

excellence of these surveys and observations. Both morally and scientifically he was a man of the very highest type. As a discoverer and explorer he stands in the highest rank."

Another noted man, if not a resident, made at least a visit to Williamstown—Lord Selkirk, that philanthropic nobleman who did so much to help his countrymen with an unstinted hand, and who met with so much opposition from the elements, fire and frost and famine, freshets and locusts, and still more from the North West Company, and who retired brokenhearted from the struggle. But many of the descendants of his settlers now reap the fruits of his toil, in prosperous and happy homes in Manitoba. In his diary in 1803, he says, reaching Williamstown: "I went to see the Presbyterian minister, Rev. John Bethune, and stayed with him. He gave me an account of the Highland settlement, and referred to the good people who came out from the old country."

A word, indeed, a good many words should be said of the cemetery. Never has it been my lot to see in a small village the resting place of the dead kept in such beautiful order. On my inquiry—How do you do this? the answer was, Oh! there is an endowment. Think of it, ye who leave those sacred spots without care, given over to briars and weeds, an endowment of \$3,000, of which \$2,000 was given by Mrs Grant who gave liberally for two scholarships for four years for the High School.

And that brings us to the history of the High School, also a remarkable one, and that has to me a personal interest. As there are only two high schools in the county, Williamstown and Alexandria, they have a large constituency from which to draw pupils. Of what benefit the scholarship founded by R. R. McLennan M.P. is, I happen to know that one widow had two of her children who gained the scholarship educated so as to enter Queen's University and obtain the degree of B.A. And the good example set by the "Laird," as he was called, has been followed by others, Margaret Grant giving two scholarships of the value of \$400 and \$360 respectively. That of Laird McLennan was for \$440. Another scholarship, or bursary as they are called in Scotland, was given by Marion Stewart McDonald. Can any other village High School tell of such generosity as there are now four scholarships. Men's good deeds do live after them. How many in after years will bless the memory of these founders of scholarships which will help them in the pursuit of education, which reminds me of the Snell Scholarships in Scotland founded 300 years ago, and in this year is to be unveiled a monument to its founder. In a little village is a monument to the old blacksmith, Andrew Snell, whose son John Snell saved the life of Charles Stewart, after the battle of Worcester, and on his restoration to the throne advanced his preserver, who left a large sum of money to found scholarships for his countrymen. A public spirited man now living in Ayr hunted up the whole history, circulars were sent to those who had gained the scholarships or their descendants living in different continents. Money was given, a site, an architect gave the plan and in September, 1914, the monument was to have been unveiled, but the war prevented, and now after four years the good deed will be commemorated and others incited to similar generosity.

Of my personal recollections of Williamstown, as it was, over forty years ago, I have said nothing, but I remember the two square pews in the front of the church for the use of the elders, the confusion of names, to distinguish one Macdonald from the other. At the Post Office most bewildering mistakes