

versary of its establishment. The occasion will be commemorated by the expenditure of £30, 000 on new buildings for the medical school, on which nearly £200,000 have been spent during the last ten years.

Professor Calderwood, in a late speech in Glasgow, said that "the spirit of unbelief is becoming weaker and materialism is not now what it was twenty years ago. It was't to be seen among the masses of the people, and those who used to encourage scepticism are much more cautious."

Queen Victoria has done herself credit and the world a service by her treatment of the new Duke of Marlborough. As the Marquis of Blanford he has been the foremost of a set of profligate English noblemen. Upon succeeding to his father's dukedom, custom required him to pay a visit of ceremony to the Queen, but because of his character she has refused to admit him to an audience.

"It is related of a Welsh boy, who attended a missionary meeting, that when he had given in his collecting card he was greatly distressed because he had not a half-penny of his own to give. His heart was so thrilled with interest that he went home and collected all his marbles and sold them for a penny and put it on the plate, feeling glad that he was able to do something for missions."

Africa.

The mission of the Scottish United Presbyterian Church among the Kaffirs, in South Africa, has advanced its list of communicants the past year from 1,273 to 1,339. The number of its schools has from 20 to 25, and of scholars from 913 to 1,175. The basis of union agreed upon between this mission and that of the Scottish Free Church has been approved by the authorities in Scotland and the union will be consummated.

In a recent letter Henry M. Stanley says. Since I arrived on the Congo last December I have been up as far as the equator, and have established two more stations, besides discovering another lake, Mantumba. Having become better acquainted with the country I am really struck with the dense population of the equatorial part of the basin, which, if it were uniform throughout, would give 49, 000,000 souls. The number of products and character of the people are likewise

remarkable. The gums, rubber, ivory, camphor, wood, and a host of other things would repay transportation, even by the very expensive mode at present in use. The people are born traders, and are, for Africans, very enterprising and industrious. They are bold in their expeditions, and risk everything to turn an honest penny.

United States.

A New York wine firm sends a circular to clergymen offering to send them wine with each case plainly marked "Canned Peaches." That is a compliment to ministerial integrity which will be appreciated.

The *Catholic Mirror* is disturbed by the eulogies of a man, Luther, whom Germany and the Protestant world delights to honor, and berates "the apostate monk" as a "gross superstitious, driveling scoundrel." These are not the kind of words which kill reputations.

A bright boy of fifteen on Brooklyn, N. Y., died a few days ago of nicotine poisoning. Nine months ago he began to smoke cigarettes. His parents tried in vain to check him. The poison did its work. Medical men could not save him, but were unanimous as to their opinions of the cause of his death.

The shops for the sale of liquor in New York city outnumbered those for the sale of food by 7,878, and 63.05 per cent. of the whole number of arrests for the year ending October 31, 1881, were mainly due to drink. Is it any wonder that, with these facts staring at us, people should grow "frantic" about the liquor business?

The American Sunday-school Union at its September meeting resolved in view of the new field of religious work which the Northern Pacific Railroad will develop, to undertake to establish and maintain a Sunday-school in every needy community in the vast territory between the eastern base of the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean.

There is a Chinaman at work in Tahiti in the South Sea Islands, who is said to be a whole Bible society in himself, expending twenty dollars a month, out of a salary of twenty-five dollars, for Bibles to distribute among his country-men there.