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#### British and Foreign.

Rev. S. R. Crockett was to be entertained by the Edinburgh Pen and Pencil Club on 1st May.

A famous turtle in Ceylon, well-known to be over two centuries old, has just died in Celombo.

The library of the late Principal Morison is to be acquired for the Mitchell Library, Glasgow, at a cost of £500.

Dumfries Synod's statistics for the past year show an increase of 138 in the communicants and £1,665 in the contributions.

Professor Theodore Mommsen, the German historian, has gone to Naples to work in the libraries there. He is busily engaged on his Roman history.

The annual meetings f the Congregational Union of Scotland op ned in Edinburgh recently with a reception or the pastors and delegates in Augustine Church.

The May number of the Nineteenth Century opens with a contribution by Mr. Gladstone in the shape of an English translation of five of the love odes of Horace.

It is claimed that a college graduate's chances of obtaining a fair degree of eminence are as 250 to one as compared with the men who have not been to college.

The introduction of Sir Charles Cameron's Disestablishment bill, attempted last week, had to be postponed owing to its being objected to by the Marquis of Carmarthen.

The oldest tree in the world is still growing in California. A section of the trunk recently reached the British Museum, and experts declare that it has existed for 1,330 years.

General Sir Robert Phayre, K.C.B., was one of the preachers at the anniversary of Eccleston-square Sunday-school. The children brought flowers for the local hospitals.

Rev. Dennis Hird, who had to leave the Church of England Temperance society because of his democratic views, has been appointed to a living in Herefordshire in the gift of Lady Henry Somerset.

Miss Gertrude Mitchell, of Liverpool, eighteen years of age, has achieved the first place in all England and Wales in the examinations for the Queen's scholarship. Her triumph was gained over 4,750 competitors.

By far the largest of any of the recent gifts to Harvard is that of Dr. Harry Willard Williams, who has given \$25,000 as a special fund toward the maintenance of a professorship in opthalmology in the medical school.

In the reconstruction of Inveresk church a tombstone has been unearthed commemorating William Smyth, clerk of Musselburgh, and portioner of Mountainball, who died in 1676. The carving is elaborate and interesting

At the meeting in London, England, lately of the Young Men's Baptist Missionary Association, Dr. J. G. Paton, the veteran missionary of the New Hebrides, received an ovation, the entire audience rising to their feet.

A conference called by the Society of Friends, and presided over by Mr. J. S. Fry, of Bristol, was held in London last week, at which it was resolved to urge the Government to propose to the European Powers concerted measures for a general disarmament.

The total contributions in aid of the various schemes of the Established Church of Scotland have amounted to £162,896 during the year, as compared with £183.008 for the previous twelve months. Three of the funds show an increase, the other nine a decrease.

Western Reserve University has just laid the foundations for a new Physical Laboratory for the use of its Adelbert College and the College for Women. Mr. Samuel Mather, of Cleveland, is the donor of the building. It will be one of the most complete buildings of its kind.

Principal Douglas has been presented by the College congregation, Glasgow, of which he is an elder, with robes to wear when Moderator of Assembly. Rev. Dr. Reith in making the presentation at the annual meeting of the congregation, paid a high tribute to Dr. Douglas, who was unable to be present through illness.

Ground has just been broken for a large addition to Guilford Cottage, the home of the students of the College for Women of Western Reserve University. This addition will about double the capacity of the home. This home has been pronounced by college women as the most complete of the dormitories for college women.

Cairston Presbytery have taken Professor Johnston to task for not resigning his charge of Harray and Birsay, after the lapse of six months from the date of his induction to the chair of Divinity in Aberdeen University. After a long discussion, it was suggested that

a reference should be made to the General Assemby, and that both parties should agree to the decision.

A series of addresses has been given in the York street Church, Dublin, by Rev, H. H. Soulard, on the recent World's Parliament of Religions, the subjects being—I. 'Introductory and Descriptive'; 2. 'Christ and the Modern Jew'; 3. 'Christ and Rome'; 4. 'Christ and Mahomet'; 5. 'Christ and Buddha.'

A vessel recently called at Pitcairn Island, which is inhabited by 130 men, women, and children, the descendants of the mutineers of the Bounty. They are all tectotalers and nonsmokers, and disease amongst them was quite unknown until a year or so ago, when some mariners, who were wrecked on their island, introduced the influenza.

At a Church Defence at Dundee, Dr. Marshall Lang asserted that before an attempt was made to disestablish the Church, the consent of the Scottish people in no ambiguous manner must be obtained. The Church, he added, was a most popular Church, and was not only the most democratic in the world but was thoroughly efficient.

Miss Ricketts, a lady who spoke lately at the Exeter Hall Missionary Meeting before going out to China, fifteen years ago was a member of the Brighton School Board. She went out at her own expense, and her action led to the formation of the Women's Missionary Association, which has now twenty-two lady agents in the foreign field.

At the Spring Conference of the Evangelical Union at Aberdeen, a discussion on 'The Churches and the People' was opened by a paper from Rev. James Foote, of Dunfermline. So long, he said, as football continued, with its attendant evils of betting and drinking, it was vain to look for church attendance on the part of those for whom amusement seemed to be the end and aim of life.

The Rev. S. Vincent, speaking of Baptist Irish Home Mission, says that last year church building to the value of £11,500 was carried out in Dublin alone, and at Cork a mission church that had been closed for several years was reopened with very successful results. The Mission had sixty students in its training college at Rockferry, and carried on a home for those who cannot care for themselves.

The Bishop of Worcester, who has just returned from the Holy Land, opened a Palestine Exhibition in Birmingham, arranged by the Society for the Promotion of Christianity among the Jews. One of the sad things, said the Bishop, when one entered Jerusalem was to see into what a state of degradation and suffering the city had fallen,—one which contrasted most painfully with what one knew of its former glory.

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The directors of the London Missionary Society have accepted offers of service from Mr. A. McConnachie, a student of the Evangelical Hall, Glasgow: Mr. Eliot Curwen, M.A., M.B., B.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C. P., who has been appointed to take charge of Peking Hospital; Mr. F. W. Willway, M.R. C.S., L.R.C.P., who was accepted as a missionary candidate in 1888 during his early course at Western College, Plymouth, and has since taken a full medical course at Bristol.

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