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M. Rudyard Kipling is spending the summer at Tesbury, in Wiltshire, England.

Rev. Dr. Parker lectured lately in the Free Assembly Hall, Edinburgh, on "Clocks and Watches."

Lord Dufferin's new book has been so successful that a second edition is already in preparation.

Of the 15,000,000 children of school age in the United States only 3,500,000 regularly attend Sunday school.

There were 246 divisions in the House of Commons during the late sessions, nearly half of them were on the Budget.

Mr. Ebenezer Ritchie, preacher, Aberdeen, has received an unanimous call from the Original Secession congregation of B. say.

The Duke of York has become patron of the Seaside Convalescent hospital, Seaford, Sussex, the oldest institution of its class in England.

The marriage of Prince Adolphus of Teck and Lady Margaret Grosvenor will probably take place in November in the private chapel at Eton hall.

Dr. Samuel Smiles, now almost eighty years of age, has written a biography of Josiah Wedgwood, potter, which will be published in the autumn.

Mr. Mitchell, who was killed last week by falling down a precipice on Snowdon, had long been a right-hand man on the Dictionary of Dr. Murray.

"Comparative Religion," by Professor Allan Menzies, of St. Andrews, will be an early manual in Mr. Murray's University Extension Series.

Rev. Dr. Aird, Bonar Bridge, who is over eighty years of age, has commenced writing his recollections of interesting events bearing on ministerial work in the Highlands.

Mr. Gladstone's article on the Atonement is full enough of contentious matter. Critics have already begun to discover that it traverses the doctrine of the Thirty-nine Articles.

The United States last year exported the enormous quantity of 195,000,000 lbs. of copper. In many articles the export trade has been remarkably brisk, but prices have been low.

The name of Rev. John McNeill is being freely mentioned in connection with the pastorate of the Free High Church, Edinburgh, as successor to Rev. Dr. Walter Smith.

At Marylebone Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. Lorimer, of Boston, preached lately a special sermon to young men in the evening. Subject, "Evil: its Appearance and Reality."

Among legacies by the late Mr. John Govan, merchant, Glasgow, are several amounting to £1,000 to various mission and other funds of the Free Church, including £200 to Cranstonhill congregation.

There is an increase of £676, consisting almost wholly of donations, in the Free Church Sustentation Fund for the three months ending 10th ult. in comparison with the same period of last year.

The Bank of New Zealand was recently on the verge of failure. Its collapse would have been a calamity to the whole country. The Government promptly came to its assistance, and the crisis is past.

The deputation of Dutch Baptist Friends will be in London in three weeks' time. A public welcome will be given them in the library of the Baptist mission house on Friday evening, September 21st.

A pamphlet has been issued by the Protestant Truth Society entitled "The First Stone Altar in the Church of Scotland," in which attack is made on the ritualism in St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh.

The Bible Christian Conference have sanctioned the purchase of the cottage in which Billy Bray, the Cornish evangelist, was born and died, with the view of its preservation as a memorial of this "King's son."

Rev. John Parker, of St. James', Glasgow, maintains that proof of the Church of Scotland's being no new church got up at the Reformation is found in the fact that the Church of Rome claims no part of its revenue.

It is the fashion in France for the Government to parcel out the public funds for the support of public worship. From \$3,000,000 to \$10,000,000 are annually given the Catholics; the Protestants receive about \$350,000, the Jews about \$40,000, and the Mohammedans about \$50,000.

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Prof. Story, speaking at Nairn bazaar, said that the voluntary principle was a good one, but was not adequate or sufficient for the support of religious ordinances in all cases. It was best when exercised in supplement.

During the last twelve years four hundred thousand Jews have emigrated from Russia, of whom a very large number have gone to the United States. Only two per cent were agriculturists, the other ninety eight per cent. were employed in small trades and handicrafts, chiefly shoemakers and tailors.

The completed statistics of the Free Church of Scotland, as published in the official record, give a total membership of 344,082—an increase of 6,884 for two years. There are 259 students in theological halls, of whom thirty two have volunteered for foreign service. In the Sabbath Schools there are 222,644 young people and 18,938 teachers.

Recently two of the ablest and best known ministers of the Covenanting Church in America—Dr. McAllister of Allegheny, and

Dr. George of Pittsburgh (who have gone to Great Britain to arrange for a great Covenanters' re-union in Scotland in 1896), with a number of friends of like sympathies, paid a visit to "Lone Lochgo in," up among the moors of Fenwick, a place dear and of the deepest interest to all who admire the Covenanters of the 17th century, and prize their "faithful contendings" for civil and religious liberty, privileges which their descendants now so fully enjoy, yet but too lightly esteem.

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