

The Churches.

QUEEN'S AVENUE, NEW WESTMINSTER.

Rev. J. F. Betts, Pastor.

Special revival services under the auspices of the Epworth League have been in progress in Queen's Avenue Church here for the past two weeks, resulting in much good. The religious life of the Church has been quickened and several conversions have taken place.

It is intended to hold a series of special services in the new Church, when it is opened, which we now do not look for until after the New Year. Meantime we are praying, working, hoping, believing and possessing our souls in patience.

Died. At New Westminster on the 20th of November, Miss Emma L. Richardson, formerly of Fergus, Ontario. Miss Richardson was a very consistent and much respected member of Queen's Avenue Church, and beloved by all who knew her. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." The remains of our dear sister were sent via C. P. R. to the old home of the family in Ontario, where the parents of the deceased are still living.

Dr. Geo. E. Drew has moved into his elegant residence on the corner of Sixth and Carnarvon streets. The Dr. occupies one of the finest edifices in our city, and has done credit to the building art in the erection of so modern a home.

Rev. J. F. Betts occupied the pulpit of Homer Street Church, Vancouver, on Sunday, Nov. 25, and the pastor, Rev. E. E. Scott, conducted the anniversary services for Rev. J. P. Rowell in the West End of this city. Principal Sipprell preached in the Central Methodist Church.

What was supposed to have been a quiet wedding was solemnized in Queen's Avenue Methodist Church last evening, but quite a number of friends who had got a private tip were present to see the pastor, Rev. J. F. Betts, tie the nuptial knot which unites the lives of Mand A., second daughter of John A. Callick, Esq., and Mr. Edwin C. Purdy, of the C. P. R. service, Vancouver. The bride, who wore a neat travelling dress of dark green, with hat to match, was attended by Miss Alice Purdy, sister of the groom, Mr. Andrew Halkett performing a similar office for the groom.

After the ceremony, the newly married couple proceeded to the residence of the bride's father, where, after the wedding supper had been partaken of, a reception was held, a large number of friends being present. The inspection of the pretty array of wedding presents was a feature of the reception.

After the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Purdy left by the 9 o'clock train for the Terminal City. On returning from their honeymoon trip to the Sound cities, they will take up their residence at 640 Homer street, Vancouver, where they will be "at home" after Dec. 1. "Columbian."

CHILLIWACK.

Rev. J. H. White, pastor.

We take the following item from the "Progress".

The Coqualeetza Institute was entertained Thursday evening, the occasion being the marriage of Miss E. E. G.

Seroggie, of Guelph, Ont., lately a member of the Institute staff, to Mr. Percy Travis, a prosperous young farmer of Big Prairie. The spacious school and dining rooms were tastefully decorated with bunting, the ceremony being performed under the folds of the flag that Britons delight to honor. Despite the lateness of the season a profusion of flowers added to the beauty of the decorations. The bride and groom were supported by Miss Burpee and Mr. Nathan respectively, little Master Grey, of Vancouver, and Miss Myrtle Hall acting as page and maid of honor. About twenty-five invited guests, among whom were a number of the bride's friends from Vancouver, witnessed the tying of the knot, which was done by Rev. Jos. Hall with the grace that comes of long experience. A very tasteful supper was spread in the dining hall, and after full justice had been done to the delicacies provided a pleasant half hour was spent in congratulatory addresses by several of the guests. Mr. Travis and his groomsman replied in a few appropriate words. The bride was the recipient of a large number of beautiful and useful mementos of the happy occasion from her multitude of friends.

Last Wednesday evening Mr. Wm. Atkinson, of Vancouver, wedded Miss Nellie Kipp, one of Chilliwack's fair daughters. The interesting ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. White at the residence of Mr. Isaac Kipp, the father of the bride, in the presence of a large company composed of members of the family and a few intimate friends. Your reporters dare not attempt to describe a ladies' costume, but is quite certain that the bride looked charming. She was attended by Miss Jessie J. Hall of Nanaimo, Mr. Arthur Kipp supporting the groom.

Both young people are well known in Chilliwack. Mr. Atkinson lived here for a number of years, while his bride is a member of one of the oldest and largest families in the valley. The wedding gifts were numerous and appropriate and will serve to remind the happy couple of their many friends.

The anniversary services of Carman Methodist church were held on Sunday and Monday, December 3rd and 4th, and were much enjoyed by the congregation. Rev. Principal Sipprell of Columbian College preached. The entertainment on Monday evening was largely attended despite unfavorable weather, and the programme was of unusual excellence.

Rev. Mr. Sipprell's address particularly delighted the audience.

A POPULAR LECTURE.

The illustrated stereopticon lecture on "Six Months in New York" given at the Institute last Friday evening by Rev. W. W. Baer, of Nanaimo, proved very instructive and entertaining. Mr. Baer is a keen observer and kept his eyes open during his stay in the great American metropolis. His description of the social, intellectual, political and religious life of the city was comprehensive and masterly. His visit coincided with some of the most stirring scenes in American history growing out of the late war with Spain, affording him unusual opportunities of seeing many phases of metropolitan life. Mr. Baer uses a powerful lantern of latest design, the magnificent light being furnished by gasoline. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer at the close of his address.

SPENGER'S

Sale of 'Xmas

Goods has

been enormous

Thousands have
flocked to see us assist
Santa Claus on his
annual visit to the
homes of Victoria.

Have you got a
'Xmas gift for all? We
have toys to suit all
pockets.

Call on us before
'Xmas Eve, we will
be busy, but not too
busy to serve you.

D. SPENGER,

Government St.,

Victoria, - B.C.