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VERNON.

Rev. E. Robson, Pastor.

We have had the pleasure of receiving two Methodist families from Manitoba lately, Messrs. Wilson and McIntosh, late of Thornhill, who have purchased homesteads in the immediate vicinity of Vernon. They were welcomed by a special congregational social evening. Mr. E. S. Robson, who has during the past year and nine months rendered efficient service in connection with church choir and League, has just left us for the Coast. Quite a number of our young men will be off in a few days for work in the mining districts.

Mrs. Vermilyea, who rendered so valuable services in our service of song during the past year, left us for Nanaimo a few weeks ago. We miss her help very much indeed, but hope she may be equally useful in the Diamond City.

MARRIED.

McCarthy-McMurrin—At the residence of Mr. E. Rogers, on St. Lawrence street, last night, Rev. J. P. Hicks united the fortunes of two young Victorians, Charles B. McCarthy and Miss Annie McMurrin. The groom was supported by Mr. E. Rogers and the bride by her sister, Miss Maggie McMurrin. The young couple will take up their residence at Spring Ridge—Victoria Colonist.

A CHILD'S PRATTLE ON THE
BATTLE.

Read me that paper again, Mamma.
Of the wonderful battle they won,
How the men so nobly fought and died
As my dear Father led bravely on
And they killed his horse and wounded

him,
He couldn't fight any more that day,
Then doctors came with the ambulance,
What is that? and carried him away.

Do you think his wound is very bad?
Oh! how I'll pray that he may not die.
'Tis sad for Dad in the hospital
Far away, thinking of you and I!
Now, if only we could be with him,
Mamma, is Africa very far?
We should see the poor wounded soldiers
Lying there, and hear them praise Papa.

I think he'll have the Victoria Cross
And bright medals like dear Grandpapa.
You know how proud my Grandpapa
was

Long ago when he came home from war,
She told me she buckled on his sword.
As a brave soldier's wife ought to do,
When he went to fight for his country,
I think she was brave, Mamma, don't
you?

I sat on Grandpa's knee yesterday
And he told me the things that he saw,
He said perhaps when I am a man
I, too, might some day go to the war.
But why do you cry and dress in black?
It would be a long time yet, you know;
I'll take care of you till Dad comes back,
He's sure to come, for he told me so.

And the fair young wife, with drooping
head,
Heard all her sweet little prattler said:
Her heart was bleeding at every pore
For her dear, dear love, on that distant
shore.

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CENTENNIAL CHURCH.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough, Pastor.
Flower Sunday.

Flower Sunday, now an annual festival at the Centennial Methodist Church of this city, was duly celebrated the day before yesterday. In the way of decoration of success of last year was quite eclipsed, speaking volumes for the industry and taste of the fair hands that had taken hold of this labor of love. The beautiful interior of the sacred edifice lent itself readily to the efforts of flowers and ferns and evergreens made an elaborate display, blending the colors of spring in rich profusion. Chief amongst the many attractive features was a fountain constructed at the altar rails before the pulpit. This was beautifully built up in rugged rocks, in which ferns and flowers were interspersed, while all glistened in the spray of a tiny fountain that burst out from the centre. Amidst baskets of roses and other choicest plants many canary birds, too, had been suspended, while the front of the pulpit had been transformed into a floral shield of pretty effect.

The pastor's sermons at both services were quite in harmony with the decorations. In the morning his treatment of the subject of flowers set forth the ennobling effect of the graces of nature upon the character and ideals of man, while at night his discourse upon the Rose of Sharon concentrated all the harmonies of natural religion upon the worship of a Saviour revealed to the world.

Under the able leadership of Mr. S. Johns the choir added several most appropriate anthems, while well rendered solos by Miss Millar in the morning and Miss Lillian Armonson and Mrs. Hunt at night contributed much to the success of the day's services.—Victoria Colonist.