

never-to-be-forgotten days of the Son of Man on earth.

“ Long, long be my heart with such memories filled ;
Like the vase in which roses have once been distilled—
You may break, you may shatter, the vase if you will ;
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still.”

Vancouver, B. Columbia.

FOR twenty years the name of Winnipeg has been in almost everybody's mouth in connection with the development of the great North-West. Its growth has certainly been remarkable, and its continued importance as the distributing central city of the prairies is assured: but comparing the rapidity of its increase with that of Vancouver, Winnipeg must now take a back seat. Only five or six years ago the site of the city of Vancouver was a wilderness. To day it has a population of 18,000 to 20,000, and presents the appearance of a handsome and picturesque city. It is, in a sense, the creation of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and derives its importance from the fact that it is the western terminus of that road and also the seaport which is destined to control the commerce of the Northern Pacific Ocean. From a sketch of “The famous three-year old city” that appeared in the *Toronto Evening Telegraph*, in December, 1887, we select the following graphic and touching sentences by way of introduction to what follows:—

In 1887 Sir George Stephen stood upon the bluff above the railway station looking out towards the narrows, the rushing tide which a great ship stemmed, bearing up towards the city. All the town had gathered there, for this ship was the first one of the company's steamers to arrive from China and Japan. Every eye was upon the noble craft as it swept slowly and majestically around the point, the joyful piping of her deep-toned whistle re-echoing among the distant hills. The Orient greeted the Occident. Sir George Stephen was deeply moved. The great project in which he had borne such a creditable part had fructified at last. Here before his eyes was glorious evidence of it. He turned to Mr. Van Horne, who was standing near, but he couldn't speak and tears were on his cheeks. Mr. Van Horne is not emotional. He is a matter of fact business man, and sentiment with him merges

in ever watchful endeavour to strengthen the company of which he is the main stay and sheet anchor. But this sight had stirred him to the bottom of his heart, and without a word he reached out his hand to Sir George and silently they rung each other's hand. It was a proud day for them. In May of that year the first through train from Montreal had run into Vancouver, to the delight of the inhabitants, and here laying herself against the dock, was the pioneer vessel from far Cathay bringing the first fruits of the trade, which has since grown great, and will yet enrich all who have to do with it.

PRESBYTERIANISM IN VANCOUVER.

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Presbyterianism in Vancouver is really older than Vancouver itself; for the city was not incorporated under its present name until the 16th of April 1886, while the Rev. T. G. Thomson took possession of the field in April 1885. At the close of that year there was only one straggling street along the water front, known by the name of Granville, the remainder of the site of the present city being a dense unbroken forest. Mr. Thomson's labours were at first divided between Granville, on Burrard Inlet, and North Arm, on the Fraser river; and in both of these stations Presbyterianism is largely indebted to his unwearied efforts for the progress that marked its subsequent history.

For a year divine service at Granville was conducted in the School-house, a small and very unpretentious edifice; and on the first occasion of Mr. Thomson's dispensing the Sacrament of the Lord's supper, on the 15th of November 1885, only fifteen communicants were present. Towards the end of April, 1886, the Presbyterians of Vancouver had the satisfaction of worshipping in a Presbyterian church, but their satisfaction was, unhappily of short duration: within two months they were without a church again, a disastrous conflagration on the 13th of June having reduced the whole city to ashes. Encouraged and assisted by friends in the East, with commendable promptitude they set about repairing the injury that had been inflicted, and in a short time another church took the place of the one that had been destroyed. The first elders of the Vancouver section of Mr. Thomson's charge were Mr. Edwin Sanders, Mr. W. T. Find-