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The Bubonic Plague is spreading in Hong Kong, China. Alarm regarding it is increasing.

A bill to abolish transportation to Siberia, has been passed by the council at St. Petersburg, Russia.

Pencil Church has recently been repainted, and extensive alterations and repairs executed on the building.

Free St. Paul's congregation, Dundee, is about to address a call to the Rev. J. H. Martin, M.A. Naam

An American has invented a solid soft nosed canon shot which penetrates any armor yet employed for war vessels.

The congregation of St. Andrews propose to institute a suitable memorial to the late Rev. A. K. H. Boyd, D.D.

Another extensive purchase of land by the Russians in Korea is announced. It is at Port Chinnan, on the west coast.

Three thousand Chinese attacked Capt. Watson and sixty men of the British forces, but were repelled from Wai Hei Wai, China.

Rev. J. W. Purvis, formerly assistant in Nicolson Street U.P. Church, Edinburgh, has received a call to Saltcoats West Church.

Rev. W. A. Morton, M.A., missionary in Possilpark Free Church, has been appointed congregational assistant in the Free West Church.

A beautiful stained glass window, in memory of the late wife of Rev. James Sharp, parish minister, has been unveiled in Iweresk parish church.

Bell Street United Presbyterian Church, Dundee, has unanimously decided to present a call to the Rev. John Beveridge, B.D., Wolverhampton.

At an auction sale of the Peck heirlooms in London, a pair of Louis XVI. candelabra brought 2,700 guineas. Some paintings also brought large sums.

The Danish Good Templars recently celebrated their twentieth anniversary, by meetings and demonstrations at Copenhagen and other important centres.

Mt. Vesuvius has been in eruption with light earthquake shocks, and occasional showers of ashes over Resina, which is on the old site of Herculaneum.

Throughout Spain anti-taxation riots have occurred. At Barcelona the streets were barricaded, and musketry shots were fired. The guards dispersed the rioters.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh, who is an elder of the Church of Scotland, is likely to become Lord Chancellor of St. Andrews' University, in room of the late Duke of Argyll.

Rev. G. Cosmo Lang, son of Principal Marshall Lang, the preacher last week at the Festival of the Sons of the Clergy in St. Paul's Cathedral, is a rising man in the Church of England.

The Turkish minister at Washington received assurance that the claim against Turkey will be settled up, but is given a short delay. Probably further effort will be made to pay the same in an indirect manner.

The War office have appointed the Rev. Mr. Macdonald, Kilmuir, Skye, for service with the 3rd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, now at Cairo. He is one of the best-known ministers in the Western Highlands.

The widowed Duchess of Argyll, who has long one of the Ladies-in-Waiting to the Queen, is very fond of Inverary, where she was always to be seen driving or walking. The Duchess is a good business woman and transacted most of the Duke's business with Inverary tenants.