

tion with a committee to be selected by the congregation to look out for a pastor to succeed Rev. Dr. Fletcher. Visits will be paid to churches in other cities and towns, with a view to securing a pastor.

Rev. W. M. McKay, of Norval, was inducted into the pastorate of Knox Church, Milton, on Tuesday last week. Rev. J. R. Waits, of Mansewood, was the preacher. Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Toronto, addressed the minister, and Rev. H. A. Macpherson, of Toronto, addressed the people. The service was well attended and of a very interesting character.

Rev. Dr. McDonald, of Burns Church, Mosa, conducted services morning and evening, at Petrolia, last Sunday week, exchanging pulpits with the Rev. A. A. Graham. The reverend doctor conducted a Gaelic service in the afternoon, which was fairly well attended.

The annual entertainment of Embro Knox Church Sunday School was both successful and enjoyable. The cantata Santa Claus was greatly appreciated by young and old. The large congregation of Knox, under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Patterson, is experiencing a period of solid growth, and all branches of congregational work are flourishing.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, pastor of Knox Church, Galt, formerly of Ottawa, was nominated for Mayor of Galt, with the view of preventing the desecration of the Sabbath by the proposed introduction of a Sunday street car service in that town. Mr. Knowles declined the nomination.

Rev. R. Martin, B.A., of Erskine Church, Hamilton, is unanimously called to the pastorate of Knox Church, Stratford, vacant for some time through the resignation of Rev. M. H. Leitch. This is one of the largest congregations in the denomination.

At the annual meeting of the officers and teachers of Knox Church, Acton, with a few additions the old staff was re-elected. Regret was expressed at the loss of two faithful teachers in the persons of Mrs. J. H. Matthews and Mr. W. R. Carruthers. Mr. Hynds, the efficient superintendent, was made the recipient of a handsomely upholstered quarter cut oak Morris chair. The ladies, with their usual hospitality, had provided a dainty supper, which was a fitting social ending to the evening.

The London Presbytery recently arranged to have divine services every Sunday evening in the Proudfoot Memorial Chapel, West London, commencing on Dec. 25 (Christmas Night). A few evenings ago a reception was given to the pastor, Rev. Thomas Nixon, the chair being occupied by Mr. J. A. Carrick. Mr. A. S. McGregor gave a synopsis of the work that had been accomplished, showing that the prospects for the cause of Presbyterianism in West London, for the future, were particularly bright. Rev. Dr. Ross and Rev. J. G. Stuart also spoke encouragingly of the work. A large Sabbath school has been built up and with divine service every Sunday evening, a large congregation will without doubt soon be in attendance. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

A very pleasant gathering assembled in the Thames Road Church on Monday evening of last week, to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. Fletcher. To join them in celebrating the happy event, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher invited the married members of both the Thames Road and Kirkton congregations, and entertained them in the basement of Thames Road Church. Notwithstanding the stormy weather, the invitations were responded to by over two hundred. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher received their guests in the church, and extended a most hearty welcome to them all. The Thames Road congregation presented Mrs. Fletcher with a well filled purse, and the Kirkton people had a handsome new sleigh, robes and harness at the church door, and, carrying the groom and bride out, placed them in the sleigh, and, wrapping the robes around them, four of the stalwarts drew them around, amidst much enthusiasm.—Seatorib. Expositor.

#### Winnipeg and West.

The handsome edifice erected by the Presbyterians of Selkirk was dedicated to the worship of God last Sunday week. Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, of Manitoba College, was the preacher, and his strong spiritual sermons made a profound impression upon the listeners. The free will offerings of the day amounted to \$350. At the entertainment in connection with the opening, the pastor, Rev. R. M. Dickey presided, and the principal feature of the programme was

readings by "Ralph Connor" from "Glengarry School Days" and the "Sky Pilot." The Tribune gives the following historical notes, which will not be without interest to the reader.

Services were commenced in Selkirk by Rev. Alex. Matheson, now of Kildonan, in 1876. The old church was built in 1879, and dedicated on the 29th of December. It was used by the congregation a quarter of a century. The congregation has made remarkable progress in recent years. The Sabbath school was recently doubled and the membership has quadrupled. From being an aid-receiving congregation it has come to be self-supporting, and with present equipment, aims at doing a great work in the future. The minister, Rev. R. M. Dickey is known as "Klondyke Dickey" from the fact that he was the first missionary in that country in pioneer days. He came from Ireland ten years ago and studied in Manitoba college. He was a student missionary at Strathclair and Strathcona. He spent two years in the Yukon, 1897-1899, after that one year in the old country studying and representing Canadian missions. He settled in Selkirk, 1 Jan. 1900. This is the sixth church which he has taken part in building. He is highly esteemed by the congregation and the citizens generally. The foundation stone of the church was laid on June 28 by Lieutenant-Governor Sir Daniel McMillan, and as completed will cost \$8,000.

#### Schemes of the Church.

The following are the receipts from 1st March 1903 and 1904:

	1903.	1904.
Home Mission Fund.....	\$31,200.94	\$37,287.78
Augmentation Fund.....	3,781.39	4,016.09
Foreign Mission Fund.....	17,223.23	33,501.19
French Evangelization Fund....	6,890.94	8,776.26
Pointe-aux-Troubles Fund.....	2,859.76	3,148.94
Ministers' Widows' & Orphans' Fund.....	2,180.91	2,001.70
Aged & Infirm Ministers' Fund....	2,883.99	2,750.01
Assembly Fund.....	2,507.03	2,830.97
Knox College.....	1,036.37	968.33
Queen's College.....	304.38	415.43
Montreal College.....	349.29	364.57
Manitoba College.....	878.49	923.09
	\$74,977.56	\$83,941.12

The Foreign Mission receipts for the current year include the sum of about \$12,000 received last spring in response to the appeal for the deficit.

It will be observed that the total receipts for the past ten months of the year only amount to \$93,921.21. During the months of January and February it will be necessary to receive \$257,000, that is nearly three-fourths of the revenue of the year.

The receipts generally are in excess of the corresponding period last year. This, however, is mainly accounted for by the fact of a number of congregations forwarding their contributions earlier than they did last year.

The year closes on 28th February, 1905.

#### An Historic Church.

Unique in the annals of Canadian Presbyterianism stands St. Andrew's Church, Quebec. During its history, covering a period of one hundred and thirty-nine years, only four clergymen have ministered to the needs of the congregation, and, what is equally remarkable, the pastoral tie with three was severed only by death.

On a recent Sunday special services were held to commemorate the one hundred and thirty-ninth anniversary of the congregation and the twentieth anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. A. T. Love, B. A., under whose oversight the congregation has flourished and attained a marked degree of success.

Prof. D. J. Fraser, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, officiated, and delivered inspiring and scholarly sermons to large and appreciative audiences.

At the morning service Rev. P. Boudreau was also present as a representative from the Presbytery of Quebec for the purpose of placing before the congregation a minute of appreciation passed at a recent meeting of that court, recording the good work done by Mr. Love and his congregation, and noting the cordial relations between himself and his people.

Mr. Boudreau also presented a resolution of congratulation from the Presbytery to Mr. Love personally, in which reference was made to his lengthy pastorate, and the enthusiastic support which he had at all times given to every good work within the bounds of the Presbytery, as well as well as in matters of public moment beyond. His goodly fellowship, warm sympathy and kindly interest in his brethren of the Pres-

bytery were referred to, also his cheering and helpful influence for good in social life.

The Rev. Mr. Love made a feeling response, and requested the Rev. Mr. Boudreau to convey the thanks of the congregation and also his own personal thanks to the Presbytery of Quebec for its kind appreciation of his services in connection with that body. He also alluded to the frequent acts of kindness experienced at the hands of his people, and the many happy years of his pastorate in old St. Andrew's coming there a young man as successor to the venerable Dr. Cook, from whom he had received much fatherly counsel and great assistance during the earlier years of his ministry. He paid a touching tribute to the memory of his illustrious and revered predecessor, and closed with an affectionate reference to the many members and adherents of the congregation who have passed away during the twenty years of his pastorate.

#### British and Foreign.

Dr. Chalmers estimates that Glasgow has 786,087 of a population just now.

A Lunatic who escaped from a Forfarshire asylum lived on turnips during his nine days' freedom.

There are pitiful stories of starvation in the West of Ireland, owing to the potato famine.

Formosa is a country where a man must have a license before he is allowed to smoke opium.

The Duke of Buccleuch is not favorable to having a consumption sanatorium on his Roxburgh property.

The congregation of Tay Square U.F. Church, Dundee, have given a call to Rev. A. Alexander, Ecclefechan.

Forcible possession of Strathpeffer Church was taken on the 7th inst, by the adherents of the Free Church.

A railway station, which it is said will be the largest in the world and will cost £7,500,000, has been begun at Leipzig.

£49,000 is spent on drink every year in Montrose. So a local elder has declared at a meeting of Brechin and Forfar Presbytery.

A new Established Church is to be built at Kilebattan. A local quarrymaster has offered to slate the roof free of charge.

Scottish pauperism is increasing, mainly in the large towns. Dundee having in ten years an increase of 13 per 1,000 of population.

In Siberia if a man is dissatisfied with the most trifling acts of his wife, he tears a cap or veil from her face, and that constitutes a divorce.

Famine in many districts of Russia is very severe, and grave bread riots have occurred. In many outlying villages peasants are dying of starvation.

Twelve per cent. of all the deaths in Switzerland, which is supposed to be a paradise for people afflicted with consumption, are caused by that disease.

Mrs. Ida N. Case, of Flatbush, L. I., wife of a real estate dealer, and a Christian Scientist, announced on Friday that by "absent treatment" she had saved the lives of five valuable collie pups living 50 miles away.

Scotland, it is stated in the "Reminiscences of an Irish Land Agent," is the best farmed country in the world, while Ireland is the worst, chiefly for the reason that the "Scotsman is a farmer by nature, while the Irishman is a farmer only by inclination."

A fine harvest is now assured over the greater part of the grain growing region of Australia, and pastoral prospects are brighter. New South Wales has four million extra sheep this year, making thirty million altogether.

In Denmark there are 224,000 rural landowners. More than half have not more than one acre, 95,000 have less than four acres, and only 2,000 have more. The small landowners mainly occupy themselves with the egg and fowl industry.

Lady Victoria Campbell has resumed her wood-carving classes in Tiree. They have been very successful. The pulpit which she presented to the new Parish Church of Hylipol, every panel of which shows a Celtic design was carved by Tiree boys.

The latest recruit to the nursing profession is Lady Marjorie Erskine, the daughter of Lord and Lady Buchan, who has joined the staff of a London hospital set apart for children. She is only some 24 years of age, and being much admired, was one of the most sought after girls in Society.