

I conclude with a reference to the death of the late Dr. Donald Fraser, of London. He was the first settled pastor of this congregation. I knew him personally before he commenced to study for the ministry. Under his ministry I became an office-bearer, having been elected a Deacon in November 1852,—forty years ago, and I co-operated with him in my department of Church work until he left this country for Scotland, and I well remember the general regret felt when he severed his connection with us as our minister in 1859. I felt the tidings of his death all the more, because about a year ago I was anticipating the pleasure of seeing him in this country, as I then knew that he was an appointed delegate to the Presbyterian Alliance that met in Toronto in September last. From what I have heard and learned of him after his leaving this city, his sphere of usefulness seems to have been extending to the end of his days, so that his death may well be considered a loss to the community in general.

Dr. Mackay then addressed the meeting, and pointed out that many applications came before the Court in the course of the year, for assistance, on behalf of worthy objects, but which the Court, in view of the present returns from the Weekly Offerings, could not entertain. He also called attention to the fact that the Church was about entering upon the fiftieth year of its existence, and urged upon the Congregation, that this would be a fitting time to make an effort to increase their offerings, so that at least \$200 per week might be reached.

The following resolution was then unanimously agreed to:—"In acknowledgment of our thankfulness to God for His goodness to us during the first fifty years of our Congregational existence, we agree to make a special effort to raise the subscriptions by Envelope to the Weekly Offering to two hundred dollars per Sabbath."

The meeting was closed with the Benediction, and then adjourned to the Lecture Hall to partake of refreshments which had been provided, and for social intercourse.

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