

THE CHURCH ABROAD.

The St. John's Wood congregation (Rev. Dr. Gibson) have contributed £628 of aid in the twelvemonth to the Sustentation Fund, and Softon Park (Rev. John Watson) £600.

European Protestantism is strongest in Great Britain, where its membership is 39,000,000, and next comes Germany, with a Protestant population of 29,000,000.

There are about half a million Presbyterians in the South African communities, and an effort is now being made to federate the different churches for practical work.

The Rev. Dr. Elias Riggs, a missionary of the American Board in Constantinople, though 80 years old, is still in active service. He is engaged in translating the Bible into the Bulgarian tongue.

The Presbyterian hospitals in Peking and Canton in 1893 treated 57,541 cases. How much that means of Christ-like work, and who can estimate the results!

Mr. J. Forbes Moncrief writes that he has in his young women's Bible-class in the Cowgate Free Church, Edinburgh, a young woman, Annie Davidson by name, who, if she completes this session, will never have been once absent for sixteen years.

£20,894 has been subscribed towards the fund for church extension in connection with the Presbytery of Glasgow, leaving less than £10,000 to be raised.

The literature of the Salvation Army, according to Mr. Bramwell Booth brings into the various headquarters about £200,000 per annum.

Dr. Millar, principal of the Training College, Madras, has signified his acceptance of the Moderator's chair of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

The Rev. Mr. Watson, formerly missionary in China, has accepted the call to be minister of Kolsa Free Church in succession to the Rev. D. S. Adam, now of Greenock.

A unanimous call has been given to the Rev. James Macmillan, M.A., of Nairn, to be colleague and successor to the Rev. Thomas Dobbie, Lansdowne Church, Glasgow.

The Selkirk First Church has agreed to call the Rev. James Lorimer Munro, M.A., as colleague and successor to the Rev. John Lawson. Mr. Munro, who is at present Mr. Lawson's assistant, is under invitation to be assistant in Broughton-place Church, Edinburgh.

It is stated that the Rev. Dr. Kerr, who for several years past has acted as honorary secretary of the Protestant Alliance, has resigned the secretaryship and withdrawn from the association because the directors of the Alliance have repeatedly refused to adopt a series of resolutions submitted to them condemnatory of ritualistic practices prevalent in Presbyterian Churches.

Arrangements are being completed by the Evangelical Free Church Council of Hull for a united mission to be held in March, when Rev. John McNeill will be the missionary. This Council has also decided to observe the first Sunday in February as Armenian Sunday, and all the ministers have been asked to preach especially on the subject. A great meeting will follow. The Mayor has refused to call a town's meeting.

Dr. Pentecost, writing in the monthly journal of the Marblebone Church, says— "I am so averse to war myself that I would rather suffer almost everything but the loss of God than lift my finger to incite it, or by any aid of mine encourage or help maintain it, yet I should be infinitely glad could England and America, the chosen Anglo-Saxon race, make an end of their unhappy disputes, unite their forces by land and sea, and march to the destruction from the face of the earth of the cruel and iniquitous Turkish power."

The Rev. John Fleming M'Swaine, Moderator of the Federal Assembly of the Presbyterian Churches of Australia and Tasmania, is expected in England at the end of February next. It is understood that the object of the rev. gentleman's visit to England is to consult a London physician with reference to a throat affection from which he is suffering. He is likely to stay several months and to attend the meetings of the Scottish Assemblies in May.

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