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## British and Foreign.

Alloa Established church is to be renovated and a pipe organ, if possible, erected.

It is estimated that the omission of the usual fourth of July excursions cost the Chicago railroads \$500,000.

Rev. Dr. Mair, of Earlston, is looked upon by many as the next Moderator of Assembly of the Established church.

Edinburgh U. P. Presbytery, by 14 votes to 10, have empowered their Moderator to sign the memorial in favour of a cessation of European armament.

Mr. Mundella has succeeded in getting two practical men appointed as inspectors of railway accidents and as watchmen over the interests of railway servants.

The extension of the Gothenburg system in Norway has now absorbed more than half the trade, and in sixteen years reduced the consumption of liquor by one half.

The agreement between Great Britain and Belgium as to Central African frontiers provides for the former country an ultimate control of the fountains of the Nile.

The death of Mr. Edmund Boyd, of the Glasgow Free Church Normal college, removes an educationist who has done splendid work. He was an elder in the College church.

Sir John Gorst says that in the East-end the foreign Jew begins at the bottom and goes to the top, while the man from the country village will begin at the top and go to the bottom.

Rev. Dr. Scott, of St. George's, Established Church, Edinburgh, has been presented by his congregation with a solid silver bowl and other articles of plate on the occasion of his marriage.

President Elliott, of Harvard, in a recent address, advised students to thus apportion their day: Study ten hours; sleep eight; exercise, two; social duties, one; and meals, three hours.

In commemoration of the saving of the imperial family at Berke, October 17, 1888, the Czar of Russia has presented to the Monastery Pauleimor, on Mount Athos, a great bell weighing 30,000 pounds.

A remarkable carpet has been woven for the Queen in Agra prison. Nearly thirty of the dearest convicts were employed on the texture, which measures 77 ft. by 40 ft., and contains fifty-nine million stitches.

The annual statistics submitted to Edinburgh U. P. Presbytery by their committee on the care of youth show a falling-off, the Sabbath school teachers being less by 33. It is feared there are too many agencies.

The French Legion of Honour has been given to the little girl who, seeing a bridge on fire, took off her red petticoat and gave the danger signal to an approaching train on the way to Chicago with many Frenchmen.

The Wesleyan Conference was opened in Birmingham, with a very large attendance, on Tuesday the 17th ult. Rev. Walford Green was chosen president by a large majority. Rev. Dr. Waller was chosen secretary by a practically unanimous vote.

A statue of the late Mr. Bradlaugh, M.P., was unveiled in Northampton in the presence of 20,000 people. The inscription speaks of the late member as "Thorough" Charles Bradlaugh. The statue is of terra cotta, by Mr. George Tinworth.

General Booth says "the American sets himself up as not needing to be missioned by heaven or earth, and least of all by Britishers. If anything is to be done for America the American can do it for himself, and he wants to be paid for doing it."

The death is announced of Canon MacDermott, elder brother of the Irish Attorney-General. The deceased was a son of the late T. MacDermott, Prince of Coolaven, and would have inherited the estates, but chose the church as his profession.

The highest cathedral tower in the world—that of Ulm Minster—though finished some years ago has been hidden by scaffolding until recently. The last portion of the scaffolding has now been removed and the tower can at last be seen in all its beauty.

The Bishop of Lahore asserts that, in Burma and Northern India, the Roman Catholics only send organized missions in places where other churches have sown the seed of Christianity and take special advantage when the seeds of discord have been sown.

According to a report compiled with great care by the chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the Cleveland Christian Endeavor Convention, the number of delegates who registered from outside the city of Cleveland amounted to 18,790; the residents of Cleveland who registered to gain a badge of admission numbered 21,210, swelling the grand total to 40,000. The entire registration at Montreal in 1893 was 16,500.

M. Casimir-Perier, the new President of France, is 46 years old, and, with two exceptions, is the youngest ruler France has had since Napoleon at 30 became First Consul. Louis XVIII. at his accession was 59; Charles X. was 67; Grevy, 71; Cavaignac, 46; and Louis Napoleon, 40.

Andrew Carnegie will return to Pittsburg in the fall to arrange for the formal opening of the library which he is to give to his fellow-citizens. From all accounts the institution promises to be worthy its great purpose and fit to do its donor honor. The building's capacity will be 230,000 volumes.

Lord Elgin has taken a bold course—as wise as it is bold—in dispensing with special trains for himself and distinguished Anglo-Indians. It will not only make the small saving of needless expense; it will create the impression that economy in administration is to be the order of the day in all departments of the Indian Government.

At a recent meeting of London Presbytery North, Dr. Dykes, in giving in the report of the Church Aid Committee, spoke in warm tones of the excellent work which was being done by the Young Men's Fellowship Association. The members of this society had placed their services at the disposal of any congregation which might desire them.

The Wesleyan Conference in Birmingham was recently engaged for some time in considering an appeal from Brighton for the extension of the term of itinerancy in the case of Rev. F. Ballard. The case was by many regarded a test case that would govern others. The appeal was granted by a considerable majority, the vote being 194 for, and 151 against.

In Trinity U. P. church, Greenock, recently, Rev. Andrew R. Low, M.A., was ordained as a missionary to India, and G. D. Robertson was set apart for missionary service in Manchuria. Revs. Dr. Hugh Macmillan preached; John Young, minister of Trinity church, ordained; and Francis Ashcroft, A.M., Ulwar, India, addressed missions and people.

During a discussion lately in Aberdeen Presbytery, of the plans of a new church at Powis, Rev. W. D. Scott, of the South Parish, said that there was no use blinking the fact that there was a certain model of church arrangements being thrust upon them at the present time, the good old Presbyterian pulpit being displaced by a fashionable chancel with pulpit in the corner.

Mrs. Leone Levi has presented the Deacons' Court of Regent Square with a collection of volumes giving the annual reports of the congregation for an unbroken period of forty years. The late Mr. Levi, who was such a financial expert, was for many years a member of, and, we believe, clerk of session in Regent Square, his elder's district being most attentively worked.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Neilson, Dunblane, not long ago celebrated their ruby wedding. Mr. Neilson is ninety-one years old, and Mrs. Neilson is seven years younger; she is a native of Dunblane, and Mr. Neilson hails from Stirling. Just the other week Mr. Neilson did a seven miles' walk, and can be seen daily conversing with friends on the street, or doing something in his garden. He is most interesting in his conversation, and relates with enthusiasm the celebrations which took place in Stirling after Waterloo. He joined the Freemasons when eighteen years old, and is thus probably the oldest Freemason in Scotland.

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Dr. Gibson, at a late meeting of his Presbytery, said that it had been arranged that a conference of Presbytery, on the subject of evangelistic work, should take place on the second Tuesday of October. The committee proposed that the Rev. John Pugh, of Cardiff, should be invited. Mr. Pugh is a leader of the aggressive movement in the Welsh Presbyterian Church, and has been marvellously successful in Cardiff and the region round about.

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