

# KNOX CHURCH WILL BE WITHOUT PASTOR.

## Dr. Nelson Declines to Reconsider Decision to Go to Minneapolis.

### In a Good-Natured Speech He Makes Some Remarks About the Managers.

Hamilton Presbytery, at a special meeting yesterday afternoon, accepted the resignation of Rev. Dr. Nelson as pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, to accept a call to the Park Avenue Church, Minneapolis. Dr. Nelson will end his pastorate here this month, and the pulpit will be declared vacant the first Sunday in January. Knox Church paid him a salary of \$2,500 a year and offered him \$3,500 to remain. The salary at Minneapolis will be \$4,000 a year and a free manse. So that there might be no mistaking his position, Dr. Nelson stated his position with candid frankness to the Presbytery yesterday.

The Moderator, Rev. James Anthony, of Watford, presided and after devotional exercises the clerk, Rev. Dr. Fletcher, read Dr. Nelson's resignation.

A resolution from the session, speaking in glowing terms of Dr. Nelson's work, and stating that while it was genuinely regretted that he had resigned, it was not felt that opposition could be offered, was read by W. C. Laing, one of those appointed to appear before the Presbytery and show reason, if any, why the resignation should not be accepted. The resolution breathing affection for Dr. Nelson in every line and appreciation of his services, Mr. Laing said, expressed the sentiments of the session to a man. The resignation, he said, came like a clap of thunder from a blue sky.

R. L. Smith said that Dr. Nelson's going would be a great loss to the church, and he heartily felt that Dr. Nelson should remain.

W. F. Brennen spoke in a similar strain. "This is a large church, and I think needs a strong man such as Dr. Nelson," he said. "Ninety-five per cent. of the congregation were extremely fond of Dr. Nelson, and would support him in every way, if he saw fit to remain."

W. T. Ogilvie said that it would be a serious loss to the church if Dr. Nelson went, and it would be difficult to find anyone to replace him.

On behalf of the commission by the congregation, George J. Guy read a statement showing that the congregation unanimously regretted Dr. Nelson's resignation and had asked him to withdraw it, and had consented to an increase to \$3,500. Mr. Guy felt confident that the congregation was able to pay this, and would do everything in its power to retain the pastor.

W. T. Evans said that what the representatives from the congregation asked was that Dr. Nelson should reconsider his resignation and stay with them. Dr. Nelson had come to Knox Church, he thought, with his mind made up to stay for some time, and he did not know of anything that should change that. He came from the United States to Canada, and he thought he should stay in Canada. Mr. Evans did not think that the Minneapolis field offered any better opportunities for work. If he decided to remain, Mr. Evans was sure Dr. Nelson would never regret it. The church was well able to do what it had undertaken to do financially.

J. J. McQuarrie, W. C. Reid, Samuel Groves, William Roberts and others spoke in the same appreciative tones as the others, and urged Dr. Nelson to stay.

Dr. Fletcher then requested Dr. Nelson to state his views.

"I would like to ask if there is any action from the Board of Managers before the Presbytery?" Dr. Nelson asked.

"Mr. Evans said he understood that at the congregational meeting last night Mr. Fletcher had advised that a commission be appointed from the congregation and not specifically from the Board of Managers, as the latter was only a committee of the congregation."

"I only asked," said Dr. Nelson, "because I thought that the Board of Managers, being an important factor in the church, might think it worth while sending a few remarks of their own as to what their wish was as a united board. Individual members have expressed their own feelings and views to the congregation. My reason for asking was to see if the Board of Managers together had anything in particular to say regarding my withdrawing."

Dr. Nelson then briefly stated the facts leading up to the call. He was waited upon, he explained, by a committee from the Minneapolis church, without in any way soliciting a call, and, in fact, knew nothing about it until the committee arrived. The committee at the time received no encouragement, he said, and he explained to them that he had only been at Knox Church for a year. The deputation strongly urged him to go and look over the Minneapolis field and see what he thought of it. At the time the Board of Managers of Knox Church were considering the question of an increase and although their opinion seemed to be that some increase should be made, there was a difference of opinion as to what it should be. There did not seem any great probability at that time of it being more than \$250.

"I was being urged at the time to look over the Minneapolis field," he said, "and I did so because I felt where such a difference of opinion existed about an increase of salary on the part of managers of this great congregation in view of the work I was expected to do and the duties I had to perform, that it reflected a rather narrow estimate on the pulpit and ministerial labor, and I thought also that the division of opinion over so few dollars at that time was hardly in keeping with the tenor of the communications made to me at the time I was first called to Knox Church. I felt from those communications that my salary would have been increased last January to \$3,000, but at this meeting of the congregation nothing was said about raising my salary from \$2,500 to \$3,000, although there was a good surplus in the treasury."

Dr. Nelson mentioned the fact that in Rochester he received a salary of \$3,000 and perquisites which amounted to considerable more. He came to Hamilton at the solicitation of a dear friend, who thought he would enjoy the work. "And when I saw the congregation I thought I

would myself," said Dr. Nelson. "And I might say I have enjoyed it immensely." However, he was obliged to confess that obligations on both sides of the water in his domestic life, in protecting his family in case of his decease, that he had obligations which rendered it imperative that he was considerably more than it otherwise would be. After paying his rent, the expense of moving from Rochester and a heavy annual insurance he had \$1,400 left on which to live. During the year he had to travel for his health on account of the mortgage and to wait such that to make both ends meet he had to draw on some money he had saved while in the States. He had been given to understand when coming here that the reason the salary was made \$2,500 at the beginning was in deference to his predecessor, Rev. E. J. Henry, because that was all he had received, but he had not expected to have had to wait fourteen months and sacrifice \$500. "I have been out of pocket," he said, on the year's work.

Until he found this difference of opinion existing he had given the Minneapolis committee an encouraging answer. When he found the difference increasing he decided to go and look the field over. The Minneapolis people asked to be permitted to make out a call. He decided to wait and still found the managers at Knox Church discussing finances, with a view to lowering the mortgage and not with the question of the salary increase. It was a very good thing, he admitted, on the part of church managers to wipe off the mortgages as quickly as possible.

"I found a very strong disposition on the part of the managers," he said, "to consider the mortgage first and the minister after. It was considered to be the custom of the church to take out of the regular revenue whatever it could to decrease the mortgage. I did not feel that myself and my family should be asked to pay such a large slice of the mortgage and to wait such a long time for an increase. I thought it should be the minister first and the mortgage after, but a number of my managers think different. They are not here to-day when as a matter of fact they were nominated by the congregation to appear."

These managers had a large following in the congregation and therefore he did not feel that the remarks of his dear friends present represented the entire feeling of the congregation.

Dr. Nelson said that when the question of raising his salary reached a difference of opinion that gave it a money ring in a way that might lead some of the members to think he was mercenary or preaching for gain he permitted the call to be made out and he felt in honor bound to accept it unless some superhuman obstacle arose to prevent it. Dr. Nelson spoke of the effort made by some of the congregation to get sufficient money to pay the increase. He had not encouraged it. Still there had been a difference of opinion at the congregational meeting. Dr. Nelson referred to some of those who should have attended the presbytery meeting but had refrained from doing so. The present experience through which the congregation had passed—passed very quietly he believed through his earnest watchfulness that there should be no discord—this experience he thought would be very profitable to the church. Any good seed he had sown he believed would grow without him.

"Even the men I have designated as 'aying the mortgage first and the minister after,' declared Dr. Nelson, 'are good men and are devoted to the church. They are just as good men as those who spoke here to-day.'"

Perhaps after awhile they might see the difference. He felt that there would be some who would feel that the sum recommended would be too much to pay. "I do not want to get a dollar of income with a grudge from one member of any church," declared Dr. Nelson fervently.

The call he had received had dropped like a bomb from the sky. His own congregation had not rallied around him to keep him from going to Minneapolis. "I think it would be tempting Providence not to accept from His open arms this call to me to meet the obligations which He has put upon me."

Dr. Nelson, in closing, said he would have the members of Knox Church dwell on the memory of the days before the question of his leaving arose. He hoped no one would think he was leaving for mere money. Could he have discussed that question freely and untrammelled his decision might have been different. Long ago he might have gone to the people of the church, and said, "Never mind the money part. But he did not feel so free and he was not free."

Rev. John Young, of St. John's Presbyterian Church, spoke in eulogistic terms of Dr. Nelson's pastorate in Hamilton. From the statements that would appear in the papers, and he hoped some of them would not, some might form a strong impression, if they could hear Dr. Nelson's statement as placed before the Presbytery there were none who would not honor and admire him for the outspoken candor with which he had explained his position. It was with deep regret, but under circumstances which could not be avoided, that he moved the resignation be accepted. In Dr. Nelson's new field he wished him rich and abundant blessings.

Rev. D. Anderson, of Burlington, seconded the motion, and Dr. Fletcher, the clerk of the Presbytery, before the vote was taken, spoke appreciatively of Dr. Nelson and his work here. "I regret very much," he said, "that Dr. Nelson's resignation is before us. One thing I am certain he has done a great work here. With 1,200 communicants, the pastoral work was a very prodigious one. I regret that Dr. Nelson is leaving us. I know he is not moved by mercenary motives. I regret very much to see what was said in the papers the time again that he was moved by mercenary motives. If they knew him as well as I do they would know that he was a very generous man." Dr. Fletcher wished Dr. Nelson joy, happiness and prosperity in his new field.

Rev. D. R. Drummond, of St. Paul's Church, also paid a high tribute to Dr. Nelson's worth. One thing he urged was that the congregation of Knox Church, now that the pulpit was vacant, should consider the question of appoint-

FRIDAY, DEC. 20th,  
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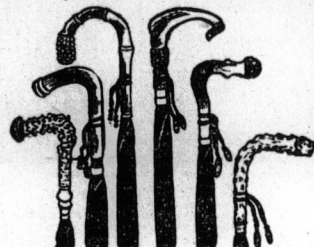
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## UNITY HONORS THE D. D. G. M.

Reception to C. H. Mann on His Official Visit.

Oldest P. D. D. G. M. Also Among Those Present.

Speeches, Supper and a General Good Time.

Last night old Unity, No. 47, I. O. O. F., celebrated by paying tribute to a lot of the old distinguished brethren in the persons of the Past District Deputy Grand Masters of this district, and their present D. D. G. M., who was paying his first official visit to his mother lodge. Invitations had been sent to all the



CHARLES H. MANN,  
District Deputy Grand Master of the I. O. O. F.

P. D. D. G. M.'s, which were responded to in a great many cases. After the working of the initiation by the lodge staff Bro. Oliver Beatty, Past Grand, introduced to the officers and members all the P. D. D. G. M.'s present.

It was then announced by the Grand Marshall, G. O. Luke, that the D. D. G. M. Bro. C. H. Mann, with a deputation of the following brethren, Bro. Ald. Clarke, Bro. (Sergeant) Geo. Buckingham, Bro. (Col. Sergt.) J. J. Syme, were in waiting outside to be introduced. The deputation was introduced and after Grand honors, a very pleasing event took place. Bro. Oliver Beatty called up on the D. D. G. M. Bro. Mann, and in a few well-chosen words presented to him, and requested that he convey to his wife, a beautiful basket of flowers. Bro. Mann responding in a very appropriate way, telling his hearers that a flower was an emblem of purity and, on behalf of his wife, accepted from their hands the kind words spoken, and the purity of thought and action of those who had been his co-workers for

some four years. After the presentation, Bro. Buckingham and Bro. J. J. Syme responded to an invitation by the Noble Grand for a few words. Bro. Syme reciting ably, "A Soldier's Will." The P. D. D. G. M.'s were then called upon to address the gathering.

Bro. Midgley, the oldest member in Unity, and possibly the oldest in Ontario, spoke in a clear and enthusiastic manner. He is 81 years of age and came all the way from Woodstock for the event, and to once more meet many old and familiar faces.

Bro. Geo. Ross, P. D. D. G. M., sent a rousing address, paying high tribute to these fathers of Oddfellowship and conveying to the members his regrets that he was unable to be present as his business as acting Post Master and General Superintendent of Post-offices in Canada kept him his time fully occupied.

Bro. Mann, the present D. D. G. M., was then called upon for his official address. Bro. Mann took up the subject of the lodges in this district, and said a revival had been going on in the Order in this district. He was more than pleased with his reception all along the line. He asked for their continued co-operation and assistance, and conveyed to the fathers of the order who were present his sincerest thanks for coming out in such good numbers to his first official visit to his mother lodge.

Bro. W. Amor, Bro. S. Robins, Bro. J. B. Turner, Past Grand Master of Ontario, Bro. J. Forth, Bro. W. Brooks, Bro. Geo. Matheson and Bro. F. R. Martin followed.

Refreshments were served in abundance after which Bro. Black addressed the gathering, also Bro. Ald. Clarke, Bro. Havers gave a piano selection, and Bro. Blake, of Penzance's, a humorous sketch, which brought down the house.

At the close all joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne." Bro. Midgley, the oldest living D. D. G. M., and Bro. C. H. Mann, the youngest, clasping hands in the centre of the ring, while Bro. Midgley closed with prayer. It was the wee sma' hours of the morning before all withdrew their way home feeling they had had a good time and admitting that anything old Unity takes hold of has to go with the ring of success.

## NARROW ESCAPE.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 19.—George Grant, yardman for the Grand Trunk Railway at Woodstock, got caught under a freight car this morning, and was dragged about twenty yards before the engine could stop. He managed to slide ahead of the wheels, and thus escaped with a few rather serious bruises.

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### Girls' Slippers 23c

Girls' Fancy Felt House Slippers, felt lined, thick felt soles, covered; sizes 8 to 10; worth regularly 35c pair, on sale until 11 a. m. at ... 23c

### Manicure Sets 99c

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### Cashmeres 55c yard

Fine all wool Cashmeres for waists or children's dresses, in shades of dark red, cardinal, brown, blue and green, 42 inches, worth regularly 45 and 50c yard, on sale Friday at 8.30 sharp ... 55c yd.

### Men's Wool Gloves 35c

Men's White Wool Gloves, fancy knit, double wrist, worth regularly 50c pair, on sale from 8.30 until 11 a. m. at ... 35c

### Initial Handkerchiefs 57c

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