

TORONTO.

Rev. Prof. Law, of Knox College, has been chosen as assistant to Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Old St. Andrew's, at a salary of \$2,500. He will preach once a Sunday, and this service will not interfere with his professorial duties.

The twentieth meeting of the Bonar church was held, Rev. A. McGillivray presiding. The receipts for last year amounted to \$7,560. The membership is 770, and in the Sabbath school the enrollment is 1,223. A new church which will cost \$40,000 will be commenced in the spring.

The vacancy at Queenville has been filled by the induction of Rev. Hugh Ross, B.A., late of Corbetton, in Orangeville. Presbyteries, Rev. D. G. Cameron, moderator, presided; Rev. F. C. Overend, of Sutton, preached the sermon; Rev. Malcolm McArthur, of Scarborough, gave the charge to the minister; and Rev. H. E. Thomas, acting moderator, addressed the people.

The year 1909 has been the most successful one in the history of the Chester congregation, over which the Rev. P. F. Sinclair, M.A., has presided for the past seven months. The congregation during the year has been raised to the status of a self-sustaining congregation, and having secured a fine site for a new church, building will shortly be commenced, and with assistance from Old St. Andrew's the future is quite hopeful.

At the 21st annual meeting of St. John's church, the pastor, Rev. J. McP. Scott, presided. The membership is now 803. The total gifts for all purposes was \$3,514, and total gifts for missionary purposes for the year amounted to \$3,290, as compared with \$2,729 last year. Although fresh from the campaign, which resulted in the building of their new church, the congregation had the pleasure of installing during the year a two-manual pipe organ at a cost of \$4,310, and which has been practically paid for.

Bright and encouraging reports were presented from all the committees to the annual meeting of Cooke's church. The financial statement showed that about \$13,500 had been raised for all purposes, including \$3,000 for missions and \$4,739 towards the complete renovation of the church. The congregation has increased during the year by 220 members, now totalling in the neighborhood of 1,300. The end of the present year will mark the fiftieth anniversary of Cooke's church, and it is proposed to commemorate the occasion by the publication of an historical sketch of the church.

Rev. Dr. Alexander Gilray last week celebrated the 35th anniversary of his pastorate of the College street church. Since the establishment of a regular charge Dr. Gilray has been the only pastor. The church edifice itself has been changed in that lapse of years, for about 25 years ago the original structure was removed to make way for the present one. In honor of his long incumbency, Dr. Gilray was recently presented with a new cassock and gown on behalf of the congregation, and Miss Gilray also was made the recipient of a handsome present. During these 35 years there have been added to the membership by profession of faith, 1,594 and by certificates 2,741, making a total of 4,335. There is now on the roll 1,295.

The recent anniversary services in Knox church partook of a dual character, it being the first anniversary of the opening of the new church since its removal from downtown, and, in addition, the ninth anniversary of Rev. A. B. Winchester's pastorate. In the course of his sermon Rev. Mr. Winchester gave some very interesting figures as to the development of Knox church since 1888. At that time the membership was 1,000. From that time there was a steady decrease, until after the erection of the new edifice and the removal to uptown quarters the roll had in the neighborhood of 400 members. The present membership, which is 635, shows an increase of over 70 per cent. In the last two years. Striking statistics regarding the number of deaths that have taken place in the

church in the last nine years were also given. In that time the church has lost 135 of its members by death, and of these a surprisingly large percentage were over 70 years of age, and of the remainder many were over 60 years of age.

REV. W. D. REID, M.A., B.D.

(From the Montreal Witness.)

The Rev. Mr. Reid was born in the township of Leeds, Megantic County, Quebec. He left home when a boy, with little education, and has made his way on his own resources. He worked and studied together until he found himself in a position to take a course at McGill University, where he graduated Bachelor of Arts in 1890.

Deciding on the ministry as his life work, he took the honor course in theology, won six scholarships and received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1894. He then went abroad, and spent a winter in Glasgow, a summer session at Oxford and a full year in Harvard University, where he won a \$500 scholarship. He supplemented his education by extensive travels in Europe, Asia, and Africa, spending considerable time in Palestine and the Levant.

For a number of years, Mr. Reid has written the C. E. Topics for "East and West," and this year, at the request of the editors of the Presbyterian Sabbath-school publications, has undertaken to prepare the Sunday-school lesson for a new adult Bible class paper to be issued by them. He has also written for many papers and magazines, both in Canada and the United States. His sermons have frequently appeared in the "Pulpit Treasury" of New York, and other periodicals. Mr. Reid, in the early part of his ministry, was associated with the C. E. movement and was elected to the presidency of the union for the province of Quebec. In the Presbyterian Ministerial Association of Montreal he was vice-president and later president for one year. In the Protestant Ministerial Association of Montreal he was also vice-president, afterwards president. He has taken a deep interest in the work of the Lord's Day Alliance and for two years has been president of the branch in the province of Quebec.

When a student in the Presbyterian College, Mr. Reid was placed in charge of the Victoria Church, at Point St. Charles, then a mission. When he graduated it was raised to the status of an augmented charge, and he was called to be the pastor. He left it as a self-sustaining congregation with a membership of 245. Upon his return from Europe he was called to Taylor Church, where he has remained ever since. In the eleven years of his ministry the membership of the church has increased from 278 to nearly 1,300. The church has a session of thirty-five elders and represents 800 families. It has started and maintained a thriving mission and the contributions to missions have risen from a very small sum to nearly three thousand dollars annually. Mr. Reid's pulpit abilities are widely recognized, and he is often invited to open churches and preach anniversary and other special sermons. Last spring he spent two months travelling and preaching in connection with evangelistic campaigns carried on in the Kootenays, and this, no doubt, led to his selection for the important post he has just been called upon to fill. He has been offered large churches in Scotland, the United States and Canada, but up to the present has steadfastly refused them all.

Some time ago the graduates of the Montreal Presbyterian College from all parts of the Dominion made a strong representation to the college authorities to have Mr. Reid appointed to the chair of Practical Theology, then vacant. This was contrary to the wishes of Mr. Reid, and nothing came of it. He has made a special study of sociology and frequently preaches on the subject to men, and has addressed Labor organizations on the subject.

Mr. Reid expects to assume his duties in the latter part of February or the first of March.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The Second Presbyterian Church building, Duluth, Minn., has been sold to a Jewish congregation.

Suit has been instituted against the proprietor of the Kendalwood Hotel, Richfield Springs, N.Y., for declining to accommodate three Jews.

Prince Chun, Regent of China and father of the present child Emperor, was stabbed in Peking by a former cook in the imperial household. He was only slightly wounded.

The consumption of whiskey in Great Britain has been declining for ten years. But last year it fell off as much as in all the previous nine years of the decade—9,000,000 gallons.

Sir Frederick Bridge, the talented organist of Westminster Abbey, who has recently kept his sixty-fifth birthday, commenced his professional career when he was six years old.

Rev. Dr. Frew, Stirling, who is now in his 97th year, has been elected a vice-president of St. Andrew's University, of which he is the oldest living graduate.

The corporation of Edinburgh have decided to guarantee £2,500 towards the Scottish Exhibition of National History, etc., to be held in Glasgow in 1911. The guarantee fund now amounts to over £35,000.

After being restored at a cost of more than \$10,000 the parish church of the Holy Trinity, St. Andrew's, Dunfermline, was rededicated by Rev. Dr. Robertson, moderator of the General Assembly.

Neither the University of Copenhagen nor the Royal Geographical Society of Denmark, it is said, will withdraw the honors conferred on Dr. P. A. Cook, as they were bestowed in recognition of his arctic explorations generally and not for his alleged discovery of the pole.

Rev. Alex. McKinnon, B.D., of Tarrbert United Free Church, in the Presbytery of Inverary, who has been called to Grosvenor-square Church, Manchester, in succession to Rev. A. Herbert Gray, M.A., and has accepted the call, is a young minister of much promise. He was ordained so recently as 1907.

The recent annual convention of the Japanese W.C.T.U. at Kobe showed a splendid progress in the movement. There are now in Japan 71 women's organizations, 21 Y's and 19 I.L.L.'s. Sixteen medal contests have been held in Japan during the last year; 236 school-teachers and other educators were the special guests at a reception given during the convention.

An object of much interest just now, more especially to architects, is the new Church of St. James, Florence, Italy. It has been built by American generosity, and is a splendid, almost a cathedral-like edifice. The new church stands in the old Rucellai Gardens, familiar to readers of "Romola." When the ground was purchased it was stipulated that the grounds opposite the church entrance should never be built upon and in consequence St. James' will always face a beautiful Italian garden. In digging the foundations the workmen discovered the remains of an amphitheatre and a number of relics.

Some months ago a blind man was attempting to cross Bridge street, Aberdeen, and became confused when half-way across, owing to the sound of vehicles approaching rapidly from different directions. He hesitated and stopped, and was in immediate danger of being run down. Suddenly a kindly hand was laid on his arm, and a voice said: "Where do you wish to go?" The blind man named a bookseller's shop. The gentleman took him to the shop, led him inside, asked the shopwoman to take his order, and then politely bidding the blind man good-day, left. When he had gone the attendant said: "Do you know the name of the gentleman who brought you here?" "No," was the reply. "That," said the shopwoman, "was Lord Aberdeen." This beautiful little incident illustrates more than many words the kindly nature of the noble earl, the death of whose youngest son was recently announced.