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## British and Foreign.

The death has occurred of Rev. Patrick McGregor, M. A., Ph. D., minister of Logicalmond Parish sinc. 1859.

Principal Dykes intimates that a memorial volume on the opening of Westminister College is being prepared. It is being edited by Rev. A. Halliday Douglas, minister at Cambridge, and will be printed at the Cambridge University Press.

Rev. Dr. Mathews, General Secretary of the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance, is concerned for the welfare of the Presbyterian ministers who, with one exception, have fled from the Transvaal with their families, without their whereabouts being known. The Presbyteries of the Transvaal and Orange Free State are thus broken up.

Rev. Robert Stewart, senior minister of St. Mark's Church, Glasgow, has died. Mr. Stewart's figure was a familiar one at Presbytery and other public meetings. He was ordained in 1851 and occupied the pastorate of St. Mark's for forty-eight years. In 1891 he received the assistance of a colleague and successor.

A three-light stained glass window has been placed in St. Mary's Chapel, Aberdeen, in commemoration of the services rendered by Prof. Jas. Cooper, Glasgow. in connection with the restoration of the building while minister of East Parish Church. Dr. Cooper has also been presented with a silver chalice by a number of friends to mark his ministerial semiinbilee.

Dr. Walter C. Smith, senior minister of the Free High Church, Edinburgh, is lecturer this year in Evangelistic Theology throughout the three Free Church colleges. The eminent lecturer is not in particularly robust health, but he has still the same eloquence and fire. His views on missionary questions are interesting. He is not an unqualified admirer of the methods of Drs. Duff and Miller in India, but he bestows unstinted praise on the methods of the English Presbyterian mission in China.

Mr. R. T. Turnbull, in a circular letter, intimating the Synodical collection for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund (February 18), says the so far successful efforts to increase the capital will this year enable the committee to increase the maximum annuity from £50 to £60 per annum. At present there are twelve annuitants on the Fund, involving an expenditure, with the necessary charges, of about £750. For the stability of the fund it has been found necessary to resort to an annual congregational collection.

At a largely-attended meeting of ministers and elders belonging to the Constitutional party held at Inverness it was decided to announce that they cannot conscientiously become parties to the proposed union on the basis at present formulated, and they are constrained to continue opposition to the scheme. They adhere to the resolutions passed at the Auchnasheen Conference and the subsequent public meeting at Inverness. A further declaration was made to the effect that the proposed changes in questions and formula are unacceptable, and that while prepared to unite with any Presbyterian Church, cannot enter into any union in which the distinctive principles of the Free Church are not expressly mentioned and maintained.

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