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British and Foreign.

Mr. John Arthur Thomson will this session take Professor Drummond's class in the Free Church College, Glasgow.

Lately the Rev. Peter Mearns, senior minister of Coldstream West Church, celebrated his jubilee as a minister.

The total number of students registered at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., is 3,590, of which 1,260 are new men.

Alderman Faudel Phillips (Lord Mayor-Elect of London) was lately presented to the Lord Chancellor, who notified him of the Queen's approval of his selection.

Dr. Thain Davidson and one or two others have taken exception to the pessimistic tone of the recent E. P. Synod Pastoral on the "Spiritual Life of the Church."

The Salvation Army has made great progress in Germany during the last year. Eight new corps were opened during the month of October and two more on the 1st November.

Salvation Army shelters have just been opened in Cape Town and Johannesburg. Two more will be opened shortly—one in Pretoria and another for the coloured people in Cape Town.

Rev. Hugh Black opened a sale of work on Friday, in connection with John Knox Church, Edinburgh. The object was to raise enough money to enable the session to abolish pew rents.

Speaking at a Unionist meeting at Ipswich, Lord Balfour of Burleigh claimed that the Government were doing in Egypt, in the name of Egypt, what the patriotic people of that country wished to be done.

At York, anniversary services were held on a recent Sunday, in the Presbyterian Church, when the Rev. Dr. McGaw, Moderator of the Synod, preached. The band of the "Black Watch" accompanied the psalmody in the forenoon.

The congregations at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, have not for long been greater than they were on a late Sunday. In the morning the Rev. Thomas Spurgeon preached an excellent sermon for Sunday school teachers.

Mr. Robert G. Robson, who some time ago received an appointment from the Foreign Missionary Board as a medical missionary for Rajputana, has been ordained by the members of the Perth Presbytery in Bridgend Church, Perth.

Christian Endeavorers connected with the Presbyterian congregations throughout England have decided to raise £240 a year towards the maintenance of a missionary at Suabuc. Mr. Hugh M. Matheson is looking out for a suitable man.

The Earl of Derby has returned the allowance of £2,000 granted to him as holder of the office of Lord Mayor of Liverpool. He suggested that the money might be divided amongst some of the undenominational institutions of the city.

St. Columba's Church, Edinburgh, has unanimously resolved to give a call to the Rev. Malcolm Maclelland, B.A., B.D., of Kirkhill, Ontario, as successor to the Rev. Peter Macdonald, who went to Stornoway about eighteen months ago.

Rev. W. S. Headerson stated in Glasgow U. P. Presbytery that the fund of the Theological Hall was in a very critical condition, and unless the collections were considerably improved there must in course of time be a very serious state of affairs.

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Then the days lengthen, the frozen lake breaks up, and comes the driving of logs and hewn timber down the tortuous swift running stream, when necessity often calls the driver to wade body deep in the swift flowing icy waters. None but the strong can engage in such heavy labor, only the most robust are able to stand the ten hours of daily toil with but a mid-day hour's respite. Such, in brief, is the life of many thousands of laborers in the Ottawa valley, and among



the many is Thos. Dobie, of 130 Heat street, Chaudiere, who for twelve long years has wrought for the great lumber king, J. R. Booth, shantying in the snowy northern forests, and lifting three inch deal during the summer heats. It is not to be wondered at that in his long experience and great exposure he should contract a severe cold that in time took permanent lodging in the region of his loins and kidneys. Like many others he thought to work it off, but in vain. Soon the pains in the region of the kidneys became so intense that labor was a torture to him, and it was only the indomitable courage, born of a knowledge that others were dependent upon him, that urged him to pursue his weary round of daily toil. Every sudden movement of the body was as a thorny goal that made him wince beneath its sting. Added to this was an unusual and excessive sweating which necessitated frequent changes of clothing, and which weakened him to such an extent that his appetite was almost entirely gone, and eventually but little food and much water was his daily fare. Many vain efforts were made by Mr. Dobie to free himself from the pains which had fastened themselves upon him, and one medicine after another was used, but without effect. Life became a burden and existence a thing almost undesirable. After many fruitless efforts he was induced to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When three boxes were taken the change in his condition was marvellous, and his own words are: "When I had taken six boxes I was a new man and consider the cure worth hundreds of dollars." Mr. Dobie, although completely cured, continues taking Pink Pills occasionally and is very enthusiastic in his praises of what the pills have done for him. Many of his fellow workmen seeing the great change wrought in him by these famous pills have been led to give them a trial for other ailments and are unanimous in pronouncing them superior to all other medicines.

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On a recent Sunday, at the request of the Irish Branch of the Anti-Gambling League, sermons with special reference to the evils of betting and gambling were preached in a large number of Protestant churches in Belfast and in various parts of Ulster.

No regular appeal has yet been made in aid of the proposed new Presbyterian College for Cambridge, the Synod having decided to give the new Church Building Fund a fair chance in the meantime. A few contributions have, however, been made.

Dr. Muirhead, of Shanghai, recently reached the jubilee of his arrival in the China mission field. He has spent these fifty years in the service of the London Mission. He also served for many years as pastor of the Union Church at Shanghai.

The Jewish population of Jerusalem is said to be over sixty thousand, three times greater than it was twenty years ago. This increase is accounted for by the immigration from Russia. Many Jews are also settling in other parts of the land of Palestine.

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