

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

THE next Pan-Presbyterian Council will be held in London on the 26th of June, 1883.

JOHN STRAUSS, the noted musical composer, has renounced Romanism and professed Protestantism.

THE annual convention of the National Women's Temperance Union will be held in Minneapolis, Minn., October 22.

THE London Christian, of July 20th, contains an excellent portrait and biographical sketch of Father Chiquiquy, whom it calls THE CANADIAN LUTHER.

ONE of the first places in civilization where there is no Methodism, is in the Hawaiian Islands. There was once an organization there, but it failed for lack of support and died out.

CANON FARRAR says that Cruikshank, the artist, offered one hundred pounds for proof of a violent crime committed by a total abstainer, and that the money remains unclaimed to this day.

THE debts of the Mission Boards and Freedmen's Board of the United Presbyterian Church amounts to \$35,000, and the Church is taking measures to reduce the amount or pay the debt.

THERE are five hundred and ninety-seven young men actively occupied as volunteer workers on the various committees of the New York Young Men's Christian Association and its various branches.

COUNT GUICCIARDINI is dead. He became a Protestant in 1840 through reading a Bible given him by an English lady. He was consequently condemned to imprisonment, and afterward to banishment.

At the Methodist Conference just closed in Dublin, Sir William McArthur gave \$75,000 toward the erection of a new building on the Methodist College grounds at Belfast, where young women may be educated.

THE U. P. Missionary Record for August contains a long obituary notice of Dr. William B. Robertson, who died at Bridge of Allan on the 27th June, a man whom Dr. Walter Smith once spoke of as "a noble and beautiful spirit."

PRINCIPAL NEGRO, who has made himself so notorious in Glasgow and West of Scotland, has abandoned all litigation and taken his departure to America, while not one of the Churches that financially supported his cause has had their money returned to them.

THE receipts of the British and Foreign Bible Society last year were \$1,156,196.35, and those of the American Bible Society were \$523,910.59. The total issues of the two societies for the year were 5,561,344, or an average of about 18,000 for each working day.

ON motion of Rev. John Bone the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, in session in London, decided to appoint a committee to consider the proposition to hold an Ecumenical Conference in the United States in 1891. The American Church is asked to appoint committees to confer with the English committees.

EIGHT churches of the Indian Presbytery, in connection with the Southern Assembly, with the consent of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions have been transferred to the presbytery of the Indian Territory, Synod of Kansas. The four ministers serving these churches were granted letters of dismission to the same presbytery.

THERE are four strong candidates for the vacancy created by the death of Dr. Rogers in the chair of Sacred Rhetoric and Catechetics in Belfast Presbyterian College, viz.—Rev. T. Y. Killen, D.D., Archibald Robinson, Thomas Hamilton, M.A., and Dr. Rogers. Dr. Cooke was the first who filled this position, and the late Dr. Rogers was the second. In many respects it is the most important chair in the college.

THE fifty-one colporteurs belonging to the "Evangelical Society of Geneva," have, during the seven winter months, visited thirty-three French departments, Canton Bernes, and some Italian villages, in which they have distributed 4,000 Bibles, 21,000 New Testaments, 3,000 Scripture portions, 120,000 Gospel Almanacs, and 73,000 other books. The colporteurs do not enter into controversy unless they are obliged to do so.

DURING the thirty years of its existence, and the pastorate of Dr. W. P. Breed, the West Spruce Street Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, has contributed for all purposes over \$600,000; for Home Missions, \$63,000; Foreign Missions, \$37,000; Church Erection, \$42,600, etc. During the same period it has welcomed to its communion over twelve hundred new-comers—one-half of them on confession of their faith in Christ.

THE Church of Scotland H. and F. M. Record for August contains obituary notices of Rev. Chas. K. Greenhill, of Robertson, who recently died in his 60th year, "a very lovable man and a most devoted and successful pastor," and of Rev. Henry A. Pattullo, who died at the manse, Parton, in the 54th year of his age and 27th of his ministry in the parish, "very highly esteemed for his many excellent qualities as a man and as a minister."

THE will of the late Lorenzo H. Austin, a banker of Detroit, contains bequests to Baptist churches in Akron and Middlebury, Ohio, where he formerly

lived, \$4,000; to Denison University, Granville, Ohio, \$1,000; American Baptist Missionary Union, \$3,000; Baptist Theological School at Ongole, India, \$1,500; American Baptist Home Missionary Society, \$3,000; American and Foreign Bible Society, \$1,000, to be used in distributing Bibles in the Southern States, and \$500 to the Women's Baptist Home Missionary Society of Michigan.

THE Sailors' Rest, Naples, which was visited by about a thousand sailors from November, 1884, to May, 1885, has now been reorganized and placed upon a firmer basis. It was reopened on Feb. 12 by the British Consul, as a superior attraction to the wine-shops and similar places so often frequented by sailors. Many sailors have expressed their gratitude for the benefits received in connection therewith, and it has proved a valuable auxiliary to the Bethel Ship. It is conducted entirely on unsectarian and temperance principles. An English lady has offered to the committee her gratuitous services, undertaking to live at the Rest and to fulfil the duties of directress. About £100 a year is required to maintain the work in efficiency.

THE Presbytery of Glasgow, Established, with the view of facilitating the transaction of its ordinary business, lately appointed five standing committees, one of which is named the "Committee on Ministerial Training." Part of the duties of this committee is the examination of divinity students, and according to instructions received it has prepared a programme of studies for these. The 4th of October next has been fixed upon as the examination day and the presbytery is in a position to offer prizes for excellence in the answers on this occasion as follows. To the best student entering the hall a prize of £7.10s. 10 to the two best students of the second year, prizes of £10 and of £7.10s. 10 to the best student of the third year a prize of £10.

FOLLOWING the May meetings and the General Assemblies is the season of Conferences and Anniversary meetings in London. The annual Millmay Park Conference, which is largely attended by Christians from all parts of the United Kingdom, was held on 23rd, 24th and 25th June, with all the signs of unabated interest. The subject for Conference was "The Believer's Separation unto God," and among those who gave addresses besides the chairman, Mr. Stevenson A. Blackwood, C.B., were Pastor Theodore Monod and Dr. J. H. Wilson, Edinburgh. Two of the German Missionary Societies—the Gossner and the Bremen—have been holding their jubilee meetings. The annual festival of the Basle Missionary Society was held on 30th June and 1st July.

In these days, as in those of Luther, boys go about in the streets of Berlin singing chorales. The City Mission, under the presidency of Herr Stöcker, Court preacher, has taken this up for evangelistic work. The boys meet for practice under an accredited leader twice a week. They all wear a sort of uniform, consisting of a grey cloak, which covers up all deficiencies and varieties of clothing, and a black hat. Every out-going is preceded by prayer. The singing generally takes place in the house courtyard, and is almost without exception welcomed. At the close a collection is made on behalf of the Mission; the boys receive a small remuneration monthly. The Sunday-school, under the direction of the Mission, is making good progress, and now numbers 20,000 children.

In the Scottish capital there were few more honoured names than that of Rev. Andrew Thomson, of Broughton Place United Presbyterian church. For many years he has been conspicuous as a public-spirited citizen, as an able preacher and a dutiful pastor. On the afternoon of the last Sunday in June he reminded the congregation that he completed that day the forty-ninth year of his ministry, and entered on his jubilee year. For forty-five years he had laboured among the people of his present charge. They had been years of peace and unity. It was his belief that not more than thirty members now remained of the congregation which called him to be the associate of the late venerable Dr. Brown. Dr. Brown, who has many years since gone to his rest, is remembered as Professor of Exegetical Theology to the United Presbyterian Church.

FOR good or for evil, says the Christian at Work, the Congregationalists are gradually yielding to the influence of wealth, and departing from the simplicity of their fathers. The meeting house is everywhere giving place to the gaudy and gorgeous temple. One of the latest manifestations of the spirit of this new departure is a Congregational cathedral at West Croydon, a suburb of London. It has just been opened, and it is said to be one of the finest specimens of recent ecclesiastical architecture. It boasts of an organ of 2,142 pipes, blown by two hydraulic engines; an exquisitely painted west window, a pulpit of marble and onyx, and a clock tower with chimera. The church people of West Croydon are indignant, and they have made efforts to have the authorities to prevent the ringing of the great bell. Of this church Rev. J. P. Wilson is pastor. At the opening services Dr. Parker characterized the pulpit as "a beautiful dream."

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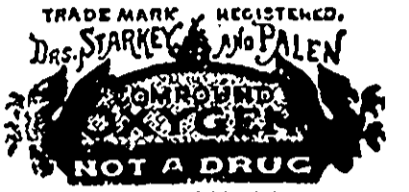
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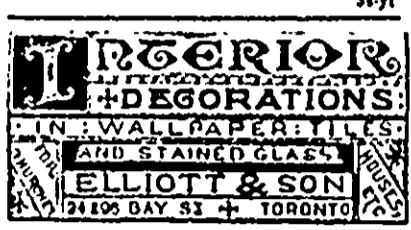
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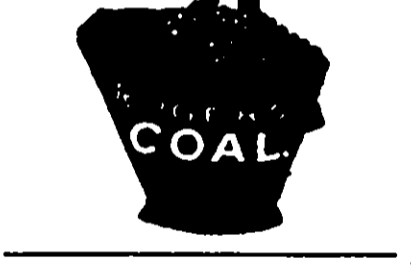
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