

The "Spectator" May 6:

For a quarter of a century Rev. Dr. Fletcher has been Pastor of the McNab Street Presbyterian Church, and is able to look back upon work well performed followed by deserved success. The relations between Pastor and people have always been of the pleasantest, and the large congregation hopes that the reverend doctor will long be spared to be their spiritual leader.

The "Times" May 6:

REV. D. H. FLETCHER, D. D.

In another column will be found the programme for the celebration of the completion of Rev. Dr. Fletcher's twenty-fifth year in the pastorate of McNab Street Presbyterian Church, and the Times would like to add its congratulations to those of the good doctor's many friends on the occasion. The man who can satisfy the same constituency of critical hearers for a quarter of a century must be a student and a thinker, but Dr. Fletcher is also the friend of his congregation, sharing in the joys and the sorrows of young and old, and not confining his acquaintance and his sympathy to his own church or his own denomination. It may not be to some people the highest recommendation that the Times has generally, if not always, found Dr. Fletcher on the side which it deemed right; but we cannot help believing that his example and precept do more good than the efforts of some of his zealous brethren to compel by law compliance with their ideas of right and wrong. Long may Rev. Dr. Fletcher live to minister to the people of McNab Street Church, and to perform, in the future, as he has done in the past, the duties of a good citizen of Hamilton.

The "Herald" May 6:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS A PASTOR.

Not often in this country is it given to a pastor and his people to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the beginning of their relations as pastor and people. We are not so conservative and contented in our habits of mind as the people of the old country. We are more restless and volatile, are more easily and sooner dissatisfied, and feel the need of change more than they. But now and again, even in our own country, we hear of the celebration of the anniversary of some minister's pastorate—the tenth, twentieth or thirtieth, and such events always give birth to pleasant reflections.

Excepting domestic ties, there is no bond so strong and sacred as the one which unites a pastor and his people when the pastor is a faithful shepherd and beloved and trusted by the flock. Not only do his people look to him for spiritual instruction and guidance; he is the friend to whom they go for sympathy and advice in time of trouble; he shares their joys and their sorrows;