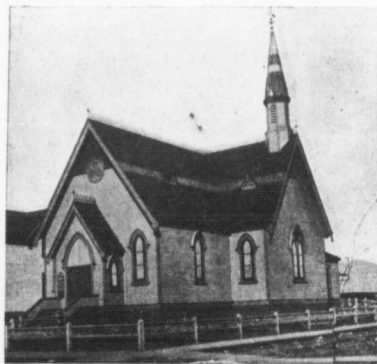


From the Field.

Princess Street, Vancouver, B.C.—We have pleasure this month in presenting a picture of the church whose League was the first to send in a large list of subscribers to this paper. With a society of only thirty members, the names of seventeen subscribers were forwarded before the first issue of the paper was published. The people of this congregation are loyal and energetic, and greatly attached to their church. The



PRINCESS ST. CHURCH, VANCOUVER.

pastor, Rev. R. Whittington, M.A., is president of the British Columbia Conference. He received his education in Victoria University, and 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 Metaphysics, Ethics, and Apologetics 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 Evidence, 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. 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.

Askin Street, London.—The Social Committee of the Askin Street League took charge of the young people on Monday evening, September 25th. A bright programme, a marvellous way of introducing the strangers to one another, and the wholesome refreshment, made the evening pass away most profitably. One of the speakers of the evening was Dr. E. B. White, formerly of Oil Springs, Penn. He was president of the Young People's society in connection with Trinity M. E. Church there for two years. He served the Franklin District Erie Conference for one year as first vice-

president, and president of the Rousseville League for one year. He is a good worker, and has now turned in his energies with the Askin Street League, South London. Askin Street League is after the young people for the winter months, and has a strong staff for the work.

The Toronto Union.—The annual meeting of the Toronto Methodist Young People's Union was held in the Central Church on Thursday evening, October 13th. The building was well filled, and the meeting was an enthusiastic one. The President, Mr. F. Dane, opened the service, and made a few practical remarks. He spoke a good word for *The Canadian Epworth Era*, and urged the Leagues to push its circulation.

Mr. Wood, the new president, was introduced, together with the other officers elect. Mr. Wood then took charge of the meeting. The secretary, Mr. T. H. Keough, called the roll, when the members of the different Leagues present responded by rising, and the president announced the number of members on the roll, and the number present. Crawford Street Church reported sixty-five on the roll, and sixty-five present. King Street League with fifty-seven members had fifty-seven present. There was, therefore, some difficulty in deciding which League was entitled to the banner. It was solved by giving it to each society for six months, Crawford Street taking it first. Rev. Dr. Potts made a short but wonderfully enthusiastic speech on the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving

Fund. He urged that every member of every League become a subscriber to the fund, and offered a banner to the League which would contribute the largest amount to the fund. He also promised to marry, free of charge, all the young people who have their names on the Historic Roll. Excellent addresses were delivered by Revs. W. J. Smith and J. T. Morris, and Mr. Jos. Tait, who spoke for Rev. W. H. Hincks, who was prevented by illness from being present.

Tamworth Junior League.

—The president reports: "We have thirty-seven members and four committees: Missionary, Temperance, Literary, and Floral. Each of the three former committees prepares a programme each month, the respective chairmen having charge after the devotional exercises are conducted by Junior president. The members of the Missionary Committee are gathering stamps. They have a mite-box from the Woman's Missionary Society. A consecration meeting is held the first Friday of each month. All committees unite to furnish the programme for senior League whenever a month contains five Fridays. We continue to pay two dollars annually to minister's salary, each member paying one cent every month. Have bought and sold one dozen Canadian Hymnals. We decorate the church with flowers every Saturday for Sabbath service."

Mountain Grove Junior League.— "Our Junior League has a membership of twenty-five. We gave two dollars towards the missionary work, one dollar to the St. James' fund, about one dollar and seventy-five cents towards furnishings for the new parsonage, and two dollars and a half for a lamp for the church grounds."

Arden Junior League.—The secretary sends the following excellent report: "During the last year the membership of our League has increased from twenty-five to thirty-four. We have been helping the church financially. We subscribed fifty dollars, and have forty-six dollars of our subscription paid. We took for our part the furnishing of the pulpit. Our League meets every Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. We are progressing in our work nicely."

Springford, Ont.—The corresponding secretary writes: "Although the membership of our League is as yet rather small, we believe that some progress is being made in our work. Our prayer meetings are becoming more and more interesting. The attendance is on the increase having kept up well during the busy harvest time, and more persons seem inclined to take part in the meetings than formerly. The committees are getting better acquainted with their work. The Missionary Committee has recently taken up the Forward Missionary Movement, with very favorable results, and at a meeting of the Executive Committee the other evening it was agreed to take up the Forward Movement in evangelistic work and Bible study. The *Epworth Era* is a great source of help and inspiration to us in our work."

St. Thomas District.—The General Secretary spent the third week of October on the eastern part of the St. Thomas District. At Aylmer, Dunblaine, and Corinth there were largely attended meetings, but at Springfield heavy rain prevented a large attendance. League work appears to be prospering on this District. The Chairman, Rev. C. T. Scott, B.A., takes a deep interest in the young people.



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