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Earthquake shocks occurred in Norway, causing an avalanche, resulting in eleven deaths.

Dr. A. K. H. Boyd, of St. Andrews, is seriously ill from the effects of a chill caught last week.

There are said to be only twenty-five Chinese women in New York. They carefully avoid the public gaze.

The income of St. Enoch's, Belfast, for the past year amounted to £6,000, of which sum £3,450 was for the extinction of the church debt.

The death-rate for London, notwithstanding the arctic weather, is below the average for the season. Sixteen deaths were attributed to influenza.

The people of Italy are the most heavily taxed of any civilized nation. The state taxation equals twenty-two per cent. of the earnings of the people.

The committee appointed to consider the admission of women to the English Methodist conference have reported substantially in favour of the innovation.

Rev. W. J. Patton, who has died at Dro-mara, county Down, Ireland, was minister there for forty-one years, and was the best known evangelist in the Irish Presbyterian Church.

The Germans having refused to allow Mr. Rhodes to plant his telegraph poles on their side of Lake Tanganyiki, he will lay them on the other side through the Congo territory.

The "martyrdom" of Charles I. has been commemorated in St. Margaret's in the East end of London with much Popish ritual. The congregation included several gentlemen in Highland costume.

A bill is now pending in the State Legislature of Tennessee to prohibit infant life insurance. The practice of murdering infants for the purpose of securing insurance money is on the increase in that State.

The Established Church of Scotland has 1,146,000 members, the Free Church 771,000, the United Presbyterian Church 445,000, smaller Protestant bodies 238,000, and the Roman Catholic 352,000 members.

Three committee has resolved to nominate Rev. Norman Maclean, M.A., Waterliss Slys, for election as minister of the church and parish of Tیره in succession to Rev. Hector Mackinnon, M.A., now of Stornoway.

Principal Douglas is to be presented with his portrait at the meeting of Assembly. The idea originated with the Glasgow students, and the picture is intended to be a companion to that of Principal Fairbairn in the common hall of the college.

A native of India has sent a young lion as a present for the Duke of Connaught. The animal, which is not quite fully grown, was a regular pet on board the steamer, and liked to be stroked through the bars of its cage. The lion has been placed in the Zoo.

Owing to the illness of Principal Miller, of Madras, Dr. J. Hood Wilson, of Barclay Church, Edinburgh, will be nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly of the Free Church. Dr. Wilson was ordained in 1854, and was for many years chairman of the Jewish Committee. He holds the chair of Evangelistic Theology in connection with the Edinburgh and Glasgow Colleges.

A TALE TOLD THE EDITOR.

MR. THOS. STRANG SPEAKS THAT SUFFERERS MAY READ AND LIVE.

Attacked with La Grippe, the After Effects Developing Heart Trouble—His Friends Thought Him Near Death's Door—After Many Failures He Has Once More Regained the Blessing of Perfect Health.

From the Comber Herald

Strange-field is a post office corner about six miles from Comber. It was named after the highly respected and well known family of Strangs. The neighborhood is a quiet one, being inhabited by a church-going, sober, industrious people. Among the people of that neighbourhood none is better or more favourably known than Mr. Thos. Strang. Mr. Strang is a man of middle age and a bachelor. A few days ago he related to the Herald the story of his recovery from an illness which he believes would have resulted fatally but for the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The origin of Mr. Strang's trouble was la grippe which developed into heart disease. He laid for months with every nerve in his frail body unstrung. He tried many medicines, but none seemed to materially benefit him. He would rally at times and endeavour to walk, but his system being reduced and weakened he would frequently fall prostrate to the ground, and his friends had to carry him into the house. This terrible state of things lasted for months and all the while he was getting weaker, and even the most hopeful of his friends feared the worst. Mr. Strang was strongly urged to try the world renowned Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and consented to do so. A neighbour was dispatched to the Comber drug store for a supply. In a few days after beginning their use he began to improve. In a couple of weeks he was able to walk around, and to-day Mr. Strang is rejoicing and telling the same old story that hundreds of others are telling in this fair Dominion—the story of renewed strength through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mr. Strang is now a sound man. Quite frequently he walks to Comber, a distance of six miles, to attend church. He informed the Herald that he was only too glad to give his experience so that suffering humanity may also reap the benefit and thus be released from the thralldom of disease and pain. To his benefactors for such they are Mr. Strang feels that he owes a debt of gratitude. With him the days when beads of agony stood on his brow have passed away, and his body has been regenerated anew by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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When Princess Louise launched the new battleship *Majestic* at Portsmouth, she was accompanied by Princess Beatrice. A portion of the ceremonial was the presentation to the Princess of a handsome casket, containing a mallet and chisel with which she cut the rope holding the vessel.

The Australian Colonies have adopted the standard zone time. By the new reckoning Victorian time will be advanced twenty minutes, thus making Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane time alike ten hours ahead of Greenwich, while Adelaide will be nine hours ahead, Perth eight, and Wellington eleven.

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