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Rev. Dr. Purvis, late of Princeton, preached his first sermon as pastor of Fifth-avenue Church, New York, to a crowded congregation.

The death is announced of Rev. Jas. Smith, Free Church, Farland, clerk to the free Presbytery of Kincairdin O'Neill. Deceased was educated at Aberdeen University.

Dr. John Watson, Moderator-elect of Synod, will preside at the Queen's Hall missionary meeting in May. The speakers may include Dr. John Paton, of the New Hebrides.

It is stated that the St. John's-wood congregation (Dr. Monro Gitsom) during the past year have raised about £15,000, if such extra-congregational monies as contributions to Westminster College are taken into account.

Church-hill congregation, London, (Rev. J. B. Meharry) reports a membership of 829, an increase of 5, 165 additions and 160 removals and deaths. The income was £3,020, against £2,939 in the previous year. All the sittings in the church are let.

Mrs. Luke, author of the well-known hymn, "I think when I read that sweet story of old," is preparing for publication the story of the last twenty-eight or thirty years of her life. The book will shortly be issued by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton.

The Father of the Free Church and oldest minister in Scotland has passed away at the ripe age of 97. The Rev. William Nixon, D.D., of Montrose, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Watson, Newton Stewart. He was moderator of Assembly as far back as 1868. His ordination took place in 1811.

In connection with Temperance Sunday in Liverpool Dr. Marshall Lang, of the Barony Church, Glasgow, preached in Rodney-street (Scotch) Church on Sunday morning, and in the evening occupied Dr. John Watson's pulpit at Skilton-park. The Lord Mayor attended Rodney-street Church in the morning.

The annual meeting of the Regent-square congregation (Rev. A. Cunnell) has been held this week. The report dealt with the period during which the minister was on his official missionary tour in the East. The membership stands at 745, against 755 at the close of the previous year, the slight falling-off being accounted for by fewer coming forward for membership owing to the absence of the pastor. The income amounted to £3,463, against £3,129 in the previous year.

The new minister of Ferry Hill Free Church, Aberdeen, is a son-in-law of Professor M'Kendrick of Glasgow University. He is said to be strong on the side of philosophy and social questions. He succeeds two men of considerable intellectual ability—Dr. Iverach and Kilpatrick. He was introduced to his new charge by Dr. George Adam Smith, whose popularity in Aberdeen still continues.

Dr. Patrick, who has accepted the principalship of Winalp College, Manitoba, is a born teacher, and for sound scholarship there is probably no man in Scotland who can excel him. When Dr. James Denney (Dr. Patrick's junior by two or three years) was proposed for a professorship at Glasgow, Dr. Patrick was one of those who took a lead in the nomination. Dr. Patrick is much less a preacher than a teacher. He is a powerful personality, and a chivalrous and loyal friend. The young college of the West is to be heartily congratulated in every respect.—Presbyterian, London.