

British and Foreign

Rev. Andrew Geobie, B.D., Rochdale, goes to Plantation, N.P. Church, Glasgow.

The organ presented to St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, by Mr. Robert Cox, M.P., has now been dedicated.

Rev. D. S. Mackenzie, of Gairloch, has attained his ministerial jubilee. He has occupied the charge at Gairloch since 1851.

Dr. Thomas Leishman, Moderator, opened the new church which has been built for Kense congregation at Grange-mout. The church seats 750.

Dr. Ewen, of Kinning-park, Glasgow, in celebration of the semi-jubilee of his ministry in that charge, has been presented with a cheque for 105 pounds and other gifts.

Rev. George Christie, M.A., of Lunna, Shetland, has died at the manse there. Mr. Christie, who had been in indifferent health for over a year, was ordained in 1885.

The death took place last week of the Rev. A. F. Mitchell, D.D., LL.D., Emeritus Professor of Church History in St. Mary's College, St. Andrews. He was in his 77th year.

Highbury Congregation (Rev. P. Carmichael) reports a membership of 453, and an increase of 1,383 pounds. The congregation has just entered the fortieth year of its existence.

A mission church is being erected in the Ardeer district of Stevenston parish, Ayrshire, which will seat 300. The population at Ardeer has recently largely increased, and is still growing.

The Diamond Ministerial Jubilee of the Rev. Emeritus Professor Thomas Smith, D.D., of Edinburgh, was celebrated last week. Some further particulars are given in another column.

Mr. W. N. Watts, LL.D., barrister-at-law, son of the late Rev. Professor Watts, D.D., has been appointed to the chair of English Law in Queen's College, Belfast, vacant by the resignation of Professor J. A. Strahan, LL.B.

Lord Herschell (then Mr. Farrar Herschell) was for several years a member of the Regent Square Presbyterian congregation and a regular worshipper in the church. He also gave an address at one of the annual meetings.

During the recent religious fetes in Turkey the government sent police officers to all of the druggists' shops to seal up packages of potassium chlorate in order to prevent its use in the manufacture of explosives.

The Bible has been printed in over 400 languages and dialects. The New Testament is now being done into Tagalog for the Philippine Islands, and into Lusoga for use in the districts east of the Nile by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The Rev. William Ritchie, who recently left England for New Zealand, has accepted the joint pastorate of the Presbyterian churches at Greytown and Gladstone, in the northern province.

The Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Earl of Leven and Melville to be Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly by the Church of Scotland which meets in May.

The many friends of the Rev. Dr. Cameron Lees will be glad to learn that his health has greatly improved during his stay at Antibes. Dr. Lees went recently to Cimiez, and had the honor of an audience of the Queen. He hopes to return to Edinburgh in the beginning of May.

Rev. Donald Stuart, M.A., of Kilmuir-Easter, Ross-shire, has been granted an assistant and successor by the Presbytery of Tian on account of the state of his health. Mr. Stuart has been minister of the parish for thirty-three years, and clerk to the Presbytery for the same period. During the last thirty years he has also acted as clerk to the Synod of Ross.

It was noted by Sir Samuel Baker that a negro has never been known to tame an elephant or any wild animal. A person might travel all over Africa and never see a wild creature tamed and petted. It often struck Sir Samuel that the little negro children never had a pet animal.

A good story is told of the late "A.K. H.B." He once went to visit a woman who had lost her husband. By way of comforting the widow, he proceeded to set forth with great earnestness and beauty of language the joys of the state to which the departed one had attained. The bereaved woman, with a vivid recollection of her husband's defects, found it hard to share in the minister's hopes, although she wished to show her sense of his kindness. She unburdened herself thus—"Weel, Dr. Boyd, you're maybe no' vera instructive, but you're aye amusing."

To "plain living and high thinking" the *Lancet* attributes to a large extent the Pope's wonderful recovery. His example adds another to the many instances of patriarchal years attained by hard-working men, professional and other, in whom "mind and soul according well," with a physique unbroken by excess and braced by manly exercise, have resulted in that "old age" immortalized by Woodsworth as "beautiful and free." That poet himself and his official successor, Lord Tennyson, the Duke of Wellington, and the Emperor William I. are typical examples of that serene "sunset of life," which, succeeding its "fitful fever," shed so rich an afterglow on their decline.

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