

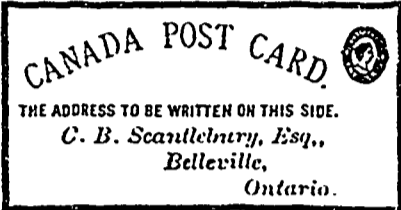


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The sales of the Scottish Established Church hymnal have reached 1,269,807.

The Baltic Canal is now fully eight metres, or nearly twenty-seven feet deep from end to end.

Much sympathy is felt for Rev. Dr. MacEwan, of Clapham, who is mourning the death of his wife.

Mdlle. Lucie Faure, daughter of the French President, has taken seriously to journalism, and now ranks herself among the art critics.

The City Press says the gold box given to the Ameer's son at Guildhall was ordered to have no jewels and to be simple in design.

As a relief from the exhausting labours of his political office, Sir William Harcourt indulges considerably in amateur gardening.

A legacy of £100, duty free, has been left to the Congregational Union by the late Mr. James F. Sommerville, of Bitton, near Bristol.

The Ohio Congregational Association has, on the motion of Dr. Washington Gladden, adopted strong resolutions against lynching.

The foundation stone of the new Church for the Trinity congregation, Newcastle (Rev. Dr. Ross), was laid on Friday by Sir Donald Currie.

There is an association of billposters in London that exercises a keen supervision of posters, and prevents the exhibition of what might shock decency.

The citizens of Sheffield have asked the Duke of Norfolk, who has much property there, to accept the mayoralty next year; it is understood that he will do so.

At the close of the General Assembly of the Established Church a congratulatory address was presented to the Moderator, Dr. Donald Macleod, by the Kirk Session of Linlithgow.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place in London about the beginning of August, between his Grace the Duke of Argyle and Miss M'Neill, one of the Queen's Maids-in-Waiting.

Eighty-three years ago, on 14th June, 1812, Robert Browning, then an infant five weeks old, was baptized by the Rev. George Clayton in the hall now bearing the poet's name, York street, Walworth.

The influx of Chinese is not appreciated in New Zealand. At a meeting held at Christ Church, a resolution was passed in favor of imposing a poll-tax of £100 on every Chinaman entering the Colony.

There is a decided improvement in General Booths health. His departure for the Continent at the end of the month is to be made an occasion of a "naval demonstration" on the Thames.

Miss Frances Willard, the ardent reformer, who but lately published her own autobiography, is to appear shortly in a new light. She is to publish within a few days a small volume on the charms of bicycling.

A society is about to be formed in London with the object of rousing public opinion against the employment of women in drink ing bars. In a word, we are to have a Society for the Abolition of the Barmaid.

Formosa is populated by three distinct people—the Chinese are on the sea littoral, savages dwell among the gorges and precipices of the eastern backbone, and there are peaceful natives whom the savages and Chinese let alone.

Rev. A. Ben Olliel, of Jerusalem, has changed his views on the subject of baptism, and has appealed to the American Baptist Missionary Union with a view to continuing his labors in Jerusalem in connection with that body.

The Foreign Mission account of Irish Presbyterian Church shows a total expenditure of £10,070 for the year and an income of £11,321. There are in connection with the Assembly twenty-eight young men and thirteen women pledged to the foreign work.

The nineteenth National Council of the British Women's Temperance Association took place at the City Temple, London, on Monday and Tuesday, 17th and 18th inst. It was attended by nearly 800 delegates, the largest delegation on record. The meetings of the council were open to the public and Lady Henry Somerset presided each day.

The deputies from the English Presbyterian Synod to the Presbyterian General Assembly in session at Belfast included Revs. R. Leitch (Moderator of the Synod) and Wm. Young (Manchester), Messrs. Wm. Carruthers, F. R. S., and W. G. Paton (Liverpool).

News comes from Old Calabar that the British authorities have hanged a native chief by whose orders several slaves had been beheaded. It was at one time a common practice to deal with slaves in this way, but such occurrences in the British sphere have, happily, become rare.

The London Presbytery South has warmly espoused the cause of Rev. H. Millican, its minister at Guernsey, who, with other Nonconformist ministers in that island, suffered arrest and the forfeiture of their goods for declining to pay the rate levied for the support of Episcopalian schools.

The medical superintendents of Stone and of Banstead Asylums both report most favourably of the discontinuance of alcoholic drink. The latter says: "It is worth noticing that the high rate of recovery in this asylum has been coincident with the abolition of beer as an article of ordinary diet."

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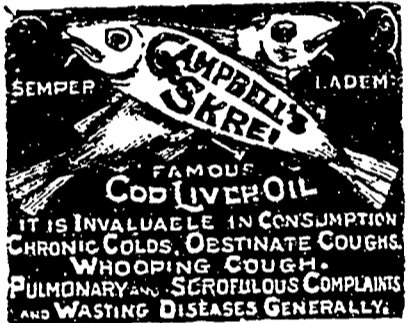


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