

able than marble are such monuments in the hearts and lives of immortal beings. Surely, "they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever."

The late Dr. Peddie, who was Dr. Thomas's successor as pastor of the Fifth Church, in a letter written shortly before his death, speaks most feelingly and beautifully of the joy which he felt over the spiritual and temporal condition of the church, on entering upon his duties there, and taking up the work which Dr. Thomas relinquished at the call of the Jarvis Street Church of Toronto.

The reality and strength of the love which Dr. Thomas won during his life in Philadelphia can still be seen in the warmth of attachment expressed by those who were associated with him, and in the cordial and hearty reception with which he is always greeted when visiting in that city.

The necessity for hard and continuous labor and social contact in the Ministerial Conference of Philadelphia with a circle of minds varied in gifts and in some instances, of great originality, rendered this a period most fruitful in its influence. He became confirmed in his convictions of religious truth, enriched in experience, ripened in judgment, and deepened and spiritualized in thought.

July 23, 1882, Dr. Thomas received a unanimous call from the Jarvis Street Church, Toronto, Canada. During the fifteen months succeeding the resignation of Dr. Castle, the church had not been able to unite in a call to any except Dr. Peddie, although a number of the ablest preachers of America had filled the pulpit. While Dr. Peddie himself was unable to respond to the call he strongly recommended to the Pulpit Committee Dr. Thomas as one fitted to minister to the needs of the church. This led to a correspondence with Dr. Thomas, who, in consequence, occupied the pulpit July 16 and 23, 1882.

Following the evening service on the twenty-third of July, a church meeting was held in the Sunday School Hall, which was filled to overflowing. The meeting was as enthusiastic as it was large, and extended a unanimous call to Dr. Thomas.

At the evening prayer meeting, two weeks later, a telegram was read, stating that his letter of acceptance was on the way, at which intelligence the gratification felt was fittingly expressed