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The journey from London to Paris has been accomplished in six hours, twenty-five minutes.

St. George's Church, Edinburgh, is to undergo extensive alterations at a cost of £4,000.

The Turkish soldiers have been selling the ears of poor Armenian women, with the earrings in them.

Such is the rush of tourists to Europe that fifteen large steamers sailed from New York in one week.

Lord Rosebery has written denying that he contemplates retiring from the leadership of the Liberal party.

The Aberdeen Presbytery at its last meeting sanctioned the plans for the extension of Rutherford Church, Aberdeen.

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland Fire Insurance Trust, Limited, has been launched with a capital of £30,000, in 3,000 shares of £10 each.

A leper fell fainting in the streets of Paris, and was conveyed to a hospital. It has transpired that there are 150 lepers in Paris, scores of them being at large.

Aberdeen University Court has ordered a full investigation to be made into the allegations affecting Professor Johnston in his conduct of the Biblical Criticism class.

The Earl of Moray, who is a prominent Free Church elder, has now intimated that when he takes his seat in the House of Lords it will be under the name of Castle Stuart.

Lord Russell, Lord Chief Justice of England, will attend a Congress of Lawyers in America, and deliver the inaugural address dealing with international law and the arbitration question.

The Rev. J. McNeill, who has been conducting a twelve days' United Mission at Harrogate, has received an invitation from 150 ministers in New York to pay a visit there in the fall of the year.

The Earl of Moray opened a bazaar in the Music Hall, Inverness, last month, in aid of carrying out improvements on the Petty Free Church and manse, and also towards promoting a fund for the erection of a church hall.

During the last year, close upon £10,000 has been collected by the Welsh Calvinistic churches towards the Foreign Missionary Society, and it has been decided to send out three additional missionaries to Assam and a few to Brittany.

A donation of £500 has been bequeathed by the late Mr. Alexander Cockburn, Woodhead, to the Fyvie Free Church, Aberdeen shire. Half of this sum goes to the support of the Sustentation Fund, and the remainder for church and manse repairs.

The death has just occurred of Mr. Robert Mowat, managing director of the well-known publishing firm of W. & R. Chambers (Ltd.). Mr. Mowat, who was only in his fifty-sixth year, was born at Earlston, Berwickshire.

The Rev. Dr. Whyte, of Edinburgh, recently opened the Free Somerville Memorial Church, which has been erected at a cost of £5,000 in the Keppochhill district of Glasgow, and is seated to accommodate 700 people. The style of architecture is Gothic.

Colonel Burn-Murdoch, who has distinguished himself by the gallant thirty miles' ride to Suarda and the capture of that post from the Dervishes, is a member of an old Scottish family. He is the son also of a man who has combined the two professions of the Army and the Church.

RHEUMATISM'S VICTIMS.

AFTER SPASMODIC EFFORTS FOR A CURE USUALLY GIVE UP.

There is One Medicine That Has Cured Thousands After Other Medicines Had Failed — A Released Sufferer Adds His Strong Endorsation of This Wonderful Remedy.

From the Trenton Courier

What an innocent sounding name has rheumatism, and yet how terrible a reality to the thousands who suffer with it. Doctors agree that rheumatism results from poison of and deposits in the blood, but as to just how they can be reached and eradicated, it would seem that their knowledge fails. The usual treatment is a long series of medicines which may give temporary relief, but do not cure, and then the patient usually gives up, thinking that there is no medicine that will cure him. This is a mistake. Rheumatism is not not a necessary evil, and because one is growing old it is not imperative that one should accept rheumatism as a natural accessory to advancing years.

There is a remedy for rheumatism despite the general belief that it cannot be cured—a remedy that has cured thousands of the most severe cases. A noted instance of the truth of this assertion, which has just come to the knowledge of the editor of the Courier, is the case of Robert Francis, Esq., formerly of Trenton now retired from business in Rat Portage, Ont., and still residing there. He has been a victim of rheumatism for over three years. Last winter he visited his friends in Trenton and was then contemplating a visit to the south in search of relief from his constant foe. He had to use a staff in walking and went at a slow pace. This Christmas he was here again on a visit to his friends, smart and erect and without the stick or the sorrowful look of a year ago. His friends and acquaintances all accost him as a new man, and congratulate him on his healthy, fresh and active appearance in contrast with a year ago. He has cheerfully and gratefully given the following statement of his efforts after a cure: "My home is at Rat Portage, Ont., where for years I was engaged in business and where I still reside. For three years I have been a great sufferer from rheumatism. I tried several highly recommended remedies to no purpose, as I continued to grow worse till it was difficult for me to walk. I was for thirteen weeks confined to my bed at home and in the Winnipeg hospital. I was then induced to try the Mount Clement Springs. I took six courses of baths or twenty-one baths each without any seemingly beneficial result. I read of several cures in the Courier from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and friends who used them with benefit to themselves urged me to try them. I did so and after a short time I felt an improvement in my condition. I have taken twelve boxes in all and my improvement has been continuous and satisfactory, so that I need the cane no longer and I have increased my weight from 140 pounds to 175 by the use of Pink Pills. I am not entirely free from rheumatism but I am a new man, one thousand per cent. better than I was a year ago and I attribute my health entirely to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

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