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Twenty-four members of the House of Commons are total abstainers.

It is believed that the name chosen for the new Presbyterian College in Cambridge will be St. Paul's College.

One of the evangelical bishops of the Church of England, Dr. Ryle, of Liverpool, recently completed his 80th year.

The Natal Presbytery has agreed to adopt the Constitution of the Presbyterians of South Africa, and to enter the Union.

Inverness Presbytery unanimously agreed to overture the General Assembly to adopt such measures as it may see fit in view of Sunday desecration.

The British Museum, Bloomsbury, and the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, were opened to the public recently for the first time on a Sunday.

Dr. John Thomson, who has been elected President of the next Australian Medical Congress, is a member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Brisbane.

The new church at Bath Road, Newcastle, to be opened by Principal Dykes, will be the largest Presbyterian Church in the North of England, the cost being £11,000.

The inaugural meeting of the newly-formed Presbytery of Yorkshire was held recently in St. Columba Church, Leeds. Rev. Dr. McGaw, Moderator of Synod, was present.

Dr. Pentecost held an open-air service in Hyde Park on Sunday afternoon, in connection with "Our Bible Class" of Marylebone Church. There was an audience of some thousands.

A number of New York pastors have sent an invitation to the Rev. Andrew Murray, of South Africa, urging him to spend next winter in New York and elsewhere in the United States.

The Rev. James Pollock, of Sherwood, has been nominated by the Brisbane Presbytery as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland for the ensuing year.

A new edition of Professor Salmond's important work, "The Christian Doctrine of Immortality," which was published at the end of last year, has been called for, and will appear during this month.

Sir Donald Currie, M.P., presided at the City Temple lately, over the annual meeting of the Colonial Missionary Society, when it was shown that the revenue had doubled during the year.

The Established and Free Church congregations at Monkie have been worshipping together for the last few weeks, and on Sunday both congregations sat together at communion in the parish church.

Miss Frances Willard has arranged to spend the summer in England as the guest of Lady Henry Somerset, and proposes to lecture in conjunction with her hostess on abstinence from alcoholic beverages.

The report of the committee on statistics of the Established Church of Scotland shows that the contribution to the various objects of the Church amounted last year to £353,463, a decrease of £9,782 as compared with the amount for 1894. The number of communicants on the rolls at the close of 1895 was 626,771 an increase of 6,395.

A full account has been received of the terrible massacre of Armenians at Ourfa in December last. The total loss of life is about 8,000, of whom from 2,500 to 3,000 men, women, and children were killed or burnt in the cathedral.

Mr. Thomas Anderson, joiner, who has died at Bathgate, at the advanced age of 76, has by will devoted the whole of his heritable property, which exceeds £1,000 in value, to the erection of a monument to the memory of Burns at Mauchline.

The General Assembly of the United States (South) is being overtured to devise some means whereby the Church might in her public services derive greater benefit than is at present received from the revised version of the Holy Scriptures.

A Glasgow Presbytery has adopted an overture to the effect that the examination of Divinity students by the Presbyteries is no longer necessary, except as regards personal and practical religion and the composition and delivery of sermons.

Dr. P. M'Adam Muir, of Edinburgh, has been elected minister of Glasgow Cathedral by a large majority, his name being the only one recommended by the committee. Dr. Muir was ordained in 1870, and is the author of a very successful history of the Church.

In the session-house of the Barony Church on Friday evening the Rev. Dr. Marshall Lang was presented by his kirk-session with a portrait of himself. It is the full-length oil painting of him in his Moderator's robes which appeared in the Fine Art Galleries last year.

Tremont Temple, Boston, erected at a cost of more than \$500,000 has been opened. The dedication services extended over two days, and were of an exceptionally enthusiastic character. On the first day the pastor (Rev. G. C. Lorimer, D.D.) preached the dedication sermon both morning and evening.

The new Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, the Rev. Andrew Macdonald Tait, of St. Andrew's, Goulburn, is a native of the County of Caithness, and of the parish of Halkirk. One of his ancestors, Kate Tait, is honourably mentioned in Dr. Kennedy's book, "The Men of the North."

It is said to be probable that the estate of the late Baron Hirsch will realize £16,000,000 sterling, after deducting the £5,000,000 already generously expended for the benefit of the Jewish community in the Argentine scheme. Of this, one-half is devoted to charitable purposes under the supervision of four trustees, who, in addition to all their expenses, are to receive for five years as compensation for their trouble the sum of £4,000 per annum. The remainder is absolutely at the disposal of the Baroness, who is thus left in possession of about £8,000,000.

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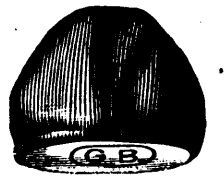
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In his introductory lecture Professor Johnson, of Marischal College, Aberdeen, said some things which it will refresh some people to hear. "Much that was confidently asserted," he said, "in the present day about theological matters, so far from being accepted as incontrovertible truth, ought to be discriminately scrutinised and tested, so that if on being weighed in the balance it were found wanting it might be taken for what it was worth. Many were devotees of what was called the Higher Criticism, not because they had intelligently investigated the subject for themselves and ascertained that the postulates to which they adhered had been demonstrated to be true, but simply because the propounders of these postulates had obtained an influence on account of which their unproved statements were accepted right off as established facts. Much," he continued, "was mere theory, without any basis of fact on which to rest. To imagine, for instance, that such a book as 'The Ascent of Man' could overthrow the opening chapter of Genesis indicated a large amount of credulity; and yet a well-known theological professor—not, however, of one of their universities—said that this subject required rehandling in the method of modern Biblical theology. Well might one calmly say, in view of such recent speculation, 'The Word of our God shall stand for ever.'" — *Christian Leader.*



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