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British and Foreign.

THE Rev. Adam C. Welch, of Waterbeck, has accepted the call to Helensburgh.

THE Rev. Mr. Aitken, of Aberdeen, has been elected to Falkirk West U. P. Church.

BRANKS from the old church of Kintore were sold lately in Dowell's auction rooms, Edinburgh, for about \$18.

THE Rev. A. B. Grosart, of St. Georges Presbyterian Church, Blackburn, has resigned his charge owing to a breakdown in health.

THE branches of the British Women's Temperance association have increased during the past year from sixty-five to one hundred and ten.

THE Rev. Dr. MacGregor, of St. Cuthberts, conducted divine service at Balmoral on a recent Sabbath, and dined with the Queen afterwards.

MR. DAVID DOUGLAS, publisher, Edinburgh, is arranging a collection of about 2,000 letters by Sir Walter Scott which have been preserved at Abbotsford.

THE annual meetings in Glasgow in connection with the London Missionary Society took place the other week. Lord Kelvin presided at the public meeting.

DALZIEL's agency, it is said, intend to raise an action for libel against Rev. Dr. Pierson, for asserting that their accounts of an interview with him are false.

THE Queen and Princess Beatrice honoured Mrs. Campbell, of Craithie manse, with a visit recently, and Rev. A. Campbell dined at Balmoral in the evening.

MR. ANDREW LANG, calculates from the fact that nine hundred novels are published every year, that there are at least one hundred thousand novelists in Great Britain.

THE funeral of Rev. John Stewart, B.D., of Calderhead, who died so suddenly at the bazaar in Glasgow, took place in Shotts amidst general mourning, all the shops being closed.

THERE is to be a posthumous volume of Sir Daniel Wilson's. It will consist of a collection of his shorter papers, and will bear the title, "The Last Atlantis and other Ethnographic Studies."

THE victim of the outrage by Chinese at Shensi was Bishop Hugh, who, though an Englishman, is a member of the Franciscans. Stoned so severely as to place his life in danger, he has yet recovered.

THE Hon. Gertrude and Emily Kinnaird were welcomed at a meeting in Edinburgh under the auspices of the local committee of the Zenana Bible and medical mission, and gave accounts of their work in India.

A YOUNG chief, named Mika Sematimba, who has come from Uganda with Rev. R. H. Walker, remarked on landing in England that our houses were very similar to those of his own country. He had been observing haystacks!

MR. HARRY ALFRED LONG, of Glasgow, takes much the same view as Professor Marcus Dods of the question of the lapsed. A hundred doors, he says, are open to anyone, whether rich or poor, who is willing to render allegiance to Christ.

THE congregation of Houghton-le-Spring, county Durham (which has been without a minister since the death of Rev. Dr. Milligan), has addressed a call to the Rev. Alexander Coskery, late of Coagh, Moneymore, in the Presbytery of Tyrone.

MR. JOHN M'GILCHRIST, M.A., of Bismore manse, Islay, who held the Snell exhibition at Oxford and graduated there with first-class honours, has gained at Glasgow University the Ferguson scholarship of \$400, tenable for two years.

THE right of licensing, of which the communes in Russia were deprived in 1885, is about to be restored to them, the right of veto given to them instead, which they exercised capriciously, having only resulted in an enormous illicit traffic.

THE Rev. William Ballantyne, who lately resigned the charge of the North U. P. Church, Langholm, died recently at the age of seventy-two. His ministry extended over forty-six years, and he was the "father" of Annandale Presbytery.

PROFESSOR CHEYNE has just finished a new book which, under the title of "Founders of Old Testament Criticism," will contain biographical sketches of the chief Old Testament critics from Grotius and Eichhorn to Ewald, Kuenen and Driver. It will practically be a historical sketch of the progress of the "higher criticism." It will be published early next spring.

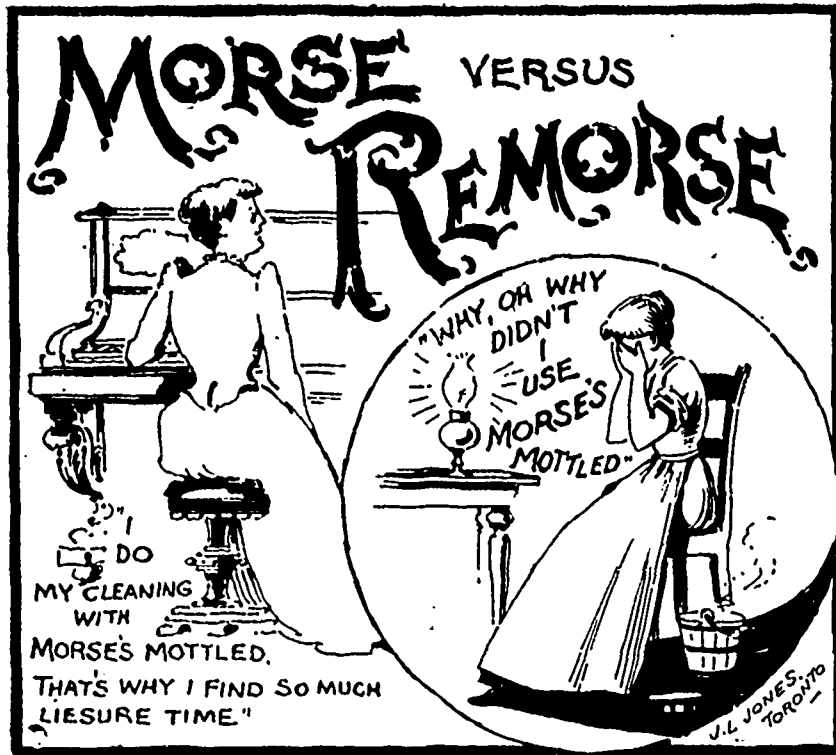
MISS ELSIE ALLAN, eldest daughter and co-heiress of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Allan, was married at Carstairs house, Lanarkshire, recently, to Mr. T. Eaton Lander, of Lahore, India. Rev. Dr. Black, of Wellington Church, Glasgow, officiated, assisted by Rev. R. M. Sharpe, of Carstairs, and Professor Drummond was groomsmen.

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