

VISIT OF THE REV. GAVIN LANG OF MONTREAL.

On Tuesday, 14th August, Pictou was favored with a visit from the above distinguished clergyman. He received a very enthusiastic welcome. Another distinguished stranger had a few days before, paid a passing visit to Pictou, and met with a very cold reception. Nobody seemed interested in the presence of the Hon. Alex. McKenzie. It was quite different, however, on the day Mr. Lang came among us. Early in the morning an observer might have noticed that there was something unusually attractive to the clergymen of the Kirk in prospect; for, though it was not a Presbytery day, road and railway brought the ministers of Presbytery from east and west at an early hour. Our friend Halliday was bustling about and seeing that everything was in order for the coming meeting, and well-known kirkmen were engaged in earnest conversation at the entrance to St. Andrew's Church. The proceedings during the day consisted of an address by the Rev. Mr. Lang, on the position of the Church of Scotland in Canada; a dinner in honor of their guest by the members of Presbytery, and a drive in the afternoon to enable Mr. Lang to get a glimpse of some of the beautiful scenery in the neighborhood of the town.

At half-past seven in the evening a largely attended meeting was held in the Kirk, presided over by the Rev. Geo. Coull, Moderator of Presbytery. In addition to Mr. Lang, there were present Rev. Messrs. McMillan, Dunn, Galbraith, MacKichan, McCunn, Fraser and McKay. A most eloquent, clear, and convincing address was delivered by Mr. Lang on the subject indicated above. At the close, remarks were made by S. H. Holmes, Esq., M. P. P., R. Doull, Esq., &c., and the meeting as closed with praise and prayer. Mr. Lang left next morning for Halifax.

On the Monday evening following the Rev. gentleman addressed an enthusiastic meeting in the Rev. Mr. Dunh's Church at Stellarton.

TALMAGE AT CHARLOTTE- TOWN.

We enjoyed a rare treat on Tuesday, the 11th inst. Talmage had lectured in Charlottetown the previous evening on "the Bright side of things," and was to lecture again this evening, subject not announced. On board the "Princess" at 1 p. m., we found Rev. Messrs. Herdman and McMillan on the same errand as ourselves. The sail across was perfectly delightful. Landing at Charlottetown at $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7, we learned that on the Monday evening an immense crowd had come to hear the celebrated orator of Brooklyn, and accordingly, though the lecture was not to begin till 8, we thought it wise to wend our way at once to the Methodist Church, and secure a good seat. By 8 o'clock the large Church was filled but not crowded, and Talmage appeared on the platform. His subject was announced as "Happy Homes," and on this theme for an hour and a half he discoursed, sometimes in language, eloquent, pathetic, and sublime, but for the most part in a humorous strain, with amusing anecdotes, that kept the audience convulsed with laughter. Returning next morning we had the same delightful weather, with the addition of a delightful chat with the famous Divine. Dr. Talmage is a most genial man in private, very plain and approachable, and we parted with him with only one regret, viz., that we had not heard him preach. It is generally understood that his sermons are more widely circulated and more extensively read than those of any other preacher, scarcely excepting even those of Spurgeon.

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