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force is given to the above suggestion.

The city work of the best Christian ministers is too big for interest in their departure after a period of years to be restricted to their own communion.

Others may hold with us that the attendance at the farewell function of a genial Anglican representative, not on the active list of the General Ministerial Association, and of a Presbyterian of overflowing speech-making ability, did not altogether redeem it from the denominational limitation.

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CAMPAIGN FOR VANCOUVER CENTRAL MISSION

The other month we had occasion to commend the war work of the Salvation Army, the British Columbia campaign on behalf of which was somewhat delayed. As a consequence the period between that appeal and the one now under way for the Central City Mission was shortened. Without making any unnecessary comparisons, we believe that interest in social service and educational enterprises, as in most other things worth while, should begin at home, and whether or not the promoters of this campaign obtain the sum aimed at, it is reasonable to expect that they will receive substantial support.

Many citizens will remember of the Central Mission as a meeting place in Abbott Street where evangelical addresses were given by student-ministers and other willing workers, but some years ago a strong six-storied

fire-proof building was erected for the Mission on a site opposite the former meeting place.

The uncertain and fluctuating conditions following the war have increased the difficulties of the management. Without going into the history of the institution, most citizens will recognize that the service it aims to give is of a nature which needs no argument to commend it. Recent changes include the appointment of a new superintendent, and one in many ways well equipped for the work, has been found in the aggressive personality of Mr. A. G. Gardiner, whose former experience under the Anglican Church and with a camp brotherhood should suitably supplement his business and other qualifications.

At the time of this writing the campaign has just been begun, but we learn that considerable encouragement has been given it at the start. Whatever the more outstanding business men of the city and province may do in the matter, it is gratifying to find that the ordinary business men in the community, who may not be able to subscribe for the ten dollar shares, are ready to give a donation of some kind to the fund. In this connection, we trust that the experience of the representative of this magazine in making a few calls on business men of the type mentioned, may be common to other campaigners and that, with larger numbers to call on, subscriptions will be given in every case.

*"Procrastination is the thief of time;
Year after year it steals till all are fled,
And to the mercies of a moment leaves
The vast concerns of an eternal scene."*