

DR. HERRIDGE IS HONORED.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church marked the close of the 25th year of the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Herridge, last week, by presenting him with a purse of \$1,500 and Mrs. Herridge with a purse of \$200. Rev. Dr. Herridge was the recipient of an eloquent and impressive address on behalf of the congregation and the ladies of the congregation presented him with a gown and cassock. The happy affair took place at a congregational social held in the Sunday school room. Through illness, Mrs. Herridge was unable to be present, a fact which was deeply regretted by all, and the Men's Association presented to Miss Herridge a beautiful bouquet of roses for her mother.

When the 25th year of Dr. Herridge's pastorate drew near the congregation was spontaneous in its desire to mark it in some way that would impress on him the high esteem in which he is held by the members of the flock and the love which they bear towards him. It was therefore with little difficulty that the sum of \$1,500 was subscribed as a purse for Dr. Herridge. But the warm position the gifted preacher holds in the heart of each member of the congregation was even more impressively emphasized in the address, the speeches which followed and the little conversations which occupied the latter part of the evening, conversations which were entirely spontaneous and from the heart.

Mr. Levi Crannell presided, and in a few opening remarks explained the object of the gathering. When the meeting opened every seat in the Sunday School hall and its galleries was occupied. Many stood throughout the proceedings, being unable to get seats, yet eager to take part in the eventful meeting.

The address was read by Hon. E. H. Bronson. It was beautifully engrossed and bound in morocco. We quote the closing sentences:

"We thank God that He has spared you in the full vigor of your powers to see your semi-jubilee, and our prayer to Him is that you may be permitted to round out the full jubilee of service in His cause with the ripper experience that time brings and the fuller blessing that in His own way, and in His own good time, He bestows upon His faithful servants."

"To Mrs. Herridge, who has shared with you the joys and sorrows of all these years, we desire to extend our respectful greetings."

The purses were presented by Mr. P. Larmouth, treasurer of the special committee which had charge of raising the purse.

Dr. Herridge's Reply.

Rev. Dr. Herridge, in replying, said he believed that this was an expression of the affection and goodwill, which the congregation bore towards him, and as such he accepted the address and purse most gratefully. He regretted very much that through illness Mrs. Herridge was not able to be present. Apart from what she had been to the minister, she has meant a great deal to the congregation. Her illness, he believed, was due to maternal cares, and he sincerely thanked the members of the congregation for their sympathy and ever ready assistance. He said that the minister's income could hardly be termed a salary. The doctor is paid for services he performs, the merchant for goods he delivers, but there is directly no such thing for which the minister should receive his income. It is entirely the voluntary recognition of what the congregation should regard as the fitness of things. While a minister's first duty was to the congregation, yet it was necessary for him to care for his family, to educate

his children, and make a reasonable provision for the future. The more cheerfully the congregation makes these things possible and the less the minister is compelled to worry over these things the better must be his service to the congregation. He said he was going to put away this purse as a nest egg for the future. He thanked the congregation and the various organizations of the church for the very kind encouragement they had always given him, encouragement which had moved him to better service. "I rejoice in the confidence of your esteem and affection, and I sincerely pray that God's rich blessing will rest on each one of you," he concluded.

Solos were given by Miss L. Taplin and Mr. Cecil Bethune, and a chorus by male voices. Mr. F. M. S. Jenkins presided at the piano.

Refreshments were served at the close in the church parlors by the Ladies' Aid Society.

DR. BARCLAY'S SEMI-JUBILEE.

There was a great gathering in the school room of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, on Monday evening, 9th inst., when the congregation with a host of friends, assembled to celebrate the completion of the twenty-fifth year of the pastorate of Rev. Dr. James Barclay. This anniversary, coincident with the celebration of the Thanksgiving season, made it a red letter day for St. Paul's. It also marked another anniversary, the completion of fifty years' service as an office bearer of the church on the part of Mr. Alexander Mitchell.

Mr. James Croil, senior elder, presided, and on behalf of the congregation, addressed their pastor, testifying to the love and esteem in which he was held by them. Dr. Barclay was also presented with an illuminated address and a purse of gold by the congregation and with a cassock and gown by the ladies of the church. Mrs. Barclay was the recipient of a purse. Mr. Mitchell's years of service were recognized by the presentation of an illuminated address.

Rev. Dr. Barclay was also the recipient of a munificent personal gift from Lord Mount Stephen. This consisted of securities to the value of \$75,325. The announcement was made by Mr. Robert Meighen on behalf of Mrs. Meighen, sister of Lord Mount Stephen, through whom the gift was made.

In his opening address Mr. James Croil, the chairman, drew attention to the happy coincidence of the anniversary they were called on to celebrate, in that it was the day set apart for a National Thanksgiving throughout the Dominion and also the anniversary of the birth of His Majesty the King.

The gift of the ladies of the congregation to their pastor was made by Miss Greenshields, the granddaughter of the founder of St. Paul's. This consisted of a handsome cassock and gown.

Mr. Alexander Mitchell read the address to Dr. Barclay. It is a beautiful work of art, tastefully lettered and framed. It referred in eulogistic terms to Dr. Barclay's long connection with St. Paul's and to the assistance rendered him by Mrs. Barclay. It said in part:

"In now looking back over your long pastorate here, we are gratified to find that the confidence, which the congregation expressed by their call, has been fully justified. We refer especially to the pulpit ministrations with which the efficiency of a pastorate must always be associated, while your tender sympathy with the poor and suffering has brought comfort and consolation to very many."

"Your services have always been rendered ungrudgingly to the general welfare of the community. Your influence has always been felt in the Corporation of our University, as well as in our School Board, and the Presbyterian Church of Canada has benefitted by your lectures in the Presbyterian College of Montreal."

The address was signed by Lord Strathcona, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and by Mr. James Croil, senior elder.

Dr. Barclay's Reply.

Rev. Dr. Barclay came forward to reply, amid the applause of the gathering, with feeling and eloquence he said there were occasions when the lips failed to give utterance to the feelings of the heart. Such a time was the present. All he could do was to tender his deepest and sincerest thanks. Both Mrs. Barclay and himself would prize the gifts as marks of visible sympathy and appreciation. They could indeed say tonight that as a minister his lines had fallen in pleasant places. He had found in his office-bearers and people many loyal, wise, and true men. They had given him in the course of his long ministry amongst them kind and trusty service, which had often heartened him when the work was hard and the results appeared disappointing. When he resolved to leave the old historic church in Edinburgh and undertake the charge of St. Paul's he knew he was coming to no mean congregation. He knew its past history, its high ideals, and great expectations, and it was with no light heart he had entered upon his new charge. He made up his mind to be a loyal Canadian subject, a loyal minister of the Gospel, and a loyal and useful citizen.

Among those present were Mr. Justice Archibald, Principal Peterson, Rev. Dr. Mowatt, Dr. J. Clark Murray, Mr. James Cantlie, Rev. Dr. Robert Campbell, Rev. Prof. Gordon, Mr. Robert Meighen, Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, Rev. Dr. Symonds, Rev. Dr. Thomson, Rev. Dr. Wardrope, Rev. Dr. Herridge (of Ottawa), Rev. Dr. Scott of Presbyterian Record, Rev. Prof. Fraser, Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston, Rev. Dr. Fleck, and many others.

TORONTO.

Rev. Norman MacLeod, of Brookville, was the preacher in the Deer Park church last Sunday.

Services commemorative of the 71st anniversary of Erskine church were held last Sunday, Rev. Prof. Kilpatrick preaching in the morning, and Rev. H. A. Macpherson, of Chalmers' Church in the evening.

St. Giles' Presbyterians have been celebrating a material reduction of the debt on their church, erected at a cost of \$45,000. For some time past the indebtedness has stood at \$32,500, for which amount bonds had been given by a number of the members, with the understanding that when the debt was reduced to \$18,000 the bonds would be given up. The bonds have now been destroyed, and the congregation face the future with hopefulness. Congratulatory speeches by Rev. Mr. Herbison and others were delivered in the course of the evening, and an excellent programme of songs, readings and instrumental music was carried through.

The special Thanksgiving number of the "Canadian Pictorial," recently received, shows, in addition to its wealth of beautiful harvest pictures and other fine photogravures, several new and interesting features which are to be continued with other attractions in the enlarged and improved Christmas number, in course of preparation. One of these is a complete story; a second is a series of "Old Favorite Songs," words and music complete, which will appear in each issue. Remarkable as has been the popularity of this splendid publication, the public are assured that the best is yet to come. Every issue of this monthly "art portfolio" would form a capital souvenir to send to friends abroad. None better. 10c a copy, \$1.00 a year; The Pictorial Publishing Co., 142 St. Peter street, Montreal.