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LAYING CORNER STONE OF QUEEN'S AVENUE CHURCH.

After the destructive fire New Westminster is going to see the Methodists erect their church. It is to be called the Queen's Avenue Methodist church. The laying of the corner stone took place on June 28, and was performed by Mrs. Edward White, the widow of the first Methodist pastor in New Westminster. Rev. R. Whittington, president of the British Columbia Conference, conducted the religious ceremonies, and was assisted by Rev. J. F. Betts, pastor of the church-to-be, Rev. T. D. Pearson, Rev. J. H. White, Rev. E. E. Scott and Rev. T. W. Hall.

In his remarks the president said: "We are here to lay the corner stone of an edifice for the worship of Almighty God, and, in due time, the building, when completed, will be dedicated to him. I would lay it upon the text, 'Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone,' a tried stone, Christ for the foundation, and in the filling-up, so to speak, I would have Christ. 'The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,' and for the top I would have that declaration of the God-man, 'Upon this rock I will build my church.' On the sides I would have, 'Other foundation can no man lay than is laid, Jesus Christ, the righteous,' and, 'In whom ye are builded together.' With Christ in our hearts we will go on without dissension to erect this edifice and continue the work of spreading the Gospel of the Lord Christ, and I hope that never from the pulpit of this church will be preached an emasculated Christianity, but that the whole counsel of God will be proclaimed, and this city and community benefited."

The Rev. E. E. Scott, of Homer street church, Vancouver, offered his congratulations to the pastor, congregation and citizens for what he saw had been done since the great fire. A city had arisen Phoenix-like, from its ashes. He was astonished at the pluck and energy displayed, and he must congratulate the pastor on his persistence and wisdom, which were now to have their own fruits in the erection of a beautiful church. The Methodist church had claims on the public sympathy and support because of her methods and work. He was sometimes asked which was the best church. His reply invariably was, that church which teaches the rich to love the poor, and the poor not to envy the rich, and the church which accomplishes that has a claim upon the public, and he claimed that the Methodist church had this transforming principle within it. Then we have a claim on the young people because of our church's large and catholic sympathy. We do not care to what church you belong, you are welcome to commune with us at the Lord's table, and the only condition we impose is that you are trying to serve God. We also throw our pulpits open to the ministers of other churches. Then we have large sympathy for the white slaves who are oppressed, which tends towards the amelioration of their burdens, and their moral and spiritual uplifting. Mr. Scott then instanced the action of the Toronto Conference in connection with the late G.T.R. strike. He claimed sympathy because of the stand the Methodist church had taken in the great temperance movement, and declared that she would be in the van of the fight until the liquor traffic was abolished. But there was one other claim he would respectfully submit for their support, that was that the Methodist

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