

## LEADING LAYMEN.

4. MR. N. SHAKESPEARE, VICTORIA.



Once more we present to our readers a short biography of one of the pioneer Methodists of the province, in the person of Mr. N. Shakespeare, of Victoria. Born at Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, England, in the year 1839; he prides himself on a distant relationship to the "bard of Avon." Leaving school at an early age, he commenced to do for himself, and in 1863, following the tide of emigration, landed in Victoria.

There were few Methodists in the province at that time, but he speedily identified himself with the church of his choice, and when finally he settled in Victoria, he united with the old Pandora congregation and became an active worker.

The efforts of his heart and hand, whether in connection with the church or in commercial and municipal life, are marked by perseverance and fidelity, enthusiasm and energy.

It is not strange, therefore that, through the years he has been the recipient of many distinguished and public honors. First in the council, where he served through four faithful years, then as Mayor of the city of Victoria, to which he was elected in 1882. During the same year he was sent to Ottawa to represent Victoria in the House of Commons. At the general election in the spring of 1887 he was again elected to Parliament. Many offices of less importance have been his to fill, but none that give better illustration of his life principles and interest, than the offices of Grand Chief Templar of the I.O.G.T. for the years 1877 and 1878, and the President of the Y.M.C.A. of Victoria in 1886. Later on he was elected President of the Victoria Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and during the campaign of 1898, he was the first president of the Victoria

Branch of the Dominion Alliance.

He has for a number of years occupied the position of city postmaster and is a J.P. for the county.

In the church he has held the offices of Class Leader, Steward, Trustee, and Sabbath School Superintendent, which latter officer he now fills with great acceptability in the Centennial Church. He has been several times a delegate to Conference and last year was elected a Director of Columbia Methodist College and also of the "Recorder" Company.

Kindly of heart, genial in manner, faithful in the discharge of duty, the Methodist Church has few better friends.

## PERSONALS.

The President of Conference, Rev. R. Whittington, M. A., has just returned from an official trip to the north, visiting Port Simpson and other points.

Rev. Goro Kaburagi is away on a mission trip to the upper country. Our devoted young Japanese Catechist "Paul" of Sapperton is supplying his work.

Mr. Kaiechi Ichu, "our Japanese Apostle," who is now at Victoria Mission, is going to attend the Methodist College in Tokyo, Japan, that he may fit himself more ably for the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom among our countrymen.

Rev. G. W. Calvert, of Thorold, Ontario, is spending some weeks on the coast, and preached Sunday, Sept. 24th, in the Homer Street Church, Vancouver. Mr. Calvert is one of the leading ministers of the Hamilton Conference, and is at present chairman of the St. Catharines District. He is an old friend of Rev. J. H. White, of Chilliwack, whom he has been visiting.

Miss Spence, of the Hospital, Port Simpson, and Miss Kate Tranter, teacher at Port Essington, went north by the steamer Princess Louise, to again commence work after a short vacation. Miss Spence is an enthusiastic League worker.

Rev. J. D. P. Knox has returned, much improved in health, to resume his work on his charge in Victoria West. Bro. Knox is deservedly popular with his people, and was heartily welcomed by all.

Mr. Chan Sui, one of our most devout Chinese members at Victoria, has gone to China to improve himself by study, and so fit himself for work among his own people. We wish him every success and a safe return in due time.

Rev. E. E. Scott during his vacation spent one Sunday at Victoria, preaching in the evening at the Metropolitan, to a delighted congregation, and another Sunday at Chilliwack, where he also acceptably filled the pulpits at Chilliwack and Carmen. During his vacation he had the pleasure of responding to the invitation and of preaching before the Itinerants Club and Puget Sound Conference at New Whatcom, Wash.

The Epworth Herald has this to say of our B. C. Epworth League Delegate to the International Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana, in July last:

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