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ST. ENOCH'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

A farewell Social was held on Monday Evening in St. Enoch's Church Hall for Mr. William A. Rea, A.R.C.M., on his resigning his post as Organist and Choirmaster, to take up an appointment as Assistant to [the] Musical Director of Broadcasting in Singapore.

Rev. Dr. A.A. Fulton, Minister of the Church, presided, and after the opening exercises a musical programme was given by the Choir, and Mr. Leslie Graham, Guest Artiste; Pianoforte solos were rendered by Mr. Rea, who also, by special request, played a solo of his own composition.

The Chairman after paying tribute to the co-operation of Mr. Rea in the arranging of the Praise Service week by week called on the Session Clerk (Mr. Sinclair) who referred [to] the good record of efficient work done by Mr. Rea since his appointment in 1937, and to his War services, he congratulated Mr. Rea on his well merited appointment and wished him, Mrs. Rea and son, on behalf of the Session, God's blessing in his new sphere.

Mr. Linton, Congregational Secretary, on behalf of the Committee conveyed the good wishes of the Members, and said that they would all welcome Mr. Rea back when the opportunity came along.

Rev. John Thompson, B.A., B.D., also joined in the good wishes expressed, and thanked Mr. Rea for his geniality towards him.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Treasurer, said he had pleasure on behalf of the Congregation in handing over to Mr. Rea a wallet of notes and extended to him their hearty congratulations on obtaining promotion.

Mr. D. Buchanan, on behalf of the Choir, handed over a clock to Mr. Rea, with thanks and appreciation of services rendered to the Choir Members.

Mrs. Nicholl, Choir Secretary, then handed over gifts to Mrs. Rea for herself and son, with best wishes for their happiness in their new home.

Mr. Rea, in reply, referred to the happy association he had with the Rev. Gordon Young, former Minister, and Rev. Dr. Fulton; he thanked all for their kindness to him during his period as Organist, also for the gifts to his wife and son, as well as to himself. He hoped to return some day and renew his friendships with St. Enoch's people.

During an interval tea was served by the ladies of the Choir.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, Guest Artiste and Choir, was proposed by Mr. R. W. Lester, seconded by Mrs. Kelly, and passed by acclamation.

A very successful function was brought to a close by the entire audience singing the Aaronic Blessing, and the Chairman pronouncing the Benediction.