

sponsive audience when in his sermon he outlined the fundamental principles of the Protestant Faith. Protestantism, said he, rests on liberty and individual responsibility, and so, while it is a joyous thing to think of our free-



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dom of thought and action, it is a terrible one to contemplate our having to stand and render an account of our actions at the Eternal Throne of Justice.

In the evening the church was not only packed as densely as it could be, but some hundreds were turned away from the doors. Mr. Pedley again preached, taking as his text "Man is born unto trouble." "Man," said he, "is born the most helpless of all living things, and in his career, develops into the highest type of animal and spiritual life known in this earth, and this process means trouble; everything around him spelt trouble, but it was in conquering this that man made himself worth while."

The Lord's Supper was observed at the close of the morning service, when thirty-one were received into membership.

On the Tuesday evening following the Ladies' Aid Society gave a supper in the Church Hall to the members

and adherents of the Church, to which the members of Mr. Pedley's old congregation were invited, and 160 sat down at tables tastefully arranged in the Church Hall. This was followed by a Fraternal Meeting in the church, when representatives from the various denominations attended and bade the Pastor and church Godspeed. On the Friday evening Mr. Pedley delivered a lecture on "Exploded Notions," which was both inspiring and practical. On the second Sunday there was again a full attendance.

A feature of the opening arrangements was the excellent work of the choir, which by its rendering of some beautiful music, added largely to the attractiveness of the services.

The general spirit of fellowship displayed and the loyalty to their cause and enthusiasm in their work shown by the Congregational people, augur well for the future of the church, and it is satisfactory to gather that the financial situation is encouraging also.

With this well-equipped structure at its service, the First Congregational



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Church of Vancouver can look forward to years of work for the moral and social uplift of the city and to an extended labour of love for the spiritual awakening of the people.