expressed the esteem in which Dr. Milligan was held, and bore testimony to his attainments as a theologian

Rev. Dr. Stalker, supporting a resolu-tion at a Permissive Bill public meeting in favour of accepting the Government bill only as an instalment of what Scotland requires, alluded to the opinion that ministers should refrain from politics, and demanded proof of their right to do so. Who gave them, he asked, a dis-pensation from doing their duty as citi-

The Free Churca of Scotland reports marked progress in its foreign mission fields during its past Jubilee year. The communicants admitted to their foreign communicants admitted to their foreign mission churches numbered 1,002. It used workers, both Scotch and native, 975, and raised £350,000. In the year before the disruption the Church of Scotland, all told, had thirteen missionaries, and my income for foreign missions. and an income for foreign missions of \$40,000.

The Shorter Catechism.-The English Presbyterian Church is keeping this valuable hand-book well to the front. A Cambridge Bible, with new "Companion," will be awarded to any young person under fifteen years of age, who, before March 1st, 1894, shall have repeated the entire Shorter Catechism in not more than three portions (within three months), and with not more than five

Three members of the Perth Established Church Presbytery have attained their ministerial jubilee during the past five months, viz., Rev. Robert Graham, ordained at Keith, in May, 1843; Rev. Thomas D. Kirkwood, ordained at Donathey, in September, 1843; and Rev. Charles Smith Adie, ordained at Edzell, also in September of the same year. also in September of the same year. The event has been celebrated by the Presbytery presenting each minister an address. All three ministers were to have been entertained at dinner. Mr Kirkwood, however, died on Saturday.

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A farewell meeting was lately held in the Albert street Presbyterian church, Belfast (Rev. H. Montgomery's) for the purpose of bidding farewell to a party of six missionaries—Revs. W. Beatty and H. R. Scott, and four ladies—who are proceeding to the mission field in India. Three of the ladies have been newly appointed to the Zenana Mission. The Moderator of the Assembly presided, addresses were delivered by Mr. Beatty, Mr. Scott, and others.

A bazaar was held in connection with Rev. J. Patterson's congregation at Canterbury to clear off a debt of £300 due to the Henderson trustees. Mr. Patterson expressed his willingness to contribute £100 if the congregation raised the remaining £200. The bazaar was opened on successive days by Sir George Bruce and Canon Fremantle. The latter remarked that some people had scruples about going into churches not their own, but he was not one of them. Each de-nomination had its own functions, but let them exercise them in mutual love, helping one another.

Lord Rosebery, who has been acting as Minister in Attendance on the Queen at Balmoral, is much liked by her Ma-Jesty, whose sense of humour is no less keen than it was in her younger days, and who takes great pleasure in the wit and hrightness of her present For-eign Minister's conversation. Even politics can be taken too seriously, and there can be no doubt that the personal pop-larity of Lord Rosebery owes much to the fact that he has sufficient humour to do what Lord Beaconsfield did-namely, raise an occasional sly laugh at the expense of his own political "side."

Dr. John Clifford, the well-known Bapout how Londoners keep Sunday. and this is the result: The Great Western Railway station at Paddington was thronged with the crowds who spend it on the river; the streets in the early morning gave evidence that numbers were off to cricket and tennis; the cyclists formed a continuous stream; all the roads leading out of London were alive with bustle. He also visited the parks, and listened to debates, in which all the 'isms were well represented. In the churches and chapels, with few excep-tions, he found the congregations sparse.

Dr. Rigg has sent to every minister a copy of the charge he delivered at Cardiff, and in a prefatory note says: "Fifty years of service and study as a preacher, nearly as many years of pastoral work in the churches of Methodism, a very wide and varied experience, the responsibilities-twice within , twenty years—of the Presidency of the Conference of my Church, have combined to impress deeply on my convictions, and to press urgently on my conscience the need, above all other needs, for the pre-sent time, of giving heed in solemn earnest to the cardinal truths, as I believe them to be, which are insisted upon in the following pages."

Meetings in connection with the Bible and Colportage Society of Ireland (Dublin Branch), were held in the Christian Union Buildings. To this branch the Province of Leinster is entrusted, and its object is to put a colporteur into each of its twelve counties. At present six are at work, an increase of three dur-ing three years. The prospect of soon being able to accomplish its object is hopeful. Twenty-eight agents in all are employed by the Society, but to attain its object, as well as do the most effective work, it would require an income of £1,000, instead of as now one of £480. The agents of the society report that they are generally well ceived and have greater freedom of access to all creeds and classes than for-

Italy has 21 universities, with 600 professors and 9,000 students. The first modern medical school was at Salerno in the eighth century. This country has 52 law schools, with 345 teachers and 3,906 students. The United States medical schools, tic, and homeopathic. Italy in 1887 had 70,507 schools, 86,400 teachers and 3,-071,000 attendance. Great Britain has 11 universities, with 344 professors and 13,400 students. France had, in 1887, 85,545 schools, 136,860 teachers, and 6,308,000 scholars. Germany has 21 universities, 1,920 professors, and 26,700 students. The first medical school in the United States was founded in Philadelphia in 1764. Great Britain had in 1888, 30,522 schools, 99,200 teachers, and 4,903,000 pupils. Germany had, in 1881, 57,000 schools, 120,000 teachers, and 7,100,000 pupils.

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Dr. Kennedy Moore will move in the South London Presbytery: "Whereas the recent decision of the Privy Council in the Lincoln case, has, for the first time, legalized some points of Romish ritual in the Church of England; and whereas nothing has yet been done to check effectually the constantly increasing prevalence of Romish doctrines and practices in the Church, it is overtured to the Synod to take the matter into consideration with the view of determining whether a protest ought not to be made against the continuance to the Church as by law established of State alliance and public endowment."

In the death of Professor Jowett, Oxford has lost one of her greatest sons. The learned world mourns the decease of one who, whether he be regarded as a scholar or a theologian, or a powerful and many-sided personality, has wielded a moral and intellectual authority of the highest order. It will interest our readers to learn that the deceased professor, though inhibited by the High Churchmen from preaching in Oxford, once occupied the pulpit of Old Greyfriars Presbyterian Church, Edinburgh. He was a great man, and though we may disagree with his views on many subjects, still we ought to initate him in his love for all that was true and good, in his life of strenuous efforts for highest ends, and in his humble faith in the Almighty Saviour of the world.

Exeter Hall, London, at a recent meeting was packed to its utmost limits, the object being a public farewell to 105 missionaries, who, under the pieces of the Church Missionary Society, are going out during the next few weeks to the following places: West Africa, Yoruba, and the Niger, Eastern Equa-Northwest Provinces of India, the Punjaub and Sindh, West Judia, South India, Ceylon, Mauritius, South China, Japan and New Zealand.

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