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## British and Foreign.

Rev. Dr. Manly Benson, is now in Scotland conducting services, chiefly in Edinburgh.

Mr. Henry Jones, M.A., has been appointed to fill the Philosophy Chair in Glasgow University.

The anonymous gifts sent to Dr. Barnardo last year numbered 6,471, and reached the value of £5,000.

Mr. Wallace, M.P., is again in an editorial chair, his services having been secured for the *London Scotsman*.

Mr. Ballington Booth, after consultation with the General, has decided to introduce the Army to the Hawaiian Islands.

The Parliamentary Committee on the London Buildings have passed a clause fixing the maximum height of any building at eighty feet.

Hospital Saturday was observed in and around London, when ladies presided over 2,500 tables placed in the public thoroughfares.

The Glasgow Corporation, at a cost of £143,000, has assumed the direct control of the City Tramways.—The Mile-end Guardians have purchased 100.

A genuine bust of Herod, the ruler of Judea in the days of Christ, discovered in Palestine, has been presented to the Imperial Hermitage in St. Petersburg.

Mr. R. H. Morgan, son of Rev. T. Morgan, of Retford, has obtained the Bishop Lee prize at Owens College, Manchester, for Greek Testament and cognate subjects.

Mr. Gladstone is to contribute an article to the August number of *The Nineteenth Century* on "The Place of Heresy and Schism in the Modern Christian Church."

A "Life of Christ, by Dr. Lyman Abbott, written for the benefit chiefly of Sunday School teachers, is now appearing, week by week, in *The Sunday School Times*.

Ohio Wesleyan University has just celebrated its jubilee, and has conferred LL.D. degrees on Frances Willard, Governor McKinley, Bishops Warren and Thoburn.

Free Church Sustentation Fund.—For the month ending June 10th there was a decrease of nearly £600. Associations had increased £117, but donations had fallen off £715.

The Spanish Government has paid an indemnity of \$15,000 to Methodist missionaries expelled from the Caroline Islands, and has given no undertaking to readmit Methodists.

The Kings of Denmark, Sweden and Greece have grandsons, but Queen Victoria is the only one of European sovereigns who has a great-grandson in the direct line of succession.

Rev. Robert Mackintosh, M.A., B.D., of Dumfries, has accepted the charge of Christian Ethics, Apologetics and Sociology at Lancashire College, in succession to Rev. Dr. Hodgson.

Hanover Church, Stockport, laments the death of Mr. John Andrews, who was for forty-eight years superintendent of the Sunday School, and for sixty years actively connected with the church.

The Dowager Duchess of Abercorn, to celebrate her 82nd birthday, entertained all her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, numbering 101 in all, said to be a unique family gathering.

The Roberts Scholarship, in connection with Bala Theological College, has been won this year by Mr. Owen Owen, Liverpool. Last year Mr. Owen took the Pierce Scholarship of the value of £50.

January 10th next will be the 250th anniversary of the death of Archbishop Laud, who was executed on Tower-hill, and it is intended to hold a Laud Exhibition on the spot in commemoration of the event.

The latest Arctic voyager, Mr. Jackson, sailed from London, July 11th, his vessel, the *Windward*, having been an object of much interest for some days previously. He is provided for a four years' voyage.

The Presbyterian Secession Synod of Ireland met in Botanic Avenue Church, Belfast. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Moore. Rev. Samuel Pettigrew, of Monaghan, was elected Moderator.

The superintendent of a New York paving company, who was fined under a State law which forbids the employment of men for more than eight hours a day, has appealed the case from court to court, and decisions have been rendered against him in each instance. The company which he represents, in order to test the constitutionality of the eight-hour law, announce their intention of appealing to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Prebendary Barker says that Charles Haddon Spurgeon, like Loyola and John Wesley, had "the genius of religion." His power as a preacher, combined with his other attainments, was unique, and his name would never die.

Mr. Gladstone is well, and is enjoying his holiday in Scotland. The ex-Premier and Mrs. Gladstone are the guests of Mr. Armitstead, and are staying at Fisher's Hotel Pitlochry. The visit will terminate at the end of July.

In connection with the Oxford University Extension Scholarship Essay Competition, Miss Katharine G. Hartley, eldest daughter of Rev. Stephen Hartley, has gained one of the £5 scholarships, by an essay on a subject drawn from English literature.

At a meeting presided over by the Countess Aberdeen, a scheme was launched for holding an Imperial Exhibition of Women's Work in London during 1897 or 1898. The intention of the promoters is to show the progress made by women during the Queen's reign.

The marriage of Mr. J. M. Barrie, the author of 'The Little Minister' and other well-known novels, to Miss Mary Ansell, a lady who was formerly on the stage, and nursed him through his recent illness, took place at Kirriemuir on July 9th, at the residence of Mr. Barrie's parents.

The Eastern Reformed Presbyterian Synod held its annual meeting in Belfast, the outgoing Moderator, Rev. S. B. Stevenson preaching the opening sermon. Rev. J. S. Moody was chosen Moderator for the current year. The several reports show that the work of the church has been zealously prosecuted.

Mr. Stead, in addresses given lately at Leeds, contended that all men whose aims, ideals and aspirations were based on love, should be regarded as fellow-workers with Christ, and urged the necessity for all such workers, by whatsoever name known, being brought into a condition of working union with one another.

It has been observed that no Jews have taken part in the great strike. This may be in part explained by the fact that the Jews are generally engaged in a different class of industries: nevertheless it should be noted to their honor that it is seldom, if ever, that Jews are found rioting or in any way insubordinate to the law of the land.

While the Coxy Movement was in progress in the States, a Chicago journalist agreed with a publisher to supply within four days a complete book on the Coxyite armies and their performances. He began operations on Monday morning, April 30th, with a staff of writers, photographers, and typewriters, and finished on Friday night, May 3rd, the result being the manuscript of a book of 100,000 words, with 40 illustrations.

Mr. Bessemer, the inventor of the well-known steel process, has made about ten million dollars out of the undertaking, but his contribution to the world in saving is enormous. Mr. Abram S. Hewitt estimates that in the United States alone, as applied to every branch of industry, particularly to transportation, the Bessemer steel invention saves us a billion dollars a year, while, taking the world together, the saving effected is greater than the total value of all the movable capital of the world a century ago.

The Queen is purchasing the trousseau for Princess Alix, which will include a large assortment of Irish poplins. The Czarevitch, who, like the Princess, is still the guest of the Queen, received a deputation of Russian merchants at Windsor Castle, and accepted at their hands a silver salver as a mark of their goodwill on his betrothal to Princess Alix. In accordance with Russian usage, the present was accompanied by a gift of bread and salt as a token of the deputation's desire to see the couple happy and prosperous.

The membership of the Primitive Methodist connexion is now reported to be 195,027, with a ministry of 1,112. The connexion's net increase for the last decade is 6,870 members, 64 ministers, 883 local preachers, 365 chapels, 198 schools, 514 teachers, and 46,222 scholars. It is interesting to know that Primitive Methodism has increased its ministry during the last ten years at the rate of one for every 100 additional members, and that the number of circuits and missions during that period has also increased from 633 to 757.

The Church Aid Committee, of the English Presbyterian Church, in addition to assisting needy churches, are now entrusted with the oversight of evangelistic work. Open air services, as Dr. Dykes reminded the Presbytery, are carried on each Sunday in five London parks. Members of the Union of Young Men's Fellowship Associations are offering their services for evangelistic work, and it is hoped by the winter to secure the services of a popular evangelist, if sufficient applications for such work are received from the churches to warrant the step.

"After Twenty-one Years" is the title given to a pamphlet sketching, in a concise and effective manner, the rise, progress, and work of the London Congregational Union, which has now brought into association 245 out of the 257 London churches. During this period the Union has "collected and expended above £14,500 in helping weak churches that deserved to be helped, in assisting the erection of new church buildings, and in ameliorating the condition of the outcast and taking to them the words of life," and "has been indirectly the means of securing the devotion of another £111,000 to purposes of church extension." Interesting details of the operations of the philanthropic branch are given in another pamphlet, entitled "Ten Years' Work in Outcast London."

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