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The assistant-successor to Rev. T. D. Kirkwood of Dunbarney will have a stipend of £200.

The death took place at Inverkeithing on 24ult. of Rev. Alexander Rainy, late minister of Drumblade, in his 81st year.

Prof. Henry Drummond leaves in March for Boston to deliver the Lowell lectures. His subject is "The Evolution of Man."

By the hands of the Armenian Catholic patriarch the Sultan of Turkey is to present the Pope on his jubilee with a snuff-box inlaid with diamonds.

A young Parsee named Sorabji, who was a student at Somerville college, Oxford, is being trained to the law in a London solicitor's office.

Rev. W. W. Peyton has been presented with £100 by St. Luke's congregation, Broughty Ferry, on his retirement from the pastorate.

The vote in Rothesay church on the question of introducing instrumental music has resulted in 200 replies of "Yes" and 69 of "No." Many declined to vote.

The Rev. Thomas Kennedy, D.D., Senior Clerk of the United Presbyterian Synod, will, it is said, be proposed for the Moderatorship at the meeting of the Synod in May.

In a preface to his new book "Unseen Foundations of Society", the Duke of Argyll states that the career of the late Lord Shaftesbury was the noblest he had ever known.

Goldsmith's comedy "She Stoops to Conquer," was lately performed at Osborne before the Queen, the Princess Louise taking the leading part and the Marquis of Lorne a subordinate one.

The action of the Lord Mayor of Dublin in taking the chair the other day at a Y.M.C.A. meeting is regarded with much satisfaction by the Christian people of the city. His predecessors in office have not been noted for that sort of thing.

An elephant fell a victim to the cold in Hungary. A bucketful of tea, containing a bottle of brandy and two bottles of rum, was poured down its throat. The benumbed animal become intoxicated and died.

The Rev. J. Paton, son of the Rev. J.G. Paton, of the New Hebrides, was ordained at Scots Church, Melbourne, on December 19th last, as missionary to the island of Malicolo, where he goes to take up his father's work.

A man aged 113 has just died on the shores of Lough Derry, Ireland, his end being brought about by the death on the previous day, of his centenarian wife. The old man at the age of 106 built unaided the house which he looked forward to occupy for many years.

Rev. D. Fairweather of Kinfauns has formally intimated his declination of the call to Regent-square, London. Notwithstanding his decision, the London congregation have resolved to proceed, and have chosen commissioners to appear before Perth presbytery.

A herd of a hundred bulls, while being unloaded at Barcelona, broke away, and the infuriated animals dispersed in different streets, the inhabitants flying panic-stricken. Before the bulls could be shot or secured they had killed six people and injured many others.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Brown, formerly of Belmont street church, Aberdeen, has issued a volume of curious interest, "People of Finland in Archaic Times." (London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner and Co.) It gives a good idea of the mythical and legendary beliefs and folk-lore of Finland.

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