

Upon Mr. Wright's departure for Kelowna, where he is now stationed, the services of Rev. S. S. Osterhout, Ph. D., were secured and the circuit is now under his pastoral care. Of his work and its results we must leave it to some future historian to narrate. A man of strong personality, he has already won his way into the hearts and affection of our people. Under his care the work still prospers and every communion service witnesses an accretion to the membership of the church.

Such in brief is the history of the Vernon Methodist Church. True its career has been at times a chequered one. It has been affected very largely by the fluidity of western life, but we believe that it has very bright days ahead, and that it will ever strike with good effect in the great cause of righteousness and reform.

We must not however close without some reference to the various organizations connected with the church.

The Sabbath School has been in existence from the first and during the past year, particularly, has had a phenomenal growth. The Senior Bible class has been ably conducted for years by Mr. J. W. Glover. It has been recently reorganized according to the International Adult Movement with Mr. Mark Phillips as president. Another Adult Bible Class organized and conducted by the present pastor for the young people is now one of the largest in the interior of B. C. Mr. W. J. Walton is president of this class.

The Epworth League has also been in existence for many years and is now a strong working force with a large membership. During the past year the League undertook the erection of the annex at the rear of the church, the labor being provided gratuitously by the young men of the league and congregation. They have now a scheme well in hand for the formation of a Young People's Club.

An Evangelistic Band has been formed also during the past year with a large and influential membership to help forward the evangelistic features of the work.

A Women's Missionary Auxiliary was organized about a year ago and already have made their influence felt for good at home and abroad.

Last but by no means least mention must be made of the Ladies' Aid which during the whole of its history has rendered invaluable service to the church. Few parsonages are more snugly built or more well and tastefully equipped than the one attached to this church, and credit for the same is largely due to the untiring efforts of the Ladies' Aid. Nor is their sphere of usefulness confined here, for their interest finds expression in all the movements of the church, social and financial.



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