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A series of successful meetings has recently been held on the west coast of Scotland by Jaskoff Prelooker, the founder of the New Israel Movement in Russia, and late head master of the Government School at Odessa. His addresses have been greatly appreciated by large congregations, and the sympathy he has evoked on behalf of the Stundists has been very marked. A provisional committee for Scotland, to afford help to these dissenters from the Orthodox Greek Church, has been formed, and among its members are the Moderators of the three leading Presbyterian churches, whilst the Principal of Edinburgh University acts as chairman.

British and Foreign.

In the United Kingdom there are 2,803 Baptist churches and 3,754 chapels.

There are 3,687 officers and teachers in the Protestant Sunday schools of St. Louis.

Baptists possess \$32,000,000 of school properties and endowments in the United States.

Among the lecturers to St. Cuthbert's Y.M.C.A. for next session are Mr. Alfred Milner, Rev. Dr. Stalker, Mr. George R. Parkyn and Mr. Lewis McIver.

Sanguhar was a well-known town in Covenanting times, and the inhabitants have raised a monument to some of the Covenanters. It is a beautiful district.

At Troon, on the 26th ult., died the Rev. Alex. Miles, minister of Moat Park U.P. church, Biggar, in the 53rd year of his age and the 25th of his ministry.

The Lord Provost of Glasgow is to entertain the Council of the Boys' Brigade and all the officers of the Glasgow battalion to a reception and conversation.

An important discovery of Roman silver coins has been made at Kirkintilloch. They are fifty in number, and belong to the reigns of Caesar Augustus, Vespasian and Hadrian.

At a meeting of the Deer Free Presbytery at Strichen on July 11, the unanimous call to the Rev. J. S. Stewart, Rathen, from Rutherford Free Church, Aberdeen, was accepted.

Rev. A. Connell, the minister-elect of Regent-square, London, is a famous preacher in Gaelic. After his settlement, Gaelic services may possibly be held occasionally in the church.

The death is announced at Southampton of Miss Mary Augusta Gordon, sister of the late General Gordon, who was well known throughout Hampshire for her great benevolence.

Mr. Gladstone has given orders that the old church of St. Thomas, in Mill Lane, Leith, should be cleaned and repaired. The church was erected and endowed by the Premier's father over 50 years ago.

The marriage is announced on May 25, at Pao-Ning, Sz-Chuon, Western China, by Rev. W. W. Cassels, M.A., of Ben Ririe, of Aberdeen, Scotland, to Mina, daughter of Rev. W. Bee, of Toronto, both of the China inland mission.

It has been decided to hold a conference in Belfast early in October for the promotion of missions and the deepening of spiritual life. Miss Taylor, of Thibet, Madam Abraham, of Persia, and Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of China, are expected to be present.

Rev. Dr. Alexander Wallace, minister of East Campbell street U.P. Church, Glasgow, died near Inveraray, on Sunday, the 20th ult. He was born at Paisley in 1816, and was thus 77 years of age. At one time he ministered to no fewer than 1,300 persons. He was long in the front rank as a temperance and social reformer.

The Rev. Dr. Edward Beecher, a brother of Henry Ward Beecher, celebrated his ninetieth birthday last Sunday at his home in Brooklyn. He was born at East Hampton, L.I., and was graduated from Yale College in 1822. He has filled pulpits in Congregational churches in Boston, Jackson, Ill.; Galesburg, Ill., and Brooklyn.

The Methodists of Minneapolis, writes a correspondent from that city, have been so successful with their hospital enterprise, that the Presbyterians are getting ready to follow their example. The new parish house established by the People's Church, St. Paul, is about ready to open. The Rev. J. H. Chandler and wife will be in charge of this work, of which great things are expected.

Rev. John W. Lawrie, of Tulliallan Free Church, died of an affection of the throat, from which he had suffered for several years. A native of Kilmarnock, he acted for a short time as assistant to Rev. Dr. Guthrie, and after a year's labour in Carlisle was ordained to Tulliallan in 1862. He was a clerk to Dunfermline Presbytery, and received considerable support at the last election of junior clerk of Assembly.

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Out of twenty experiences given at a recent meeting in England, sixteen testified that they were brought to Jesus through listening to salvation songs.

Sunday schools appear to have been introduced into Great Britain about 1760, but they were not spread and systematized until 1780, and then mainly through the efforts of Robt. Raikes and the Rev. Thomas Stock. As far as we have historic data, Sunday schools originated with Cardinal Chas. Borromeo, at Milan, about 1580.

The receipts of the American Board, up to July 31st, are reported to be \$550,826.57, as against \$670,481.11 for the corresponding eleven months of last year. This shows a falling off of \$119,654.54, divided as follows: \$12,125.66 in donations, and \$107,528.88 in legacies. If the expenditures of the missions for the year ending August 31, are to be met, it will be necessary for the Board to receive \$100,000 more than the ordinary receipts for the month of August.

The weakest point of the Church of England to-day, is clerical education. Such is the opinion expressed by Archdeacon Sinclair to a contributor to The Sunday Magazine. Very few men, the Archdeacon says, come to the parishes with training in, or appreciation of, the composition of sermons or public reading, and many know nothing of pastoral work, and are utterly without experience of the working-classes, or knowledge of working-class ideas or movements.

Rev. Alexander Andrews, of White Memorial Free Church, who has been so long and honorably associated with evangelistic work and church extension in Glasgow, has accepted the editorship of Messrs. Drummond's Stirling publications, and will enter upon his new duties in the course of a fortnight. Those who know him best think that he will be the right man in the right place, as he has great literary skill, and has already proved himself to be "wise to win souls."

A sermon has been preached in Free St. George's, Edinburgh, by Rev. David Mitchell, of Kirkcaldy, which has created some stir. His subject was, "What the Masses owe to Christ," and his mode of treating it has awakened the feeling that when the holiday season is over, the campaign against the irreligion and immorality of our large cities, which was so eloquently urged by Dr. Walter Smith, the Moderator of the Assembly, will be vigorously entered upon by the Free Church.

The Rev. Dr. J. B. Dales, pastor of the Second United Presbyterian Church, of Philadelphia, died of heart failure at Chautauqua on August 21, aged seventy-eight. For over thirty-two years he was editor of the "Christian Instructor," and Corresponding Secretary of the United Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions since its organization in 1859. From 1867 to 1876 he was a professor in the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Newburg, N.Y. His Philadelphia pastorate began in 1840.

Rev. David Thorburn, D.D., senior minister of South Leith church, died at Moffat, on 22nd ult., in his 88th year. The son of a Leith merchant, he became assistant to Rev. Dr. Robertson, of South Leith in 1832. Next year he was presented to the second charge. At the Disruption, he was followed by a considerable section of the congregation. He took great interest in public movements, and his services to the cause of higher education, were recognized by Edinburgh University in the conferring of his degree. Several works issued from his pen on tithes and other ecclesiastical subjects. His elder son, and advocate, who died some years ago, was the Conservative candidate for the Leith burghs in 1885.

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