

land, the boyhood spent among the pioneer conditions of Western Ontario, the struggle for an education, and finally the achievement of a university course, and theological training, were pictured in such a way as to make us understand something of the development of his personality.

In 1874 Dr. Robertson became minister of Knox Church, Winnipeg, at that time one of the three self-sustaining congregations of Western Canada. In 1881, in the Convocation Hall of Queen's, he was appointed Home Mission Superintendent of the West. Because of his thorough acquaintance with the country, and his strong executive ability, he was recognized as the only man fit for the work.

The broad lines of his missionary policy were summed up under four main headings: (1) The settlers in the West must be sought out, and gathered into missions and congregations by the church. Formerly, this had never been attempted.

(2) The cause of religion must be given permanence and visibility. To this end, he launched the Church and Manse Building Fund, which has given wonderful assistance in the extension of the church in the West. (3) The church as a whole should know the facts of the West, and should be awakened to her responsibility. By his strong personal appeals Dr. Robertson did much to make known to the East the possibilities of the West. (4) The quest for men for the missionary work of the West. To Canadian, American, and even British universities he went in search of men of the right stamp to fill his Western fields.

By his strong and sympathetic personality he bound men to him with lasting affection. The results of Robertson's devoted labours are becoming apparent to-day in the wonderful development of the church in the West. The great work to which he so unselfishly devoted his life—still calls for men to follow in his footsteps. The call will not go unheeded.



Medicine

THE city of Ottawa, during the past five weeks, has suffered a serious epidemic of typhoid fever. The matter has been the subject of consideration

by municipal governing bodies. Provincial health officers have investigated the causes: charges of negligence have been made against aldermen: screaming, urgent editorials have been published with numerous demands in connection with the matter. The subject of water pollution has finally been made the theme of a poem, which will not be without interest to medical students: