

The importance of training in method and point of view, and of having ministerial sympathy with the needs and struggles of humanity was strongly emphasized.

What will Westminster Hall be one hundred years hence? It goes without saying that it will be a great in-

fluence in British Columbia and the Northwest and I for one have the faith to believe that facing the Orient as it does, it may have a great and noble part to play in foreign mission problems and work. May it have a vision of the Orient that is yet to be and minister faithfully to the work at home and abroad!

ECHOES OF LIFE

ENCOURAGEMENT.

In these summer days, when, though abundance of other work is not lacking, business departments slow down, it is pleasant to get "unsolicited testimonials." From Ontario comes a very gracious and kindly letter to the Editor, in which the writer says: "Allow me to express warm appreciation of the excellent quality of your magazine. It no doubt derives a good deal of its healthfulness from the abounding life of the City and the Hall, but on the other hand the Magazine will help both." Thank you sincerely.

"RALPH CONNOR" ON PIC-NICING

Similarly, in these days, which are the nearest we have to "dog-days" at the Coast, it is healthful and refreshing to have a half-day off, and after a pleasant ferry trip to the north shore, to visit Lynn Valley or some other sheltering shade. Pic-nics afford one of the best forms of recreation for body and mind, and happy are they who can at such times say "Begone, Dull Care!" and forget all else but the social pleasure and relaxation of the hour. In one of his books "Ralph Connor" has a passage on such an experience worth quoting:

"It was a day of never-to-be-forgotten pleasure. They were all children

again, and with children's hearts were happy in childhood's simple joys. And why not? There are no joys purer than those of the open air; of grass and trees flooded with the warm light and sweet scents of the soft springtime. Too soon it all came to an end."

HONORING THE PARENT.

"After all, there are many things in the Mother Country that we might well take example by in this so-called more enterprising and progressive land."—(From a Vancouver SUN Editorial.)

THE INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

The Theological Conference in Seattle from July 30th to August 2nd, should attract many ministers and other men with practical interest in the great realities. We need say nothing of Vancouver's part and honor, and Westminster Hall's share, in initiating such a series of interdenominational and international theological conferences last year, but we are more than gratified to know that Professor A. R. MacEwen, D.D., LL.D., of Edinburgh, now lecturing at Westminster Hall, is to be among the speakers. Columbian College will be represented by Principal Hetherington, Latimer