

British and Foreign

Charles Darwin's statue, the gift of Prof. Poulton, has been put up in the Oxford University Museum next to the statue of Sir Isaac Newton.

Big bequests to universities are rare in Germany. Bonn has just received a million marks (\$250,000) from the estate of a son-in-law of the late Prof. Boecking.

Broad Street congregation, Birmingham, have unanimously agreed to call the Rev. W. Gordon Lawrence, of the Free High Church, Paisley, to succeed the Rev. W. Ewing.

The Belmont Church, Belfast, which has recently been much enlarged and re-decorated, and had a memorial organ erected, was re-opened by the Rev. Dr. MacEwan.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., has consented to deliver an address in connection with the Church Congress to be held in Glasgow on October 26th and 27th, under the auspices of the Established Church of Scotland.

The Rev. J. Nichol Grieve, M.A., was inducted last week to the pastorate of the Prince's Road Presbyterian Church, Liverpool. The preacher on the occasion was the Rev. R. Greenhills.

The Rev. J. B. Walton has been appointed colleague and successor of the Rev. Dr. Robson, Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, in the pastorate of St. Nicholas U. P. Church, Aberdeen.

At the late Professor Blaikie's funeral, which was very largely attended, the English Presbyterian Church was represented by the Rev. Robert Taylor, of Norwood, and the Rev. William Murray, M.A., late of Penang, Straits Settlements.

Dr. James Stalker, speaking in Glasgow Free Presbytery, desiderated a second Rudyard Kipling to do something to paint the missionary's life and environment in colors more vivid and less sombre than those to which the Christian public has too long been accustomed.

Rev. Dr. Charles R. Hemphill, one of the best known Presbyterian preachers in the South, and for fourteen years pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, of Louisville, Ky., resigned last Sunday in order to accept the chair of New Testament, Greek and Theology at the Southern Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

The will of the late Rev. Andrew Brodie Robertson, minister of the United Presbyterian congregation, Coldingham, contains the following public bequests: To the Home Missions of the United Presbyterian Church, £100; to the Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church, £200; to the session of the United Presbyterian congregation at Coldingham, in trust, for behoof of the poor of said congregation, £100.

Death of a Presbyterian Patriarch.—The Rev. John Gardner, who died recently at Toorak, was one of the oldest clergymen who have labored in the service of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. He had attained the great age of ninety, and for half a century had resided in one or other of the Australian colonies. Born in Scotland, he was educated at Glasgow University, and first placed at Birkenhead, England. Before leaving Great Britain he married Miss Foster, of Liverpool. He came to Australia in response to an invitation to Chalmers' Church, Adelaide, and for a long time occupied that pulpit. From there he went to Launceston, Tasmania, and thence to Queenscliff, Victoria, where he had concluded a long period of service, only retiring ten years ago. He was Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly in 1883, when the case of Dr. Strong came before it, and the tact with which he ruled the rather turbulent members of the body was more than once commented upon. The deceased gentleman of late years resided with his daughter, Miss Gardner, and another daughter, Mrs. J. B. Davis, since dead. Mr. Gardner was well known both in Sydney and South Australia.—Sydney Daily Telegraph.

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