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The General Election will cost nearly a million pounds in legal expenses.

It is estimated that the number of license holders in Great Britain is 150,000.

Rev. Andrew M. Smith, M.A., Sunderland, has accepted the call to Darlington-place U. P. church, Ayr.

By the will of the late Miss Cowper, Buccleuch-place, Edinburgh, £2,000 has been left to Rose street U. P. church free of conditions.

The Sultan has granted an amnesty to all the Armenian political prisoners except those arraigned for offences under the common law.

Rev. John M'Neill is to remain in Oban for another month. During August he will conduct the services in the United Presbyterian church.

The French Government propose to encourage Temperance by taxing heavily all intoxicating drinks and not taxing what are called hygienic drinks.

£850 has been raised by a bazaar to build a manse for the restored parish of Kilmun, which was recently disjoined from Dunoon by the Court of Teinds.

A great exhibition, to be called the Millennium, will be held at Budapest next year to commemorate the foundation of the Hungarian kingdom 1,000 years ago.

The fish having gone elsewhere, the French sardine industry is becoming extinct. The fishers, it is said, are not catching enough to pay for their tobacco.

It is proposed in Texas to levy a tax of £10 on all unmarried men of thirty years or over who do not swear under oath that they have tried to enter the matrimonial state.

Rev. Dr. James MacGregor, speaking at a church defence meeting at Alexandria, said that disestablishment would be Scotland's breach of its ancient covenant with God.

Rev. Dr. Donald Macleod, speaking at Skelmorlie bazaar, characterised the assertion of many good people that the church was going into Episcopacy as utter nonsense, springing from their ignorance.

The attempt to enforce the law in New York, which requires the closing of saloons on the Sunday, is said to have proved a failure. The front doors were closed, but the back doors were opened and business went on as usual.

A Presbyterian minister in Dunedin, after preaching a sermon on gambling, called upon his congregation to stand up as a solemn pledge that they would never attend a race-meeting, and, with one or two exceptions, the whole congregation rose to their feet.

Mr. Gladstone, replying to a correspondent, says he has not changed his mind in the matter of compensation. He thinks that the capitalist who buys public-houses and deals in them has no claim, and this he considers Parliament to have decided. The holder of a licence has no legal claim, but the circumstances should be considered, and he ought to be equitably and leniently dealt with.

Dr. Donald Macleod says that the parochial system of Scotland arose from the fact that the first missionaries who came there converted the chief of a clan, and the missionary lived with the chief, the clan becoming practically the missionary's parish. With the feudal system a similar set of circumstances came in, because the feudal lord had attached to his manor some minister or priest or abbot.

Rev. Dr. Cock, Rathen, father of the Presbytery of Deer, died suddenly at the manse, Rathen, on Saturday, in his seventy-eighth year. He had been officiating at the funeral of a co-Presbyter, the late Mr. Mitchell, St. Fergus, on Wednesday, and on Thursday afternoon he fell into a comatose condition, from which he never recovered. His grandfather, born in 1696, was for a time schoolmaster at Pitsligo, and afterwards minister at Kinkell. His father was first minister of Oults, Aberdeenshire, and afterwards got the presentation to Rathen. Deceased and his father have therefore been ministers of Rathen for about a century. Dr. Cock celebrated his ministerial jubilee three years ago, and an assistant and successor was appointed two years after.

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