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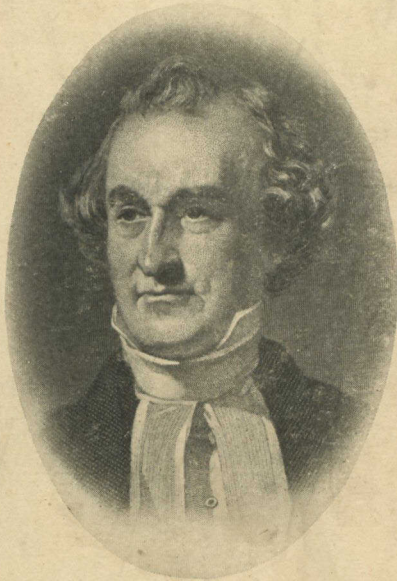


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SESSION COOKE'S CHURCH, 1910.



1. JAMES ALISON	5. CHARLES A. MILLAR	9. JAMES HOOKE	13. JOHN POGUE
2. SAMUEL WALLACE	6. ALEXANDER SMITH	10. ROBT. ARMSTRONG	14. DAVID DRYBROUGH
3. JOHN RENNIE	7. JOHN HAMMOND	11. WILLIAM JOHNSTON	15. W. J. C. MCCREA
4. SAMUEL EGAN	8. RICHARD GILDAY	12. DAVID S. GRAHAM	A. E. YOUNG
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FOREWORD



LIFE gets its riches not from the passing moment only; it gathers much from the past; it reaches out into the future, and by both retrospection and prospecting, by memory and by hope, it brings to the present events a sweetness, a value and a meaning that is not born of the passing hour. This little book is intended to bring to the attention of the members and friends of Cooke's Church the story of her past. It is intended by the recital of that story, to intensify their devotion to her present life and interests. It is intended to impress the children of our homes, as well as persons recently come from other communities into our fellowship, with the worth and glory of a good record in the Kingdom and Cause of Jesus Christ our Lord. And no one will peruse its pages with care without recognizing that the contribution Cooke's Church has made to the cause of pure religion in Toronto has been great and influential. No one will fail to see that, situated as she is in the heart of the premier city of this new and ever-growing nation, she has been a most important factor in shaping its life and character. Hardly a week passes that she does not send out some young man or woman to carry the influence of her pulpit, her life and fellowship into some new spot in the regions beyond. Hardly a church in the Dominion, especially in the Western half of it, that does not gratefully acknowledge the presence and usefulness in its membership of some one who, as boy or girl, youth or maiden, was trained in Cooke's.

It is but an illustration of that peculiar devotion which so many have had for the old church that one of her oldest members should have been all these long years, quietly and painstakingly setting down the outstanding facts in her history. And it was a happy discovery some one made, that such a record was in existence, for the writer's modesty might have left it unrevealed. This discovery being announced eventually to the congregation, by unanimous vote at its annual

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meeting in January, 1910, it requested the copy for publication and instructed the managers to have it printed in the name of the congregation in such a manner as would best serve the purpose of its reproduction.

Hence the appearance of this handsome and interesting volume. The work is wholly the labor of Mr. James Alison, our senior elder and treasurer of the board of Managers. Mr. Alison has had first-hand knowledge of almost all the events and persons mentioned in the book. He joined the church under the ministry of Dr. Gregg, in the year 1868, transferring his membership, with that of Mrs. Alison, from the church in Randalstown, Ireland. Since that time Mr. Alison has been actively identified with the church and has served her interests most loyally indeed. For twenty-six years he has served in the eldership and for over thirty years continuously he has been entrusted with the custody of the congregational funds as treasurer. Over \$300,000 has thus passed through his hands and although the ebb and flow of the church's finances has cost him many a day of stress and strain, he managed to make both ends meet without advertising either his own anxiety or his faithful and wise administration. Mr. Alison has meted out a generous meed of praise to many of the officials and members of the church in the pages that follow, but the congregation insists that the man who deserves as much as any should have at least this word of appreciation even though it may not be in accord with his personal wish.

The outlook for our beloved church is very encouraging indeed. The people are unanimous and hearty in their hopefulness--the officers are endeavoring to serve the church with praiseworthy devotion. Next year will see the celebration of her sixtieth birthday, and it is the hope of all that it may mark her emancipation from the encumbrance of debt. To God be all the praise.

Your devoted Minister,

ANDREW T. TAYLOR.

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Story of the Progress of the Congregation for almost Sixty Years

It is a privilege to be connected with a church with a history especially if that history is worthy and calculated to heighten the ideals and to stimulate the service of those who are to carry on its work in the present.

In these respects the members and adherents of Cooke's Church have much cause for satisfaction and gratitude. We can look back over a period of more than half a century and see how the Divine hand hath led us as a people and how His blessing has made our Zion a place of gracious influence for two generations.

Scattered over this broad land, the United States of America, and in more distant places, are those who look back to Cooke's Church with deep affection, and concerning whom we may say: "this man and that man was born in her." But, as the number of those connected with the Congregation in early days grows less year by year, it seems fitting that some record should be made of those persons and events which stand out in connection with the first years of our history before their memories become dim or disappear.

Of the Ministers who were inducted into the pastoral charge of the Congregation we may say that they were men of undoubted ability and firm believers in God's eternal truth. Of the former strength of the pulpit we may mention such names as the late Rev. Dr. Irvine, Rev. Professor Gregg, D.D., Rev. Dr. Robb; and in the latter days, Rev. William Patterson, D.D., Rev. Alexander Esler, M.A., and the Rev. A. T. Taylor, D.D.

Few churches have so eventful a history as Cooke's Church. None have done more to uphold Presbyterianism, but above all, Christ and Him crucified was the theme ever set before the people.

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The story of our church tells of many changes. There have been days of shadow as well as days of sunshine, discouragements as well as successes, but through all we can trace the leading of a gracious God, and we can bear united testimony that His ways to us, as a people, have been ways of goodness and love.

FIRST STEPS

The history of Cooke's Church dates back to 1851. On January 20th of that year a meeting of persons favorable to the establishment of a new Presbyterian Congregation was held at the residence of the late Mr. John Henry on Victoria Street. Preliminary steps were taken at this meeting towards the organization of a church in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

At a subsequent meeting held on the 28th January, 1851, in the schoolhouse at the corner of Duchess and Caroline Streets, a large number of families stated their intention to join the church in process of formation. Messrs. J. B. Boyle, George Coulter, John Carr, Robert McClellan, John Henry, Samuel McClain and Thompson McCleary, were appointed a committee to open a subscription list for the purpose of raising a fund towards a minister's stipend.

This committee was also empowered to correspond with the Rev. John Davis, County Down, Ireland, with a view to obtain his acceptance of the pastoral charge of the congregation and to propose to him an annual stipend of two hundred and fifty pounds. This invitation proved unsuccessful. Failing in the attempt to secure a minister directly from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, a meeting was held on the 28th of May, 1851, at which the following resolution was adopted: "That, as we have hitherto postponed the necessary measures for legal organization awaiting a definite answer from Mr. Davis, and as delaying matters any longer may injuriously affect our future prospects,

"Resolved that application be made forthwith to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for immediate organization and admission into that body."

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In accordance with this resolution Mr. J. B. Boyle appeared before the Toronto Presbytery on the 5th of June, 1851, and presented a memorial signed by himself and others representing 196 persons, residents of Toronto, praying the Presbytery to organize them into a distinct congregation in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The memorial was favorably entertained and a committee of Presbytery was appointed to make further enquiry on the subject.

The Rev. David Greer was appointed to preach to the people on an early Sabbath. Mr. Greer rendered efficient service to the congregation in process of formation in 1851 and administered to them Christian ordinances.

The first baptism recorded on 24th June, 1851, is that of Margaret Jane Coulter, daughter of John Coulter and Agnes Millar.

On the 9th July, 1851, Rev. Mr. Burns, on behalf of Dr. Willis, convenor of the committee, reported to the Presbytery that they had met with the people referred to and besides tendering them suitable counsel and advice, he had also obtained considerable statistical information relating to their past ecclesiastical condition. As a result of his investigation he stated that many of those applying for organization were not in the meantime connected with the Presbyterian Church, or any other church, that they required a minister, and that one of an active missionary spirit should be sought, who would give special attention to that class of settler.

On motion made by Rev. Thomas Lowry, seconded by Professor Essen, the Presbytery agreed to receive and sustain the report and to reappoint the committee, with the addition of Mr. Greer, to take steps towards the organization of the congregation and to examine members and such as might be proposed as office-bearers.

On 3rd September, 1851, the moderator, Mr. Gale, reported that the committee had met with the people and examined about eighty persons who had been more or less recently in membership and had made out a communion roll of fifty-six members. He also reported that the congregation had met and appointed a committee of management to attend to the temporal affairs of the church.

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PASTORATE OF REV. ROBERT IRVINE

On 26th March, 1852, a call was moderated in by Rev. Dr. Willis. The call was given to the Rev. Robert Irvine, of Saint Johns, New Brunswick, and on the 14th of April, was sustained by the Presbytery of Toronto and ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of New Brunswick to be presented to Mr. Irvine, which in due time was accepted accordingly.



REV. ROBERT IRVINE, D.D.

Mr. Irvine was inducted as the first stated pastor of the new Presbyterian congregation on the 24th June, 1852. His pastorate, however, in Cooke's Church was brief, extending only from June, 1852, until May, 1854. But in that short time he succeeded in establishing the congregation firmly and in laying the foundation of its future prosperity and greatness. During Mr. Irvine's ministry the congregation met for worship in the St. Lawrence Hall, and later in a frame church on George Street, formerly occupied by Methodists. This property the

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congregation eventually purchased from that body. Dr. Irvine was called to Knox Church, Hamilton, where he remained for ten years. In the fall of 1864 he accepted a call to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, but returned to Canada a year later to accept the pastorate of Knox Church, Montreal.

In 1870 he became pastor of a large and influential charge in Augusta, Georgia, where he died in the midst of his usefulness in 1887. Dr. Irvine was a man of great pulpit power, his native Irish eloquence made him a most acceptable preacher, and he was exceedingly popular in any place where he exercised his ministry; personally, he was highly esteemed and his name is revered and loved wherever he has settled on both sides of the line.

Dr. Irvine was born near Ballynahinch, County Down, Ireland, in 1822. He died in Augusta, Georgia, U.S.A., in 1887.

As the congregation increased in strength the present lot on the corner of Queen and Mutual Streets was secured at a cost of £474 16s. 3d., for the erection of a new brick church. The rapid growth of the congregation is evidenced by the fact that in less than two years after the induction of the first minister, Dr. Irvine, it was necessary to undertake the erection of a new church to furnish adequate accommodation for the people.

At a meeting of the congregation held 21st April, 1854, the following motion was carried: "That as this church now occupied by this congregation is too small to afford accommodation for the present members, much less to meet the numerous calls made upon the trustees for seats, it is necessary that more extended accommodation be provided without delay. This congregation hereby authorizes the trustees to at once obtain tenders for the erection of a new church." Mr. William Thomas was appointed architect and plans previously obtained were approved.

On 30th September, 1856, a full building committee was appointed, consisting of the following: Messrs. John Carr (chairman), S. McClain, Andrew Riddell, Hugh Millar, Thomas Saulter, James Farrell, John Greenlees, James Rusk, Thompson McCleary, E. Robinson, N. Gatchell and C. S.

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Patterson, Q.C. Tenders were immediately called for and the erection of the second Presbyterian Church was proceeded with at a cost of £5,429 13s. 1d.

REV. N. RITCHIE IS CALLED

On 11th September, 1855, a call was extended to the Rev. N. Ritchie of Coleraine, Ireland. This call was declined.

CALL TO REV. ROBERT KNOX

On 14th February, 1856, a call was issued to the Rev. Robert Knox, of Belfast, Ireland, which was not accepted.

PASTORATE OF THE REV. ANDREW MARSHALL

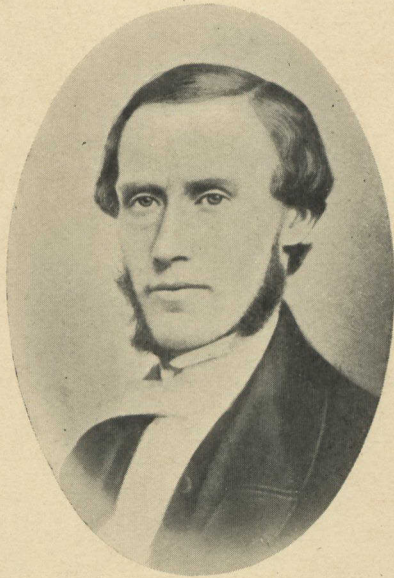
At a meeting of the congregation held on 3rd July, 1856, a call was moderated in to the Rev. Andrew Marshall, formerly of Ireland, but then laboring as a missionary in New Brunswick. The call was sustained by Presbytery and accepted. Mr. Marshall's induction took place on 6th August, 1856, Rev. Thomas Lowry presided; Rev. Dr. Willis addressed the minister and the Rev. William Reed the congregation.

On 31st March, 1857, Mr. Marshall made a statement to Presbytery to the effect that he felt constrained by the state of his health to tender his resignation of the pastoral charge and laid before the court a medical certificate corroborating his statement. On motion made by Rev. Mr. Lowry it was unanimously agreed that in the painful circumstance of the case Mr Marshall's resignation should be accepted and the following minute was entered upon the records of Presbytery as a tribute of respect to his worth:

“That the Presbytery having listened with the deepest regret to the statement made by their beloved brother, Mr. Marshall, find, that in the painful circumstance of the case, they have no alternative, and in accepting his resignation of this charge, desire to record their sense of his Christian worth, his consistent conduct, his efficient discharge of his ministerial duties, and his amiable spirit by which he has, in the short time he has

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been among them, won the most thorough confidence and esteem of his brethren in the ministry; the affection of his now sorely afflicted people and the respect of the community at large to tender to him their heartfelt sympathy in his affliction and express their earnest prayer that his covenanted God may be pleased to restore him to a measure of health and spare him for a life of usefulness in some other part of the



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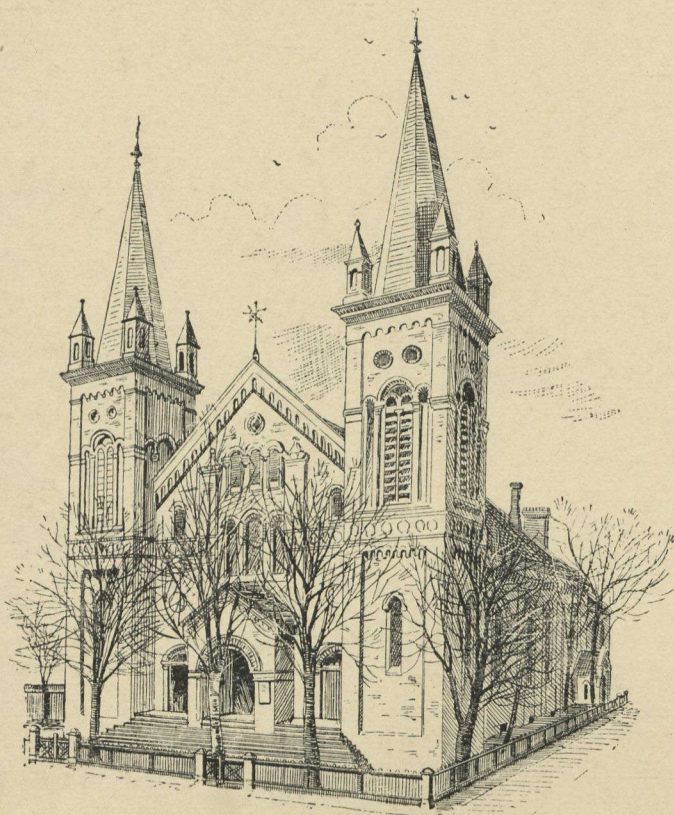
vineyard and commend him to the Lord in whom he has believed.

“And, further, the Presbytery record their sympathy with his bereaved flock, who are thus in the all-wise and mysterious providence of God called to part with a beloved minister; and to deplore the severing of a relation so recently formed and from which so much benefit was expected to result to them and the Presbytery, and assure them of their willingness to do all in their power to promote their interests in the present painful circumstances.”

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ADOPTION OF THE NAME "COOKE'S CHURCH."

The name "Cooke's Church" first appears on the minute book of the Trustees, 3rd November, 1856, but no motion to this effect can be found. The name, "Second Presbyterian



CHURCH ERECTED 1857

Church," is last recorded 3rd September, 1856, so that the change from Second Presbyterian Church to that of Cooke's Church must have been adopted during these intervening dates or subsequent to the erection of the new church, Queen and Mutual Streets.

This church, which some have referred to as the old church, was in its day the most pretentious structure in the city.

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With its lofty twin towers pointing heavenward, it was a landmark in east Queen Street for over thirty years.

It served the needs of the congregation acceptably and most of the events which furnish data for these records are associated with it. Cooke's Church derives its name from the Reverend Henry Cooke, D.D., LL.D., of Belfast, Ireland, a distinguished Presbyterian divine.

SKETCH OF DR. COOKE.

Dr. Cooke was born 11th May, 1788, near Maghera, County Derry, Ireland, and died 13th December, 1868. He was descended from a family of English Puritans who settled early in the 17th century in County Down. Dr. Cooke received his early education at the National School of his native place and when 14 years of age he entered the University of Glasgow, Scotland, graduating therefrom with honors. At the age of twenty years he was licensed by the Presbytery of Ballymena. On 10th November, 1808, he was ordained and inducted into the pastorate of the congregation of Duneane, near Randalstown. Dr. Cooke resigned the charge of Duneane on the 13th November, 1810, and on the 22nd January following he was installed minister of the congregation of Donagore, near Templepatrick. In this charge he had the oversight of upwards of five hundred families, most of whom were in affluent circumstances. Dr. Cooke resigned his charge at Donogore on 6th July, 1818, and on 8th September he was installed pastor of the congregation of Killyleagh, County Down. Here Dr. Cooke first encountered the Unitarian and Arian controversy and during the ten years of his ministry in Killyleagh, he was the means of accomplishing the greatest work ever achieved by a minister for the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

His brethren were not slow to acknowledge his invaluable services by electing him to the highest office in their gift, that of Moderator of the General Assembly.

On 24th November, 1829, he was installed minister of

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May Street Presbyterian Church, Belfast, where he remained pastor until his death. This church was built for him and became one of the most famous churches in Ireland. We are pleased to note our eloquent friend, Rev. W. J. McCaughan, the former pastor of St. Andrews Church, Toronto, is now the minister in charge.

When Dr. Cooke entered the ministry he found the Presbyterian Church infested and almost paralyzed by a deadly heresy. He found the public mind deeply imbued with sceptical and infidel opinions and the education of the masses in a state of lamentable neglect. Seeing and deploring these evils he resolved to become a reformer. He spent ten years in unceasing and laborious preparation and during a period of thirty years his life was a continual struggle for the truth. He freed the Presbyterian Church of that deadly heresy Arianism, and was the means under God of giving a new inspiration to religious life and spiritual power among the Protestants of Ireland. He largely moulded the Government's scheme of elementary and collegiate education, so as to adapt them to the wants of the people of Ulster. Dr. Cooke's biography was not that of an individual merely; it was rather the history of a great work undertaken on behalf of pure religion and sound education—a work prompted by ardent patriotism, prosecuted with consummate ability and crowned with distinguished success. His countrymen were not slow to acknowledge their obligations to him, as the numerous testimonials presented to him during his life, and the almost unparalleled honors accorded to his memory at death abundantly show. The splendid monument erected to his memory and placed in one of the leading streets in the city of Belfast, Ireland, will witness to posterity how the men of his own time loved and honored him.

DR. COOKE'S FUNERAL

The following account of the funeral of Dr. Cooke is abridged from the local Belfast newspaper:—

“Yesterday, at twelve o'clock, a town meeting, convened by the mayor, in accordance with a requisition numerously signed by the leading gentry and merchants, was held in the

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Town Hall, for the purpose of considering the propriety of having a public funeral for the interment of the remains of the late Rev. Henry Cooke, D.D., LL.D., as a mark of public respect and esteem for his memory. The meeting was exceedingly large, the Town Hall being crowded to excess.

The Mayor of Belfast was called to the chair. . . . The Lord Bishop of Down and Connor moved, 'That, in deference to the life and labours of the late Dr. Cooke, and as a mark of respect to his public character and worth, there shall be a Public Funeral on Friday next.' The resolution was seconded by Wm. Johnston, Esq., M.P.

"The appointment of a committee to carry out the arrangements was moved by Sir Charles Lanyon, and seconded by Sir James Hamilton, Chairman of the Harbour Commissioners.

"The funeral was fixed for twelve o'clock, but at eleven a great company had assembled in Ormeau Park, adjoining the residence of Dr. Cooke. The Rev. Wm. Johnston acted as secretary and arranged the procession with consummate skill. He was ably seconded by the marshal of the day, Head-Constable Rankin. Mr. Commissioner Bailey and Mr. Sub-Inspector Harvey were energetic in facilitating the arrangements. The streets were kept clear by mounted police, and the foot force guided the march.

"The members of the public bodies met in the Park shortly after eleven. The students of the different colleges led the way, in cap and gown—the white of the Bachelors' and the blue of the Masters' hoods forming a good contrast to the black of the general body of mourners. The President of Queen's College, tall and stately in his Doctor's robes, followed, surrounded by the Professors and Staff. The Rev. William Arthur, President of the Wesleyan College, accompanied by the Head-Master and the Professors, went next in order. Then the President, the Secretary, and the Professors of Magee College, Derry. The Faculty of the Assembly's College, without its President, who was being carried to the tomb, and without its Secretary, who, as chief mourner, followed the hearse, moved sadly on. Then came the clergy of the different Churches—the Episcopal and Covenanting clergymen, the

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United Presbyterians and the Wesleyans, the Independents, the Baptists, and the Unitarians moving together in a body. The ministers of the General Assembly went immediately before the hearse. The hearse, simply caparisoned, was in the centre of the procession. On one side went the Moderator of the General Assembly; after him in order, the Primate, the Bishop of Down, William Johnston, Esq., M.P.; James Kennedy Esq., J.P.; and James Torrens, Esq. On the other side went the Mayor of Belfast (Samuel McCausland, Esq.), the Hon. Edward O'Neill, M.P. (as representing his father, Lord O'Neill); Thomas McClure, Esq., M.P.; A. J. Macrory, Esq.; John Preston, Esq., J.P.; and Hugh Porter, Esq. The son of the deceased, Henry H. Cooke, Esq.; the tall forms of his two sons-in-law, the Rev. William Gordon, and Prof. J. L. Porter, D.D., LL.D., with his grandson, Master Selim L. A. Porter, followed as chief mourners. Then the young minister of May Street, with the Session and Committee, followed in procession. The Town Council followed; and then the Harbour Commissioners, the Poor Law Board, the Water Commissioners, the Governors of the Belfast District Asylum, the Belfast Charitable Society, and the Chamber of Commerce. The Staff of the Ulster Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, the Oddfellows, the representatives of the Town Commissioners of Armagh and Ballymoney, and other public bodies, closed the long procession. Then came the mourning coaches and the long line of 154 carriages of the nobility and gentry, that of Dr. Dorian, the Roman Catholic Bishop, being among the number."

CALL TO REV. WILLIAM GREGG, M.A., OF BELLEVILLE.

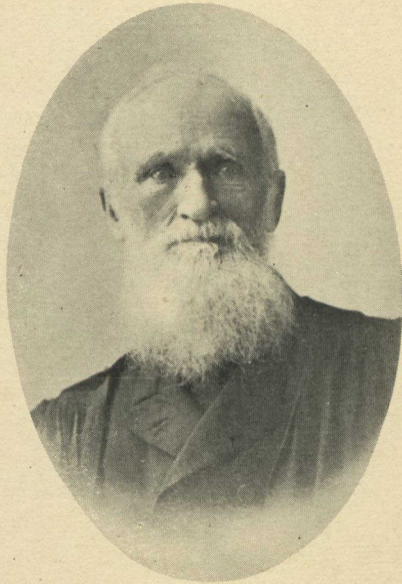
On 5th May, 1857, a call was made by the Church and sustained by Presbytery for the services of the Rev. William Gregg, M.A., of Belleville. This call Mr. Gregg accepted. The induction took place 8th July, 1857, the Rev. James Nesbit presiding, Rev. Mr. Burns, of St. Catharines, preached from Matt. ii. 28. Mr. Lowry addressed the Minister and Mr. McTavish the people. Mr. Gregg preached his first sermon as minister of Cooke's Church, 12th July, 1857, in the George St. Church.

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The opening of the new church, which was in process of building, was a very eventful period in Mr. Gregg's ministry. On 25th July, 1858, the congregation met for worship in Cooke's Church, corner of Queen and Mutual Streets.

The Rev. Dr. Blackwood, of Philadelphia, Pa., conducted the opening services, taking for his text Psalm lxxxvii, 3: "Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God."

Rev. Dr. Orniston, of Hamilton, preached in the evening.



REV. WILLIAM GREGG, D.D.

It was estimated that 1,250 persons were present in the morning, 1,000 in the afternoon and 1,400 in the evening.

The offering during these services was £191 18s. 6d.

Dr. Gregg ministered to the congregation with very great acceptance for a period of fifteen years, during which the congregation was greatly blessed, both spiritually and temporally. More than eight hundred persons were added to the roll of membership, on profession of faith in Christ and by letter from other churches. Cooke's Church attained to great spiritual influence in those days, among the leading men of the City.

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A large majority of students attending Knox College, and many from other educational institutions in the city, were worshippers, and the greater number were members in full communion. Men of national reputation such as the Honorable Chief Justice Patterson and the Honorable George Brown were regular members of the congregation at this period.

In June, 1872, Dr. Gregg resigned his pastoral charge of the congregation, having received an appointment in Knox College as Professor of Church History and Apologetics.

His devoted people, while proud of the honors conferred upon him, would fain have retained the services of their esteemed minister.

His connection with Knox College, however, did not prevent his manifesting a deep interest in the congregation which he so long and faithfully served in word and in doctrine. The Lord enabled him to take part in the induction services of four of his successors, viz: the Rev. J. G. Robb, D.D., LL.D.; Rev. John Kirkpatrick, Rev. William Patterson, D.D.; the Rev. Alexander Esler, M.A.; and Rev. A. T. Taylor, M.A., D.D.

STORY OF NINETY-ONE YEARS

The Rev. William Gregg, M.A., D.D., was born 5th July, 1817, at Killeycree, County Donegal, Ireland; died at Toronto, Canada, 26th May, 1909. His father was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church, Ramelton. Dr. Gregg received his early training in the classical school, Ramelton, of which the Rev. Edward Reid was principal. After leaving this school he spent some years in mercantile and banking business, and afterwards attended college in Glasgow. He subsequently attended college in Edinburgh and here he obtained his degree of M.A.

His theological course was enjoyed under Drs. Chalmers, Welsh and Cunningham in the College of the Free Church, Edinburgh. On the 13th February, 1846, he was licensed by the Free Church Presbytery and immediately afterward was sent as a missionary to Canada.

His labors for the first year in Canada were confined within

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the bounds of Kingston Presbytery and on the 22nd June, 1847, he was ordained and appointed minister of the congregation of John Street Church, Belleville, where he remained until transferred to Cooke's Church, Toronto, in July, 1857.

In 1864 Dr. Gregg was appointed lecturer in Apologetics, Knox College, and also taught the theological classes in the Presbyterian College, Montreal, in 1867.

He was also moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, usually called the Free Church, in 1864, when the union was effected between the Free Church and the United Presbyterian Church of Canada.

In 1872 he was appointed professor of Apologetics in Knox College, where he occupied the chair with very great acceptance for over 25 years.

In 1878 he received his degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of Hanover, U.S.A. Dr. Gregg's chief literary production may be said to be his volume: "A history of the Presbyterian Church in Canada from earliest time to 1834." This book is a comprehensive and painstaking work containing some 646 pages.

Dr. Gregg's life was one of continual self-sacrificing devotion to the cause of Christ, giving of his best without stint. He was held in esteem and love by the congregation of Cooke's Church to whom he ministered with great zeal and ability in the early years of her history.

In October, 1907, the congregation of Bloor Street Presbyterian Church (where Dr. Gregg worshipped) tendered to him a reception on the occasion of his Diamond Jubilee—the sixtieth year of his connection with the ministry. At the reception Mr. James Alison, representing Cooke's Church, presented a beautifully illuminated address on behalf of the congregation. Rev. William McKinlay, representing the Presbytery of Toronto, Principal McLaren, representing Knox College and Mr. John L. Blaikie, representing the Bloor Street Session, presented Dr. and Mrs. Gregg with handsome easy chairs.

We take the liberty to quote the beautiful words from the address of Principal McLaren, who was a life-long friend of Dr. Gregg. He said: "Our honored father has long since passed the

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line of threescore and ten; to him has been continued unusual vigor, physical and mental; but the shadows are lengthening on the plain and the evening draws on apace, and when to him the sunset comes, as come it must, may it be cloudless and bright, prophetic of the dawn of the coming day when every man shall receive his own reward, according to his own labor."

Dr. Gregg died at his late residence, 3 Washington Avenue, Toronto, 26th May, 1909, in his 91st year.

No session clerk was appointed, nor were regular monthly meetings of session held previous to the year 1872. Quarterly meetings of session were held in conjunction with the communion service in the early years.

Mr. R. J. Hunter was appointed session clerk 1872, filling the position ably until his resignation in 1884. Mr. Thomas Caswell was then appointed, filling the office with very great acceptance until September, 1890. He was succeeded in October following by Mr. Samuel Wallace, who still discharges the duties of the office faithfully and acceptably.

ADOPTION OF THE WEEKLY OFFERING SYSTEM.

At a meeting of the congregation held 29th April, 1878, the following motion was adopted: Moved by Mr. Anthony Bell, seconded by Mr. R. J. Hunter, that this Congregation adopt the system of contributing by weekly offering envelopes in support of church ordinances instead of the system of pew rents. The motion carried unaniously to take effect the first sabbath of May, 1878.

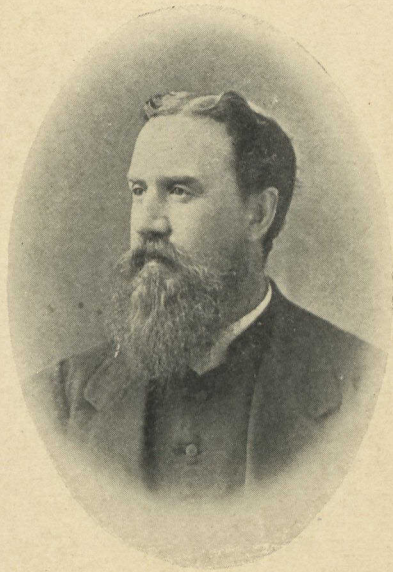
DR. ROBB'S INDUCTION.

At a meeting of the Congregation held on 5th January, 1874, a call was moderated in by Rev. William Reid, D.D., and given to the Rev. James Gardner Robb, B.A., of Clougher, Ireland. The call was sustained by Presbytery and ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Robb. So favorable was the report that preceded him that the very unusual course was adopted of addressing a call to him in Ireland, without ever having heard him preach. Dr. Robb was an accomplished scholar,

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an eloquent preacher, an able divine, and of high repute among his brethren. The stipend named was \$3,000 per annum. The induction took place on the afternoon of 21st May, 1874. Rev. Dr. Reid presided and gave the charge to the Minister, Rev. Mr. Carrick preached and the Rev. Professor Gregg, D.D., addressed the congregation.

Under Dr. Robb's eloquent ministry the church attained to a large membership and became almost free from debt, a



REV. JAMES GARDNER ROBB, D.D., LL.D.

balance of \$5,500 due on the mortgage, placed on the church in 1858, was reduced to \$1,000.

It took no ordinary man to fill the place of his esteemed predecessor, but Dr. Robb's popularity was assured from the first and nobly he sustained the cause of this congregation.

The life and labors of Dr. Robb in the cause of truth, his able defence and advocacy of the doctrines committed to his trust, made him a burning and a shining light in this and his native land.

Dr. Robb took a deep interest in the Young People's

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Association, which was organized in 1873. Mr. R. J. Hunter was its first president and Mr. Thomas Kinnear, Vice-President. Mr. Thomas Caswell and Mr. William Eagle and Mr. (now Rev. Dr.) Abraham were active workers in the society. The good work continued until the organization of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor in 1889.

SHORT SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

Rev. James Gardner Robb was born in Belfast in 1833 and received his early educational training at the Royal Academical Institute, a school which won for Belfast the title of the Irish "Athens." He subsequently took a course in Queen's College, during which he carried off a large number of special prizes, especially distinguishing himself in logic, metaphysics, jurisprudence and political economy. He took the degree of B.A. in Queen's University in 1854 and entered the Assembly's College, Belfast, with a view to entering the ministry.

His first charge after being licensed to preach was Clougher in the County of Tyrone, where he was ordained in 1858, and where he remained until translated to Cooke's Church, Toronto, in May, 1874. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by the University of Hanover, Indiana, U.S., in 1876, also the degree of Doctor of Laws by Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, 1882. He was also appointed to represent the Canadian Church at the first meeting of the Pan-Presbyterian Council held in Edinburgh, 1876.

Dr. Robb resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation in January, 1879, to accept a call extended from Galway, Ireland, much to the regret of his people and the community at large.

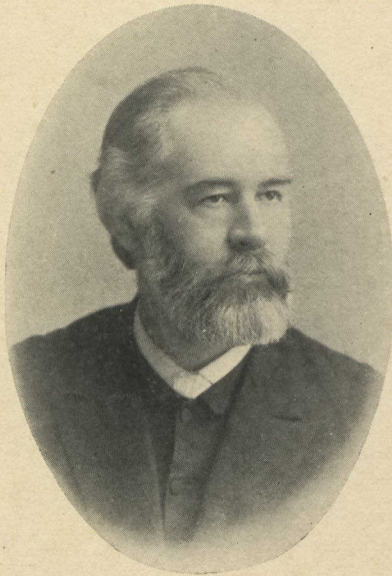
Shortly after his return to Galway, Ireland, he was called from the duties of the Church militant to the victory and joy of the Church triumphant.

CALL TO REV. JOHN KIRKPATRICK.

After the translation of Dr. Robb to Ireland, a meeting of the congregation was held to take steps towards nominating

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a successor. At a meeting of the congregation held on 12th November, 1879, a call was concluded in and given to Rev. John Kirkpatrick, of New York. The call was sustained by Presbytery and ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Kirkpatrick, and was in due course accepted. The induction took place 5th February, 1880. Rev. Mr. MacIntosh preached, Rev. Professor Gregg, D.D., addressed the congregation and Mr. Carmichael, of King, the Minister.



REV. JOHN KIRKPATRICK, D.D.

During the ministry of Mr. Kirkpatrick there were added to the membership 179 persons on profession of Christ and by letter from other churches. The balance of the mortgage of \$1,000 was paid off thus leaving the church financially free from debt.

On 3rd February, 1885, Mr. Kirkpatrick resigned his charge of the pastorate mainly on account of the controversy which arose over the question of instrumental music in the

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service of praise and shortly afterwards returned to the United States, where he accepted a call to the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia and where he was installed on 25th January, 1886.

LIFE IN THREE COUNTRIES.

The Rev. John Kirkpatrick was born near Ballymony, County Antrim, Ireland, on 6th April, 1854. He attended the National School until 15 years of age and then took a preparatory course in classics under the direction of Rev. John Paul Marcus and proceeded in January, 1861, to complete his studies at the Royal Belfast Academical Institute.

He entered Queen's College, having successfully passed the matriculation examinations in the autumn of 1861. He pursued the regular course in arts and theology until the spring of 1867, when he passed the final examinations and was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Route the same year.

Among the professors under whom Dr. Kirkpatrick studied were the Rev. Henry Cooke, D.D., LL.D., Dr. Edgar, Dr. Gibson, Dr. Killen, Dr. Murphy and Rev. J. L. Porter, D.D., LL.D. In Queen's College he studied under Dr. James McCosh, who afterwards became president of Princeton University, U.S.A.

Mr. Kirkpatrick's first charge was the First Presbyterian Church, Newton Hamilton, Co. Armagh, Ireland. Here he was ordained on 28th May, 1868, and remained during a pastorate of six years. He afterwards visited America, accepting a charge in New York City.

Subsequent to his pastorate in Cooke's Church, Mr. Kirkpatrick spent several years in the pastorate of Westminster Church, Philadelphia. He then transferred his ministry to Boston, later to West Virginia, where he spent about a year as stated supply in Charleston. The closing years of his life were spent in Philadelphia, where his death occurred in March, 1909.

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CALL TO MR. PATTERSON.

At a meeting of the congregation held 29th May, 1886, with Rev. Professor Gregg, D.D., as Moderator, a call was extended to Mr. William Patterson, a graduate of Knox College, Toronto. The call was sustained by Presbytery and accepted.

Mr. Patterson's induction was ordered to take place on the afternoon of 22nd July, 1886. Professor Gregg presided,



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the Rev. Thomas Nixon, of Stouffville, preached, Rev. Robert Wallace, of West Church, Toronto, addressed the congregation and the Rev. H. M. Parsons, D.D., the minister. The settlement of Rev. Mr. Patterson at this period was the beginning of a new era of prosperity and the dawning of a brighter day.

The attendance at the stated services steadily increased and an awakening interest in spiritual things gave evidence of the Divine blessing.

It soon became apparent that for the welfare of the congregation extensive improvements were necessary and on 5th January, 1887, a meeting of the congregation was held to

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confirm plans previously prepared by Mr. W. R. Gregg, architect. These plans submitted outlined the erection of a new school room and the remodeling of the interior of the church, also the installing of a new organ at a cost of \$2,000 to aid in the service of praise.

This meeting instructed the trustees to proceed with the work forthwith at a estimated cost of \$19,000 to be provided for by mortgage of \$15,000 and subscriptions raised of \$4,000. During these improvements the congregation met for worship in Victoria Hall, Queen Street, and on Sabbath 28th August, 1887, the opening services were conducted by the Rev. John S. MacIntosh, D.D., LL.D., of Philadelphia, Pa. Text at the morning service, Isaiah xliii., 18 and 19; evening, Revelations xxi., 4 and 5. The pastor, Rev. William Patterson, conducted service at 3 o'clock in the afternoon: text Matthew xii., 5, (The poor have the Gospel preached to them). Large congregations were present at each service.

The re-opening services were continued with great interest on the following two Sabbaths: 4th September, by the Rev. Dr. Wyld, of Bond Street Congregational Church and the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, of New York; 11th September, Rev. H. M. Parsons, D.D., of Knox Church and Rev. John Potts, D.D., of the Methodist Church.

When these improvements were made it was expected that the needs of the congregation would be fully met for many years to come, but the attendance at the services increased so remarkably that within two years the building was taxed to its utmost seating capacity and hundreds were turned away from the evening services.

It was felt that something should be done to furnish accommodation for the rapidly increasing membership and those seeking the ministrations of the gifted young minister.

A meeting of the congregation was called on 5th May, 1890, to take into consideration the enlarging of the present church or the building of a new one. It was reported at this meeting that the trustees found the seating capacity wholly inadequate to accommodate those who desired to attend the services, especially in the evening.

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A committee was therefore appointed from the elders and trustees to solicit subscriptions towards the paying off the mortgage of \$15,000 incurred in the remodeling of the present building. On the 13th February, 1891, a circular letter was issued inviting the co-operation of members and friends of the congregation to contribute towards this fund. The appeal made was generously responded to and the sum of \$10,498 was subscribed.

An adjourned meeting was held on 25th March, 1891, to consider the question of building a new church, when it was moved by Mr. James Alison and seconded by Mr. T. A. Lytle: "That whereas the present church building now occupied by this congregation is inadequate for the presents needs of said congregation. Resolved that the trustees are hereby authorized to remove the present church building and to erect in its place such buildings as they find necessary, to seat at least 2,000 persons, with accommodation for a large sabbath school, at an approximate cost of \$40,000."

This motion was carried and a building committee was appointed as follows: Messrs. T. A. Lytle, chairman; James Alison, treasurer; W. B. Sanders, secretary; P. G. Close, T. Kinnear, Wm. Anderson, M. B. Alison, W. B. Britton, A. G. Booth, S. Wallace, Robert Wilson, William Tafts, John Sherridan, R. A. McConnell and A. E. Young. Messrs. James Alison, Thomas Kinnear and T. A. Lytle were appointed to appear before the Toronto Presbytery to ask leave to mortgage the church property for the sum of \$40,000. The request was granted by Presbytery. During the building of the new church the congregation met for worship in the pavilion in the Allan Gardens (rent charged by city \$600). Plans previously prepared by Mr. Henry Simpson, architect, were submitted and adopted. Tenders were immediately called for and in due time work was commenced on the new building.

On 25th July, 1891, the corner stone was laid by Robert Kilgour, Esq.

CORNER STONE

Herewith we append the names of the officiating minister, members of session, board of trustees and building committee

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and architect. These names are deposited in the corner stone of the building, together with the documents found in the corner stone of the church erected in 1857, also copies of the annual report, the Canada Presbyterian, The Globe, Mail, Leader, and Telegram, also the current coins of the Dominion of Canada. Minister, Rev. William Patterson; session, Messrs. John Rogers, William Hunter, James Alison, Thomas Caswell, clerk of session, Samuel Wallace, Thomas Kinnear, Hugh McKeag, A. C. Kilpatrick, William Eagle, James S. Pollock and Robert Pogue.

TRUSTEES.

Messrs. P. G. Close, chairman; George H. Doran, secretary; James Alison, treasurer; John Rennie, William Tafts, M. B. Alison, T. A. Lytle, William Anderson and William F. Britton.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

T. A. Lytle, chairman; W. B. Saunders, secretary; James Alison, treasurer; P. C. Close, John Sherridan, S. Wallace, Thomas Kinnear, Robert A. McConnell, William Tafts, M. B. Alison, A. E. Young, William Anderson, Robert Wilson and A. G. Booth. Henry Simpson, architect.

The impressive service was commenced at 3.30 p.m., by the singing of the Hundredth Psalm and the reading of scripture by the Rev. Henry M. Parsons, D.D.; prayer was led by Rev. Dr. Reid; address by Mr. P. G. Close, chairman of the Trustee board; historical sketch by Mr. James Alison; dedicatory prayer by Rev. Professor Gregg, D.D.; presentation of trowel by Rev. William Patterson; laying of the corner stone by Mr. Robert Kilgour; congratulatory addresses by Rev. Professor McLaren, D.D. and Mr. William Johnston, M.P. for Belfast, Ireland.

THE OPENING OF THE NEW CHURCH ERECTED 1891.

The 15th of May, 1891, will be a day to be remembered in the history of Cooke's Church. The occasion was a most eventful one—the opening of the new church. Perhaps not in

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the history of Presbyterianism in Toronto was there so large and so appreciative a congregation of Presbyterian worshippers assembled as on this occasion. Long before the appointed hour for worship at the morning service standing room in the great auditorium was at a premium.



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And every avenue of ingress to the building was blocked, so great was the desire to be present at the services, that many were in their seats before 9 o'clock a.m. It was estimated that more than 3,000 persons were present and that hundreds could not gain admittance.

Apart from the interest which gathers around the dedication of a new church, a great attraction on this occasion was the presence of the famous Presbyterian divine, the Rev. John

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Hall, D.D., LL.D., of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York. His name was held in honor throughout the evangelical world as a preacher of righteousness and an able defender of the faith. Added to this, Dr. Hall was a typical Irish Presbyterian. What more becoming, then, than that the man who had intimately known Dr. Henry Cooke, of Belfast, whose name had been associated with the old church for more than 30 years, should be invited to preach at the opening of a new and much larger church, which would keep the honored name of Dr. Cooke alive for generations in the city of Toronto.

Dr Cooke's splendid services to Presbyterianism in the old land none better knew or understood or appreciated than Dr. Hall himself.

In two sermons, remarkable for the clear and powerful presentation of a pure gospel message, in language so simple that even a child could understand, Dr. Hall abundantly answered the expectations of the vast audience assembled. The text in the morning was chosen from Acts v. 13. "The God of our Fathers."

The services were commenced with singing the doxology, after which the invocation prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. William Patterson. The scriptures were read by the Rev. William Reid, D.D. The congregation then joined heartily in singing the 121st Psalm and the dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Profesor Gregg, D.D., a former pastor of the church.

The large and appreciative assembly on this occasion will long remember Dr. Hall's earnest presentation of God's love to a lost and ruined world and the preacher's affectionate appeal that his hearers should choose the God of our fathers to be their God.

The offerings made on behalf of the building fund at these services were \$803 and the proceeds from a lecture on "A Live Congregation," given by Dr. Hall on the following Monday evening, amounted to \$281.

The building of this commodious church in 1891 and 1892, at a cost of \$50,000, are further evidence of Mr. Patterson's untiring energies to extend the Kingdom of our Lord.

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The progress attained during the ministry of Mr. Patterson was unprecedented in the history of the congregation.

His work and labor of love in Cooke's Church will ever be remembered by his devoted people.

During the fourteen years of his ministry 2,720 persons united with the church, 1,449 on profession of faith in Christ



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and 1,271 by letters from other churches. When Mr. Patterson began his ministry there were 188 members on the communion roll and at the time of his departure in 1900, the membership had increased to 1,354, being at that time the largest membership of any congregation in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The amount of revenue raised for all purposes in these years exceeded \$170,000, and in every department of the church his influence was powerfully felt.

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Previous to Mr. Patterson's induction no annual report was published in book form and but few societies were organized for Christian work within the congregation.

In September, 1889, the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized. Mr. (now Rev.) Robert Pogue was its first president and Mr. Thomas Rennie, secretary, and Miss Lucy McGee, treasurer.

At the first meeting, the president asked a pledge from those present (20 persons) that each one should bring one person to their next meeting. This pledge was faithfully fulfilled and 40 were present at the second meeting, so the good work continued to increase until the society became the largest Y. P. S. C. E. in the world.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society, The Dorcas Society, The Young Women's Mission Band (formerly the Earnest Helpers Society), Young Women's Prayer Meeting, Aaron and Hur Prayer Meeting, the Junior Endeavor Society, the Chinese Class and Boy's Brigade. All these societies and organizations received much help and inspiration.

Mr. Patterson gave great encouragement and financial assistance to the Debt Fund Association and in the re-organization of the temporal affairs of the congregation. In 1899, a change of management of the financial affairs of the congregation took effect at a meeting held on the 5th February, 1899, in which five trustees were elected to hold the church property in trust and 18 members were elected to constitute the board of management, as formerly nine trustees managed the temporal affairs of the congregation.

A NOTABLE CAREER.

The Rev. William Patterson, D.D., was born 26th July, 1859, in Beagh, near Maghera, County Derry, Ireland. He professed Christ in his home church under the ministry of Rev. Dr. Leitch, who later became President of the Assembly's College, Belfast. He received his early education in the schools of his native land and when quite a young man came to Canada, arriving in Toronto in May, 1880. He entered

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Knox College in October of the same year, graduating therefrom in the spring of 1886.

Mr. Patterson's services were greatly appreciated in whatever field of labor he was called to serve during his college days.

And when he graduated from Knox College in the spring of 1886 a call awaited him from Cooke's Church congregation.

His acceptance of the call to Bethany Church, Philadelphia, in June, 1900, after 14 years of most fruitful labor, was very much regretted by his devoted flock and the community at large.

It is gratifying, however, to know that his work is still being greatly blessed in the more extensive field of labor to which he has gone.

It is the earnest prayer of all that he may abound more and more in the blessed work to which he has given a life-long devotion.

At the close of the session of Knox College in April, 1903, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred by the Senate. This acknowledgement to Mr. Patterson was much appreciated, not only by the congregation of Cooke's Church, but by his many friends and admirers throughout Canada.

CALL TO REV. ALEXANDER ESLER, M.A.

A meeting of the congregation was held 17th April, 1901, to consider a call to a minister. Rev. Dr. McTavish presided.

The call was given Rev. Alexander Esler, M.A., of Westchester, Pa., U.S.A. The call was sustained by Presbytery of Toronto and forwarded to Mr. Esler, and in due time was accepted.

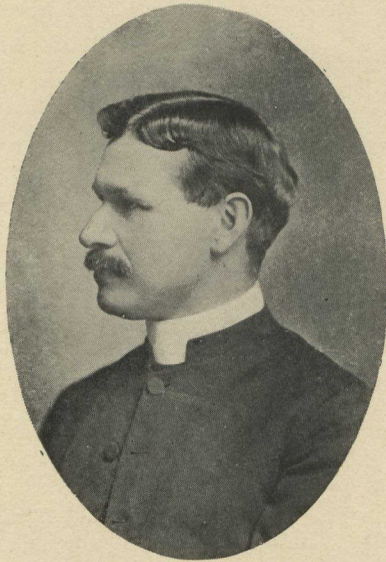
The induction took place in the afternoon of 10th June, 1901. The Rev. Dr. Turnbull, moderator of Presbytery, presided; Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Knox Church, preached the installation sermon; Rev. Professor Gregg, D.D., gave the charge to the minister, and the Rev. George M. Milligan, D.D., of Old St. Andrews Church, addressed the congregation.

A reception was held in the evening where a most enjoyable and pleasant time was spent. Mr. Esler was introduced to

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members and friends of the congregation who joined in hearty congratulations to the new minister.

When Mr. Patterson accepted the call to Bethany Church, Philadelphia, friends of the church feared for our future and a spirit of despondency was visible. But the congregation was not unmindful of him from whom all blessings come. Remembering that where our Elijahs of to-day surrender their mantle of sacred office there are Elishas ready to step into the breach and carry forward the warfare of faith and love.



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The good work so long and so successfully maintained by Dr. Patterson was ably sustained during the six years and eight months of Mr. Esler's ministry.

During Mr. Esler's pastorate 1,387 persons united with the congregation, \$60,000 was raised for missionary and congregational purposes, \$22,000 was paid off the church's indebtedness.

The Pan-Presbyterian Council met within Cooke's Church September, 1892, when men of world-wide fame addressed the Assembly.

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Professor Blaikie, D.D., LL.D., of New College, Edinburgh; Rev. Dr. Thomas Smith, of Edinburgh; Dr. Hodge, of Hartford, U.S.; John Hall, D.D., Fifth Avenue, New York; Rev. Dr. Park, of Belfast, Ireland, and Principal Caven, of Knox Church, were among the principal speakers.

Mr. Esler took a deep interest in organizing the Brotherhood of Andrew and Phillip. The first officers were: president, Mr. W. J. C. McCrea, 1st vice-president Mr. John Hammond, 2nd vice-president Mr. Robert Armstrong, secretary Mr. Norman B. McKibbon, treasurer Mr. James Slater.

This young and vigorous society is doing a much needed work among the men of the congregation; we pray that they may be a tower of strength to the church and do valiant service for Him who called Andrew and Phillip to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

MR. ESLER'S LIFE

Rev. Alexander Esler, M.A., was born near Belfast, County Antrim, Ireland, on 10th June, 1865. He received his early education in the National School of his native place. When quite a young man he was left fatherless and to the influence of a widowed mother's prayers he attributes his conversion to God at the age of 21 years. Mr. Esler became at once interested in the spiritual welfare of his fellows and entered upon service for his Master in the superintendency of a Sunday school and leader of a prayer meeting.

He also began about this time to study theology and other branches in order to become qualified for the duties of a colporteur in the south of Ireland. When he went to Belfast for examination, however, he was advised by the Rev. William Park and the Rev. Dr. Watts to go to the United States of America.

He sailed from Larne 21st January, 1888. Shortly after his arrival in America he entered Tuscarora Academy and afterwards Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., graduating therefrom with honors in 1893. In the fall of the same year he entered Princeton Theological Seminary and on graduating in 1896 a call was awaiting him from the Westminster Church,

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Westchester, Pa., which he accepted and where he remained until called to Cooke's Church in June, 1901. In January, 1907, Mr. Esler resigned the pastoral charge, with much regret from Cooke's congregation, to accept a call as Presbyterial Evangelist in the Presbytery of Philadelphia (Pa.), North, a most important work in which he is having marked success. Our prayers follow him and his family. May they be objects of God's love and care during a long and successful life.

CALL TO THE REV. DR. TAYLOR.

A meeting of the Congregation was held in the Lecture Room, 30th September, 1908, to take steps for the calling of a minister. Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Central Church, presided; Mr. Samuel Wallace, clerk of session, acted as secretary. Several names of ministers were submitted to the meeting and after due consideration a unanimous call was given Rev. Andrew Todd Taylor, D.D., of Gaston Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. A stipend of \$3,000 per annum and a vacation of six weeks were attached to the call.

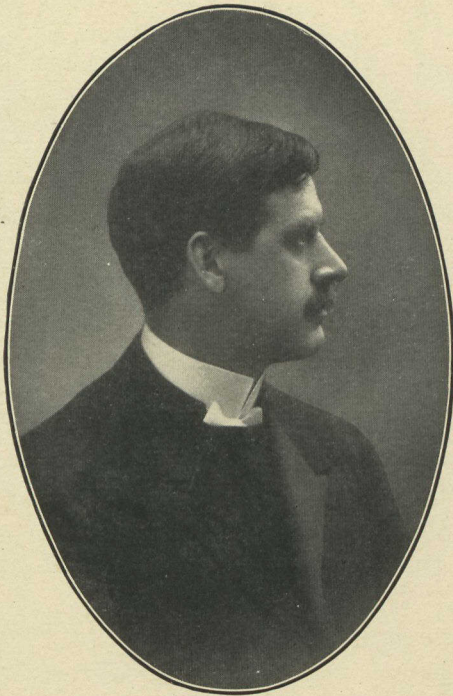
In due time the call was sustained by the Presbytery of Toronto and forwarded to the Presbytery of Philadelphia. The induction was ordered to take place within Cooke's Church, 20th November, 1908. Rev. James Murray, moderator of Presbytery, presided; Rev. Binney S. Black preached the induction sermon from Rom. x. 13-15. Professor Kilpatrick, of Knox College, delivered the charge to the minister and Rev. Dr. McTavish addressed the congregation. A pleasing feature of the service was the presentation of a pulpit gown to the newly installed pastor; Mrs. Wallace read the address while Mrs. J. Alison and Mrs. J. Rennie assisted in robing the minister. Mrs. Taylor was also presented with a beautifully bound copy of the Presbyterian Book of Praise and a copy of the Scriptures.

The following Monday evening a reception was tendered to Dr. and Mrs. Taylor by the congregation and friends of Cooke's Church. Various denominations were represented conveying cordial and hearty congratulations and best wishes

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for a long and successful pastorate. Rev. Dr. Cleaver conveyed the greetings of the Methodists and Rev. James Murray those of the Presbytery. Dr. Harrison, member of Board of Control, spoke for the city, in the absence of his Worship, Mayor Oliver, who was unable to be present.

During the short time in which Dr. Taylor has ministered to the congregation, nearly 300 persons have united



REV. ANDREW T. TAYLOR B.A., D.D.

with the church on profession of faith and by letter from other churches. The present membership is 1,052.

Within the first year of his pastorate the congregation entered heartily upon the work of renovating the church building. At a cost of about \$5,000 the building was painted, re-decorated, re-carpeted, and in other ways renewed. The decoration was put into the hands of Messrs. P. C. Browne & Co., of Toronto. At the present writing, the interior is said to be the most attractive in the city, as it is the largest

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auditorium of any Protestant church in the Dominion. The entire expense has been paid by the sacrificing loyalty of the congregation.

HIS STORY.

Rev. Andrew Todd Taylor was born in the County of Antrim, Ireland, in 1865. His parents were married and all their children baptized by the Rev. Andrew Todd, of Finvoy, who ministered to that congregation for nearly 60 years.

After school days Mr. Taylor devoted six years to a business career, and coming to the United States in 1881, began his course of preparation for the ministry. This continued with some little interruption for 12 years and he was ordained as pastor of Mt. Prospect Church, Presbytery of Washington, Pa., in 1893. After three and one-half years of service there he was called to Gaston Church, Philadelphia, in 1896, whence he was called to Cooke's in 1908. Dr. Taylor received the degree of B.A. and, later, that of D.D. from the Alma Mater Grove City College. He also received the degree of M.A. from Princeton University and a diploma from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1893.

Mrs. Taylor, who ably supports her husband in all his labors, is the daughter of one of the leading ministers of the American Church, the late Rev. James J. Brownson, D.D., of Pennsylvania.

Mention should here be made of the practical co-operation of Knox Church of Toronto, from whose membership the first roll of Cooke's had largely come and was thus regarded as in a sense "the mother church." Recognizing the merit of the "daughter" to share in the large means that had been entrusted to her administration, Knox Church offered to bear a part in the cost of maintenance of the work of Cooke's Church to the extent of \$1,000 a year for a period of two years. This grant, it is confidently expected, will be repeated in view of the ever-increasing responsibilities of a church situated as is Cooke's in the heart of the great city.

The congregation looks forward hopefully to the future for great blessing, both temporally and spiritually, under the

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ministry of Dr. Taylor and his esteemed wife. May they be long spared to break to us the bread of life and be counted worthy, in God's hand, of leading many to the Saviour.

MR. BAMFORD IS CALLED

The Session, owing to the increasing demands made by the changing character of the work of the church, decided to call to Dr. Taylor's assistance, the Rev. John Bamford, B.A., of



REV. JOHN BAMFORD, M.A.

Western Highlands Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Kansas. Mr. Bamford accepted the call and took up the task early in January, 1910. He was born in Portrush, Ireland, and during his boyhood days sat under the ministry of Rev. Jonathan Simpson. He prepared for the ministry in Queen's College, Belfast, Princeton, N.J., and Auburn Theological Seminary, N.Y., where he graduated in 1898. He has held pastorates in New York, New Jersey, as well as one of seven years in Kansas City, Kansas.

Mr. Bamford has already endeared himself to the people

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and congregation of Cooke's Church and we look forward with great hopes for the future through the able and efficient ministry of Dr. Taylor and Mr. Bamford.

Miss Adair is now, by the appointment of the session, our Deaconess and is doing a very useful work among the young women and families of the congregation.

HONORABLE MENTION

In reviewing the history of the congregation our attention has been directed mostly to the ministers who have been connected with the church during almost sixty years. But it is needless to say there are names of many office-bearers and members deserving of honorable mention.

The success of any church under God's blessing largely depends on the character and faithfulness of those whose duty it is to support the hands of the minister.

Cooke's Church has been able to exert the influence which has characterized its past, because there have always been found within it a noble band of loyal and devoted men and women who have counted it their chief joy to seek its highest welfare.

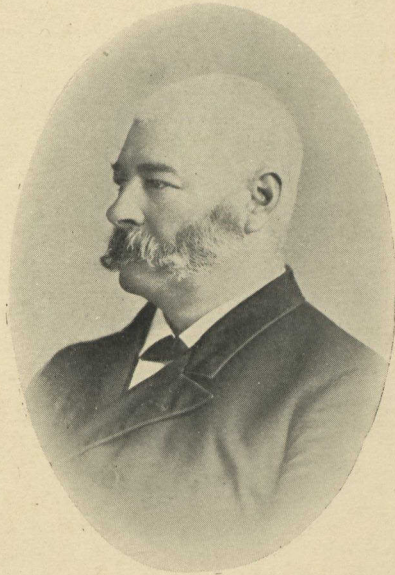
One hesitates to mention names, as many quite as deserving of appreciative remembrance as those indicated, must necessarily be omitted. But we would be ungrateful not to recall the names of honored dead, who have rendered in the past much able and self-sacrificing service in the cause of their Lord and Master.

The late Mr. John Rogers and Mr. William Hunter served the congregation for over forty years as ruling elders. Mr. John Bradshaw, Mr. Joseph McCauley, Mr. Moses Stanton, Mr. James Martin, Mr. John Tom, Mr. Robert J. Hunter, Mr. William Wilson, Mr. John Hanna and Mr. Thomas Caswell must be named. These brethren ministered to the spiritual needs of the flock with great acceptance in their day, but have all passed to their eternal rest and have entered into the joy of the higher service with their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The late Chief Justice Patterson of the Supreme Court, Ottawa; the Honorable George Brown, Mr. Hugh Millar, Mr.

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John Oliver, Mr. William Corbett and Mr. P. G. Close, served the congregation as trustees and managers and rendered efficient service in their time. Mr. Close served the church as office-bearer for twenty-six years and as chairman of the Board of Trustees and Managers for over twenty years. "The memory of the just is blessed;" and remembrance of



MR. P. G. CLOSE

those qualities, which so endeared Mr. Close to all will always abide in the hearts of those who knew him.

It is impossible to speak of these departed friends at length. Many of them filled a large place in the work and councils of the congregation. They leave behind a record of unswerving faith in the love and merits of the Master they delighted to serve and of steady earnest and efficient work in His cause.

We are pleased to enrol the name of Mr. William Rennie, of Swansea, the only surviving person of those who have served the church in the eldership in the early days. His resignation

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in 1884 was accepted by the session with much regret. May his declining years be the best years of service in the church where he ministers his mature Christian gift.

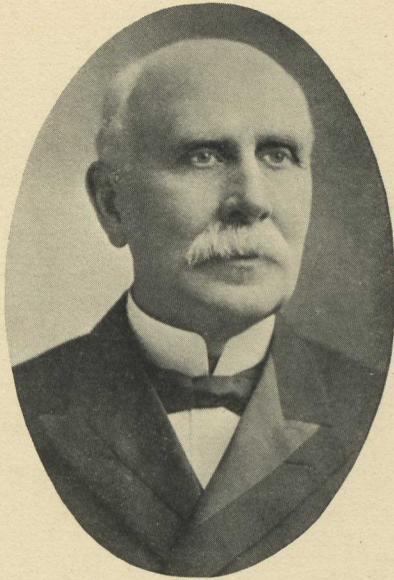
Mr. and Mrs. John Sheridan are worthy of special mention. They have contributed largely towards every good cause in connection with the interest of the congregation. Their connection with Cooke's Church dates back to her early days.

Miss Jean McClain stands on the roll of honor as being the oldest member of the congregation, uniting with the church in 1852, and she has been a consistent member during the years of shadow and sunshine. Her faith is simple and childlike and her religious feelings sincere and deep. We deem it a privilege to record the name of this aged believer.

Mrs. Samuel Wallace, wife of our esteemed session clerk, appears in order as the next oldest member, having united with the church on profession of faith 29th January, 1865. Mrs. Wallace has been a leader in every good work in the interest of the congregation, rendering varied and efficient service as teacher of the infant class in the Sabbath School in the early days; president of the Ladies Aid Society, president of the Woman's Association and president of the W. F. M. Society.

It would be a serious omission, and one which the congregation would hardly understand, were no mention made of two men who so long as they could conveniently remain were most active in the work of the church and are now still ready to contribute of their means to the work, viz: Mr. Thomas Kinnear and Mr. T. A. Lytle. Mr. Kinnear rendered efficient services as elder and trustee. His services as president of the Debt Fund Association was much appreciated, also his generous assistance in arranging the reduction of the mortgage indebtedness. Mr. Lytle faithfully discharged the duties of secretary to the Board of Management and of chairman of the Building Committee during the erection of the new church in 1891.

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MR. THOMAS KINNEAR

Cooke's Church has been a recruiting field for the gospel ministry. The following men have gone forth from this congregation into useful spheres of labor. Others who were only in temporary connection while in school are not enumerated :

Rev. Dr. Abraham, Toronto, Ont.

Rev. Frank Forster, now in American Presbyterian Church.

Rev. William Chestnut, now pastor in the North-West.

Rev. R. C. Pollock, now pastor in Manitoba.

Rev. J. S. Conning, now minister in Baltimore.

Rev. William Johnston, pastor at Millbrook, Ont.

Rev. Robert Pogue, St. Paul's, Peterboro, Ont.

Rev. M. P. Talling, Ph.D., Toronto, Ont.

Rev. Thos. Eakin, Ph.D., Professor Toronto University.

Rev. P. W. Anderson, Ottawa, Ont.

Rev. Wm. Rennie, Professor in Japan.

Rev. William Beattie, pastor at Cobourg, Ont.

There are now in preparation for the ministry in Toronto University : Mr. Robt. Whyte, Mr. Samuel Oke, Mr. W. J. McFadden, and at Queen's University, Mr. Gordon. Miss May McDonald graduates this year from the Bible Training School, and Mr. D. E. McDonald is pursuing the same course.

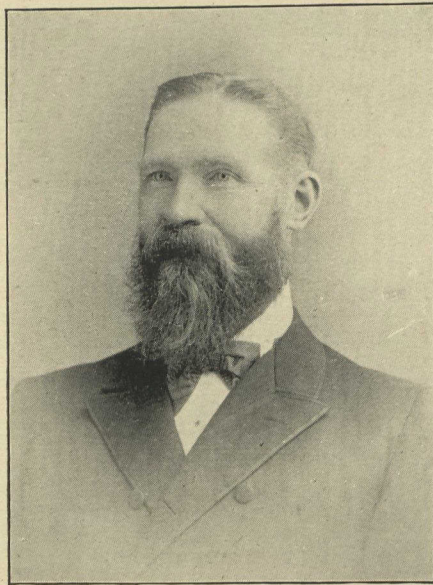
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CLOSING WORD

After fifty-nine years of service for the Master, Cooke's Church looks forward hopefully even to greater days of blessing in the future than she has experienced in the past.

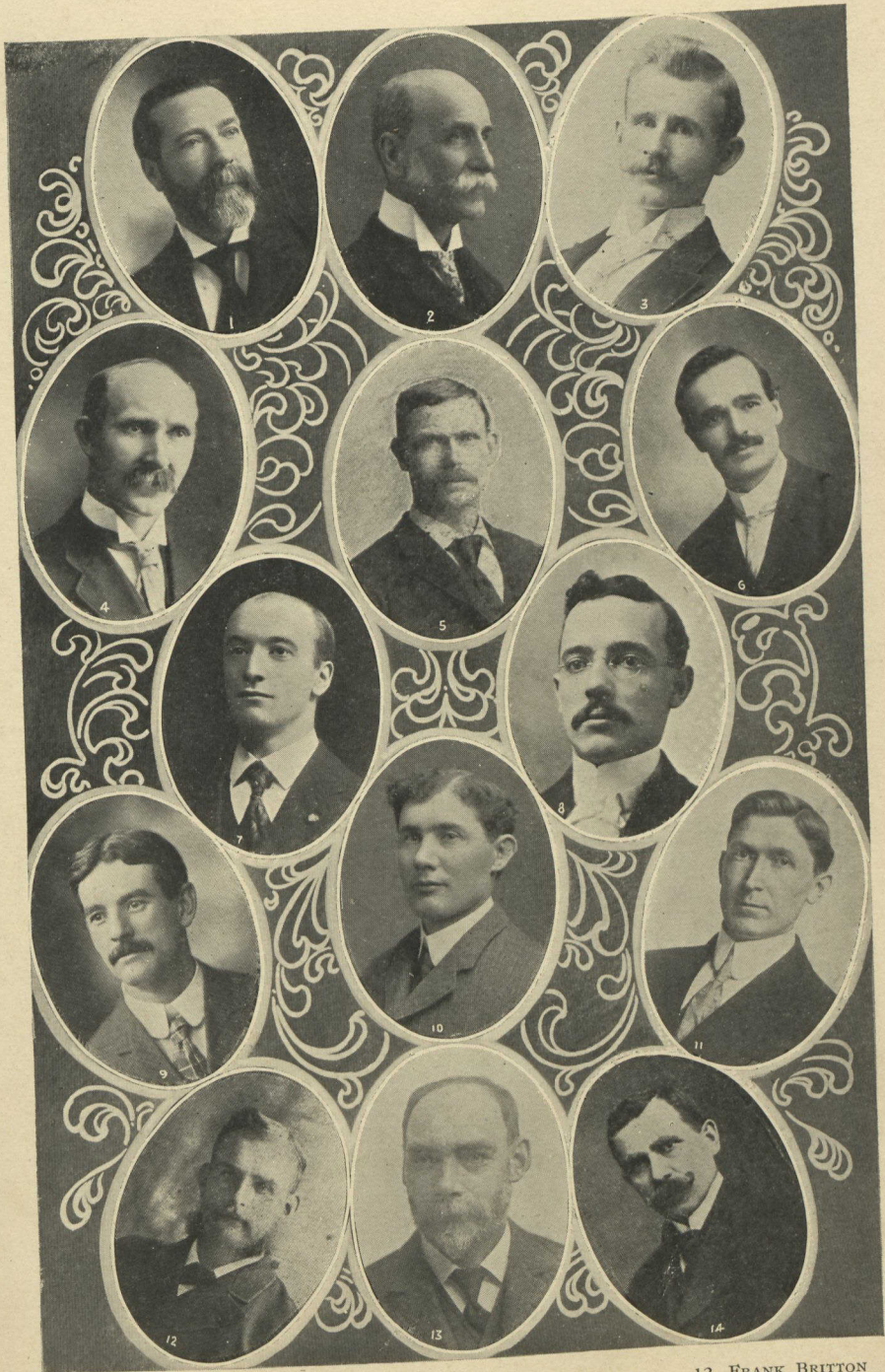
May the young of the present generation be incited to surpass in Christian devotion the fathers and mothers, who one by one have fallen asleep.

When God wished to incite his people of ancient days to go forward, He said: "Remember all the way in which the Lord thy God hath led thee these forty years."



MR. JAMES ALISON

This old appeal by Moses to God's goodness in the past as a motive to greater effort in the future, comes to us in these later days as powerfully as to the children of Israel. May we prove ourselves to be worthy of the noble heritage which has come down to us and seek through the grace of the God who guided and helped our fathers to make by our devotion and loyalty to Christ, the name of "Cooke's Church" fragrant with precious memories to those who succeed us, that they with us may sing with the Psalmist: "Walk about Zion and go round about her, tell the tower thereof, mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that we may tell it to the generations following. For this God is our God forever and ever. He will be our guide even unto death."



1. WILLIAM TAFTS
 2. JOHN P. MARTIN
 3. C. W. SHERIDAN

4. JAMES MULLIGAN
 5. JOHN S. HALLIDAY
 6. JOHN ESLER
 7. CHARLES WARNER

8. W. C. NICKUM
 9. T. W. CLOSE
 10. JOHN E. TURNER
 11. JAMES D. HUNTER

12. FRANK BRITTON
 13. WILLIAM FORSTER
 14. J. C. SIMON

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TRUSTEES APPOINTED.

The following constituted the Board of Trustees of Cooke's Church to hold the church property in trust for the congregation: Messrs. P. G. Close, Thomas Caswell, James Alison, John Rennie and Richard Gilday, elected 8th February, 1899. On 11th September, 1891, a meeting of the congregation was held to rearrange the church mortgage. Mr. Thomas Caswell acted as chairman. The following motion was moved by James Alison, seconded by W. J. C. McCrea, that the trustees are hereby authorized to cancel the mortgage given to the Star Life Assurance Society, of London, England, for the sum of £8,000 Sterling and that the said trustees be empowered to effect a new loan with the Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada for the sum of \$30,000 for a term of ten years bearing interest at 4½ per cent. payable half-yearly with the privilege of paying off the whole or such sums as convenient and that they mortgage the church property for the sum mentioned. Carried. Moved by Mr. John Rennie and seconded by Mr. Gilday, that Mr. James Alison appear before the Presbytery to obtain their sanction to the above resolution affecting the church property. The Presbytery met on 1st October, 1901, and Mr. James Alison being heard in support of the application, it was resolved on motion made by Principal Caven, seconded by Rev. Dr. Gilray, to grant the application as presented.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES, 1910.

The Trustees desire to submit a report of the property held in trust for the congregation.

You will observe from the following statement that this congregation has acquired a valuable asset within the last sixty years, the value of which is estimated to be over \$100,000:

Present financial status :	
1857—Land and building	\$23,764.54
1887—Remodeling and furnishing	18,832.44
1891—Present Church	50,191.63
1909—Decorating and furnishing.	4,739.41
	\$97,528.02
Assets	\$100,000.00
Liabilities	19,500.00
Surplus	\$80,500.00

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The mortgage held by the Mutual Life Insurance Co. for \$30,000 expires in November, 1911. The principal amount has been reduced by \$10,500, leaving a balance of \$19,500 to be arranged on or before November, 1911.

JAMES ALISON,
JOHN RENNIE,
RICHARD GILDAY,
Trustees.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

We take pleasure in recording the names of the members who have served the congregation as Superintendents in the very important work in connection with the Sabbath School, from its formation until the present time, viz., in the following order:

Mr. Joseph McCauley, Mr. William Hunter, Mr. Robert J. Hunter, Mr. Thomas Caswell, Mr. Samuel Wallace, Mr. Robert A. McConnell, Mr. Thomas Humphries and Mr. Robert Armstrong. These honored brethren rendered very efficient and devoted service in the early and later days of the school. There have also been many faithful and devoted teachers in connection with the Sabbath School, who have rendered in the past much self-sacrificing service in the cause of Christ and have been a tower of strength to the congregation and a great blessing under God to the dear children committed to their care. The present list of workers are sustaining well the noble work.

Many of the boys and girls, now men and women settled in many lands, look back to their childhood days in Cooke's Church Sabbath School with deep affection and bless God for the instructions there received and recount with gratitude to God the impressions made upon their young lives through the faithful instructions so willingly given by their respective teachers.

We would gladly record the names of many of those teachers who have been instruments in God's hand in leading many young souls into a higher and nobler life, but lest some deserving name should be omitted we forego this privilege.

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PRESENT OFFICERS.

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Robert Armstrong

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. John Hammond

SECRETARY OF TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Mrs. A. W. Hardy

TREASURER

Mrs. J. D. Hunter

SECRETARIES OF SCHOOL

Miss Amy Eagle, Miss Madeline Hooey, Mr. Alex. Halliday

Mr. Harry Johnston

LIBRARIAN

Mr. Henry McCullough

PIANIST

Mr. Bert Henderson

ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS

Mr. Harry Hooke, Mr. Percy Wilbur

ASSISTANT PIANIST

Miss M. Millar

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. R. Armstrong, Mr. C. A. Millar, Mr. S. Egan, Miss E. Hooey, Mr. J. Hammond, Mr. J. D. Hunter, Miss R. Alison, Miss L. Hammond, Mrs. A. W. Hardy, Mr. R. Gilday, Miss A. Eagle, Mr. H. McCullough.

LIST OF TEACHERS

Miss Alison	Miss E. B. Cole
" A. Hooey	" M. McKeag
" E. Hooey	" L. Mulligan
" M. Watson	" E. Johnston
" M. McDonald	" A. Pollock
" G. Hastings	" M. Howard
" A. Hastings	Mr. C. A. Millar
" M. Millar	" J. D. Hunter
" H. Millar	" Wm. Dale
" L. Egan	" L. McDonald
" Kate McDougall	" T. H. Watson
" I. Jeffery	" D. W. McDonald
" C. Jeffery	" J. Hammond
" R. McCullough	" F. Halliday
" M. McCullough	" H. Adams
" J. McKenzie	" Alex. Jamieson
" McCaughan	" Wm. J. Ingram
" L. Hammond	" F. Halliday
" J. Gilday	" Duncan McDonald
" E. Taylor	" Chas. Warner
" Adair	" D. Drybrough
" J. Johnston	Rev. John Bamford

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

OFFICERS, 1910

Hon. President.....	Dr. A. T. Taylor
Hon. Vice-President.....	Rev. John Bamford
President.....	Mr. A. C. Jamieson
First Vice-President.....	Miss R. McCullough
Second Vice-President.....	Mr. D. L. L. McDonald
Treasurer.....	Miss Amy Eagle
Rec. Sec'y.....	Mrs. Robertson
Cor. Sec'y.....	Mr. W. Dale

CONVENORS OF COMMITTEES

Prayer Meeting.....	Miss Mary Millar
Look-out.....	Miss G. Hastings
Missionary.....	Miss L. Smith, Mr. A. Watkins
Visiting.....	Miss Coutts, Mr. S. McKeag
Social.....	Miss M. McKeag
Sunday School.....	Miss V. Bennie
Flower.....	Miss M. Sutherland
Good Citizenship.....	Mr. Ormsby
Supt. of Bands.....	Miss L. Hammond
Junior Supts.....	Miss H. Millar, Miss A. Hastings
Pianist.....	Miss L. Egan

JUNIOR ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

OFFICERS, 1910

Superintendents.....	Miss H. C. Millar, Miss A. Hastings, Mr. J. E. Turner
President.....	Violet Bennie
First Vice-President.....	Charlie Rorke
Second Vice-President.....	Sadie Cleveland
Secretary.....	Mary Jeffrey
Treasurer.....	Eleanor Taylor
Social Committee.....	Irwin Taylor, Margaret Graham
Visiting Committee.....	Wilson Sutherland, Ella Simms
Missionary Committee.....	May Cleveland
Look-out Committee.....	Olive Egan
Prayer Meeting Committee.....	Miss A. Hastings
Flower Committee.....	Mary Taylor, Mamie Clusky

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

This Association, which exists for the promotion of the friendly spirit among members of the congregation and for co-operation with the session and board of management, was organized on 29th April, 1909. Honorary president, Mrs. (Dr.) Taylor; president, Mrs. N. B. McKibbon; secretary, Miss Gilday; treasurer, Miss Alison. The Association is an

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enlargement of the Women's Association of the earlier days and has maintained throughout a vigorous existence.

The Association is to be congratulated on the special services it has rendered in connection with the beautifying of the church, contributing the sum of \$400 towards the renovation fund. We look forward with great hopes to the future for Cooke's Church through the aid of this society, which stands ready to promote at all times the spiritual and financial welfare of the church. Present membership, 114.

OFFICERS, 1910

Honorary President.....	Mrs. Taylor
President.....	Miss M. Mitchell
First Vice-President.....	Mrs. J. Hook
Second Vice-President.....	Mrs. Eagle
Secretary.....	Miss E. Tafts
Treasurer.....	Miss B. Alison

COOKE'S CHURCH AUXILIARY W.F.M.S.

Cooke's Church Auxiliary to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was organized on the 9th day of November, 1886, by Mrs. John Harvie, Mrs. Dr. Gregg and Mrs. A. R. Gregory, all of whom are now living.

Mrs. Wm. Patterson, wife of our then pastor, was the first president and continued to hold that office until her removal from the city in 1900. Mrs. S. Wallace then took office and held it until 1902, when Mrs. A. Esler, wife of our late pastor, became president. She was followed by Mrs. M. P. Talling, Mrs. John M. Poole and the present president, Mrs. S. Wallace.

The secretaries have been Miss Bain, Miss McConnell, Miss Patterson, Miss C. Kerr, Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. McCully and the present devoted one, Miss Britton.

The treasurers have been Mrs. M. P. Talling, Miss Bessie McConnell and Mrs. R. Gilday who at present holds the office and has done so for the past thirteen years and who is held in love and esteem by all the members. Present membership, 78.

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Hon. President	Mrs. Eagle
President	Mrs. Wallace
First Vice-President	Mrs. Taylor
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Britton
Secretary	Miss Britton
Treasurer	Mrs. Gilday
Tidings Secretary	Mrs. McMullen
Organist	Mrs. Rennie

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Donnelly, Mrs. Halliday, Mrs. Organ, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Henderson.

YOUNG WOMEN'S MISSION BAND

This noble band of young women has been in existence since 1894. The following have served as presidents : Miss Mullen (one year); Miss Essie Hooey (ten years); Mrs. Moffat (one); Miss Eagle, now Mrs. Sutherland, Montreal (one); Miss E. Hooey (one); Miss Hammond (one) and Miss E. Hooey. Until 1910 its interest was confined to foreign work but it has now taken up work for the Home cause as well. From data at hand, we note that Miss Florence McMahan has served as secretary for five years, preceded by Miss M. Eagle for several years. We observe also that the secretary-treasurer since 1902 have been Mrs. Moffatt, Miss M. McCullough, Mrs. McGowan, Miss McKeag (now Foreign), Miss Dake (Home). Large donations of money and articles are sent out every year. Present enrolment, 79.

OFFICERS, 1910.

Hon. Presidents	Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. McKeag
President	Miss Essie Hooey
Vice-Presidents	Mrs. Esler, Miss Patton
Foreign Treasurer	Miss McKeag
Home Treasurer	Miss Dake
Secretary	Miss McMahan
Convenor of Executive	Miss M. McCullough
Convenors of Supplies	Mrs. Hardy, Miss Peters, Miss Hammond
Tidings Secretary	Miss Ina Marshall
Leaflet Secretary	Miss J. McKenzie
Social Convenor	Miss J. Johnston
Music Committee	Miss L. Egan

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COOKE'S CHURCH AUXILIARY W. H. M. S.

This Society which was organized in 1905, had for its first president Mrs. M. P. Talling, who was followed by Mrs. A. W. Hardy, and she by Mrs. Chas. A. Millar. Mrs. William Tafts worthily fills the presidency at present. The first secretary was Mrs. N. B. McKibben, who ably served for almost three years and was succeeded by the present efficient secretary, Mrs. John Esler. The treasuryship was held by Mrs. Tafts until her elevation to the presidency, when Mrs. W. J. Nichol was elected to the place which she still holds. The membership which is upwards of 86 is at present rapidly increasing.

OFFICERS, 1910.

President	Mrs. Tafts
First Vice-President	Mrs. Taylor
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Organ
Secretary	Mrs. Esler
Treasurer	Mrs. Nichol
Pioneer Secretary	Miss Patton
Supply Secretary	Mrs. McMullen
Organist	Mrs. Sheridan

BROTHERHOOD OF ANDREW AND PHILLIP

LIST OF OFFICERS, 1910.

Hon. President	Rev. Dr. Taylor
Hon. Vice-President	W. J. C. McCrea
President	Richard Gilday
First Vice-President	J. E. Turner
Second Vice-President	Mr. Homewood
Chaplain	J. Reidie
Treasurer	J. C. Brown
Secretary	Wm. Dale
Asst. Secretary	E. Merritt
Librarian	J. D. Hunter

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

Social	F. S. Childs
Look-out	D. W. McDonald
Literary	C. D. Warner
Sports	Roy Halliday
Conductor of Singing	R. Armstrong
Leader of Orchestra	Wm. Humphries
Representatives to Canadian Council	J. E. Turner, H. Elliott
Editor of Church Calendar	F. Halliday

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JUNIOR BROTHERHOOD.

Councillors, Mr. J. Hammond, Mr. J. Pollock ; president, Stanley McKeag ; vice-pres., Willie McMullen ; treas., J. Irwin Taylor ; sec., Willie Robertson.

This vigorous organization for boys was started by Dr. Taylor and a committee of the Senior Brotherhood in the spring of 1909. It has about 40 members and is as energetic in athletics as it is devout in religion. A company of Boy Scouts is being contemplated. Mr. Alex. Jamieson and Mr. Harry Johnston did much for the Brotherhood during its first year.

THE CHOIR

1910.

SOPRANOS.

Mrs. Score.	Miss Edith McCaughan.
Miss A. G. Brown.	“ Rubina McCaughan.
“ Fanny Brown.	“ M. Miller.
“ M. Crossen.	“ K. Organ.
“ M. Doughty.	“ E. Petch.
“ Firth.	“ Rusk.
“ M. Hall.	“ C. Spafford.
“ D. Harris.	“ E. Sims.
“ A. Hastings.	“ M. Warner.
“ Lee.	

CONTRALTOS.

Mrs. Passmore	Miss J. Fortier.
Miss L. Dickson.	“ N. Greenwood.
“ A. Eagle.	“ L. Grier.
“ O. Egan.	“ H. C. Logan.

TENORS.

Mr. Wookey.	Mr. H. Elliott.
“ R. Armstrong.	“ G. Hotrum.
“ G. Bennie.	“ R. Jeffrey.
“ Geo. Marks.	“ M. Wilbur.
“ A. Chiswell.	

BASSES.

Mr. V Gearing.	Mr. A. C. Jamieson.
“ J. Clarke.	“ S. McKeag.
“ H. Hooke.	“ H. G. Shaw.
“ N. Hooke.	“ P. Wilbur.
Mr. Wm. Galbraith	Organist and Choirmaster.
“ Harry Hooke	President.
“ Robert Armstrong	Treasurer.
Miss Amy Eagle	Secretary.

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CHINESE CLASS

Cooke's Church has maintained for many years the largest Chinese class in Toronto. Its meetings are held on Sabbath after the evening service. Upwards of 100 Chinamen are regularly on its rolls. Much of its success is due to the constant care and oversight of the Superintendent, Mr. John Hammond. The following are its present officers:

Honorary Superintendent.....	Rev. A. T. Taylor, D.D.
Superintendent.....	Mr. Jno. Hammond
Assist. Superintendents.....	Messrs. A. W. Hardy, M. T. Wou, Geo. Mark
Secretary.....	Miss A. Hastings
Treasurer.....	Mr. William Emery
Pianist.....	Miss E. Jamieson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(With the above officers.)

Mrs. A. W. Hardy, Mrs. W. J. McCully, Miss Heleen Millar, Miss Workman.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF THE YEAR 1909

IS HERE GIVEN AS A MATTER OF INTEREST.

Offerings by Envelopes.....	\$5,022 66
Loose collections.....	1,568 65
Session Fund.....	216 80
Debt Fund.....	196 41
Special Collection.....	477 66
Sabbath School.....	1,238 18
Christian Endeavor.....	437 90
Junior Endeavor.....	46 87
W. F. M. S.....	172 26
Y. W. M. B.....	75 43
B. of A. and P.....	233 58
Junior Brotherhood.....	15 93
W. H. M. S.....	96 30
Chinese Class.....	186 12
Women's Association.....	607 47
Missionary offerings.....	717 84
Renovation Fund.....	4,511 46
	\$15,821 52

Counted twice about \$800.

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The following brethren have served the church as Elders:

John Rogers 1852-1900*	Robert McNeill 1893-1900
Joseph McCauley 1852-1865*	Alexander E. Young 1893- †
William Hunter 1860-1897*	John M. Poole 1893-1910
Moses Stanton 1860-1877*	Thomas Humphries 1895-1906
William Wilson 1862-1884	Charles A. Millar 1895 †
James Martin 1862-1879	Alexander Smith 1895 †
John Bradshaw 1868-1884	John Wilson 1895-1902*
Robert J. Hunter 1868-1884	Samuel Egan 1901 †
John Tom 1871-1877*	Thomas B. Moffat 1901-1905
William Rennie 1876-1884	John Hammond 1901 †
John Hanna 1876-1882*	David Caldwell 1901-1903
James Alison 1884 †	Richard Gilday 1905 †
Thomas Caswell 1884-1907*	James Hooke 1905 †
Thomas Kinnear 1889-1905	Robert Armstrong 1905 †
Samuel Wallace 1889 †	David McCutcheon 1905-1906
Hugh McKeag 1889-1894*	William Johnston 1909 †
George H. Shepherd 1890-1891*	John Pogue 1909 †
William Eagle 1890-1906*	David S. Graham 1909 †
Andrew C. Kilpatrick 1890-1905	David Drybrough 1909 †
Robert Pogue 1890-1895	W. J. C. McCrear 1909 †
James S. Pollock 1890-1891	George Whyte 1909-1909†
John Rennie 1893 †	

N.B.—Those names marked * died in office.
Those names marked † are in office.

The following brethren have served the church as officers on the Board of Trustees—called, since 1899, the Board of Managers:

John Carr,	Chairman	1852-1853
Hugh Millar,	“	1854-1855; 1872-1876
George Beardmore	“	1856-1862
Justice Patterson	“	1863-1868
William Davidson	“	1869-1871
Patrick G. Close	“	1875-1900
Richard Gilday	“	1901
John P. Martin	“	1902
William Tafts	“	1885
William Johnston	“	1903-1909
William Tafts	“	1910
James B. Boyle, Secretary	1852-1854
Justice Patterson,	“	1855-1857; 1860-1862
Duncan Clark,	“	1858-1859
J. C. Hamilton	“	1863-1865; 1876-1877
William Bryden	“	1866-1868
Frederick Fenton	“	1869-1870
Thomas Kerr	“	1871-1872

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John W. Laing, Secretary.....	1873-1874
James Hunter "	1875
William R. Orr "	1878
James Alison "	1879
T. A. Lytle "	1880-1883
Thomas Henry "	1885
William C. Riddell "	1884-1889
George Sheppard "	1890
George A. Doran "	1891
John Rennie "	1892-1893
John P. Martin "	1894-1908
James Millar "	1902
William C. Nickum "	1910
Nathaniel Gatchell, Treasurer.....	1852-1854
A. Jardine "	1855-1862
Thomas Henning "	1863-1865
Robert J. Hunter "	1866-1872
Thomas Kerr "	1873-1874
John W. Laing "	1875
John Oliver "	1876-1879
Mr. A. G. Booth "	1885
James Alison "	1880-1910