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Vernon. The general health of our people has been good. The religious services have been fairly well attended, including three weeks of special work, in which we were greatly aided by Rev. R. Boyle (Presbyterian), of Kelowna, and Mrs. (Rev.) W. L. Hall, of Endorby.

The Epworth League has had a course of monthly lectures throughout the winter, given by the Pastor and others; collections in aid of Columbian College.

Our church has been beautifully lighted by acetylene gas this winter.

A special song service was held Easter evening. Our missionary offerings will run 15 per cent. ahead of last year.

REVELSTOKE—Rev. S. J. Thompson, Pastor.

Revelstoke Methodism began under the ministry of that noble brother James Turner, about eleven years ago. The field then included all the places on the C.P.R. between Salmon Arm and Donald. Bro. Turner's name and influence abides in many hearts and lonely homes all over this territory. For the past two or three years Revelstoke has been a separate field, and with its population of about 1,500 people (some, say 2,000,) has plenty of material to work on. The property is a valuable one, a fairly good church, a roomy, comfortable parsonage, and a good garden (when it is worked). During the year some good work has been done. The Epworth League is an important factor under Mr. A. Sullivan, president, and H. L. Lovering, 1st vice-president. The Sunday School is under the energetic superintendency of Mr. C. F. Lindmark, and has now about 70 to 80 in attendance. A good series of meetings, lasting 10 weeks, have just been closed, "and the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved." Such an outpouring it has not been our privilege to witness for years. May God grant it to us all.

GOLDEN.—Rev. G. A. Cropp, Pastor.

The work here has suffered some by the removal of Donald, but the change has made it possible for the missionary to visit a number of the lumber camps in the vicinity. The membership for the year has been substantially increased and the missionary, Bro. G. A. Cropp, has thus had cause to praise God.

FAIRVIEW.—Rev. W. E. Moody, Pastor, writes:

Owing to a diminishing population,

due to the recent dull times in this mining centre, our work on the Fairview Mission has suffered considerable. Nevertheless, we are not left without manifest tokens of the Master's presence.

Several of late have been enquiring their way to Zion and the missionary's heart has been cheered by direct answers to prayer, both for the physical healing and the spiritual uplifting of God's children.

In spite of many things which would tend to discourage, we are full of hope for the future. The faithful sowing of the seed will yet be followed by a rich harvest.

Kootenay District.

ROSSLAND.—Rev. Geo. H. Morden, Pastor.

On Sunday, May 5th, 1895, Rev. J. A. Wood, then chairman of the Kamloops District, held two Methodist services in Rossland. These were the first religious services held in the camp. The following week Conference constituted Rossland a mission.

Rev. D. D. Birks took charge of the work temporarily, arriving Monday, 8th of July. Meetings were at first held in unfinished buildings, in the Allan, Windsor, Butte hotels and Rossland Club building. Efforts to secure an advantageous location on the original townsite having failed, the rights of a squatter were bought. A piece of ground near "Sour Dough Alley." Here a building, 22x58 feet was erected and opened on Sunday, August 25th.

Changes in the pastorate now follow—

ed rapidly. D. D. Birks accepted the principalship of the public schools, and was followed by Rev. J. U. Robbins, who was succeeded by Rev. Thos. Gee, who was shortly superceded by Rev. A. J. Gachel.

Conference of 1896 constituted South Kootenay a separate district, Rev. Chas. Ladner being sent to Rossland as chairman. A small house was purchased and enlarged as a parsonage.

In February, 1897, the present lots, (a portion of which was covered by the original site) were secured. The building was swung around to face Washington street, an addition of the same proportion as the original was added, and the reading room constructed. At the same time the old parsonage was sold and the present parsonage was built. After a faithful and successful pastorate of two years, Rev. Ladner was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. Geo. H. Morden.

The reaction following the boom greatly affected the congregation and the membership, but of late a steady growth has been experienced, by means of which both are rapidly recovering. Financial problems have been somewhat difficult of solution, but conditions are much improved, and a little additional effort will place the cause upon a thoroughly sound and satisfactory financial basis. All departments of the work are well abreast, and are manned by willing and efficient workers, whose ranks are being continually augmented by welcome additions. Methodism has a large constituency in Rossland, and with proper management and enterprise, a large, strong and useful cause will be established.—Rossland Miner.

NELSON.—Rev. John Robson, B.A., Pastor.

This field became self-sustaining last Conference, and is striving now to get on a good financial footing. As in all growing cities, the cost of development so as to accommodate the increasing demands, has taxed the resources of the congregation to the full during the year. The sickness of the pastor for some months, was a great drawback, but now that health has returned, we look for progress.

The trustees have purchased an additional lot adjoining the church property, and erected a pretty and comfortable parsonage; while the Ladies' Aid have undertaken the renovation of the church interior at a cost of \$500. The present chairs will be discarded and pews introduced, which will increase the seating capacity to 275 instead of

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