

tively as the people's greatest need and truest enjoyment, and the young people sought and affectionately held. If we do not enlarge our buildings much character building is needed. The Normal College is here with its hundreds of teachers who are at the deciding point as to whether Jesus and his claims on them shall be incidentally but conscientiously presented to their pupils throughout Ontario as the highest wisdom to seek after. Our city is undergoing a transformation in business which is sure to affect its spiritual interests. To withstand the inroads of selfishness through money-getting a persistent effort must be put forth by our own and every congregation in Hamilton. If we succeed funds will be forthcoming, in gratitude, to enlarge our lecture room or be sent to the Northwest to save and bless our own relations there and the immigrants who must have the gospel before they can become good or profitable citizens. Or we may help to enlighten with the gospel the benighted denizens of Asia who, otherwise, awakening to their magnitude and strength, may become a menace to western civilization. St. Paul's has a niche to fill in the Presbyterian denomination as Hamilton has in the manufacturing centre of the Dominion.

Concerning the committee's resolution, unanimously passed at the congregational meeting on December 19th, asking the Presbytery to moderate in a call on January 4th, Mr. Drummond has written the following: "Let me congratulate your congregation for the unanimous support given to a method of choosing a minister which will one day, I trust, become in all the leading congregations the rule. You are doing a most worthy work of education. I was quite prepared to hear of much more decided opposition alike to the method and to the man. Allow me to add, after an experience of eight years, that I am convinced this method is at once more dignified and fitted to put both the minister and congregation under a higher feeling of obligation to one another and induce more earnest effort to live up to the faith which each reposed in the other at the beginning. I appreciate and am influenced by the manner of being called to St. Paul's, *i. e.*, without the humiliation of preaching to show one's paces, almost as much as by having the call at all. I feel sure, too, that any time any vacant congregation, especially an outstanding one, takes such action as you have taken