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shall be replaced by pews at an early date. The church cost in the neighborhood of \$1,500, besides free labor, of which a large amount was given by the people. A comparatively small debt of something like \$200 remains to be met. The Sabbath collections amounted to \$53. On Monday evening a social was held in the new church. Tea was served. Hon. Mr. Young of Killarney presided. Mr. Cameron gave an address in English, Mr. Matheson in Gaelic, and Mr. Gordon of Winnipeg gave an address and a vivid glimpse of "Camp Life in the Selkirk."

On the evening of December 31st, Rev. R. Stewart, of Melbourne, Ont., received a kindly worded address and a beautiful fur coat from the Riverside section of his congregation.

On Tuesday, the 28th ult., the congregation of Knox Church, Regina, presented their pastor, Rev. J. A. Carmichael, with a handsome Persian Lamb overcoat, as a New Year's gift.

Taking as his text "How old art thou" Rev. Mr. Herridge of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, preached a very powerful sermon last Sabbath morning, showing that the quality and not the quantity of life is the important consideration.

Engagements of Rev. N. H. Russell for missionary meetings:—Jan. 5th, Cooke's church, Toronto; Jan. 6th, Merton St. Mission;—Jan. 9th, College St., Toronto; Jan. 12th, Central church, Toronto; Jan. 13th, King; Jan. 14th, Bolton; Jan. 16th, West church, Toronto.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at Moffat and at Wolsley N. W. T. on Sunday Dec. 26th. At the former place thirty seven, and at the latter thirty eight members sat at the Communion table. Four members were received by certificate and one by profession of faith.

On New Year's Eve the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, presented Mrs. Herridge, wife of the pastor, with an oil painting of her husband. On Sabbath the Rev. Mr. Herridge thanked his congregation for the gift and referred feelingly to the close communion that has existed between himself and the congregation during his fourteen years pastorate.

The Scotstown congregation and Sunday School held their annual entertainment on Christmas eve when an interesting programme was presented. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to Mrs. King, wife of the pastor, of several handsome gifts from the Sabbath School and congregation. Rev. A. King was the recipient at the same time of a purse of money and an address of appreciation. Mrs. King gave a Christmas gift of a new carpet to the church.

Notice is hereby given, that a special general meeting of the Shareholders of the Security Gold Mining and Development Company of Ontario, Limited, will be held at 41 Adelaide Street, east, Toronto, on Monday the 10th day of January, 1898, at the hour of 4 o'clock afternoon.
Toronto, Dec. 24. T. R. CHAMBER.
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G. W. Coon Hopelessly Crippled with Rheumatism.

Could Not Raise Either Hand or Foot and Had to be Fed and Dressed—The Doctors Told Him a Cure was Impossible, Yet he Attends to His Business To-day
From the Milbrook Reporter.

Rheumatism has claimed many victims and has probably caused more pain than any other ill affecting mankind. Among those who have been its victims few have suffered more than Mr. G. W. Coon, now proprietor of a flourishing bakery in Hampton, but for a number of years a resident of Pontypool, when his severe illness occurred. To a reporter who interviewed him Mr. Coon gave the following particulars of his great suffering and ultimate cure:—"Some seven or eight years ago," said Mr. Coon, "I felt a touch of rheumatism. At first I did not pay much attention to it, but as it was steadily growing worse I began to doctor for it, but to no effect. The trouble went from bad to worse, until three years after the first symptoms had manifested themselves I became utterly helpless, and could do no more for myself than a young child. I could not lift my hands from my side, and my wife was obliged to cut my food and feed me when I felt like eating, which was not often considering the torture I was undergoing. My hands were swollen out of shape, and for weeks were tightly bandaged. My legs and feet were also swollen, and I could not lift my foot two inches from the floor. I could not change my clothes and my wife had to dress and wash me. I grew so thin that I looked more like a skeleton than anything else. The pain I suffered was almost past endurance and I got no rest either day or night. I doctored with many doctors, but they did me no good, and some of them told me it was not possible for me to get better. I believe I took besides almost everything that was recommended for rheumatism, but instead of getting better I was constantly getting worse, and I wished many a time that death would end my sufferings. One day Mr. Perrio, storekeeper at Pontypool gave me a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and urged me to try them. I did so somewhat reluctantly as I did not think any medicine could help me. However, I used the pills, then I got another box and before they were gone I felt a trifling relief. Before a third box was finished there was no longer any doubt of the improvement they were making in my condition, and by the time I had used three boxes more I began to feel, in view of my former condition, that I was growing quite strong, and the pain was rapidly subsiding. From that out, there was a steady improvement, and for the first time in long weary years I was free from pain, and once more able to take my place among the world's workers. I have not now the slightest pain, and I feel better than I felt for seven years previous to taking the pills. I thank God that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills came in my way as I believe they saved my life, and there is no doubt whatever that they rescued me from years of torture.

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COLONIAL CONGRESS.

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