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TO OUR READERS.

IT is always customary in the first issue of a newspaper to define briefly, but emphatically, the lines upon which it is to be managed; the objects hoped to be gained by the publishing of it; the policy which it intends to pursue, and the general tone which is to characterize it. And so the "Institute" published under the auspices of the Vancouver Young People's Methodist Institute, proposes in this its first edition, to say something explanatory of its appearance and touch upon the principal reasons why the publication of it is expected to be of interest and instructive to those with whom it may come in contact.

The idea of getting up an Institute paper, at least, once every month, originated in the active brains of some of the members of our Institute, and the presentation of this the first number, shows to what extent success, so far, has crowned their efforts.

This paper proposes, first of all to conserve the very best interests of the Institute and of its members, to throw open its columns to communications from all who take an active interest in the work of the Institute and of the Church in general, and the intention being to have the paper rather secular, than otherwise, its columns will be open for discussions on topics of general interest, whether relating to Church, Institute, local or other matters, and it is hoped it will be the means of stimulating the literary talents of the members, and of making the success of our Institute an established fact.

We firmly believe that this paper can be made a success, but in order to have it so those who edit it, must have the hearty sympathy, and cordial co-operation of every member in the Institute.

Now, in this city, we are the first in the field in the issuing of such a paper, and when we think of the success which has attended the publication of similar papers in other cities, we have every reason to believe that Fortune awaits to crown our efforts.

We trust that our readers, will pardon the many imperfections which almost always unavoidably appear in the first edition or issue of any paper.

Relying upon the sympathy, the goodwill and good wishes of all, and asking for the patronage and support of all our friends in this our undertaking, we make our bow before you, promising that there are still better things in store for you; should our earnest expectations be realized.

Please remember we have come to stay.

#### VANCOUVER!

THE youngest city of the Dominion, the Western Terminus of the Great Canadian Pacific Trans-Continental route, is fast growing to be a city of wonderful importance.

In two ways it very much resembles the Lake City—Chicago. First, in its rapid progress and characteristic enterprise, and secondly in the fact that both cities were almost completely destroyed by fire. Yet both sprang from the blackened ashes of ruin with new life and increased vigour and disaster, instead of discouraging, rather infused renewed energy into a homeless people, and animated them to greater exertion in founding a city in whose future they had unbounded faith.

The whole history of Vancouver is comprised in the years 1855-6-7-8. In its third year it had a population of 7000. To day 12,000 people are reckoned as the number within its limits.

Vancouver is situated on Burrard Inlet, named after Sir Harry Burrard of the British Navy. The City is built on a peninsula, and the average elevation of the

whole city does not exceed 100 feet. There is just enough slope to the land on which the city is built to afford a perfect drainage, and while there is a perfect slope to all of the land of the townsite, there are no very steep grades encountered in ascending any of the City's main thoroughfares.

The first mayor of the City was Mr. M. A. Mc Lean who held that office for two terms and now occupies the position of stipendiary magistrate.

The present occupant of the high position is Mr. D. Oppenheimer who has filled the office with great satisfaction. The people of Vancouver are not only keenly alive to their present necessities, but they wisely endeavour to secure the establishment in their midst of all enterprises that will tend to the future welfare of the City. Whatever industry will attract capital and labor is liberally encouraged, and every effort made to secure its location.

Nothing proves the great faith that capitalists have in the City so much as the liberal investments being made in all directions. Handsome buildings of brick, granite, &c. are continually going up in all parts of the City and the main thoroughfares are now graced with buildings that would do credit to many a larger city.

Stanley Park containing 600 acres has a road through it 10 miles in length.

A Street Railway is being constructed and the company expect part of the road to be in operation about Midsummer.

A splendid supply of water is being brought into the City from Lake Capilano across the Inlet, and the company expect to have the water turned on early in April. The capital stock of the Company is \$250,000 and the capacity of the mains discharging in the City daily 3,500,000 gallons.

Vancouver can boast of two first-class newspapers—a morning paper, the *News Advertiser*, and an evening paper the *Daily World*.

Both these papers are ably conducted.