

were all in love with him. He carried benedictions in his face. He (Dr. Castle) always entertained a high opinion of the Presbyterian Church, and he was convinced that that Presbyterian Church in New York had shown excellent judgment and taste in securing Mr. Marling. He sympathised with the congregation of Bond Street Church at the loss sustained, and advised them to try and get an American Presbyterian minister to be their pastor. (Laughter.)

Rev. J. M. King, of Gould Street Presbyterian Church, said he felt great pleasure in being called on to express the high regard the Presbyterian ministers and people cherish for Mr. Marling. It seemed that the Presbyterian and Congregational bodies had much in common, and he believed it would be for the good of both denominations if they were brought into closer relations. A few such exchanges he thought might lead to a marriage between them, in which he for one would rejoice. He would remind the church that the losing its pastor that no one man is necessary for carrying on the Lord's work; God will send another to fill his place. It is a matter of thanksgiving that Mr. Marling leaves with the good opinion and esteem of all. It would be much more painful to part with him if the love had been lost first. He would say of Mr. Marling, as Dr. Lawson said of Ralph Wardlaw, one of his students, when he was told he had joined the Congregationalists, "he will make a gude anything." If Mr. Marling must go, he would wish him God-speed in his work.

The Misses Dexter here sang "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd," with fine effect.

The Chairman then said the church could not allow Mr. Marling to go without bearing with him some small token of the regard in which they held him, and called on Mr. Joseph Robinson to read the address presented by the congregation to their retiring pastor.

The address, which was handsomely engrossed and illuminated, was then handed to Mr. Robinson, who proceeded to read it, and on coming to the clause referring to the articles of presentation, these articles were uncovered by Mr. H. E. Caston. The proceedings were

received with applause. The following is the address:—

"To the Rev. Francis H. Marling:

"DEARLY BELOVED PASTOR,—The occasion which calls us together, and prompts us to address you this evening, is one which brings sadness to many hearts. For many long, and to some of us, very eventful years you have occupied towards us the very sacred and endearing relationship of a Christian pastor, going in and out among us as the under-shepherd of the flock of God, and leading us into the green pastures and beside the still waters in the name of the Lord Jesus. We have been accustomed to receive the Word at your mouth, to be led in our devotions by your voice and spirit, and to meet you occasionally in our homes in familiar intercourse.

"Many of those in whose name we now address you have been brought into the Church under your ministry, and not a few of them has the Lord given unto us as the fruit of your labours and prayers on our behalf; while in other hearts we trust the good seed of the Kingdom, which has been sown by means of your Bible class instructions and your addresses to the young, will yet bring forth fruit unto eternal life. Nor can we forget those seasons of affliction and darkness, when you have knelt beside our sick-beds in prayer, or have spoken words of sympathy and comfort as you have leaned over the bier of some dear departed one; or again, those more pleasant memories of family gatherings, when you have rejoiced with those who did rejoice, and led us in thanksgiving to God for His mercies. These various scenes, through which all our lives are drawn, have endeared you to us more than words can tell, and more than many of us knew, until we began to realize that all this pleasant intercourse was soon to cease by your removal from among us. It is most gratifying to us as a Church, as we look back upon these twenty-one years' pastorate, to be able to say, that throughout you have been always the same—a consistent and faithful minister of Jesus Christ, an example of the believers, beloved by all who have had the pleasure of your acquaintance.