

Presentation, St. Paul's Church, Hamilton.

On Wednesday evening, 4th inst, the regular weekly meeting was made more than usually interesting owing to the announcement that the pastor, Rev. J. C. Smith, would give his report as a delegate to the Assembly at Halifax. After the usual exercises, the Rev. Mr. Smith gave a very lucid and entertaining account of the proceedings of the Assembly, together with a short sketch of the city. He drew a graphic description of the discussion and final settlement of what is now known as the "Macdonnell case." After this was over a partial surprise was in store for Mr. Smith in the shape of a presentation to himself and Mrs. Smith of a magnificent service of plate and a handsome set of cutlery, the former bearing the following inscription, viz: "Presented to the Rev. Jas. C. Smith by St. Paul's congregation, Hamilton, July 4, 1877." Mr. Jas. Hutchison stepped forward and made the following ADDRESS.

Mr. SMITH.—The pleasing duty has been assigned to me of presenting, for you and Mrs. Smith's acceptance, this service of plate and set of cutlery, as a testimonial of esteem and regard from St. Paul's congregation; and, in doing so, permit me to say that the gift, though of small value in itself, will, I trust be to you a pleasing memento of your residence amongst us as our minister, and of the estimation in which you are held by the members of our congregation.

When you entered upon the pastoral charge of St. Paul's, four years ago, we were a small body, and now we have grown, under the Divine blessing on your labors, to our present strength, having enjoyed as large an amount of prosperity as has fallen to the lot of most congregations during a period of great congregational depression. Though the tie that binds us together, as pastor and people, is about to be severed, I can assure you, Sir, our warmest wishes for your future prosperity and happiness will follow you to your new sphere of labor. We earnestly hope and pray that you may be long spared to work in the Lord's vineyard, and be the honored instrument, in His hand, of extending His cause and Kingdom on earth, and at last receive the reward which awaits all the faithful ministers of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Mr. Smith who spoke in a most feeling manner, then replied as follows:

My DEAR FRIENDS.—You will I trust, readily believe me when I say that your kindness on this occasion places me under considerable embarrassment. This embarrassment arises not altogether from surprise, for in a gentle hint given to me this morning, your generous intentions were delicately foreshadowed, but principally from a conviction on my own part that this unlooked for mark of your good will has a direct reference to the sacred relation in which we have stood, the one to the other, for some years past. In this act of yours I am inclined to recognize a spontaneous tribute of respect for the office in which I have striven faithfully to serve you, and for myself, personally, as one of Christ's ambassadors. In acknowledging this tribute of respect thus interpreted, I would not employ many words. On the one hand, I would carefully avoid all expressions of affected humility; and, on the other, any language that might savor of extravagance or fulsome flattery. I simply, therefore, accept this handsome memorial of happy Christian fellowship, with feelings of sincere gratitude. Chaste, useful and costly is this service, and its accompaniments shall ever serve a two-fold purpose—that of keeping me mindful of many failings in duty kindly condoned by my congregation, and that of ministering as a stimulus and inspiration for the future. I am desirous that the congregation of St. Paul's Church should distinctly understand that I did not need such a proof of your esteem. Our intercourse has been characterized by your uniform kindness, and I have gone out and in among you during these four years as your pastor to little purpose had I not by this time been fully satisfied that I hold a cherished place in your affectionate confidence. While admitting this, I am far from undervaluing this fresh token of your regard—for next to the approval of conscience and of God, my people's love is by me most dearly prized. I could have spent among you all the days of my earthly stewardship, but the Master has called me to serve him in another sphere, and sinking self in the servant's duty cheerfully to acquiesce. The kindly reference to my dear wife which has been made so gracefully by your spokesman is to me peculiarly appropriate and touching. Having the best opportunity of judging, I can assure you my partner is in every sense deserving of your esteem and is to me a worthy helpmate. Mrs. Smith is not specially ambitious of public distinction, nor is she an ardent admirer of the privilege which is commonly supposed to belong to "woman's rights," otherwise she might acknowledge your kindly bearing to herself in person. Permit me, therefore, in our joint name most warmly to thank you for this magnificent gift, whose chief value to us lies in its being the visible exponent of the esteem and attachment of St. Paul's Church congregation. I need not say that a genuine welcome shall await any of the donors in our new home. Dear friends, your gift reminds me of another gift, free, full and priceless beyond comparison, "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ." My heart's desire and prayer to God for you is that each one of you may, through God's grace, be enabled to say, "I have accepted this gift." "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The large attendance of members and friends testified to the hearty interest they felt in the proceedings, and during Mr. Smith's reply a great number were deeply affected. Those present then had an opportunity of viewing the handsome gifts, and of saying a word or two to the pastor, and all felt that in losing him they were in deed parting from a true friend and faithful minister.

The handsome service of plated ware was purchased from the establishment of Messrs. James A. Skinner & Co.

New Presbyterian Church at Thedford.

The Presbyterians of Rosanquet, whose place of worship has hitherto been at Widdler, (or what was formerly known as Pine Hill), finding their old church too small to afford the congregation sufficient accommodation, lately resolved to erect a new and more commodious building, and to change the location from Widdler to the village of Thedford. They accordingly set to work to raise the necessary funds to erect a brick edifice with a stone basement, and having raised sufficient to warrant them in proceeding with the work, they procured plans and specifications for a church 42 x 68 feet, with a tower in front seventy-two feet in height, and the work of construction was begun a short time ago. The basement which is to be devoted to Sunday School purposes, is to be the full size of the building, with a ceiling of nine feet clear; the walls of the church, independent of the basement, are to be sixteen feet high, and the ceiling in the centre twenty-four feet. The style of the building is to be composite; the windows stained and enamelled; the pews to be circular, and made of butternut and oak; the seating capacity, including what will be supplied by a small gallery in the front end, will be 450, and the estimated cost \$6000. We learn that the congregation is in a very prosperous condition, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Currie, their present minister, who is held in high estimation by his people, and by the community generally; and who will enter on the occupation of the new church with every prospect of a long period of usefulness.—C.M.

Official Announcements.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

BARNIE.—at Breckbridge, 1st Tuesday of August, at 7 o'clock.
WHITBY.—1st Presbytery of Whitby will meet in St. Andrew's Church, Whitby, on the third Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.
HAMILTON.—The next ordinary meeting will be held in Central Church, Hamilton, on the third Tuesday of July, at 11 o'clock a.m.
QUINTON.—The next ordinary meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Hall, Kingston, on the 10th of July, at 3 p.m.
BRUCEVILLE.—At Prescott, on Tuesday, 3rd of July, at 7 p.m.
PERIBOROUGH.—At Millbrook, on the second Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.
OTAWA.—Bank street Church, Tuesday, Aug. 7th, at 3 p.m.
SAUGREN.—At Mount Forest, on the second Tuesday of July, at one o'clock p.m.
LONDON.—At London, on Tuesday, 10th July, at the usual hour.
TORONTO.—In Lecture Room, Knox Church, on Tuesday, 24th July, at 11 o'clock a.m.
PAINES.—A pro re nata meeting, at Princeton, on Tuesday, 24th July, at 11 o'clock a.m.
UNION.—A pro re nata meeting, at Union, on Tuesday, 24th July, at 11 o'clock a.m.
HURON.—At Clinton, on the second Tuesday of October, at 11 a.m.

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J. B. MOWAT, Registrar.
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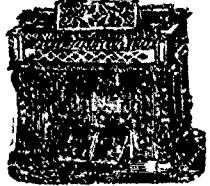
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