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**British and Foreign.**

Principal Douglas, Glasgow, again finds it necessary, in consideration of the state of his health, to spend the winter abroad.

A lady clerk who recovered her wages in a London County Court said she worked fourteen hours a day for fourteen shillings a week.

There was a muster at Glasgow of Balaclava veterans, the remnants of the famous "Thin Red Line." The survivors number forty.

Rev. Professor Charteris, D.D., conducted divine service on a recent Sunday at Balmoral, in the presence of the Queen and Royal family.

The Liverpool Presbyterian Evangelistic Union, at its autumn conference, discussed the question of lay preachers in relation to Presbyterianism.

The Free Church Sustentation Fund contributions for the past four months have amounted to £49,110, a decrease of £313 as compared with last year.

The Rev. Dr. Watson before he returns home about Christmas has promised to preach in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, and in the First Presbyterian Church of Jersey City.

Arrangements are being made by the various Presbyteries of the U.P. Church of Scotland for meetings to celebrate the jubilee of the Church between May, 1897, and May, 1898

Dr. William Smart, lecturer on Political Economy at Glasgow University, has been appointed to the newly-established Adam Smith Chair of Political Economy in that university.

Lord Leamington, Governor of Queensland, presided over the annual meeting in connection with the Salvation Army social work in Brisbane, and was supported by the Home Secretary.

The Primrose League have decided to celebrate the Queen's sixty years' reign by raising a substantial sum to be handed over to the endowment of the Queen's Jubilee Fund for Nurses.

Dr. Thain Davidson and one or two others have taken exception to the pessimistic tone of the recent Synod Pastoral of the Presbyterian Church in England on the "Spiritual Life of the Church."

The Very Rev. Dr. Smith, Cathcart, has resigned the clerkship of the Synod of Glasgow and Ayr after forty-three years' service. There are now only three alive who were members of the Synod at his election.

Professor Johnston, in a letter to Aberdeen University Court, has expressed high gratification at the selection of Dr. Gloag to conduct the Biblical Criticism Class in Aberdeen University for the ensuing session.

The Rev. John McNeill has been invited by the Calcutta Pastors' Association to spend the whole of the cold season of 1897-98 in conducting missions among the Europeans and English-speaking students of India.

Miss Fanny Crosby, the hymn writer, is now more than seventy years of age. Although she has been blind almost from her birth, she is always happy and cheerful. For thirty-two years she has been in the employ of a New York firm. She is the author of "Safe in the arms of Jesus," "Rescue the Perishing," "Jesus, keep me near the Cross," "Come to the Saviour," and "Keep Thou my way, O Lord."

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From the Hampshire Independent.

There is nothing more interesting than the talk of our brave defenders, who have served their Queen and country in far-distant lands. To talk with an Indian officer, hearing his reminiscences and adventures, is what those who have enjoyed it always appreciate. Consequently (writes a special reporter of the Hampshire Independent) I was delighted to receive instructions to interview Lieutenant General Shaw, who has won his spurs in India, and is now living with his family, in honourable retirement, at St. Paul's Vicarage, Shanklin, Isle of Wight. I had grasped the bell-pull and given it one tug when the door opened, and the general stood before me. You knew he was a soldier at once. His manly, upright bearing, his smile, his pleasant voice—all told you that you stood in the



Lieutenant-General Shaw.

presence of one of Nature's gentlemen; but, alas! he held a time-table, and I felt that the interview must needs be short. However, he ushered me in and at once put me at my ease by his affable conversation.

"I am afraid," he said, "that you have come a long distance; but let me know the precise object of your visit."

I explained to the General that I was most anxious, with his consent, to obtain some personal explanation as to the narrow escape I had heard one of his daughters had recently experienced.

At that he brightened visibly. "You must know," he said, "I'm just a bit of an enthusiast on this point; but the tale is very short. My daughter came home from India, and when I joined her in London I found her ill indeed. She had rheumatic and neuralgic pains; she was perfectly bloodless, listless, and in a generally weak and prostrate condition. A doctor was seen, but she remained absolutely colourless, was in great wretchedness and suffering from anemia or bloodlessness. She had a kind of fever, nervous headache, and other pains. Well, I heard of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. My daughter took some, and the first box had a marvellous effect. She regained her colour, lost her pains, and became altogether different. She had quite a glow upon her. She went on taking the pills, and I am glad to tell you that she recovered completely. I have recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to all with whom I came in contact and all who take them derive great benefit therefrom.

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The 29th annual convention of the Scottish National Sabbath School Council was held last week in Edinburgh. Addresses were delivered by Lord Overton, Revs. Professor J. Robertson, Glasgow, Professor Marcus Dods, Edinburgh, etc.

This is the centenary year of the death of Dr. Thomas Reid, the founder of the Scottish school of philosophy, and Dr. George Campbell, eminent alike as a philosopher and theologian, and in particular by his work on miracles, in answer to David Hume.

On a recent Saturday Mrs. Archibald Coats unveiled the stained-glass window which had been placed in St. James's Church, Paisley, to the memory of the late pastor, Dr. James Brown. Principal Hut-ton, Dr. Henderson and Rev. J. Walton delivered addresses.

Rev. James McKenzie, organizing secretary of the Presbyterian Church in England, Church Building and Debt Ex-emption Fund, reports that now exactly one half of the \$250,000 aimed at has been raised, and that out of this grants have already been made to the amount of \$82,500.



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