

British and Foreign

Mrs McQueeny, a cousin of Dr. Livingstone, has reached the age of 102. She has lived for seventy years in the Island of Mull.

British residents in Boston, Mass., have asked the aldermen to allow them to erect a monument there to the 226 British soldiers who fell at the battle of Bunker Hill.

The Free Presbyterians, as the seceders from the Free Church style themselves, are making marked progress in North Ulster. A church has been built at Paible.

Rev. William B. Gardiner has entered upon the thirty-sixth year of his ministry in Pollokshaws Church. Of the 164 members on the roll in 1864 only 17 now remain.

Rev. John McNeill has concluded a very successful mission at Ballachulish, and is now taking a short holiday at Redcar, Yorkshire.

Glasgow Presbytery has agreed, on the motion of Dr. Marshall Lang, to co-operate in the forthcoming evangelistic campaign with the other churches.

Sir Julian Pauncefote will probably retain his own name on his elevation to the peerage. He will resume his post as ambassador to the United States in October, but will retire from the Diplomatic Service in March or April.

Rev. William Todd, of Auchtermarder, was recently selected to organize a new congregation in the Crown district of Inverness. His appointment has not been approved by Inverness Presbytery.

The English, Scotch and Irish delegates to the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance, to the number of 150, leave Liverpool about the end of this month. The meetings commence in Washington on September 27th. Dr. Marshall Lang, the president, will deliver the opening address.

As illustrative of the contempt felt by the late Professor Bruce for every kind of pretence, it is told that once while preaching at Cardross he was obliged to consult a note. He calmly produced it from his coat-tail pocket, and then replaced it with the naive remark, "That's the right place for those sort of things."

The aged King of Denmark, who is staying at Gmunden, visited the Emperor of Austria at Ischi and took dinner with him. The Emperor accompanied the King to and from the railway station. The last time the aged monarchs met each other their wives were both alive.

There are 253,606 "Smiths" in England and Wales, according to a report of the Registrar-General, and 242,100 persons named Jones. Williams, Taylor, Davies and Brown are the next most popular names. Smith also leads in Scotland, and Macdonald, Brown and Thomson follow. In Ireland there are 22,600 Murphys, and 55,900 Kellys. The next most familiar surnames there are Sullivan, Walsh, Smith and O'Brien.

Rev. William Macdonald, M.A., of Bourtreebush Church, Kincardineshire, has addressed a letter to Aberdeen Presbytery, in which he resigns his charge. He writes: "After almost thirteen years of experience of this charge I find some parts of my work oppressively difficult. This is especially so in regard to preaching. I am deeply concerned at finding myself apparently unable to give enough interest to the Sabbath services to secure more than a very irregular attendance on the part of a portion of the congregation." The Presbytery has appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Macdonald, and, if possible, to persuade him to withdraw his resignation.

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