

their interest in our principles, and that those who so think are unnecessarily despondent. The business meeting on Second-day was well attended by old and young, and the active participation of the latter was a source of much strength and encouragement to their elder Friends, and though, with a short recess at noon, we continued in session until 6 p. m., we fully realized that the time was too limited to conduct our business with as much of that deliberation as comports with our Christian profession. Many of our Friends, especially those from a distance, being obliged to take the cars before the close of the meeting, caused a feeling of sadness that we were thus deprived of the opportunity of responding to their God-speed, except by silent aspirations. On the whole our meeting has been one which will be long remembered.

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CELEBRATION OF THE GOLDEN WED-
DING OF MR. AND MRS. JAMES
POUND.

Fifty years ago James Pound and Rebecca Zavitz were married in Welland county, Ont., and last evening a number of friends had the privilege of being present at the anniversary of the event, the celebration being gotten up by some of their children and neighbors around. By request Edward G. Schooley took charge of the order of exercises, and after a few appropriate opening remarks, called upon Edgar Haight to re-read the marriage certificate of one-half a century old, and, according to the custom among members of the Society of Friends, James and Rebecca Pound affixed their signatures thereto and all the others present did the same as witnesses. An original poem was read by Mrs. Tryphena P. Way; a number of brief addresses of congratulations were made and reminiscences told of early days in Elgin county. Several letters were read from

absent brothers and sisters, and an essay in honor of the memorable occasion was read by Henry H. Way, followed by an address and presentation by Asa Pound, of a good substantial cane to the father, and pair of spectacles to the mother from their children, while the grand-children contributed a pair of spectacles to the aged bridegroom, and cuff buttons and brooch to the bride of years ago. The presentations proved a complete surprise, and it was sometime before the aged couple could collect thoughts to fully express their deep feelings of surprise and gratitude for these acts of love and remembrance. At a later hour refreshments were served, and the visitors left with many expressions of satisfaction and of good wishes for James and Rebecca.

LADY AGNES MACDONALD.

BY MAX JESOLEY.

The brilliant woman who for nearly twenty-five years has shared with the Premier of Canada—to a degree not common in the case of wives of public men—the toils and triumphs of his arduous and illustrious career, is a gift from the sunny South to the snowy North; the island of Jamaica having been her birth-place a-half century ago.

Her parents were of aristocratic and wealthy Creole families—this term being used in its strictly accurate meaning, as designating Europeans long resident in the West Indies. Her father filled a judge's chair for many years, and also had a seat on the Council of Eight that in his time administered the public affairs of the Island. On the mother's side were extensive interests in sugar plantations.

While still a mere child, Miss Agnes Bernard lost her father, and—as about the same time the family property became seriously diminished in value by the introduction of free trade, following abolition of slavery—her mother decided to remove to England.

At first the change of environment