

ST. PAUL'S PASTOR HONORED ON EVE OF DEPARTURE

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Address From Congregation

The address from this congregation follows:

To the Reverend William H. Smith, M. A., B. D., Ph. D.:

Reverend and Dear Sir,—We, the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Fredericton, unfeignedly regret the severance of the relation of pastor and people which has taken place, and which necessitates the removal of yourself and family from our city and province.

From the very outset of your ministry you won an enviable place in the esteem of your people, and each day that has elapsed has strengthened the ties of affection which bound us to you.

Your great ability, devoted industry and fine personal qualities have enthroned you in the hearts of this congregation and we feel the parting with you at this time as a sore personal loss.

Under God, the seven and one-half years of your labor here has seen the spiritual life of St. Paul's quickened immeasurably. The congregation has almost doubled in that time, and its budget has grown in like proportion.

We recall with pride that during your incumbency, our pulpit has become one of the leading pulpits in this the educational and legislative centre of the province, that it has fearlessly and effectively championed many social reforms, and that it has persistently and powerfully translated the teachings of the Master into terms of modern life and conduct.

As a leader you have proved yourself bold, strong and safe. As a pastor you have shown efficiency, tenderness and tact in a marked degree, and as a result you have acquired an influence in this City and Province that it is the lot of but few men to possess.

As a slight token of regard for yourself, Mrs. Smith and family, and our appreciation of the great service you have rendered us, we ask you to accept this purse. We hope that you will not regard it as a measure of our esteem, but merely as a reminder of our good feeling.

He who knoweth the end from the beginning has decided that you must go to another field of labor. Thankful for the privileges vouchsafed us in the past, and believing that all things will work together for good, we humbly acquiesce. Although you are to be separated from us, we shall still all be working together for the one great cause, and in the service of our common Lord.

We congratulate you on the work you have accomplished here, and upon the opportunities for service awaiting you in the west. Our best wishes and prayers will follow you all to your new home.

May the God who has so signally smiled upon your efforts to serve amongst us, grant you a double measure of success and power in your work, and may his choicest blessings rest upon you and your family.

On behalf of the congregation,
T. G. LOGGIE,
F. PEACOCK,
W. M. BURNS,
J. H. DICKSON,
Committee.

From the Men's Class.

The address from the Men's Class was as follows:

To Rev. W. H. Smith, B. D., Ph. D.:

The men of your Bible Class, realizing that before we reassemble you will have gone out from us and have become established in your new church

home in the far west, and that therefore the present occasion means not only the closing of the class for the season, but also a final parting with you as its teacher, desire now to express our deep regard for you as pastor of this Church, as teacher of this class, and as a man among us.

This class is especially yours. It was founded by you; you have been its only teacher; and during the seven years of its existence our association as leader and members has been most pleasant. The time spent here has proved profitable to us, and we hope in some measure profitable to yourself. Those problems and principles which enter into the complexities of human life, in our relationship to God and to our fellow man, we have, under your leadership, studied and discussed with the greatest freedom; and there is present with us a lively appreciation of that openness of mind, that wideness of knowledge, that clearness of spiritual insight which you have ever displayed in dealing with these questions. And though in the body you may be far from us, yet we hope that of your spirit much may remain, and that through us the work you have done in this class may be a power for good in this church and congregation.

As a token—not as a measurement—of our esteem, we would ask you to receive from the members of your class, this watch, and with it we would extend to you, wherever you may be, our best wishes for all those things which are best.

On behalf of the Men's Bible Class of St. Paul's Church (Presbyterian), Fredericton, N. B.,
W. L. McFARLANE,
President.
RONALD MURRAY,
Secretary.

Fredericton, N. B., May 28th, 1916.

The inscription on the inner case of the watch was as follows: "To Rev. W. H. Smith, B. D., Ph. D., from Men's Bible Class, St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, N. B., May 28th, 1916." On the outer case were Dr. Smith's initials, "W. H. S."

Dr. Smith's Reply.

Rev. Dr. Smith made a reply which was not lengthy but which showed a deep feeling of appreciation. He pointed out that the deepest convictions were not upon the surface, but came out in after years. He instanced the fact that after the death of the late Rev. Dr. Mowatt in Montreal, memorial services for him were held at Fredericton, Summerside and Sydney, in churches where he had labored years before. If the Gospel were preached with sincerity, that was to be expected.

The manse, he said, had been the centre of the congregation, and all members of his family had tried to do their best. The congregation had loyally co-operated.

Dr. Smith referred to the new church building which was to be built from the generous bequest of the late Donald Fraser. The best days of St. Paul's were before it. Speaking of the Ministerial Association, he said that it had possessed a remarkable spirit of co-operation and inspiration. Many great movements in Fredericton had originated there. Its members had met the Police Commission in a spirit of friendship, and good results had

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followed.

He said farewell with a spirit of thankfulness that he had had the opportunity of serving in an historic church. The thing in the service that had touched him most had been the little Scotch song of Miss Kelley.

As the Board of Education would

met in Montreal in 1917, it was probable he would revisit St. Paul's Church. For his successor he asked the same co-operation as had been given him.

The meeting closed with an informal reception. Dr. and Mrs. Smith shook hands with the members of the congregation.



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