

## Editorial.

### The Pulpit and the Press

It was a happy idea of the Vancouver City Ministerial Union to invite the editors of the local daily papers to meet them at luncheon. These informal functions of the Ministerial Union are usually held at the Y. M. C. A., whose obliging officials, (though the building is not equipped for such undertakings) cheerfully and gratuitously give the accommodation and the service.

At the recently opened "Soldiers' Club," where representatives of the pulpit and the press foregathered, men in khaki left nothing to be desired in the serving of lunch, but the auditorium proved none too warm in the weather experienced that January day, and most of the company were glad to secure overcoats to keep the outer man comfortable after the inner man had been satisfied.

Excepting one case, the editors or representatives of the dailies did not take the ministers as seriously as might have been expected. Dr. S. D. Scott, of the *News-Advertiser*, attended, prepared to give the clergymen a little of their own medicine, as he had a written address, which, however, was notable for its wit and humour, and must have reminded many of how excellent a writer Dr. Scott is when left free from the claims and restrictions of party politics.

Mr. Makovski, in speaking on behalf of the *Province*, was personal, reminiscent, and interesting, and Mr. Sheppard for the *Sun*, (who was in khaki) made one wonder if "The Press" is ever "toasted" at public functions in this country, as he made an unexpected revelation as to his inexperience in speech-making. In some parts of the Empire, even a young reporter may have now and then to reply to the toast of "The Press."

In his remarks Mr. Nelson, of the *World*, who was accompanied by a lieutenant of his staff, struck an agreeable note in referring to character counting in a newspaper.

If the newspapermen did not make the most of the opportunity, perhaps the need for more intimate acquaintance was suggested on the other side also. In introducing the speakers, Dr. Unsworth referred to Mr. Nelson, who is now managing director of *The World*, as "the latest fledgling in journalism," and formerly "advertising manager" in the *News-Advertiser*; whereas we have reason to believe that Mr. Nelson, though perhaps less of a journalist than others, was probably the most experienced all-round newspaperman present, and prior to taking charge of the *World* was business manager of the *News-Advertiser*. It was noticeable that he afterwards spoke of "his colleague, Dr. Scott."

We find that the editor of the Labour paper, the weekly *Federationist*, has called attention editorially to the fact that he was not invited by the ministers to join them at the luncheon. Judging by