

OPENING OF FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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It is always a memorable event to witness the dedication of a new church building. This joy was experienced this month by the members and adherents of the First Congregational church in Vancouver.

The church, of which we reproduce a photograph, is built in the style which is architecturally known as the Classic Renaissance. The building is

and those with whom he comes in contact. It was under his leadership nearly twenty-five years ago that the First Congregational Church of Vancouver was organized and held its earliest services in the old Wilson Hall, and it was with hearts full of crowding memories that some of the oldest members of the Church and congregation saw him mount the platform in



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beautifully proportioned and admirably suited for its work.

The opening services were conducted Rev. J. W. Pedley of the Western Congregational Church, Toronto. Mr. Pedley has done much to strengthen the denominational life of the Congregational Church in Canada, but he has done far more to quicken the spiritual life of those to whom he ministers

the beautiful new House of Worship which is largely the outcome of the faithful work and unstinted generosity of those pioneers of a quarter of a century ago.

The church was full to its capacity when Mr. Unsworth, the present pastor, rose and asked the congregation to stand as he read the Dedicatory declaration, and Mr. Pedley found a re-