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EDITORIAL NOTE: It is with genuine pleasure that we welcome the following article on "Edinburgh Preachers and Preaching," by Rev. Professor Geo. C. Pidgeon, D.D., who, we have reason to believe, was himself recently classed among the most prominent preachers of this continent.

When Dr. Pidgeon was leaving Vancouver for the Old Country last Fall, we made a point of requesting that he should give us one or two articles, as we felt that the independent first impressions of a trained and matured mind, experienced in Eastern and Western Canada, coming in direct contact with the life and conditions in Our Island Home and Empire Centre, would be more than interesting to many.

For his first article Dr. Pidgeon could not well have chosen a subject which would be more attractive to a large number of our readers, whether or not they have had personal or historic associations with Scotland. At the same time we hope that this will prove to be only the first of a series of articles from the Farthest West Professor of Practical Theology.

EDINBURGH PREACHERS AND PREACHING

By Geo. C. Pidgeon, D. D.

When one speaks of the church life of Edinburgh he feels that he is touching a subject about which volumes might be written and still the half left untold. Because Edinburgh is a church-going city its religious life is of a peculiarly virile type. The chief events in the city's splendid past are associated with the church's struggles and triumphs, and the character of her people is what the church has made it. Here we ought to see Presbyterianism at its best for here it has had the fullest opportunity.

The visitor from Canada notices many points of contrast. There is not the emphasis on equipment that we find in Canada, and the equipment for a many-sided church work is not provided. The churches are built for the regular diets of worship and everything else is secondary.

There is more attention given to preaching than we give. Every church of any standing has one or more assistants, and the pastor is given every opportunity to specialize in his pulpit work. And the preachers make the most careful preparation. The manuscript is far more largely used than with us. Consequently, more regard is paid to style and orderly arrangement of thought. And the use of the manuscript does not spoil the delivery—it is difficult to imagine more