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OVER a hundred of Peterborough's foremost citizens on Friday night, October 8th, assembled

at a citizens' banquet to do honour to Archdeacon Davidson, Rector of Peterborough, who has taken up the work of Diocesan Commissioner for the Anglican Forward Movement, with headquarters in Toronto. The attendance was thoroughly re-

presentative of all city interests—religious, industrial, medical, legislative, educational, civic, legal, business, trade and commerce. The occasion's outstanding feature was its exemplification of the manner in which Peterborough citizens are drawing together for community weal, irrespective of Church, creed or politics, and in a foreshadowing of still greater effort in this direction, fostered in no small measure by the local Ministerial Association.

Toward the evening's close Mayor A. A. McIntyre, on behalf of Peterborough's citizens, presented Archdeacon Davidson with an address, testifying to the respect in which he was held by citizens generally, and recognizing his earnest work for com-

of a spirit of religious tolerance with its broadening influences."

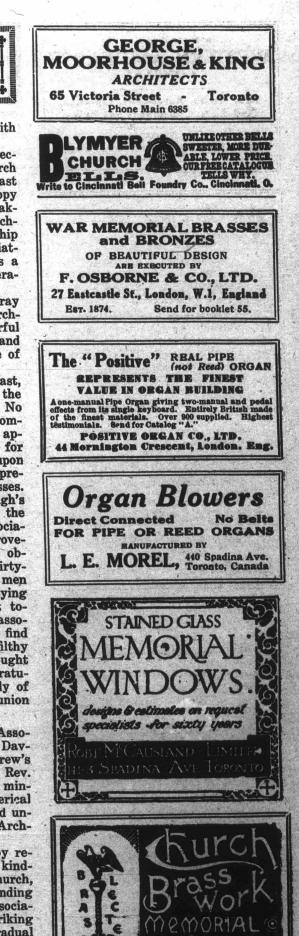
Rev. Monsignor W. J. McColl, Rector of the Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, East Peterborough, followed in a happy speech, endorsing the previous speaker's commendation of the Archdeacon's clerical life and citizenship the last thirty years, and appreciating his well-known deportment as a man of peace and of religious toleration.

Rev. J. R. Webb, pastor of Murray St. Baptist Church, admired Archdeacon Davidson for his cheerful optimism, his religious conviction, and he loved him for his full measure of real, broad charity.

On rising to respond to the toast, the Archdeacon was acclaimed to the echo as "a jolly good fellow." No words, he asserted, were at his com-mand with which to express his appreciation of and deep gratitude for the tremendous honour showered upon him by civic and community representatives of all creeds and classes. After a eulogy of Peterborough's spirit, the Archdeacon touched on the influence of the Ministerial Association for moral and social improvement, early closing, Lord's Day observance and parer politics. Thirty-two years ago, he declared, many men had no shame whatever in buying votes nor in being bought; but today, due in some extent to this association's influence, one can hardly find a man brazen enough to accept filthy lucre for his ballot. He thought Peterborough people should congratulate themselves on having a body of clergy who live together in close union and Christian brotherhood.

The Peterborough Ministerial Association banquetted Archdeacon Davidson in the manse of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. Jas. Rollins is pastor. Fourteen ministers gathered, and the clerical gentlemen each in turn expressed unqualified appreciation of the Archdeacon's services.

Archdeacon Davidson, in happy reply, expressed his gratitude for kindly references to himself and church, and reviewed different outstanding events of and leaders in the association's past history. Its striking policy, he said, had been a gradual development of freely exemplified brotherhood, while maintaining clearly defined loyalty to individual communions.



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munity welfare, his services as Chaplain in the war, together with his high standing in Peterborough as clergyman and citizen, all of which was coupled with keen regrets at his departure for another field of Christian endeavour.

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"Our Guest."

In proposing this toast, Judge E. C. S. Huycke had many kind expressions for Archdeacon Davidson, characterizing him as one of Peterborough's best citizens. He paid particular tribute to Mrs. J. C. Davidson, and referred in appreciative terms to her comendable work with associates in the Red Cross during the war. He eulogized the guest of honour for his extension of sympathetic ministration above, beyond and behind his own Church. "He has always," the speaker said, "not only been an apostle of the Church of England, but of Christianity in general, his hand at all times outstretched to people and clergy of every Church. His gospel has always been one of peace, accomplishing much in the spreading

Archdeacon Davidson had filled the presidency of this association for three years, and had been closely connected with its work throughout his ministry here.

Parochial Reception.

Despite a drenching rain, St. John's schoolhouse was filled to over-flowing at the parochial farewell to Archdeacon Davidson. He was presented with a substantial cheque and Mrs. Davidson with flowers. The Rector was also the recipient of a gift *î* com the Sunday School and Woman's Bible Class, and Mrs. J. C. Davidson from the Chancel Guild.

On the Rector's last Sunday a capacity congregation stayed an hour after evening service to bid the Archdeacon Godspeed. Several members gave addresses, and Rev. Jas. Rollins, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, was a welcome visitor with his warm references to his comrade, the Rector, with whom he had seen war service overseas, occupying the same tent for six trying months. "He was my Padre," Mr. Rollins said, "and in my opinion the best Chaplain in the service."



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