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## OVER LAND AND SEA.

Will pastors, sessions, and members of the Church generally look over their respective congregations, and mark how many of the baptized youth are not in the communion of the Church? Will they notice how many of the husbands of Christian wives are not members of the Church? Will they reflect upon the condition of many others within the bounds of the congregation, who have no church connection and are living in entire neglect of gospel ordinances? Will each one ask himself, "Am I doing all I can to reclaim these?"

The Government of Greece has granted to the American school of Classical studies at Athens the exclusive right of excavating for ancient remains at Corinth. The concession is a most important one. Corinth was the second in size among the ancient Greek cities and the first in wealth. The site is now covered only by grain fields so that the work of excavating will be unhampered by consideration for any modern buildings as is the case at so many other places. It will be possible to lay open the remains of streets and buildings in such a way as to reveal fully the actual arrangement of an ancient Greek city and to reconstruct the old Greek life in many of its external features with much greater accuracy than heretofore. It is estimated that the cost of carrying out the excavations will be at least \$10,000.

Prince Boris, the infant son of Ferdinand of Bulgaria, was baptised on the 14th inst., into the Greek Orthodox Church in response to the demand of his subjects, though Ferdinand himself is a Roman Catholic. By this act he has thrown himself into the arms of Russia and important results may follow for the map of Europe. The intrigues of Rome in the matter are, however, well set forth in an able article which we have translated from *Le Protestant* and which appears in another column.

The sixth General Council of the Reformed churches will be held in St. Andrew's Hall Glasgow on the 17th June next. No doubt this date suits the majority of the delegates from other churches as well as the people of Glasgow, but as our Assembly is called to meet on the 10th of the same month this will almost necessarily withdraw from its deliberations some of the most prominent ministers and elders in the church. In view of the number of important appointments to professorships and other positions that fall to be made this year this is unfortunate. It makes it only the more essential that full discussion should take place beforehand in Presbyteries and elsewhere so that nothing may be done without due consideration.

A number of handsome legacies have been bequeathed by the late Mr. David Guilan of Tayport. He has left £2,000 to Dundee Convalescent Home, sums of £500 to Dundee Industrial Schools, Dundee Orphan Institution, Dundee Blind Institution, Dundee

Deaf and Dumb Institution, and National Lifeboat Institution respectively; and of £250 each to the Scottish Branch of the Railway Benevolent Institution and to the Scottish branch of the Railway Servants' Orphanage at Derby. After paying bequests to his sister and trustees, the remainder of the deceased's estate is left to the Dundee Royal Infirmary.

Rev. Dr. John Hall, at the midweek prayer-meeting of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church this city, on Feb. 12th, addressed a large congregation on the "New York Presbytery." The historical and Scriptural character of the organization known as the Presbytery was touched upon, with its make up of ruling and teaching elders. In the New York Presbytery, said Dr. Hall, are one hundred and sixty seven ministers, many of whom are professors, editors, evangelists and others associated in mission work. The congregations numbered sixty-nine, and the membership exceeded twenty-five thousand. Two missionary elements marked its work, which were interesting and important; first, its work among foreigners, and second, its church extension work. The cost and maintenance of the various churches during the last year was \$431,565. The sum of \$85,000 was spent in missionary charities, \$198,000 devoted to church missions, and \$281,000 expended in miscellaneous charities.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson, the first Presbyterian minister to commence missions in Utah has offered to the local Presbytery the sum of \$50,000 towards establishing a college in Salt Lake City. The offer has been accepted and a suitable site embracing 80 acres of land has been provided by the liberality of the citizens. The provisions of the charter are broad, giving ample authority for all courses of study, classical, scientific, professional and technical, likely to be demanded. The Bible is to be a regular text book in the curriculum and the institution is to remain permanently under Presbyterian control.

A bamboo church organ is reported to have been built at Shanghai, and it is said to surpass organs made of metal. As bamboo can be obtained of all dimensions, from the thickness of a pen to pieces of a foot in diameter, this natural material costs little more than the simple labor, and the notes are beautifully soft and pleasant to the ear.

The Presbyterian Church and the cause of education in Southern California have met with a serious loss in the destruction by fire of Occidental College on January 13th. The building was situated outside the built-up portion of the city, and so could not be quickly reached by fire engines. The institution has been a work of faith and generous effort on the part of the Presbyterian people in that region, and has an able Faculty. There is said to be insurance to the amount of \$17,000, which will be a nucleus for a building fund. Los Angeles is growing rapidly to the position of metropolis of Southern California, and, with a continuance of prosperity, will doubtless lead in the work of putting this promising and useful institution on a solid foundation.