

made, the preacher will find the service pleasant and profitable far beyond his most sanguine expectations. I speak from years of personal experience, under peculiarly trying circumstances. The advantages arising from such efforts are so many and important that I merely introduce the subject here, purposing to give it special attention, probably in my next.

Truly yours,

Kingston, April 3.

T. HALL.

MR. EDITOR,—In THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT of April 1, 1885, in the news of the churches, under the heading, "Pine Grove and Humber Summit," appears the following: "It was also resolved to place on record an appreciation of the success which had attended Mr. Way's pastorate of nearly two years, fifteen having been received into the fellowship of the church at Pine Grove, and thirty-eight at Humber Summit." No mention is made of Rev. R. McKay, evangelist, although seven of the fifteen who united with Pine Grove church are believed to have decided for Christ through his instrumentality, and others who were much blessed by his labours came into fellowship soon after. At Humber Summit thirty-six is the correct number, not thirty-eight. Seventeen persons were received into fellowship on 15th March, 1884. Most of these were brought to Christ by the blessing of God on the truth proclaimed by Rev. R. McKay during the week he laboured there. In August two were added to the church, one from the Primitive Methodist Church after the Union, the other professed to have received the truth during Mr. McKay's visit. Also in October, one joined the church who was before a member of the Primitive Methodist church. Mention should also be made of Rev. A. Gay, evangelist, and Mr. C. Barton who assisted in singing, whose labours during the beginning of this year were much blessed. Sixteen united with the church shortly after, several of whom were brought to Christ through the plain preaching of God's truth by Mr. Gay.

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MR. EDITOR,—To those in Canada who are more or less acquainted with Rev. David Beaton, of St. John's, N.F., the item which I herewith send you, will, I feel sure, be of some interest. I may say here, the Rev. David Beaton, who is the successor of the Rev. Thomas Hall as pastor of the Queen's Road Congregational Church, of this town, came to our shores early in the year 1880, exchanging the land of the thistle and heather for that of the codfish and the seal. During the past five years of his labour amongst us here he has not only endeared himself to the hearts of his own congregation; but, being an indefatigable temperance worker, as well as a very popular lecturer, has won the respect and good-will of the community at large. Shortly after his arrival in *Terra Nova* he

formed a class, known as the minister's Bible class: this being presided over by himself; it is one of the principal organizations in connection with the church, having a roll of 112, and an average attendance of seventy-two members, and is, I am happy to say, increasing in number from time to time. The fifth annual session of this class having well nigh drawn to a close, and the members thereof feeling that words were altogether inadequate to give expression to their gratitude for their esteemed teacher—who spared not himself but had laboured hard that he might do others good—resolved that their best thanks to him at the closing of the session should be accompanied with something of a more substantial nature than words: and accordingly a testimonial was procured and presented to the reverend gentleman. Of the occasion on which the presentation took place the following is an account:

The members of the pastor's Bible class had for some time entertained the idea of presenting him with a substantial "expression of their love and esteem"; and on the last meeting of the session, they decided to make it memorable to teacher and pupils alike in the way and manner herein set forth. A valuable silver service was purchased, and the necessary arrangements for presentation were made. Everything being in readiness, the class and their "guest"—the pastor—met and sat down to an excellent tea. After all had freely partaken, a table containing the plate, which consisted of seven pieces—a coffee-pot, tea-pot, fruit-stand, cake-basket, butter-cooler, sugar-basin and milk-jug—was placed in front of the reverend gentleman. Then the covering was removed and Mr. Robert Barnes, who was appointed to do the speaking, stepped forward and read the address—elegantly engrossed by J. B. Ayre, Esq., and neatly bound in crimson plush. Of course, Mr. Beaton was, for the moment, "rendered speechless by surprise"; but surprises of this kind are generally too agreeable to leave any "injurious effects of an abiding nature," and speedily recovering he was soon able to express his thanks for so enduring a memorial of gratitude and affection. A hearty vote of thanks was subsequently passed to Mr. Ayre for his kindness in engrossing the address free of charge, and the remainder of the evening was occupied in various appropriate amusements.

W. CHANCEY,

Sec'y, Ministers' Bible Class.

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THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, some time ago, referring to our Missionary Superintendent, facetiously asked "Why not call him *Bishop*?" A correspondent of THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT in its last issue refers, in no facetious vein, to "our Bishop's letters." This officer is fast assuming diocesan functions. At a place recently visited by "our Bishop," which is not