

of the home, so that the commissioner's desire might be realized, and the Westminster Hall Magazine have an original reproduction of its own of the manse, as the commissioner otherwise arranged to have of the Moderator himself.

There is nothing affected, nothing austere, nothing unattractively conventional or exclusive about the Moderator of 1912. In men of years at least, practical ministerial work in the West is not conducive to the development of scholarly aloofness, or clerical professionalism or exclusiveness of any kind, and therein of course it reveals the more of the truly Christian spirit.

That Dr. D. G. McQueen has done something more than one man's share of practical ministerial work is amply evidenced by the facts of Presbyterian Church life and progress in Edmonton. Even "the man in the street" or casual visitor to the city may be reminded of this by the large and substantial, though now superseded "Presbyterian Church" which stands nearer the centre of the city than the present "First Church"; of which superseded building it was no wonder that one minister commissioner from another city was heard to remark that he would be happy if he could have just such a building on the site of his church.

Dr. McQueen came through to Winnipeg twenty-five years ago in June. He had just been licensed by Chatham Presbytery. Edmonton was then in the Presbytery of Regina. The Presbytery of Regina met at a little Presbyterian church, Qu'Appelle, to ordain him and another man, Murdo Mackay, who was going to Banff. It was on the Queen's Jubilee day in 1887. "Then," remarked the Moderator, "there were only two houses on the

other side. Mr. Baird was here of course. There were about a thousand inhabitants in the whole of Edmonton, and not 200 in the town."

Next followed a talk on the development of the city and district, and the erection of the various off-shooting churches—a record of common knowledge now, but surely a more than phenomenal experience in the phenomenal West! "After going to the second church in the fall of 1905, the new church was so filled that it was necessary to start another mission. This practically started in a self-sustaining way, and is now the Westminster Church, Edmonton. Still another was begun in 1906, and then another in 1910. This last, Robertson Church, was a straight cut-off of over one hundred members." It was also gathered that considerable monetary contributions had been given by the parent church to the youngest or younger ones. In each case the Moderator readily mentioned the pastors in charge of the off-spring churches, but naturally the hearer was mainly concerned in the senior church and its minister.

It should be noted that the last "First Church," just completed for the Assembly meetings is a big, beautiful, spacious building, with much supplementary accommodation for church and social work. Indeed, at first sight one is impressed by its massiveness, and appreciation of the human agencies behind its erection is not lessened by a thorough examination of the building, nor by a visit to its tower, which is understood to be the highest point of vantage in Edmonton city, and in any case commands an excellent view not only of the city and environs, but of the surrounding country.