

He dwelte at hoom, and kepte wel his folde,
 So that the wolf ne made it not myscarye,
 He was a schepperde and no mercenarie ;
 And though he holy were, and vertuous,
 He was to senful man naught dispitous,
 Ne of his speche daungerous ne digne,
 But in his teching discret and benigne,
 To drawe folk to heven by fairnesse,
 By good ensample, was his busynesse,
 He waytud after no pompe ne reverence,
 Ne maked him a spiced conscience ;
 But Cristes lore, and his apostles twelve,
 He taught, and ferst he folwed it himselve.

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The Board of Management felt that an occurrence so unusual in Canada as the completion of a pastorate extending over a quarter of a century should be fittingly remembered. They accordingly communicated with each of the organizations of the Church requesting that delegates should be appointed to confer together as to the manner in which the occasion should be honoured. A hearty response was made to the call and after several conferences, at which various suggestions were thoroughly canvassed and discussed, it was decided to present Dr. Fletcher with an illuminated address, accompanied by a cheque for a substantial sum of money, the holding of a sacred concert, and a congregational meeting, followed by a social gathering, at which Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher should receive the members and adherents of the Congregation and their friends. Strong and enthusiastic sub-committees were entrusted with the working out of the details of the various arrangements. So generous was the response to the calls made by the Committee on Contributions that this Committee was enabled to report that a sum of \$600 was available for presentation, after payment of the very handsome illuminated address. Contributions were not limited to the present members and adherents of the Congregation, or to our own city, as some very handsome donations were received from former members and adherents now residing elsewhere.

At the evening service on Sabbath, 2nd May, fitting reference was made by the Pastor to the event about to be celebrated.