

REV. DR. ARMSTRONG SAYS FAREWELL TO ST. PAUL'S.

There was a large attendance at the morning service in St. Paul's church on Sunday morning, when the pastor of thirty-five years, Rev. Dr. Armstrong, preached his farewell sermon. He retires from the charge to give his entire time to the management of the Ottawa Ladies' College. The pulpit was embanked in flowers for the occasion and the congregation felt deeply the loss of the minister who had guided it so well for all these years. Dr. Armstrong in giving a short resume of the life of the St. Paul's church since he became its minister, said that it was not his purpose to preach a farewell sermon. He could not in any way express his feelings in the matter. He called attention to the fact that other work had called him, and he felt it his duty to take up the management of the Ottawa Ladies' college. He did not prefer college work to pastoral, but this new work had in a way singled him out to do it. A good number of works had come to him and it had never been his lot to get anything easy. The Sunday observance, the Lord's Day alliance, the lumbermen's missions, the home missions, the Bible society, and finally the college have come to him, and he had a measure of success in each.

Naturally this occasion recalled old memories and associations. He had been with the congregation in its fears and hopes and in its tolling and anxieties. He had been with its families in all their joys and sorrows, in their trials and bereavements. "Every home and every house would furnish a chapter in a story not uninteresting; often pathetic."

He had been in the struggles which the congregation had had in the past. He spoke of the advantages derived by a congregation that had to strive. It developed the character of the people; it made necessary a great deal of self-sacrifice and united effort. There had been hard times in this congregation which brought out a great deal of self-sacrifice so necessary for both pastor and people. For fifteen and twenty years upon that hill it had been a strife which needed "the strong heart for the strae brae." But during the past few years the aspect in this point of the city had changed. There was a new population with a new prosperity. With a united congregation and a church all paid for, the new man could come to the work under hopeful auspices.

"In the midst of all the difficulties, financial and otherwise, I have not stood apart from the congregation. There has been no scheme advanced by the congregation in the initiation and pressing of which I have not taken my full share. I do not think there is one which I did not stay with to the end."

The position of the congregation had been one which demanded a spirit of unity and self-sacrifice. The congregation had always been amenable to good sense and "free from cranks and mutineers." Much of the untidiness of the congregation was due as well to anticipating things which would cause trouble and avoiding them. He urged the congregation in the future to stand united by the ship as in the past.

His Call to the Church.

He referred to the fact that his call had been signed by 127 members, and as far as he knew only 18 were now living. There had been enrolled since 1861, or an average of 28 each year. There had been 400 baptisms in the thirty-five years. He had preached between 3,000 and 4,000 sermons in that time, which if written out would make one hundred respectable volumes. These sermons would reveal much of his personal history and the history of the congregation. His first sermon had been on God is Love, and again and again he had returned to that text, preaching his anniversary sermon each year on it. He found that the creed and rules for practical life resolved themselves into these two: to live in the love of God and to live in the will

of God. While he saw the faces of those present he did not forget the faces of those who were gone. They all made up the whole family, all to unite in the one home.

There was a meeting of the Sunday school students in the afternoon, when Rev. Dr. Armstrong gave an address on the Use of the Bible.

In the evening Rev. J. W. H. Milne, M.A., interim moderator, preached and paid a well-deserved tribute to the worth of the retiring pastor. He was a warm admirer of Dr. Armstrong, not only for his strength of character, sound judgment and his abilities as a preacher, but as well for the great value of his ministry. Dr. Armstrong was a great force and a great power in the Presbyterian church. He initiated many movements that have been and will be of great importance not only to the Presbyterian church but to all Canada.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE.

The regular fall meeting of this Presbytery, met in Miami on the 14th of September. Rev. R. A. Clackson, Moderator, occupied the chair, and Rev. F. Scott acted as clerk, owing to the absence of Rev. Wm. Caven. After the reading of the minutes, and some corrections made, the report from those who had dispensed ordinances was received. Mr. Hartley reported for Plum Coulee, and Mr. McIvor for Snowflake. Rev. J. A. Beattie was appointed Moderator of Swan Lake. When elders commissions were called for Rev. D. McIvor reported the death of Mr. Millar, the representative elder of the La Riviere field. A minute to this sad event was recorded.

The report of the committee who were appointed to investigate the difference in the Lyon's Hall field was received and adopted. Rev. Mr.

who has been laboring there has gone over to the Dakota side, and was accordingly certified. Rev. F. J. Hartley reported for the evangelistic committee that 12 sessions had reported as unfavorable to a Simultaneous Campaign, and 18 sessions favorable, and that owing to the lack of unanimity on the subject in the Presbytery, recommended that the matter be stayed for the present. The recommendation was adopted. Rev. M. C. Rumball reported on the Killarney Appeal case. This was the striking off the roll of a number of names by the Killarney session. The report recommended: (1) restoring Mr. Kilpatrick to his full standing as member and elder; (2) That Mr. G. B. Monteath and the others for whom he appeared be put back on the roll, and any others whose names had been removed, as these had, on application that they be replaced on the roll; (3) Re Mr. McCullagh, who had resigned as elder and the session had accepted his resignation, the acceptance be held as valid.

In connection with this the minutes of a session meeting held at Killarney, on April 7th were declared illegal. The report was adopted.

A call from Deloraine congregation to Rev. Thos. Beveridge, was forwarded to him for decision and an adjourned meeting was arranged for at Deloraine to induct, if the call was accepted and provisional arrangements made therefor.

At the evening session a splendid paper was read by Rev. G. W. Farvon, on the life of Calvin, and an address full of evangelistic fervor by Rev. J. A. Caldwell on Prayer. The Miami Choir led the singing and Miss Collins sang a solo. The good people of Miami very hospitably entertained the Presbytery. A minute was put on the books re the death of Rev. W. C. Rumball's father at the good old age of 81. Rev. Alex. Hamilton received word of the serious illness of his father and started for Ontario, at the close of the Presbytery. The next regular meeting is to be held in Pilot Mound, in February.

Rev. Dr. Sedgewick, of Tatamagouche, is visiting friends and relatives in this diocese, N.S.I. and they were rejoiced to find him enjoying vigorous health.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

The charge of Newburgh is hearing candidates for the vacant pulpit. Parties desiring a hearing should address Rev. J. P. McInnes, interim moderator, Harrowsmith, Ont.

Mr. Strange, student in charge of Juno Lake Mission during the summer, was the guest of Mr. J. T. Lindsay, North Bay, on his way back to Queen's, Kingston.

Rev. N. H. McGillivray, pastor of St. John's church, Cornwall, was summoned to Whitty last week to see his mother, who is seriously ill. His many friends will regret to hear that the doctors give little hope for her recovery.

Three additional elders have been ordained and inducted in St. Columba church, Kirk Hill. At the observance of the Lord's supper in this church last Sunday the pastor, Rev. Dr. McPhail was assisted by Rev. Daniel McLean of Prince Edward Island.

Says the Cornwall Standard: The Rev. W. D. Bell, of Finch, occupied the pulpit of St. John's church at both services on Sunday last and preached two excellent sermons. Rev. N. H. McGillivray was in Finch preaching anniversary services in Mr. Bell's church.

Rev. J. A. Hiltz, who recently resigned the pastorate of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, Belleville, makes application, through Kingston Presbytery, to be received into the Presbyterian Church. His petition will be transmitted for consideration by the General Assembly's committee on such applications.

The many friends of Mrs. (Rev.) J. Matheson, Summerstown, will regret to know that she is ill at the General Hospital, Cornwall, suffering from typhoid fever. The sympathy is even greater owing to the almost unprecedented circumstance that both of Mr. and Mrs. Matheson's young sons are also patients in the same hospital, being critically ill. Like his mother, Renwick is suffering from a severe attack of typhoid fever, and Cuyler underwent an operation for appendicitis. Although all the patients are doing well the entire neighborhood anxiously hopes for their speedy recovery.

We note with regret that Rev. Dr. Battisby, of Chatham, has intimated that if his health does not improve he will be forced to resign the pulpit of St. Andrew's, which he has occupied for 32 years.

Says the Orillia Packet: The fine, full-flavored Drumtocht spirit of local patriotism survives in Oro. At the induction of the Rev. A. McVicar last week the Rev. Neil Campbell declared that the purest air in the world was enjoyed in that township. And why not? Moreover, it can be had hot or cold, as desired.

WANTED.—Mr. John Ross, who was in charge of the Ucluelet Mission and school, has been transferred to Ahousaht. A successor is wanted for Ucluelet. It is situated on a beautiful promontory on the Barclay Sound. The Indian band lives in a village easily accessible, and there are a number of white families in the neighborhood. The duties include day school and Sabbath service, besides personal influence over the Indians. Salary \$600.00.

A Meredith article of extraordinary interest is that on "George Meredith as Publishers' Reader," contributed to the Fortnightly Review by B. W. Matz, a member of the publishing house which Meredith served in this capacity, and reprinted in THE LIVING AGE for September 18. The article is largely made up of extracts from Meredith's reports upon the manuscripts submitted to him, and it gives his opinions in a terse and slashing style which is very diverting.

The heart is like the tree that gives balm for the wound of man only when the iron has wounded it.—Chateaubriand.