

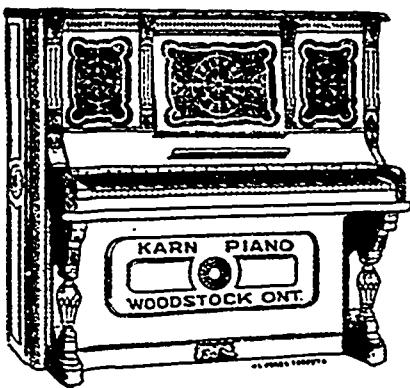
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Rev. Dr. Munro Gibson is Moderator of London Presbyterian North.

Sir Tollemache Sinclair is making a gift to the Salvationists of the chapel property at Thurso.

A net increase of membership is reported from all the Irish Presbyterian Synods that have met.

Numerous floral tokens were presented to the Baroness Burdett Coutts on April 21, on her eightieth birthday.

In Glasgow Free Church Presbytery, the Clerk reported 48,615 members within bounds, a slight increase for the year.

Mr. Peter Coats has undertaken to build, at a cost of £10,000, a home for nurses engaged in the new infirmary at Paisley.

Dr. Joseph Parker has accepted an invitation to visit Edinburgh this month, when the Free Church assembly will be in session.

The Countess of Dudley on April 25, opened a new free library at Kidderminster, erected by public subscription at a cost of nearly £5,000.

Figures compiled by the Chicago *Tribune* shows that there were 200 lynchings in this country last year, of which number 150 were negroes.

A statue of Columbus was unveiled in Central Park, New York, lately by Vice President Stevenson. The oration was made by Chauncey M. Depew.

Miss Dorothea Price Hughes, eldest daughter of Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, has won an exhibition in English literature at Somerville Hall, Oxford.

The C.M.S. is about to extend its work among the Esquimaux. Rev. E. J. Peck, who is leaving England, will push his way further into the Arctic regions.

Mr. Smith, the general secretary of the Educational Institute, Scotland, has been congratulated by that body on his being made an LL.D. of Glasgow University.

Although Merchiston Church, Edinburgh, has cost £1,000 more than the original estimate—that is £5,000—the donor, Mrs. Nairn, has agreed to defray the whole cost of the building.

A convention for the deepening of spiritual life, held at Cork, has been very successful. The four secretaries are a Methodist, an Episcopalian, a Presbyterian, and a member of the Society of Friends.

American Congregationalists have given £2,400,000 towards the education of the colored people of the south, £350,000 in excess of the combined contributions of Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians.

The question is being asked by the *Gardener's Chronicle*, why not a memorial garden instead of a stained-glass window in memory of Charles Kingsley, who was a great admirer of the floral beauties of the earth?

Dr. Hornby, Bishop of Nyassaland, has arrived home from East Africa. He says whole tracts of lovely country, much resembling the Scottish Highlands are practically deserted from fear of the slave-raider.

An attempt is to be made to commit the English Church Union to a formal condemnation of the Higher Criticism. A requisition has been sent to the president, asking him to convene a special meeting for the purpose.

By the will of the late Mr. Samuel Weston, the Manchester Royal Infirmary receives a sum of £50,000. A similar sum goes to the Bishop of Manchester, to be applied to such church purposes within his diocese as he may think fit.

Mr. Gladstone claims to be able to pack more books in a given space than any man he knows. He had 20,000 books in his library three years ago. He has given most of them away, chiefly to the general library at Hawarden church.

An old and well-known Highland minister has passed away in the person of Rev. A. D. Mackenzie, of Kilmorack, who was ordained in 1844. His active ministry continued until three years ago, when Rev. J. Macrae was elected his colleague and successor.

On a recent Sunday the seceding congregation at Shieldaig had to worship in the open air, the doors of the church having been locked against them by order of the Court of Session. The same congregation met in the open air for about thirty years after the Disruption.

The King of Servia has sent, through the Servian Minister, the decoration of Knight Commander of the Royal Order of St. Sava to Principal David Brown, D.D., of the Free Church College, Aberdeen, in recognition of his having abridged his Commentary on the Gospels and Acts, for translation into the Servian language. The translation has been done by a member of the Servian Cabinet.

Rev. A. Connell, of Regent-square, like his predecessor, Rev. John McNeil, is an outspoken total abstainer. As a result of Dr. Paton's sermon at Regent-square, £60 has been handed to him for his mission, half that sum being promised as a yearly contribution.

The Zenana Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church has now 134 European workers in India (an increase of nine for the year), with 73 assistant missionaries, 349 native teachers, and 196 Bible-women. The year's income was £30,559, which fell below the expenditure.

At a conference of Anglesea Baptists, a resolution has been unanimously passed protesting against the way in which the Lord-Lieutenant of the country, Mr. Richard Davies, ignores the Baptist denomination in his magisterial appointments. M. Davies is a Calvinistic Methodist.

Rev. John Watson, of Liverpool, preaching at Cambridge on Sunday, said that Christ lived with the democracy more than elsewhere and it might be in these days, as it was in Galilee, that Jesus would turn away from the rich and powerful classes and stretch out His hands to the poor.

The monument erected in Fredericksburg in memory of Mary Washington, the mother of the first President, by the Mary Washington Association, was dedicated on Thursday, May 10th. Senator Daniel delivered the oration. President Cleveland made a speech and held a reception at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

Rev. Dr. Stalker is to preach in Marybone Church on the last Sunday of this month. Although he was called to the pastorate after the death of Dr. Fraser, Mr. Stalker has never occupied the Marybone pulpit. Dr. Pentecost, announcing the engagement to his congregation, says the only drawback to perfect pleasure in this visit will be to demonstrate to the congregation how great was their loss when Dr. Stalker declined their call.

It is reported that an English officer, named Harrington, has discovered in India a working telephone between the two temples of Pauj, about a mile apart. The system is said to have been in operation at Pauj for over two thousand years. In this connection we may observe that Egyptologists have found unmistakable evidence of wire communication between some of the temples of the earlier Egyptian dynasties; but whether these served a telegraphic, telephonic, or other purpose is not stated.

Professor Story, the Moderator-elect of the General Assembly, has ample cause to think his "greatness is ripening." On two succeeding days his friends in Glasgow exerted themselves to do him honor in view of the important position he is about to occupy. First, there came a dinner, provided by the Presbytery of Glasgow. On the following afternoon, Sir James King presided over an influential gathering at the Merchants' House, and presented Dr. Story with a silver salver.

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