

### 'A CITY IN SORROW'

This phrase from the opening prayer uttered by the Rev. Mr. Langford in the Central Methodist church at the service held in connection with the funeral of Constable Byers, martyr to duty, fairly represents the condition of Vancouver city on Sunday, 31st of March.

Our representative was among the few members of the public privileged to be present at the service. Rev. Mr. Langford showed the highest christian spirit in being ready, though the service was in his own church, to take a comparatively minor part in the proceedings, but the few remarks he made in introducing the others who addressed the crowded congregation of constables, other officials and members of the various societies were pointedly pertinent.

The mayor's words were few but every sentence was apt, and charged with deep sympathetic feeling. Rev. Mr. Sanford also spoke with appealing fitness. The address given by Rev. R. J. Wilson was memorable in its impressiveness. Much of it centred round the sentence "He gave himself" and most of it was worthy of reproduction in permanent form.

Episcopacy upon the Scottish people. At any rate, there is no doubt that the re-action went to the other extreme.

Though we may ask with the poet, "Why should we in the world's ripper years worship and adore ONLY among the crowd, and under roofs that our frail hands have raised?" we may at the same time assert: Of all places on earth surely the House dedicated to the worship of the Highest should have all the beauty about it that Nature and Art can give!

In the same spirit we welcomed the initiation of mid-day services in St. Andrew's church during Easter week. In this connection we can learn something from our brethren of the Roman Catholic church, who keep their churches open every day of the week, so that world-weary souls may enter and rest mind and heart amid, and yet away from, the ceaseless throbbing of the city's life.

In the Easter services as arranged in St. Andrew's church timely messages were delivered from day to day by prominent ministers of the Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches, and the pastor of St. Andrew's took part.

### EASTER SERVICES

#### A Wise Innovation

Presbyterianism and the other "non-conformist" Churches generally share the inherent Scottish prejudice against anything approaching Ritualism. We suppose that that deep-rooted dislike was born in the long-ago time when it was foolishly sought to force

### A CONTEST IN ORATORY

The first oratorical contest held in Vancouver city took place in March. Nine candidates, representing as many institutions, took part and the addresses given were all of a high order. We reproduce three of the most outstanding, namely those on "Imperialism," "The Spirit of Canada," and "Peace Be Still;" and hope to find space for others later.