

she knows how to make pies good?" and a laugh went up from a group of girls gathered around the register of the recitation-room eating their lunch.

But some of them winced a little when back were told these words: "If she doesn't, she knows how to make a boy good: and isn't a boy worth more than a mince-pie?"

POSTSCRIPT.

VANCOUVER. The following sums have been received towards our building, since your last issue:

Mrs. A. Spaulding, Cowansville..	\$5 00
Mrs. W. P. Carter, "	5 00
"To buy a beam," Toronto.....	20 50
Two members Zion Church, Toronto	2 50
Miss Palmer and S. S. class, Guelph..	1 50
A friend, Stanstead,	5 00
Field and Bros., Cobourg.....	50 00
From two others unknown, on condition that 48 others do the same, each.	20 00

A minister has written, that two people in his congregation will give \$20 each, to our building provided forty-eight others will do it. We wish we could reach that forty-eight somehow. I think the donors expect it to be raised outside of Vancouver—otherwise we would try for it. Would you bring the matter before the people. We intend writing a note to all the churches. If this condition is complied with, it really means \$2,000 to our church. You may understand how we feel about it.

Last Sunday was our best day yet. We reached high-water-mark. Had a good congregation in the morning; over fifty at Sunday School and our hall crowded to the doors at night. We have actually raised and promised \$1,600, which will soon be \$2,000. Most of this, if not all of it, is pretty sure. If we do not get started to build in the spring, we shall lose *prestige*. There are two Presbyterian churches here, and they are planning for another. The Methodists are building a beautiful church and are opening another mission. The Baptists have the foundation built of a new church. A new English minister is on the way out from Toronto, to begin a second church. The Catholics are contemplating the erection of a cathedral. The salvation army is to build a new barracks. I write this in no spirit of jealousy, but just to show you how others are taking hold. I repeat what I have said before, *that we have a chance now to take a good place.*

On last communion, we receive eleven into membership; nine on profession of faith. These were mostly young men. I have several to be received at our next communion. There is plenty of

work for us, but we are hampered badly. The hall we worship in is a dancing hall. A dance is held, or something, two or three time a week, sometimes on Saturday night. Our furniture (400 seats,) is flung outside. Our organ and platform shoved into a corner. The floor littered with all sorts of rags and scraps. All this has to be refixed for every service. The room overhead is rented by a dancing master, with a numerous family, whose feet pattering on the bare floor considerably interfere with our comfort below.

And yet we have great reason to thank God, for his goodness to us, and for our success. We have no word of grumbling, but just want you to know the facts. Yours,

JAMES W. PEDLEY.

MT. ZION CHURCH, TORONTO.—A series of special services for a week and a half, closing on Dec. 19th, were held in this church principally under the care of Mr. Whisker, late of the City Union Mission. A good interest existed to the end, though the meetings were not very largely attended; and some ten persons were hopefully brought to the Saviour. The church and the pastor (whose week-day duties necessitated his absence from most of the services) feel deeply grateful to Mr. Whisker for his untiring efforts in preaching, holding daily Bible readings, and visiting from house to house. His reward is above.—*Com.*

BELWOOD.—Married at Belwood, Ont., 12th December, by the Rev. George Robertson, B.A., assisted by the Rev. J. C. Wright, the Rev. John P. Gerrie, of Stratford, to Miss Mattie Martin, youngest daughter of the late Peter S. Martin, Esq., of Garafraxa, Ont.

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