

was ill? 'Yes, I have called twice.' If there is a new comer he is sure to have met him already." He is firm of purpose but gentle and lovable. Everybody likes him, not only his own people, but other ministers and people who attend no church as their own. He is a silent power and a public strength, commanding respect for his opinions and his living. A man to imitate, as Paul justified when he said: "These things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do; and the God of peace shall be with you." He will follow a good leader or lead himself, whichever is most needful. The cause he will not suffer to fail without a manly struggle. Jesus is to him a holy example, a motive, life-giving impulse; one to love because He loves us; one to serve, not because we have to do so or die, but because it is more natural to do so when we know Him, and infinite loss to miss loving Him. He will be honored by the Lord when he pleads with us for our repentance and with Him for our redemption. If we love him as we did our last two we will fulfil the desire of our late minister, who spoke so exceptionally strong in favor of Mr. Drummond and said, when getting on the train, that he hoped we would be as kind to his successor as we had been to him.

On December 14th two delegates were sent to interview Mr. and Mrs. Drummond. All spoke frankly of everything there was time for considering as to their coming to St. Paul's. They appeared neither willing nor unwilling. One congregation had asked him not to commit himself till he heard from them; another had sent a large deputation to hear and interview him. He looked carefully at the church report we brought him, and was surprised we had so large a Sabbath School attendance. We explained that it was owing to our having a good school room and to our having competent superintendents and faithful teachers. We have since learned that it is not so well attended this year as last, owing to the minister's absence from his bible class. Mr. Drummond thought St. Paul's had been developed to its limit and needed no further organizing, while other places afforded a larger margin for growth and improvement. If this be our weakness St. Paul's will have to call loudly to get him. We urged that no congregation in a city can prosper, where so many attractions are offered for pleasure and money-spending, unless the gospel is presented effec-