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Rev. A. F. Carr Honored.

The Degree of D. D. Conferred on Him

By Pine Hill Theological College:

At the closing exercises of Pine Hill Theological College, Halifax, last week, the Rev. A. F. Carr, Pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, was one of a number of clergymen who received the degree of Doctor of Divinity, as we mentioned in these columns last week.

Mr. Carr has rendered valuable services to his church and this mark of recognition of his faithful work is well merited.

He has been engaged in the active work of the ministry for the past thirty three years, the last fifteen of which being spent in Campbellton. The duties devolving upon him as Pastor of one of the largest, if not the largest, congregations in the Presbytery of Miramichi have been faithfully and acceptably performed and he is highly esteemed by his congregation as well as the citizens generally who appreciate keenly the honor conferred upon him by his Alma Mater.

At the close of the prayer meeting last evening, which happened to be a union meeting, in the Presbyterian Church, an interesting event took place. After J. B. McKenzie had been elected Chairman and Mr. A. G. Adams, Secretary, and the object of the gathering explained, Mr. D. C. Firth read the following address and presented Dr. Carr with a handsome pulpit gown.

To Rev. Arthur F. Carr D. D., Pastor of Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Campbellton,
Reverend and Dear Sir:—
We, the members and adherents of your congregation, on the occasion of the degree of Doctor of Divinity having been conferred upon you, desire to tender you our sincere congratulations upon the well merited honour.
It is gratifying to us to learn that

your long and faithful service in the Master's Vineyard, the zeal and devotion which characterized your ministry, together with the valuable aid and assistance which you have rendered towards the advancement of the Church have been signally recognized by your brethren.

We desire to embrace this opportunity of giving expression to our appreciation of you as our pastor, and of our high esteem and regard for you personally. During the many years you have been placed over this congregation, you have at all times manifested a lively interest in the temporal, as well as the spiritual, welfare of your people, you have been faithful and fearless in proclaiming the Gospel truth and earnest in your efforts, both by precept and example, in leading us in the way of salvation.

We ask you to accept the accompanying pulpit gown, which though of little value in itself, yet may serve as a fitting token of our appreciation of that honour which has been conferred upon you.

To Mrs. Carr and family, who are sharers with yourself in this honour, we desire also to extend our hearty congratulations and our sincere wishes for their future happiness.

Signed on behalf of the Congregation
J. Bradshaw McKenzie
D. C. Firth, Clerk of Session.

Chairman of Trustees
Campbellton, 4th May, 1904.

Doctor Carr and Mr. Firth then retired to the vestry and in a few minutes the Doctor returned clad in his new gown, the congregation rising to receive him.

The Rev. Doctor then made a feeling reply to the address and spoke of the gratification he felt at this reception by his people. He referred to his long service in the ministry but the happiest years of his life were those spent in Campbellton. He had always found tangible evidence of the unfailing loyalty of his congregation. He would wear the gown in his pulpit ministrations as long as he was in Campbellton. He realized that the larger portion of his ministerial career was behind him, life at longest being short in which to work, but he would make the most of the future, being true to traditions of the past and faithful to responsibilities.

Mr. J. T. Reid then read the following:—

Whereas the Quarterly Official Board of the Methodist Church, Campbellton has learned that the degree of Doctor of Divinity has been conferred upon the Rev. A. F. Carr, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Campbellton, by Pine Hill Theological College, Halifax; and Whereas, the said Rev. A. F. Carr has been engaged in the active work of the ministry for the past 33 years, the last 15 of which he has laboured in Campbellton with much acceptance generally and with a marked degree of zeal and energy for the extension of the Master's Kingdom;

Be it therefore Resolved, That this Board do hereby express its feeling of pleasure and satisfaction in this important event in the life of our esteemed Brother and do also hereby extend to him our most hearty sincere congratulations, with the hope that God in his own wise way will continue to bless and honor him in his labours among our co-workers of the Presbyterian denomination and that he may long be spared to influence both them and us to lives of greater usefulness and self-sacrifice in the service of our common Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Doctor Carr made a suitable reply, touching upon the good feeling existing between the two congregations, and giving expression to the feeling of pleasure called

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forth by the reading of the resolution.

Rev. Geo. A. Leck of Dalhousie in a happy manner congratulated Doctor Carr on the honor he had received, and was followed by Rev. J. M. McLeod, Clerk of the Presbytery of Miramichi. He (Mr. McLeod) said that there was no man in the Presbyterian ministry of the Maritime Provinces more worthy of the honor of D. D. than the Pastor of St. Andrew's, and he extended the felicitations and congratulations of the Presbytery with the intimation that something more formal would be done at the next meeting of that body.

After an address by Rev. H. R. Ramsay of Matapedia, the proceedings closed.

To Bridge the Restigouche

The bill introduced by Mr. Marcell to incorporate the International Railway Bridge Co. of New Brunswick has been unanimously adopted by the Railway Committee with amendments inserted by Mr. Marcell to protect local interest, and reported to the House.

The amendments provide for the erection of a combined railway and highway bridge over the Restigouche River between Mission Point and Campbellton instead of a railway or railway and highway bridge as first provided for by the company. The second amendment gives proper representation to the people of Bonaventure and Restigouche Counties on the Board of Directors. The representatives chosen for Bonaventure are Rev. Jacob Gagne, former parish priest of Maria, one of the most progressive citizens of the county, who has taken a deep interest in this matter, Mr. Robert Noble, Mayor of the Townships of Restigouche and Mr. Fred W. Fraser, of the Townships of Maria. At Mr. Reid's suggestion the representatives for Restigouche County are Messrs Kilgour Shives and David Richards, two of the most enterprising men of that region.

Mr. Marcell in defending the bill before the Committee declared that this undertaking was one of the

most important for that district and if the bridge was built it would place the Gaspé Peninsula in direct communication with New Brunswick and the American markets besides being of immense advantage to the farmers to reach Campbellton.

Inspector's Report for Point la Garde School.

Inspected this school to-day, Apr 26th, 1904, spending the forenoon

in it. Pupils present, 4; on roll, 10 teacher, Miss Gladys Scott.

The pupils attending are quite intelligent looking and making much progress. They answered well in Geography and History. They did remarkably well in arithmetic and Grammar. In some other branches they are just getting started. Miss Scott is very industrious and doing the best she can with the small number attending.

J. M. Sutherland, Inspector.

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