

## British and Foreign

There is a small society of five members in the lonely little island of Inch, near Derry.

The seventy Protestant congregations in Spain have about 12,000 communicant members.

Dr. John Watson hopes to occupy his own pulpit, Sefton-park, Liverpool, on the 28th inst.

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Presbytery has elected a colored man the Rev. M. B. Lancer, to be its Moderator.

The Secretary for War has approved of the "Church Hymnary" for issue to Presbyterians serving in the Army.

The Church of the Disciples (Christian) will endeavor to increase its membership by 100,000 persons this year.

Rev. George Bonaugh, of Knoekbracken, has received a unanimous call from the congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Larne.

The Free Presbytery of Dunkeld has censured the Rev. Mr. Keith, minister of Clunie, for quarrelling with his office-bearers. He is appealing to the Synod.

The Rev. J. Campbell MacGregor, lately of Kilfinichen, Mull, has been unanimously elected assistant minister by the kirk session of Stevenston Parish Church, Ayrshire.

Rev. A. Plimister, pastor of John Knox Church, Newcastle, has completed a quarter of a century's ministry, and has been presented with a cheque in recognition of the event.

Mr. Samuel Smith, M.P., has given (through Dr Dykes) a donation of £250 to the building fund of Westminster College, Cambridge, in memory of his son, John Gordon Smith.

For some time there has been a movement in favor of the amalgamation of North Church, Saltcoats, with Ardrossan Parish, but Irvine Presbytery has now decided to let the matter drop.

Rev. James Richardson, formerly of Madagascar, has been appointed by the directors of the London Missionary Society principal of the new training school to be established in Bechuanaland, South Africa.

Rev. T. W. Ballantine, of the McQuiston Memorial Church, Belfast, has in the past seven years gathered round him a congregation of 550 families. The church, which cost £5,432, is now free from debt, and a new lecture-hall and accessories—opened last week—have been erected at an outlay of £2,000.

A member of a Levitical family, the Rev. James Gordon, minister of the parish of Twynholm, Kirkcudbrightshire, has just died after a lingering illness. His father, who has been minister there before him, was a native of the neighboring parish of Borgue, where an uncle had been minister. Culrain Farm, in Borgue, has been tenanted by members of the Gordon family since the time of Flodden in 1513.

It is said that the Tsar and Tsaritsa intend visiting the Queen at Osborne in the autumn.

During an excursion at Beachy Head, 2,000 valuable Roman coins were accidentally discovered.

The new Orient liner Omrah has made a rapid passage from Australia, the mails being delivered in London three days within a month from the time of sailing.

The Christian nations of the world now control over 32,000,000 out of 52,000,000 square miles of the whole world, Protestant England alone ruling over one-fourth of the whole world.

A negro of great age and matrimonial experience lives in Tupelo, Mississippi. He is 110, and has had six wives in due succession. Forty-eight children have fallen to his portion, first a boy, then a girl, and so on without a break in the order of sexes.

A correspondent of the London Presbyterian writes:—"A few days ago the manager of the bookstall at one of our suburban stations mentioned that since the Daily Mail began to issue its Sunday edition the demand at his stand for its week-day editions had diminished to the extent of 400 copies daily." It has since been announced that the Daily Mail has discontinued its Sunday edition.

A correspondent of the Christian World says:—"It is said in China that there is no literary copyright; the reward that an author receives is in a sense of the benefit he has conferred upon his kind. Even with us there is no copyright in an idea; had there been, Mr. W. H. Davies, who has just retired from the headmastership of the British School at Hampstead, would be a millionaire. For Mr. Davies invented the Service of Song; that is the public reading of a story with musical comments and illustrations by choir or soloists. He arranged the 'Pilgrim's Progress' in this way, and the Services of Song that have followed are simply countless. It is thirty years since Mr. Davies set the fashion, yet they continue to pour from the Press, and in rural districts, at mission services, etc., they are as popular as ever."

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