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PERSONALS.

Rev. J. C. Speer gave his popular lecture on "The Mammoth Cave, the Eight Wonder of the World," in the A. O. U. W. Hall, Victoria, on the evening of Dec. 5th. He was greeted by a large audience, filling the large Hall, and kept them thoroughly interested and delighted for upwards of two hours.

Rev. C. H. M. Sutherland of Wellington preached Educational Sermons in the James Bay Church in the morning and Centennial Victoria in the evening of Dec. 3rd. Our brother's services were very much appreciated, and we believe a deeper interest has been created in the cause of Christian education.

Rev. J. C. Speer preached the anniversary sermons of the Wallace Street Church, Nanaimo, on Sunday, Nov. 19th. The report in another column speaks highly of the services he rendered.

Rev. W. J. Sipprell supplied his pulpit in his absence, with the usual acceptability.

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Rev. B. C. Freeman, with Mrs. Freeman and the family, came down by steamer from Skidegate, Nov. 7th. Mrs. Freeman is on her way east to Kingston, Ontario, for the winter. She will be accompanied by her sister, Miss Lawson, who has spent some time also in the mission field.

Rev. J. P. Hicks returned on Nov. 29th from an extended trip to the "Old Country," looking well and hearty. The results of his trip have, we are glad to report, been highly satisfactory, and he expects to see an advance in his work at Esquimalt during this year. We earnestly invoke the blessing of God upon him and his "sailor boys."

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. C. R. Monek, of Mount Pleasant, is gradually, and it is hoped, is surely improving in health. Her parents, Rev. E. and Mrs. Robson, have been with her for some time. Mr. Sparling, of Vernon, has filled the pulpit of the Vernon Methodist church nearly every Sabbath while the pastor has been absent.

Mr. A. C. Wells, Reeve of Chilliwack municipality, met with a serious accident on Friday morning, Nov. 3rd. While driving a load of lime into his barn at Edenbank farm he was caught between a beam and the lime barrels, and was unable to stop the horses, the result being that his collar-bone was broken and his chest badly crushed. We are glad to be able to state that he has since largely recovered.

Rev. Wm. Hicks has set a good example by appointing one of the members of his Young People's Society as church reporter to the "Recorder." The lack of news from many of our fields is due in part to the pressure of work placed on the pastor, and perhaps more so to his natural diffidence in writing about his own work. Give your energetic and talented young people something to do brethren.

We regret very much that in the publication of the poem by Rev. E. E. Scott in the last "Recorder," two lines of the first verse became transposed. We reinsert the verse corrected.

THE CROSS.

Oh wondrous cross of Jesus
So radiant, and so bright;
From out thine arms extended
Beams forth this dark world's light.
'Tis heav'n's own lustre shining.
'Tis God's eternal love,
So boundless, free, and tender,
Unveiling from above.

Our English contemporary, "The Methodist Recorder," has this to say of our Bro. Hicks and his work:

"The Rev. J. P. Hicks, a minister belonging to the British Columbia Conference, who has been set apart to care for the Methodist seamen of the Royal Navy on the important station at Esquimalt, appeared before the Committee to ask aid in the erection of a Soldiers' and Sailors' Home. The case presented by Mr. Hicks was a strong one. Esquimalt is the headquarters of H. M. Navy in the Pacific, and the only fortified place on the West Coast of British North America. As such, it is one of the great outposts of the Empire, and as the result of political changes in the Far East, is rapidly increasing in importance. There are at present ten warships there with 2,000 men, some 100 of whom are Methodist or Nonconformist. On land there is a dockyard, and two forts with a garrison of Artillery and Royal Engineers. There is hardly any other place than the drinking

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saloon in which the men can gather. The chaplaincy is maintained in a large measure by the self-denying contributions of the bluejackets and their friends. A Soldiers' and Seamen's Home is a crying necessity, and this Mr. Hicks is seeking to secure.

A building equal to the present requirements of both Church and Home will cost at least £1,000, not more than a quarter of which can be raised locally. The case is strongly recommended by the Revs. the President of the Conference, Marshall Hartley, John Bond and R. W. Allen. With every desire to help, however, the Committee felt themselves barred by a clause in the deeds of the Special Jubilee Fund, limiting grants to Homes which are under the supervision of the British Conference. But for this clause Esquimalt would have been helped long ago. Not to close the door altogether on so desirable a project, the Committee remitted to a small Subcommittee to consider the exact nature of the work of Mr. Hicks, and its relation to British Methodism, and to report. If help can lawfully be given from the Queen's Jubilee Fund it will be cheerfully granted, but if not, the moderate amount required may surely be secured among the well-wishers in this country of British Methodist sailors.

WHO SHOULD GIVE? WHY AND HOW?

(By Julia H. Johnston.)

Who should give? Why, everybody:
Every one has gifts received,
Every one should spread good tidings
Till the whole world has believed.

Why? you ask me, Surely, surely.
There are reasons, and to spare;
Christ commands it, love demands it;
Hands must give if true hearts care.

When to give? Oh, what a question!
Hear the answer: Now, now, now!
Give with love and faith, give freely;
Jesus Christ will show you how.