

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

THE Duke of Argyll succeeds the late Principal Tulloch as President of the Church Service Society in Scotland.

ARCHDEACON FARNAR will edit the Epistle to the Hebrews for the Cambridge Greek Testament for schools.

MR. THOMAS MARTIN of Exeter suggests that a public testimonial should be presented to Rev. Peter Leys, and offers to subscribe a guinea to it.

A MEMORIAL cross has been erected in St. Giles's, by the officers and men of the Royal Scots Greys, to their comrades who fell when with the camel corps in the Soudan last year.

HENCEFORTH none but ministers of the churches of England, Scotland, or Ireland, or priests of the Romish church, are to be allowed to conduct marriages on board H.M.'s ships.

THE Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary in Allegheny, have elected to their chair of Theology Rev. Henry T. McClelland, pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh.

THREE Congregationalist ministers, the well-known Dr. Havelly Waddell, together with Messrs. Frost, late of Cork, Ireland, and Jamieson, of Glasgow, have been received into the Church of Scotland.

A SELECTION of Principal Tulloch's sermons is in the press, consisting of discourses preached at St. Andrews, at Edinburgh before the assembly, and before the Queen at Halmoral and in Craibie Church.

THE new Viceroy, the Marquis of Londonderry, belongs to a family originally Presbyterians; the Stewarts for generations belonged to the Synod of Ulster, and the first Marquis was a zealous Presbyterian.

REV. JAMES CHALMERS, the distinguished U.P. missionary in New Guinea, who is a native of Inverary, gave an address there on Sunday evening to a large congregation in the church of which Mr. Meikle is pastor.

DR. MACGREGOR, in proposing the toast of "The International Exhibition" at the dinner which followed Her Majesty's visit, said so long as we have such a Queen we don't need to bother with "the bugbear of home rule."

THE \$100,000 gift of Mr. George I. Seney to Wesleyan University, at Middleton, Conn., payment of which was delayed by Mr. Seney's financial troubles, has been made good to the University, Mr. Seney's misfortunes having been retrieved.

A YOUNG layman, an earl's son, and an accomplished Oriental scholar, proposes to establish a mission at his own expense among Mohammedans in Arabia, and to be the director of it in person. He is an elder in the Free Church of Scotland.

THE General of the Jesuits, in a recent report lately issued, states that this order is now 350 years old, has furnished 248 Saints, 1,500 martyrs, 13 popes, 60 cardinals, 4,000 archbishops, 6,000 authors, and now numbers 2,500 missionaries.

A NONCONFORMIST minister at Bangor is said to have lost a legacy of £1,000 by omitting to call, when hurrying past from a special service to catch a train, on an eccentric tradesman who had been one of his congregation for some years.

A RATHER infelicitous quotation from the Bible appears in the following epigraph in a Punjaubee cemetery:—"Here lies the Rev. —, an American Presbyterian missionary, who was murdered by his own servant. Well done, good and faithful servant."

AS regards the three leading denominations in Scotland, the following abstract of figures has been published:

MEMBERS CONTRIBUTIONS Established Church, 564,435 £366,430 Free " 329,541 626,028 U. P. " 177,517 390,196

REV. DR. CUNNINGHAM, in his closing address as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, said that there were three topics on which the pulpit of to-day ought to be very pronounced, "drunkenness, profligacy and improvidence."

CONGREGATIONALISM is decaying in Scotland in consequence of the orderly freedom of the Presbyterian bodies. Last spring one of the Glasgow ministers with his congregation joined the Established Church, and the place of worship was purchased by the Free Church.

THE Republique Francaise insists that French troops must remain in the New Hebrides islands to prevent a recurrence of the massacres of Europeans by the natives. It says that England, which annexed the Ellice Islands without any pretext whatever, has the least reason to complain of France's action in the New Hebrides.

A RECENT number of the Presbyterian Monthy, a Melbourne periodical published by Messrs. William Inglis and Co., is adorned with an admirable portrait of Rev. J. G. Paton, the apostle of the New Hebrides. He is a native of Dumfriesshire, and was born on 24th May, 1824. At an early age he became self-dependent alike for maintenance and education.

MR. JAMES BROWN, the oldest Sabbath school teacher in Scotland, who died in Glasgow recently in his 92nd year, was teacher of the Bible class of the Y.M.C.A. for twenty years. There were 20 on the roll when he began, but the membership rose to nearly 200. He was secretary of the Scottish branch of the society which sought to obtain

the liberty to affirm instead of taking the oath in courts of justice.

A DISPATCH from Paris, of August 27th, says the recall of the French Ambassador at the Vatican is regarded as the first step towards the disestablishment and disendowment of the Church in France, which, it is thought, will follow the Pope's refusal to recede from the position he has taken in relation to China. It is stated that Premier do Freycinet is considering the advisability of repealing the Concordat.

THE Canada religious press is very severe, says the Christian Leader, on Sam Jones, and some of the things cited from his addresses certainly justify the utmost severity. It looks as if the tide were turning against Mr. Jones. Hitherto he has been paid for his popular addresses at the rate of 500 dol. a week; and for one, delivered at Chautauqua, he received 1,000 dol.

LETTERS from English Baptist missionaries report a very dry season in the Congo country, and the consequent failure of a staple crop, the peanuts. The calamity has been attributed to the white man, and many acts of violence have been committed in consequence. The drought has been followed by disastrous floods. The missionaries also report a case unparalleled up to the present. The Loango mail-carrier has been murdered, and his gun and mail-bag, containing thirty letters, stolen. The missionaries have had returned to them the gun and some torn letters, and an offer made of the payment of two men as blood money. The Congo Free State has taken the matter up.

PRINCIPAL CUNNINGHAM would be delighted to see a union of the churches of England and Scotland, in which both Episcopacy and Presbyterianism would be tolerated. Forms of church government are to a large extent, he says, indifferent, and whichever works best is the best. He could wish a clear conscience minister in an English church. English clergymen are already admitted to Scottish pulpits, and affiliation will have begun when Scottish ministers are admitted to English pulpits. Let a mutual eligibility act be passed and there would be a return to what existed at the Reformation, John Knox himself being an example. But it is vain, he thinks, to talk of it because of the bar that is now presented by Anglican exclusiveness.

To very many of our readers in all parts of the world, says the Christian Leader, the bestowal of a baronetcy on the Lord Provost of Edinburgh will possess special interest inasmuch as the recipient of the honour is the head of the eminent publishing firm of Messrs. T. & T. Clark, who have done so much to place English readers in possession of the best theological literature of Germany. Sir Thomas Clark well merits the high honour conferred upon him during her sojourn at her ancestral palace of Holyrood by the sovereign. A native of Edinburgh, where he was born in 1823, he is the son-in-law of Dr. Davidson, senior minister of Lady Glenorchy's Free Church, and his eldest son, who is in business with his father, married recently a daughter of the late Rev. Henry Douglas, Free Church minister of Kirkcaldy.

REV. HENRY MONTGOMERY, Belfast, reported to his presbytery that services could not be held in Albert-street church, which is surrounded by a population of Romanists, in consequence of the riots. Over 100 panes of glass had been broken, stones thrown at the pastor and at worshippers on their way to church, and the constabulary had informed him, on a recent Sabbath, that it was not safe to remain in the building. He did not believe the respectable Romanists were to blame, while he thanked the priests for their presence and for making a way for his people through the crowds. The presbytery agreed to call upon the authorities to protect the congregation in going to and from their place of worship. The congregation worshipped in the church on Sabbath, a detachment of the Black Watch preserving order, and the pastor, Mr. Montgomery, being guarded by military. Strong language was used by the crowd, and some of the members were struck and spat upon.

FROM missionary reports (Foreign) of the Free Church of Scotland we get the following statistics: Adults baptized, or admitted on profession, 341; children baptized, 377; students and scholars (of whom 1,025 are university undergraduates) in 6 colleges and 225 schools; 16,614; communicants in 47 congregations, 5,206; stations and branches, 177; ordained missionaries—Scottish, of whom 31 are married, 40; native, 14; licensed native preachers, 10; medical missionaries (not ordained), European, 4; native, 3; missionary professors and teachers—European, male, 22; female (besides 31 missionaries' wives) 23; native professors and teachers—male, 157; female, 153; European evangelists and artisans, 11; native catechists, Scripture readers, colporteurs, etc., 131; Bible women, 20; native divinity students, 21. The revenue of the Foreign Mission Board of the church is, in Scotland, £66,679; abroad, £30,550; total revenue, £97,229. The total missionary revenue of the church is £112,009. The membership of the Free Church in Scotland is 329,464. Congregational charges, 1,024; ordained ministers in service at home and abroad (besides foreign missionaries), 1,125.

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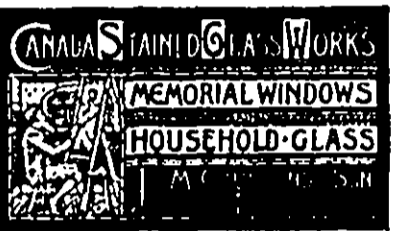
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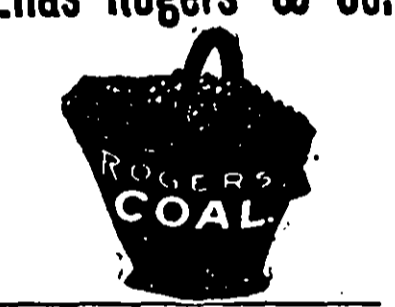


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