

# PASTORAL ADDRESS.

I have not forgotten, I never can forget, the series of most gratifying surprises which came upon me on the evening of Thursday, 3 March 1881, and whose occurrence, as will be afterwards seen, has had most to do with the issue of this Pastoral Address. With the object of giving the proceedings of that evening a more lasting record, I here reproduce the substance of the newspaper accounts of these :—

At the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church last evening, Mr. R. D. McGibbon B.C.L., the President of the Young Men's Association, in behalf of that Association and also of the Ladies' Aid Society, read the following Address :—

*To the  
Reverend Gavin Lang :*

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—The Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, as well as the several Associations connected with it, desire to take advantage of the present opportunity to extend to you their warmest felicitations upon your completion of the tenth year of your Pastorate of the Church.

On such occasions, it is usual to refer to the years that have passed, and we can with pleasure recall the invariably pleasant relations between yourself and the Congregation. You have won by your tender solicitude for their temporal and spiritual welfare, your kindly interest in the various movements undertaken by them, and by your courteous and genial watchfulness over them all, an affection, an esteem and love, the possession of which can, we think, be regarded as the truest measure of real pastoral success. Permit us then, on behalf of the Congregation, to convey to you the assurance of our warmest regard and affection, and at the same time to give expression to the hope that, in the years to come, your work may be blessed by a kind Providence with even better results than in the past. We all earnestly pray that yourself, Mrs. Lang and family may long be spared.

*Young Men's Association.*  
President, R. D. MCGIBBON.  
Secretary, W. H. CROSS.

*Ladies' Aid Society.*  
President, ELEANOR M. PERKINS.  
Secretary, S. CHARLOTTE OGILVIE.

This address, which was most artistically and beautifully written and ornamented—the engrossing, we believe, of Mr. Stansfield Blaiklock, one of the Young Men's Association, and worthy of an expert—was richly framed and accompanied by a well filled purse, the presentation of which latter was made by A. Laphorn Smith M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng. The Rev. Mr. Lang made an appropriate reply.

The Rev. S. Massey then stepped forward, and on behalf of the East End Mission presented Mr. Lang with three handsome volumes, accompanied with the following address, full of kindly greetings and, like the former address, well executed in penmanship and handsomely framed :—

*To the Reverend Gavin Lang,  
Minister of Saint Andrew's Church.*

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,

We the undersigned representing the East End Mission and Sunday School in connection with St. Andrew's Church, of which you are the honoured Pastor, beg permission on this interesting occasion to present to you our most sincere and heartfelt thanks (accompanied with these Books as a small token of our gratitude and appreciation) for your unvarying kindness, as well as for the deep practical interest you have always taken in the work of our Mission. Its prosperity and usefulness are largely due to your kind interest, and we earnestly pray that God in His All-Wise Providence may long spare you, and greatly bless you in your work of Faith and labour of Love.

Montreal,  
March 3d } Signed  
1881.

HENRY GOODRICK.  
JOHN ROLLO.  
ROBERT GREEN.  
SAMUEL MASSEY.

To this address also, with its accompanying gifts, the Rev. Mr. Lang, who was completely taken by surprise, feelingly replied.