

Wm. Patterson, Rev. W. J. McOughan, Rev. Dr. Hals, of Maghara, Ireland, Rev. Dr. Thomas, Rev. Dr. Briggs and Rev. W. S. Ball. Rev. Principal Caven spoke of Dr. Gregg's work in the pulpit, in the professor's chair and as the historian of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He said that, whatever else might be said of Dr. Gregg, it could at least be said that he had kept the faith during a time when theology is passing through a stage of fluctuation and rationalism. Rev. Canon Sanson, who was present at the special invitation of Dr. Gregg, he being the only minister in active service at the time of Mr. Gregg's induction, said that he preached his first sermon in Little Trinity on July 11, 1852. He indulged in reminiscences of early days, and spoke feelingly of his long-known colleague Dr. Gregg. In replying to the address, Dr. Gregg spoke of the early history of Cook's Church, when they used to meet for worship in a small frame building on George St. At that time, he said, the population of the city was under 50,000, and there were less than 6,000 Presbyterians in Toronto. He mentioned some of the names of his early parisheners, such as Hugh Miller, Principal Patterson, Arbuckle Jordan, Ald. John Carr and others, the memory of whom, he said, was still fresh in his mind. He thanked the members of the church for their kind token of esteem.

The celebration of Rev. Dr. Fletcher's 25th anniversary as pastor of McNab St. Presbyterian Church was celebrated on the evening of May 11th by a social gathering of the congregation. Services were held in the early portion of the evening. Dr. Macdonald presiding. Rev. Dr. Fletcher expressed his gratitude for having been spared so long in his labor of love, and congratulatory addresses were given by Revs. Dr. Burns, Dr. Laing of Dundas, Neil McPherson and Mr. J. M. Dingwall. The congregation then repaired to the Sunday school room, where an address from the congregation was read by Mr. Alex. Davidson, session clerk, and a check for \$600 was presented to Dr. Fletcher. Mr. D. McPhie, Chairman of the Board of Managers, congratulated Dr. Fletcher, and in a neat speech to Mrs. Fletcher he presented her with a basket of flowers. Dr. Fletcher responded feelingly and he thanked the congregation on behalf of his wife and children and himself. Refreshments were served to the large gathering and a social time indulged in.

Sabbath May 10th was the thirty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Cochrane in Zion Presbyterian Church. In a stirring sermon, one that thrilled the hearts of the congregation that crowded to excess the large church, the Rev. Doctor took occasion to refer to the long connection subsisting between his people and himself, and incidentally remarked how few, how very few, there remained of the warm hands and kindly hearts that had bade him welcome five and thirty years ago. Dr. Cochrane's apparently inexhaustible vitality, his unwearied and unabated desire for work, his single-handed spiritual oversight of perhaps one of the largest congregations in

Western Ontario and his conscientiously attended multiplicity of other duties fill his people with loving wonder and amazement. After thirty-five years, he dwells more securely in the hearts of his people to-day than ever he did before. Those who differ with him doctrinally are as equally fascinated with him, as is the large body of worshipping people, to whom he is the personification of Presbyterianism, and in whose service he is spending and being spent with a prodigality that has captured their entire affections. The sermon at night—on the subject of Queen Esther's effort on behalf of Mordecai—was full of dramatic fire and burning eloquence and vividly showed the keen eye, clear brain and unabated power of the forceful preacher. During the evening, Miss Jessie Cochrane, rendered a sacred solo entitled, "I heard the voice of Jesus say."

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

This Presbytery met in Clinton on the 11th inst., Rev. M. McKenzie of Hovan, China being present was invited to sit and deliberate. Mr. J. A. Hamilton B. A., gave the report of the financial Committee calling attention to those congregations which have failed in contributing to some of the schemes of the Church, and to the gains and losses in families and members, etc. Mr. Acheson was re-elected Convener of the Home Mission Committee. Leave was granted to the congregation of Knox Church Goderich to mortgage their church property for a sum not exceeding \$9000, the object being to enlarge the Church. A motion was passed expressing the Presbytery's sympathy with Dr. Ure in the loss he sustained by the death of his wife. Mr. McLean, minister, and Mr. McIlveen, elder, resigned as commissioners to Assembly, and Messrs. J. S. Henderson and Robert Pollock were appointed in their place. Mr. J. S. Henderson was appointed a member of the Assembly's Committee of Bills and Overtures. Circulars from Presbyteries regarding the reception of ministers were read. In the afternoon and evening a Presbyterial Convention of Christian Endeavorers was held which was fairly well attended, and at which addresses on important topics were given, followed by practical discussions which must have been very helpful to those present.

The next regular meeting of Presbytery will be held in Clinton on the 13th July at 10.30 a.m. A. McLEAN, Clerk.

THE TWO WIVES.

There were two wives—the one wise, the other foolish. The wise wife demanded of her husband, even before their marriage, that he should insure, so that, should she be left desolate, yet would she not be destitute also. And the husband did so, and his love for her was greater than before, and his days were long, and he lived to collect the insurance himself.

But the foolish wife did scoff at and revile the agent, who pleaded with her husband, and had already persuaded him to insure. She denied its value, and bargained with him that he should bring her the silver which he was to pay for being insured. And she agreed to care for it, and with it provide many new and beautiful things for their home to the end that they might enjoy it together. And the husband, yielding, gave her the silver, yet repenting of his determination, but did not take the policy which the agent brought. Soon after the husband was stricken with a fever, and died, and the foolish wife was fain to sell even her trinkets to buy bread for herself and the children who had been born unto her.

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Having given this sketch of the bishop, the following testimonial from him will be found very interesting reading and fully explains itself.

To whom it may concern:

"In April, 1894, while on my way home from Philadelphia I caught a very severe cold, which soon developed into rheumatism. It was impossible for me to rest by day or sleep by night. About the first of June I was compelled to take to my bed, where I remained for some time. When I was able to get up, I could only get about by the use of crutches.

"The fall came on and the rheumatism grew worse, lasting all through the winter of '94 and '95. I suffered as I never suffered before. I thought that the spring would bring me relief, but it did not, consequently I was forced to cancel a number of engagements to speak.

"One day in June, 1895, my wife said, 'Bishop, I read so much about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, suppose you try them and see if they will not help you?'

"I said, 'No, there is no use of getting them— for we have tried almost everything that has been recommended to us, and none of the remedies suggested seem to help my case.

"She said no more, but went to Xenia, Ohio, and bought a box of the pills. On her return she gave me a dose at noon and another at night. She was only called one time to attend to me during that night.

"For months previous she had been called three to four times during the night. The next day I took three to four doses of the pills, and the second night I was not disturbed. My wife, for the first time in more than ten months, had a good night's sleep.

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