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The Propaganda is considering a proposal for the establishment of an apostolic prefecture in Wales.

Mudie's Circulating Library in London has 3,500,000 books constantly in circulation and employs 178 people.

Rev. R. H. Lundie, D.D., Liverpool, one of the best Presbyterian ministers in England, died on the 20th ult.

Rev. James Grant Mackintosh, late secretary of the colonial and continental committees of the Free Church died at Bath on 20th inst.

The French Society against the Abuse of Tobacco regrets that, for the first time in its history, France has a President who is a confirmed smoker.

There are twenty-four municipal doctors in St. Petersburg. Fifteen of them are women, and each of these has more consultations than the male practitioners.

A perforated window glass is being made in France with holes so small as to allow the air of a room to be changed without any perceptible draught being produced.

At a meeting in Liverpool it has been resolved to raise a guarantee fund of £10,000 in aid of the removal of the English Presbyterian College to Cambridge.

Mr. Gladstone's withdrawal from active life has impoverished the supply of paragraphs. The Press Association estimate their loss in this respect at £2,000 a year.

Mr. Quarrier has written a long letter in support of the proposal of the Glasgow Town Council to license street children—a proposal he is understood to have originated.

The Niger chief, Nana, has been deprived of all his rights at Benin and sent to Old Calabar as a prisoner for life. Evidence was given at the trial of fearful acts of cruelty.

Out of 343,000 young Frenchmen who drew lots for the conscription last year 20,000 could not read or write. This is a severe criticism on the elementary education of France.

The First Presbyterian Church of New York City has received an assured annual income of \$4,000 from a lady. This has to be husbanded to make an endowment for the support of this down-town church.

Dr. Edward Wilmot Blyden, a full-blooded negro, and formerly minister of Liberia to England, is said to be the foremost negro scholar in the world, and is a much sought after contributor to the English magazines.

A man was released from prison in England last week who had been under sentence of five years' penal servitude for having stabbed a woman. It is now proved the woman inflicted the injuries on herself, and she stands charged with perjury.

Proof of the recent advance in medicine and in surgery is found in the fact that whilst in 1874 the average duration of the treatment of patients in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh was thirty-three days the period in 1894 was only twenty-two.

The British and Foreign Bible Society has published a translation of the gospel of St. Matthew in the Kisukuma language, which is spoken in the neighborhood of Lake Victoria Nyanza. The society now publishes the scriptures in over 320 languages.

There are only twenty miles of railway at the present time in all Persia.

A Russian does not attain to his majority until he is twenty-six years of age.

At Corunna, Spain, is the oldest lighthouse in the world. It is said to have been built during Emperor Trajan's reign.

Newfoundland is believed to be destitute of reptiles. No frog, toad, lizard nor any form of snake life has been found there.

The Bible Depository at Shanghai, China, issued during last July and August the unusually large number of 133,525 volumes.

The death occurred last week of Rev. John H. Orr, D.D., clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. A model official, he was held in great esteem.

A meeting to prepare for the visit to Glasgow next year of the General Presbyterian Alliance was held in that city last week, and the local committee was authorized to raise a guarantee fund.

In the last thirty years the population of Scotland has increased 33 per cent.; in the largest towns and cities the increase has been 143 per cent., in the rural districts there has been a decrease of 28 per cent.

Mr. John Rockefeller, adding to his magnificent gifts to the institution the sum of \$175,000 for the general expense fund for the scholastic year beginning July 1st, 1895, gives his Chicago University \$600,000 for expenditure for that year.

Seven thousand eight hundred square miles is the total area of land under cultivation in Egypt. It is estimated that, as nearly the whole population live in this cultivated country, about nine hundred may be put down to every square mile.

A scheme of Welsh disestablishment without disendowment has been drawn up by some influential churchmen in the Principality. It includes equitable distribution of the endowments, admission of the laity to a share in management, and the erection of an archbishopric.

Lord Charles Beresford is probably the most universally popular man in the British Isles. He is the best type of a sailor, daring to a degree, good nature personified, very unassuming, and remarkably capable. When he was young, stories of his delicious impudence were continually going the round.

Rev. S. R. Crockett's resignation of his charge at Penicuik has been accepted by Dalkeith Presbytery. He declared the congregation to be in a state such as any one of the brethren might wish his to be in if he were resigning. Regret was expressed by Sir John Cowan and others from the congregation at losing their minister.

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