

Fullarton. It is worthy of note that on the Sabbath previous Rev. Prof. Andrew Baird, of Winnipeg, a son of a Motherwell family, ex-Moderator of General Assembly, also, of the year 1916-17, was present and conducted services. A message was read from the former pastor, Mr. Stewart, expressing his congratulation with the congregation on the happy events of the day.

The day was fine. The church was crowded. The speaker delivered a strong sermon at the morning service on the subject "A vital church essential to the progress of a nation." In the evening he gave an account of his visit to the Canadian soldiers in England and France as representative of the church. The service of praise was led by the Motherwell choir and was most hearty and inspiring, the large congregations joining in the spirit of the occasion. The oldest member of the congregation, Mrs. John Rogers, was present. Mrs. Rogers joined Motherwell congregation in October of 1858.

Regret was felt keenly that the family of the late Dr. Hamilton were unable to be present. Their bereavement in the recent death of Rev. Alexander Hamilton, D.D., of Keewatin, was still keenly felt both by the family and by the congregation. Dr. Hamilton died very unexpectedly at his home on Monday, June 3rd, and was buried on the Friday following in Avonbank cemetery by sorrowing friends of childhood and college days.

This sketch is written in troublous times. Since August 4th, 1914, the Great War with Germany and Austria-Hungary has raged and spread and increased till most of the great nations and many smaller ones are involved. Germany has challenged the world with her "will to power" doctrine. The British Empire and allied powers have taken up the challenge. Motherwell shares the conviction that these principles must not prevail. From the first her boys began to answer the call. Three have already made the supreme sacrifice. Pte. Malcolm McKenzie and Lieut. Oliver J. McIntosh at Vimy Ridge, Flt. Lieut. W. Gordon Brown "somewhere in France." We pause in reverence and gratitude and love as we think of them. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."