

For six years Dr. Pidgeon has occupied the chair of Practical Theology in the Farthest West College of the Presbyterian Church and expressions of regret were heard on all sides, and from other denominations no less than from his own, when it became known that the Professor had decided to accept the call of Bloor Street Church, Toronto.

Dr. Pidgeon was well known on the Coast cities and throughout the Province of British Columbia as a powerful and appealing preacher; and as a worker in the cause of social and moral reform his knowledge was extensive and his influence wide. His part in the initial work for the present Prohibition campaign cannot well be over-estimated.

It was not surprising therefore that various organizations seemed to vie with each other in doing him honour ere he left.

The annual dinner by the students to the Faculty and visiting professors at Westminster Hall was made the occasion of a presentation to Professor Pidgeon by the student body. The gift was a set of signed etchings of the interior and exterior of Shakespeare's home at Stratford-on-Avon. In speaking at that function of the reasons leading to his return to pastoral work, Dr. Pidgeon gave intimate insight into the influences at work in his own life which led to his looking upon the vocation of the active ministry and the work of preaching as providing unsurpassed opportunities of service.

On another evening the organizations of St. Andrew's Church, of which session he was a member, united in entertaining Dr. and Mrs. Pidgeon and family, and presented him or them with a piece of silver plate, suitably inscribed.

The Social Service and Prohibition campaign workers held a complimentary luncheon at the American Club, when a motion expressing appreciation of Dr. Pidgeon's work and regret at his departure from Vancouver was moved by Dr. MacGuire, M. L. A., and seconded by Rev. Father O'Boyle. Mr. Jonathan Rogers presided at that meeting, and the speeches made reflected the esteem of the community for Professor Pidgeon.

Dr. and Mrs. Pidgeon and family left for the East via Prince Rupert on 31st August. That evening the Board of Management and Ladies' Auxiliary of Westminster Hall held a reception in their honour in St. John's Church parlour. The present chairman of the board, Mr. Wm. McNeill, enlivened the proceedings in characteristically humorous fashion, and the first chairman of the board, Mr. G. F. Gibson, on behalf of the board, presented two beautiful pictures of British Columbia scenery—to Dr. Pidgeon. Dr. Fraser, of First Presbyterian Church, spoke on behalf of the ministers of the city, and Dr. R. J. Wilson referred with feeling to the interest and support of Dr. Pidgeon in the work of St. Andrew's, and to the regard and affection felt for him by that congregation and its pastor.