

remarks were made about his fascination for the St. Andrew's folk when he "supplied" in the absence of his namesake of recently-departed memory. We have reason to know that Mr. McCartney Wilson's appeal to many of St. Andrew's people has not grown less with the years, but—he has been at Calgary only nine months.

Mr. McCain, of Boston, also officiated at St. Andrew's one Sunday. No sensible outsider would venture to advise so strongly-manned a Session as St. Andrew's, but it may be permissible to hold the opinion that it would be a good thing for any leading congregation in the West if they could prevent a man like Mr. McCain accepting the call of another States' city church, such as we understand was recently given to him. Western Canadian churches need more men of strong and attractive personality, who give the impression that the work of the ministry, rightly valued and duly attended to, is in itself big enough for them.

#### ILLNESS OF REV. A. E. COOKE

People of all the churches, and perhaps even opponents of his political views and expositions, would extend sympathy to the Rev. A. E. Cooke, if the facts were more fully known of his heroic fight against illness, personal and domestic.

We understand First Congregational Church, Vancouver, like many another, has had its responsibilities and difficulties through changing sites and war conditions. But, after accepting its call the other year, Mr. Cooke made a notable effort in consolidation work, which ill-health has interrupted. Opinions may differ as to the ministerial methods employed to attract or hold congregations, transient or other. Mr. Cooke usually seeks to make his sermon subjects fit topics of the times, and when he has been in ordinary health—or working as if he were—he has drawn big crowds to First Congregational Church.

As mentioned in the press, certain associates recently gave him a testimonial of practical friendliness, and, notwithstanding serious sickness, he has continued to strive to overtake his ministerial obligations. The wounded warrior does not need to apologise to the stretcher-bearers: there are other battlefields than those of shot and shell whereon it may be as much a duty to accept "first-aid" as to give it.

We have gathered from various quarters that the fight is being well maintained by the Congregational pastor, and we are sure that all who like to see a man put himself into his work—even though they may differ with him as to methods or courses—will be ready, if given the opportunity, to demonstrate their sympathy practically.

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, VANCOUVER

The recommendation that the pastor, who may now be appointed to First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, should be placed for a term of three years at least, is a good one. Among the ministers who recently officiated there was Rev. J. W. Robinson, who combines earnest preaching with much experience in practical christian work. Mr. Robinson, who recently published a book of addresses, to which reference may be made elsewhere, is well supported in his church work by Mrs. Robinson, who was formerly a trained