

This is the decision we have come to. We have invited architects to prepare us plans from which to choose, of a building to cost not more than \$10,000 and capable of seating from 500 to 700 people, with provision for putting in a gallery at some future day. After we have chosen our plan, we shall make it our aim to realize it; if not sooner, then later. Mr. Hague met us in conference last night, and listened to all we had to say, and inspected our proposed plan, and advised us to set up an ideal to which we might reach.

Our finance committee will receive instructions to raise enough money to build the church. They will at once find out what we can do in town. They think that, at the least, they can raise \$2000; probably more. Then we are hopeful of some help coming from the east. For the present we will continue in the Wilson Hall; perhaps stay there all winter. But I venture to predict, that in six weeks, when this beautiful, un-church-going weather has given way to the dark, wet, winter weather, we shall be crowded out. However, I do not see that we can do better.

I hinted at one drawback in our church, as compared with those in the east. We are *poor*. There is none of us that can lay any claim to wealth. But there must be a change. If enterprise and youth, and energy produce wealth, then we will have it, but at the present we are struggling. We do not wish to shirk our share. We will give all we can. We will be content, if Providence so orders, to do a small work, in a cheap house. We are desirous, I am anxious, to keep in touch and fellowship with our eastern friends. Many of you will be coming this way. How glad we shall be to see you? We want to give you royal entertainment. We would like to give you a pleasant church to worship in. And we ask you to help us.

Mr. Hague's liberal offer filled us with hope. How many will take advantage of it? He will cover your subscription, whatever it is. Any amount that you give, means *double that to us*. Think of it! If, as churches or individuals, you have interest in this our denomination's youngest child, it will stimulate your interest to remember, that you are in a position to give *twice* as much as you can! It is impossible you should feel as I do on this subject: I am convinced the door of opportunity is wide open now, and that we can put

down in this city a Christian society,—that will have immeasurable influence on the future development of its morality.

We are not discouraged. We are not complaining. If needs must, we can pull through alone. But as a matter of denominational policy we bring the matter before the churches.

We thank you, Mr. Editor, for your kind words; and our gratitude is strong towards those who have helped us in our enterprise. In this outermost fort of Congregationalism, we are glad to hear, though far in the distance, the echo of the cry of encouragement, from those who make up the main army. Hoping this letter is not too long—if so cut it short.

I am, yours ever,

JAMES W. PEDLEY.

P.S. Our Treasurer is Mr. Thomas Prest, Vancouver, B.C.

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TEMPERANCE VERSUS INTemperance IN POLITICS.

DEAR SIR,—The temperance cry is not comparatively old. It is yet, "An infant crying in the night—an infant crying for the light." Yet it is old enough to have the minds of the people. The cry against temperance is as old as the cause itself, and will never cease to be raised as long as temperance is agitated. There are many wise people who sneer at the idea of anything so good and religious being introduced into politics; but when politics are becoming so corrupt, chiefly through the influence of the rum-traffic—surely nothing worse can be introduced; so why need there be any hesitation in the only alternative of introducing something respectable and good, in the way of temperance.

Are the present liquor laws doing what they were expected to do? Are they being enforced? If not, why not? That the liquor traffic stands in the way of every moral and religious reform, and is one of the greatest hindrances to the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the world to-day, no thinking, intelligent man will deny.

The efforts of the church to lift men up into a higher, purer, moral atmosphere, are too often more than paralyzed by the dram-shops; whose