

CHURCH NEWS.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

THE Rev. Fleming Stevenson, D.D., of Rathgar Presbyterian Church, Dublin, has been appointed Honorary Chaplain to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

It is announced that a silver mine, valued at £50,000, has been presented by a gentleman who has just died in Denver U.S.A., for Protestant charities in Ireland.

EVANGELICAL religion is said to be reviving in Germany. In Prussia alone 2,500 young men are studying theology in the universities, and those professors who are evangelical in their tone are becoming the most influential and popular lecturers.

About one fifth of the population of Philadelphia is in the Sunday School. There are in the city 650 Sunday Schools, with an attendance of 186,835 scholars and over 16,000 teachers. This is a good showing, but there is still great room for improvement.

ENGLISH Methodism is beginning to protest with great earnestness against the three years' limit of its pastorate, and a prominent London journal says it is successfully emptying the largest chapels in city and country, and condemns it as being no longer necessary, and totally un-Wesleyan.

JOHN H. DEANE, a member of the Finance Committee of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society took for his own use \$36,000 of the Society's funds. In a similar way John R. Smith of the Reformed Dutch Church Home Mission, misappropriated about \$25,000. Defalcations of this sort are of very rare occurrence.

REV. DR. ABBOTT E. KITTRIDGE, the eminent Presbyterian minister of Chicago, has accepted a call to the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, corner of Fifty-seventh street. The salary is fixed at \$10,000 a year. He will relinquish his Chicago church in July, and will occupy the pulpit in Madison avenue on the first Sunday in September.

THE QUEEN, on the recommendation of the Secretary for Scotland, has been pleased to appoint the Rev. Dr. John Cunningham, D.D., of Crief, and now Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to be Principal of St. Mary's College and Primarius Professor of Divinity in the University of St. Andrew's, in room of the late Principal Tulloch.

IN addressing the Free Church Assembly, Dr. D. McEwan, moderator of the Synod, said the English Presbyterian Church was still loyal and true to the Free Church of Scotland, and they were all ready to cross the Border to support the Free Church in her endeavour for that religious equality which was the only satisfactory method for preparing the way for a reunion of their scattered forces.

THE treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union, E. P. Cole, at the anniversary meeting at Asbury Park, reported the receipts from all sources at \$385,000. The appropriations for the year for current expenses were \$351,443; for debt of last year, \$50,016, making a total expenditure of \$382,059, and leaving a surplus to be carried over into the next year of \$2,938. There was also given, to increase invested funds and annuity accounts, \$51,900. The society has nearly 120,000 members in its twelve hundred churches. It has 1,700 preachers at work, and they baptized 9,000 persons last year.

THE United Presbyterian Synod met in the first week of May, and chose as its Moderator, Dr. Duff, one of the theological professors, and Chairman of the Edinburgh School Board. The membership of the denomination is now 181,146, being an increase on the year of 1,255. The income has slightly diminished. For 1885 it was \$367,615. In 1884 it was £22,372 more than that. In consequence of the diminution—easily accounted for by the bad times—the minimum stipend has been reduced to £186, £2 less than it was last year. As usual, a great and successful missionary meeting was held during the session of the Synod.

A COMPARATIVELY large party of missionaries will leave Scotland for our Livingstonia Mission in the week after the General Assembly rises. Mr. Robert Gossip, teacher, sailed last month to succeed the late Mr. George Rollo. The Rev. Dr. Laws, with Mrs. Laws, accompanied by Miss Grant and Miss Gibson, who are to be married to Dr. Elmslie and the Rev. D. Kerr Cross, M.B. C.M., respectively, will sail in the *Guth Castle* from London for Killmane and Nyasa, on the 9th June. Dr. and Mrs. Scott and their child have returned to Scotland. The Rev. J. A. Bain is in charge at Bandawe with Dr. Cross till the arrival of Dr. Laws.—*The Church of Scotland Monthly*.

THE proceedings of the Russian Government in the Baltic provinces are marked by increasing severity. Pastor Brandt has been deprived of his living at Pulmar, in Livonia, and ordered to take up his abode in Smolansk, under police supervision, because, first, he aided a schoolmaster at Pulmar to appeal for liberty of conscience; and second, because he received back into the Lutheran Church sixteen of his people who had been beguiled into joining the Greek Church. The radical policy of the Russian Government is unification. It hates Germanism, and it would not be wonderful if this treatment of Germans in the Baltic provinces should ultimately strain the relations of Russia and Germany.

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Such writing ought not only to please but to carry conviction that what Editor Lansing, M.D.—40 high an authority—says is true, and that his counsel is worthy the attention and heed of all prudent, right-minded people. THE receipt of the Baptist Missionary Union for the financial year closing March 31st, 1886, were as follows:— Donations to the general treasury, \$231,353.06 (of which \$25,000.07 were special donations through Dr. Judson, and \$12,019.11 were donations for the debt); legacies, \$30,861.73; from the Woman's Society (Boston), \$19,721.73; from the Women's Society of the West, \$23,128.94; Bible-day collection, \$2,797.75; income of funds, \$14,542.89; other sources, \$32,299.62; total, \$385,000.00. Expenditures: for the appropriations of the year, \$351,442.78; for the debt of last year, \$50,015.70; total, \$382,058.48; leaving a balance in the treasury of \$2,938.19. The donations from the churches, Sunday Schools, and individuals exceeded those received in last year by \$47,051.08, and are \$22,223.87 in excess of any previous year. A MEMORIAL tablet in copper has been placed in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, to the memory of Jenny Geddes, who is generally credited with leading the popular revolt against Episcopacy by throwing a stool at the head of the officiating dean, who had begun in the Cathedral to say "mass at her lug." The expense has been borne by Dr. R. H. Cumming, of Rio de Janeiro, who has recently obtained for his purpose the sanction of the Cathedral Board. The inscription, which was written by the Lord Justice General, is as follows:—"A constant oral tradition affirms that near this spot a brave Scotchwoman, Janet Geddes, on the 23rd of July, 1637, struck the first blow in the great struggle for freedom of conscience, which after a conflict of half a century, ended in the establishment of civil and religious liberty."

THE proposed union of the old Waldensian Church and what is known as the Free Church in Italy, is not yet consummated. At the recent meeting of the General Conference of the Waldensian Evangelical Mission, held in Florence, much time was occupied in discussing the union question. Union for its own sake was admitted to be desirable, but the new Church will require a new name, and the Waldensians are loth to give up their own old and honoured name, even for the advantages offered by the union. The Synod of the Waldensians is to meet in the autumn, in the valleys, and it is expected that a final decision, so far as that body is concerned, will be reached. At the meeting referred to it was agreed that in the future formation of individual congregations there should be thirty instead of eight male converts; and it was further agreed that females who had attained the age of twenty-one years should be allowed to vote, but not to speak at church meetings.

The Free Church Monthly of Scotland has joyful reports from the Livingstonia Mission on Lake Nyassa. Rev. Dr. Cross reports that, in December last, at Cape Maclear the services were crowded with attentive listeners. "One could hardly get in by the back door." At Bandawe Dr. Cross found, after a residence of three weeks an extremely interesting and hopeful work. The previous Sabbath, at the native service, there were over five hundred present, including at least four of the neighbouring chiefs. Sometimes the meeting is much larger than this, two thousand having been crowded into the school-room and upon the veranda. Dr. Cross says:—"It is surely something to see a meeting of upward of six or eight hundred heathen men and women, squatting on the floor, and all with breathless interest listening to the story of the cross of Jesus. There are some three hundred boys in the school. Three of them are sons of chiefs; some of them were mere slaves." PROFESSOR CHARTERIS, in the Established Church Assembly, proposed a motion conveying to the other Presbyterian Churches a renewal of the Assembly's sense of the evils of disunion and the assurance of its readiness to promote union on the Establishment basis. Professor Miligan met this with an amendment to the effect that it was not at present expedient to renew the action taken without effect in 1878; but the motion was carried by a large majority. This communication came before the Free Church Assembly which had three days before by a vote of five to one renewed its statement in favor of Disestablishment as the only practical way in which union could be reached, and on the motion of Principal Rainy the House adopted a deliverance which, while recognizing the spirit dictating the communication, pointed to the circumstances that the reply sent to a former communication from the Established Church on the same subject remained as yet unanswered; and also containing a copy of the Disestablishment resolution. COMPELLED TO YIELD. Obsolete skin diseases, eruptions of the blood, eruptions and old sores are cured by Banlock Blood Purifier, which purify and regulate all the secretions. 17-40

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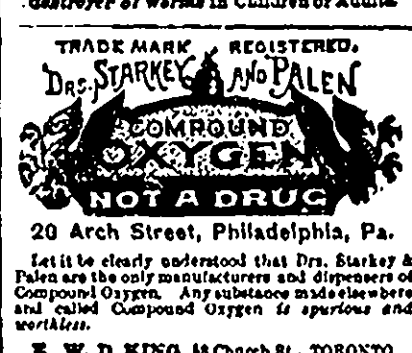
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