

British and Foreign

A site has been secured for a Church for the new congregation at Wellwood, Glasgow.

A member of Windsor Church, Belfast, has promised £500 to the Twentieth Century Fund.

Woodside Free Church, Glasgow (Rev. J. Weatherhead), has a Bible class with a membership of 300.

Mr. R. L. McKeown, Secretary of the Londonderry Y.M.C.A., has been appointed to the Qua Iboe Mission.

Contributions to the Free Church Sustentation Fund have now reached a total of £140,848—an increase over last year of £8,877.

By way of experiment, it has been resolved to start at Brechin a Bolag or public company to carry on a licensed business, as in Sweden.

For the vacancy in the Eyemouth Parish Church (Berwickshire) there are at present seventy candidates, the living being worth £280 a year and a manse.

On a plebiscite being taken of Lock-erie congregation on the question of the introduction of instrumental music, the proposal was defeated by a majority of three.

In addition to Dr. Robson, the names of Dr. Angus, Arbroath, and Rev. Jas. Stevenson, North Leith, are mentioned in connection with the Moderatorship of the U. P. Synod.

A gain of sixty is reported in the membership of St. Mary's Free Church, Govan (Rev. Robert Howie), which now numbers 1,293. The total income for the year has been £4,170.

The resignation of Rev. Robert Turner, owing to old age and infirmity, has been accepted by Forfar Presbytery. Mr. Turner has been for forty-nine years minister of Kinnettles.

The income of the U. P. Church for 1898 has amounted to £423,106, being an increase of £24,792 on the year before. For this increase the jubilee thank-offerings are wholly responsible.

The membership of the churches comprising Glasgow U. P. Presbytery is 55,452, an increase for the year of 1,167. Only once in the last ten years has such a large addition been reported.

Dr. Sunderland, whose health led to his resigning the pulpit of the First Church, Washington, nearly a year ago, returned to his former work on the resignation of his successor, Dr. Talmage.

Dr. John Hunter, for thirty-eight years minister of the First Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, died on the 12th of last month. Dr. Hunter was a native of Ireland, but went to America in early life. He was a distinguished preacher, and did noble service in many ways to the Church of the Southern States.

A two-year-old child died in London from diphtheria. A doctor stated at the inquest that its brain weighed 42oz. The usual weight of the brain of a male adult is 49oz, and that of an adult female 44 ounces.

Rev. Roger S. Kirkpatrick, who received a call to Govan Parish some time ago, is to have the bitter opposition of a minority of fully 700 who are to appear at the Established Church Synod of Ayr and Glasgow.

The British Commissioners to the Tsar's approaching Disarmament Conference at The Hague will be Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Ambassador at Washington, and Sir Henry Howard, British Minister at The Hague.

The New York Observer, a well informed Presbyterian paper of New York, says that the committee of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church ascertained Mr. Connell's willingness to accept their call before making it public.

Rev. Mr. Donald of the Trinity Church, Boston, the successor of the late Phillips Brooks, is doing notable work. It is said that there are five hundred more communicants in the Church to-day than under Phillips Brooks.

At the close of the present session the Divinity students in connection with Glasgow University are to have Holy Communion dispensed to them in Park Church by Donald McLeod. This innovation is said to be due to Professor Cooper.

Dr. Parker, of Metropolitan Temple fame, on Sunday completed the sixtieth year of his age. A Tyne child, as he calls himself, he was born at Hexham on April 9th, 1830, and lived there for twenty-two years. Dr. Parker's father was a stonecutter.

Lorne Street Free Church, Campbelltown (Rev. Alex. Bain), reports a very successful year. The income, £997, is the highest in its history. The membership is 700, and adherents over eighteen years of age 485—a large increase. The minister's Bible class numbers 400.

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