

it is doing the whole denomination a real service and removing one of its chief reproaches."

In answer to our enquiry he said: "No, I am not committed to any other congregation. Our work here has gone steadily and pleasantly. I do not know of any special reason why we should leave Knox Church. I do not believe there is any special virtue in a long pastorate in itself. Occasional changes may be good and I think the right time to leave is when people want you to stay. I am willing, therefore, to consider a field of larger usefulness, as I enjoy perfect health and am not afraid of work. I cannot say, however, whether I can go to you or not until I see the unanimity of the signed call, consult with my Session (from whom I keep no secrets when their interests are involved), and learn if my Presbytery, which meets on January 24th, will let me go."

Only four days could be allowed for signing the call. It snowed heavily during that time yet it was signed by 515 communicants and 93 adherents, in all 608.

Perhaps a word introducing Mrs. Drummond to our people may be appropriate here. She was an enthusiastic church worker before she became a minister's wife and has increased her activities since as necessity required. We were told that her name was oftener heard among the poor than even the minister's. She is also said to be one of the best of housekeepers and a most devoted wife. She told us they had spent eight happy years in St. Thomas. We trust they may be as happy in Hamilton.

Our people asked loyally and hopefully to be directed in their choice, willing to accept every help or hindrance the Lord should send as a guide. Now Mr. Drummond is to be our leader and benefactor, whose maintenance we guarantee that he may give his time to teaching, correcting, guiding and comforting us. We were anxious to get the best minister and he is properly anxious to have the best people. If we fail to bring forth fruit how shall we escape the Lord's condemnation? We welcome him to the task and offer him our heartiest co-operation.

The Presbytery has appointed Thursday evening, February 16th, as the date for his induction. His first sermons will be preached on the 19th, and the congregation's social reception will be held on the following Monday evening.