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The Rev. R. Whittington, the President of Conference, was born in Scotland in 1850, but came to Canada (Ontario) when a boy. He was converted to God at the age of twenty. He attended the Collegiate Institutes of Peterboro and Cobourg; subsequently entering Victoria University, where he was graduated B. A. with 1st class Honours in Mataphysics in 1870. From the same Institution he obtained his M. A. in 1882, and his B. Sc. in 1892.

Mr. Whittington entered the Ministry in 1882, his first charge being Melville, Ontario. Going to Japan in 1883 he was for two years Acting Principal and Professor of Natural Sciences in the Anglo-Japanese College, Tokyo, and afterwards for five years, 1885-90, Professor of Meta, Physics, Ethics and Apologetics,



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in the Methodist Union Theological Seminary, Tokyo. He returned to Ontario on furlough in 1891, and lectured in Victoria University, 1891-92, on Logic, Christian Evidences and History of Philosophy. In 1892 he became Principal of Columbian Methodist College, New Westminster, where he continued to labor with great fidelity through five exceedingly difficult years, until, in 1897 he resigned and resumed regular pastoral work in his present charge of Princess Street Church, Vancouver. Mr. Whittington is greatly respected throughout the Conference, and that he enjoys the confidence and esteem of the brethren is sufficiently evidenced by his double election this year—First the Presidency and also to the General Board of Missions.

Our Paper.

We believe our people will find this number interesting and profitable. It contains three portraits of prominent brethren—the President, the Rev. E. E. Scott and Mr. C. S. Keith of New Westminster, president of the Epworth League and Sunday School Convention. There is also a cut of Princess Street Church (the President's church), Vancouver. On page 4, Rev. J. C. Speer, one of the Associate Editors, commences an interesting original story, entitled "A Pugilist turned Preacher, and what came of it." Mr. Speer, also responsible for the page on Temperance and Sociology. Rev. W. J. Sipprell, B. A., B. D. edits page 6, where this month he furnishes notes of his trip east and other matter. Rev. W. H. Baraclough, B. A. is giving special attention to Epworth League and Sunday School

matters on page 8, and also presents an excellent budget of church news, filling several columns, and commencing on page 9. There is also a contributed article on page 7, as well as personal information, etc., elsewhere. It will be borne in mind that the establishment of this paper is not a financial scheme, but purely in the interests of Methodism and Christianity generally. We trust therefore that our people will promptly assist us by sending us their yearly subscription of 50 cents. We shall also welcome communications on any subject which bears relation to the objects of the paper.

MANITOBA IN THE VAN.

According to creditable information received, Manitoba is again doing herself credit by her progressive and enlightened attitude towards Temperance and Social Reform. It appears that a delegation of temperance workers recently waited upon Premier Greenway, to ascertain officially the attitude of the Government on Prohibition. They were courteously received and informed by the Premier that his Government has promised the people of Manitoba the fullest measure of Prohibition which they have power to give. When will British Columbia get so far along?