

SOME PRESIDENTIAL IMPRESSIONS

We believe that many outside the Methodist Church must have learned with regret that the Rev. Lashley Hall of Mt. Pleasant Church, was, in the ordinary course of rearrangement, to be transferred from Vancouver, though what is Vancouver's loss will be Revelstoke's gain.

In the first place, we noted that Mr. Hall was elected to the Presidency of this year's Conference by a very large vote—an evidence of his popularity among the brethren of his own denomination.

After the closing of the Conference, and while Mr. Hall was in the throes of preparing for departure from the city, we sought to get a few notes from him regarding his impressions of the recent Conference, and we give herewith in narrative form some of the more outstanding points mentioned.

The Conference of 1913 was the largest ever attended as regards the ministers and laity, and it was also the most representative from the laymen side. The laymen's session on this occasion discussed various projects involving finance. Though these business meetings have no disciplinary locus, they were invaluable in promoting Conference schemes.

The morning addresses delivered by Dr. Salem Bland, Professor in New Testament Exegesis at Wesley College, Winnipeg, were challenging messages on applied Christianity, and much interest was manifested in them.

Moral issues bulked large at the Conference, and growing concern was taken in discussions and deliverances which touched on such vital issues as the coal strike, social vice, the rescue and protection of women and children, fair wages, race track gambling, etc. There was also a peace resolution commemorating one hundred years of peace, and registering the development of the irenic spirit.

The President also made kindly reference to the fact that the presence of the General Superintendent, Dr. Chown, had given distinction and grace to this year's gathering.

A remarkable precedent was set in connection with Kitsilano, in which case, in order to overcome the disciplinary requirements regarding itinerancy, the appointment was made a city mission. This course was taken as the only one by which the time limit could be moved.

Another subject which called forth much earnest discussion was