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The death took place at Melbourne, on 11th November, of Rev. Hugh Macfarlane, late minister at Seymour, Victoria, and tormerly of Oban Church.

Presbyterianism in Belfast has grown from twelve churches in 1841 to thirty-seven in 1894, and the Extension Committee announces that ten more are in prospect.

Mr. Gladstone remembers how, when a student at Oxford, he went to the Baptist chapel to hear Dr. Chalmers and Rowland Hill; but it was at the risk of rustication.

The death has taken place of Mr. Walter Ness, retired manufacturer, East Wemyss, in his 101st year. He rendered great service in the formation of the local congregation at the Disruption.

The Pope, it is said, is extremly vexed that the Emperor of Austria has signed the Wekerle Laws. Instructions have been sent to the Papal Nuncio at Vienna to protest in the name of the Holy See.

Haddington Established Church Presbytery has expressed general approval of the Scandinavian licensing system. Rev. J. Kerr, of Dirleton, dissented, objecting to the Presbytery's committing itself to any system of control.

In a letter regretting his inability to at tend the recent Peace Congress at Leeds, the Bishop of Durham wrote: "It appears to me the cause of Peace and Arbitration is moving forward as rapidly as its warmest friends could hope."

In a Salvation Army report, just issued, it is mentioned that 70,000 charges for petty offences are dealt with by the London magistrates every year. The best authorities estimate that 10,000 new criminals are manufactured per annum.

Sir David C. Buchanan, speaking at Whisset bazaar, deplored the ritualistic tendency in many of the churches, especially the Church of England, and expressed his preference for direct giving, money spent at a bazaar being hardly Christian charity.

An action is pending in the Court of Session, Scotland, as to the destination of the residue of the late Mrs. Beckett, of Kilmarnock, the fee of which is claimed by her sisters and for the Home and Foreign mission schemes. About £12 oco is in dispute.

Sir Walter Philmore, a chief ecclesias-tical lawyer in England, is not unfavourable to Disestablishment, and sees no reason why his Church's government should not be carried on though the Welsh section were disestablished, and the other not, that is, upon Catholic principles.

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> The Premier, Lord Rosbery, has formally handed over to the Town Council of South Queensberry, a new public hall and library which he had built as a permanent memorial of his late wife. The proceedings which were of the briefest description were conducted in private, Lord Rose berry making touching allusion to "the darkest shadow ever his life.'

> Rev. W Lewis Robertson, of Greenock in a lecture on Mr. J. M. Barrie, says that Burns, while aware of the good in Scotch religious life, never saw into the heart of it. Inthe Collar's Salurday Night there was much that was true and natural, but something un-real also, with a suspicion of rant in a line or two. He compliments the author of "Auld Licht Idylls," on presenting both the harshness of a creed and the piety of its adher-

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