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## British and Foreign.

QUEEN VICTORIA is to visit Florence in the spring.

Of the 103 divinity students in Edinburgh University ninety-nine voted for Mr. Goschen.

THE Rev. Dr. Monro Gibson is to be the Moderator of next English Presbyterian Synod.

THE retirement is announced of the Rev. Dr. Dobie, of Shamrock Street U.P. Church, Glasgow.

THE Queen has caused a letter to be written to General Booth, wishing him success in his scheme.

THE Rev. George S. Macleod has been elected to Rosehall Free Church, in the Presbytery of Dornoch.

THE Rev. Cecil Alderson, brother of Lady Salisbury, has been appointed a canon of Peterborough.

THE St. John's parish branch of the Laymen's League in Glasgow has a membership of 2,050.

It is rumoured that Sir Donald Currie is to be raised to the peerage under the title of Lord Grandtully.

FATHER TESTEVUIDE, of the French Church, Yokohama, has established a leper settlement in Japan.

THE Rev. Dr. Walter C. Smith has published another volume, entitled, "A Heretic, and other Poems."

THE Rev. R. J. Thompson, M.A., has been appointed assistant to the Rev. Dr. Herdman, of Melrose.

MISS JANE CORDEN has been fined \$750 for sitting and voting as a member of the London County Council.

THE Rev. Llewelyn Davies, vicar of Kirkby Lonsdale, has commenced his Hulsean lectures at Cambridge.

"DARKNESS and Dawn," a story of the Early Christians, is about to be published by Archdeacon Farrar.

THE Edinburgh Sabbath Morning Fellowship Union have been celebrating their jubilee by a series of meetings.

THE Liverpool licensing magistrates have repented of their good sense in refusing to grant licenses to brewers' agents.

A TESTIMONIAL has been presented to the Rev. Howard Gill, who has retired from the English Church at Paris.

THE death has taken place of the Rev. Dr. Adam Lind, of Moss Street U.P. Church, Elgin, at the age of eighty five.

A POOR drunkard recently said to Rev. John McNeill, "I can pass thirteen public-houses, but I can't pass fourteen."

NATIVE Indian conservatives are organizing in opposition to the movement for the reform of the Hindu marriage laws.

THE Rev. James Nelson, pastor of the East United Presbyterian Church, Haddington, died suddenly on the 21st ult.

AN edition of the Scottish writings of George Buchanan is to be edited for the Scottish Text Society by Mr. Hume Brown.

WILLIAM BELL SCOTT, LL.D., a Scotch artist and man of letters, died recently at his residence in Ayrshire, in his eightieth year.

THE ex-Moderators have selected Dr. James MacGregor, of Edinburgh, to be the next Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

NINETEEN bells of St. Giles', Edinburgh, cast in 1693, and now replaced by a new chime, have been sold by auction for \$1,010.

BISHOP HARRISON observed with regret that Glasgow royal infirmary receives no contributions from an Episcopal congregation.

THE Rev. Dr. Adam's death gives the Free Church the opportunity of combining the Home Mission secretaryship with another office.

A SERVICE in memory of the late Dr. Hannay was held at the city temple when a sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Guinness Rogers.

CANON SCOTT HOLLAND is president of a consumers' league, whose members will buy only from houses whose workpeople receive fair wages.

IN the recent elections the Italian Government has been handsomely sustained, 395 supporters being elected and eighty-six opposition members.

THE decision of the Archbishop of Canterbury, in the case of the Bishop of Lincoln is to be appealed to the Privy Council by the Church Association.

THE nine lady candidates for the degree of M.B. at the London University examination have all passed—five in the first and four in the second division.

THE Rev. D. M. Ross, of Dundee, notes the fact that nearly one-half of the applicants to the Charity Organization Society are connected with no Church.

PRINCESS LOUISE, who was accompanied by Lord Lorne, opened a bazaar in the Queen's Rooms, Glasgow, in aid of the West Highland Churches.

THE *Edinburgh News* states that somebody has discovered that the famous "John Knox's house" in Edinburgh was not the residence of the great Scottish reformer.

THE committee of Moffat Parish Church have unanimously agreed to recommend the Rev. R. Somers, B.D., of Gartsherrie, as their minister, in succession to the late Rev. D. C. Bryce.

THE Rev. Robert Gardner, M.A., B.D., has been appointed assistant to the Rev. Paton J. Gloag, D.D., of Galashiels, ex-Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

MR. MUIR, the Lord Provost of Glasgow, with whom the licensing authority lies, has very properly declined to grant a license for the Exhibition about to be opened at the east end of that city.

DR. LAWS, writing from Bandawe, Livingstonia, reports the seizure of the missionary steamer *James Stevenson* by the Portuguese, and the imprisonment of her crew.

THE movement against the Jews in Russia is increasing in severity. It is now ordered that no Jew can join the Greek Church unless his whole family turn with him.

THE Rev. Peter G. White has died in Edinburgh in his sixty-third year. For twenty-two years he was minister at Denny, but retired in 1878 on account of ill-health.

THE committee of the English Presbyterian Synod on the Confession at its latest meeting drew up the fourth chapter of the proposed appendix to the Articles of the Faith.

THE special commission appointed by last General Assembly to enquire into the religious condition of the people have begun their work by visiting Hamilton Presbytery.

THE movement to purchase Dove Cottage, the residence of Wordsworth at Grasmere, has been successful. It will be fitted up as a monument of the distinguished Lake poet.

MR. QUARRIE, the founder of the Orphan Homes of Scotland at the Bridge of Weir, announces the gift of a house and grounds, to be used as a sanatorium for the children.

MR. JAMES THOMSON, at a meeting of Dundee office-bearers' union, suggested that the Church should recognize the services of lady collectors by instituting an order of deaconesses.

THE Rev. Mr. Macaskill, of Dingwall, declares his belief that the Free Church is as thoroughly honeycombed with error of every possible kind to-day as any Church has ever been.

THE Rev. Newman Hall, while begging his congregation to reserve judgment on the African horrors, declared that if the ghastly reports were verified there should be a day of national humiliation.

MR. SPURGEON declares that he is in favour of government by a committee of two—provided one is always absent. Yet he has avowed himself favourable to the Presbyterian form of Church government.

THE Rev. A. McLaren Young, of Southend, preached the annual sermon of Kintyre Auxiliary of the National Bible Society in the Highland parish church, Campbeltown, on a recent Sunday evening.

THE case of Free St. Paul's, Glasgow, is referred for settlement by the Commission to next Assembly. The special committee recommended amalgamation not with the Tron but with St. Andrew's.

THE Society of Friends have a scheme on foot to centralize over \$300,000 invested in the saving funds of the society's adult schools, so as by some system of life assurance to benefit those associated therewith.

MR. BOYD, lord provost of Edinburgh, who is an elder in Broughton Place Church, was one of the speakers at a meeting of the general committee of the Church of Scotland' branch of the Laymen's League held recently.

THE Rev. John Robertson, of Edinburgh, in accordance with the request made to him personally by Mr. Spurgeon some weeks ago, preached on a recent Sunday, both morning and evening, in the Metropolitan Tabernacle.

PRINCIPAL DOUGLAS says it is the idle people who spend the six days badly who want the Sunday for amusement. Of the large number of shops open on the Sabbath, three-fourths are open for the sale of luxuries purchased by the idle and the thoughtless.

LORD LORNE believes that wherever any lack of proper religious feeling exists in the Highlands it may be traced to the absence of pastoral visitation. He is certain that a few words spoken at a bedside are often equal to six months' sermons in the pulpit.

THE Rev. John Hunter, of Crief, before he resigning the service on a recent Sunday, requested a young lady to leave her place in the choir; as she walked out of the church she was followed by a number of sympathizers, and the preacher has since resigned.

THE Rev. Mr. Barbour, who was appointed, along with the Rev. Professor Calderwood, to conduct, during this session, the work of Church History in the U.P. College, has been reluctantly compelled to decline the honour in consequence of the state of his health.

THERE are more than 10,000 Chinese in Melbourne; their chief quarter is near the top of the main streets. Archdeacon Williams, of New Zealand has offered \$5,000 towards a church to be built for the Chinese in Melbourne, if \$20,000 are raised by others in a year.

THE Rev. John McEwan, at the Commission of the Free Church Assembly, wished to nominate Professor Thomas Smith as the next Moderator, but, in consequence of the lamented death of Dr. Adam, it was resolved by forty to twenty-eight to postpone the nomination.

MR. J. HAY THORNBURN presided at the annual meeting in Edinburgh of the Free Church Defence Association. On the motion of Revs. W. Balfour and M. Macaskill resolutions were adopted expressing serious alarm at the action of the college committee in the cases of Profs. Bruce and Dods, and deploring the decisions in this matter of last Assembly.

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THE *Chicago Standard* says: Prof. Swing called attention, in his sermon on Sunday last, in Chicago, to a matter which to our mind is of very grave interest. It is the fact that from year to year the religious pages have been eliminated from readers intended for use in the public schools. He makes this statement: Thirty-three years ago, McGuffey's reader contained 101 pieces in prose and poetry, thirty-three of which were religious. In his sixth reader, published recently, but seventeen of the 138 pieces pertain to religion, wit and humour taking its place. Children laugh more and muse less. This religious sentiment is lessened still further in a recent fifth reader, which has only four religious pieces in 100, and in a popular fourth reader there is not a religious piece. In an elegant fifth reader of a great publishing house of to-day, five out of ninety chapters are granted to religion. Whether, or not, as Prof. Swing maintains, "the state should make its own readers for public schools," this which he adds in that connection is certainly true, that "money-seeking men" should not be permitted to "pander to the materialism of the times. At least," he adds, "some power must come along with the ability to perceive that a fair portion of literature must be religious. The school-readers must be for human beings, and that, too, in their early, flexible years; and to bind up millions of these books with the religious sentiment omitted is to tell great falsehoods to millions of our children." There is an immense peril in the direction toward which these words point, and they ought, for that reason, not to pass with a mere utterance.

IN a paper in the *Cosmopolitan* Dr. Edward Everett Hale says: I once asked the chief of a great temperance home how one could work to destroy the craving for liquor. He looked at me with some surprise that a man in my profession should ask such a question, and said at once: "No man ever becomes temperate himself unless he tries to make some one else temperate." In a fashion I had known this, as every preacher of Christianity must know it; it is a doctrine laid down in the gospels in a hundred forms, but I had never used it as a working formula nor had I recommended it to other people as I have done since. Let me say this to any persons trying to reform a relative or a friend. You must introduce this desire to help forward somebody else or your work will not stand long. Your protégé need not speak at temperance meetings if he does not want to, but do you take care that he is doing something in the general cause of purity—that he is thinking of some one besides himself. We do not attain purity by thinking of impurity. We do not attain to temperance by thinking of intemperance. Give him a high motive and you have so far lifted him from the plane on which he slipped and fell. An old and wise friend, who is still living under the not cold shadow of fourscore and ten, inculcating practical morals, said to me once: "You are interested in temperance; I will tell you how to save men from drunkenness." And when I eagerly asked the secret, he replied by saying: "Make them plant trees, make them plant trees! So soon as they are interested in the growth of anything else they will be led outside themselves, and they will not have time to be drunk!"

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