

The greatest enterprise in which the congregation engaged, in addition to its regular and missionary work, in Mr. Robertson's pastorate, was the new Knox Church building. This is known as the Second Knox Church. This was largely accomplished through the energy and personal effort of the pastor. Indeed, so sedulously did the pastor work up the subscription list, that it has been said that it was in this that Mr. Robertson laid the foundation of the great success that he has since gained in finances as Superintendent of Missions. The congregation had in 1879 grown to have 400 names upon the roll, and desired a more comfortable place of worship. The old church was removed to the rear of the lot, and may still be seen on Fort Street, being now used as a stable. The new building was erected on the old site, and was capable of seating 800 people, having also a comfortable basement. The cost of the building was \$28,000, and the debt remaining on it was \$12,000, a small amount considering the numbers and ability of the congregation. The Second Knox Church, as will be seen from the accompanying picture, was a handsome and commanding building.

After seven years of self-denying and successful work, after seeing the congregation grow to be influential, and after having established a favorable reputation for himself, Rev. Mr. Robertson accepted the call of the General Assembly of the Church to become Superintendent of Missions for the Northwest. That he was well suited for the work no one doubted, and sixteen years of earnest and well planned labor have done much for the cause of Christ, both in the Northwest and in British Columbia. It was a well merited compliment to the first pastor of Knox Church and the first Superintendent of Missions by the General Assembly in 1895, when Rev. Dr. Robertson was appointed its Moderator.

The year of Mr. Robertson's appointment to the Superintendency was the year in which the Winnipeg "boom" began. Led by the impression that the site of Knox Church on Portage Avenue was needed for business purposes, the congregation decided to sell the property and to build elsewhere. Accordingly the Church and site were sold by public auction for the sum of \$128,100. This sale afterwards fell through. Led by the supposed fortunate sale the congregation voted and paid \$10,000 to the newly-formed St. Andrew's Church. The Church having reverted to the congregation, efforts were made to re-sell it, and a temporary building known as Knox Hall, was erected on Hargrave Street, and was opened for public worship on June 11th, 1882.

After Mr. Robertson's retirement from the pastorate a vacancy of about a year took place, during which time many ministers from the Eastern Provinces took part in the services. On the 9th of August, 1882, the Rev. Daniel M. Gordon, formerly of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, was settled as pastor of the Church. Finding Knox Hall unsuitable for worship the congregation undertook the erection of a new