

experience of the saints of earth that the farther they go the more distant seems the flying goal. But the gospel of the Son of Man does not leave men in dejection and despair. In that case it would be no gospel. Christian history shows abundantly that it also kindles aspiration and moves to the noblest enterprise. For we learn from Jesus that our own native instincts, our master passions, our ruling motives can be purified and exalted, be directed to worthy ends, and be fruitful of good in unanticipated measure. He declares that we, any and all of us human beings, are to seek for ourselves nothing less than the perfection of the Father, as that is made manifest in His Beloved Son, the Son of Man.

PACIFIC COAST THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

The Third Annual Pacific Coast Theological Conference held its sessions in First Congregational Church, Victoria, August 13th, 14th and 15th. There was an attendance of about one hundred from both sides of the line, and the utmost good fellowship prevailed. A most helpful feature of each day was the quiet half hour conducted by Bishop Roper with rare ability and fine spiritual fervor. The special courses of lectures by Drs. Moffatt and Adency were of a very high order, deeply spiritual and though wonderfully erudite, so clear as to be understood by all. These two leaders in New Testament scholarship will be long remembered by all present. The other papers by local men were all of a high order and the evening addresses able and stimulating. The citizens of Victoria showed their appreciation by attending the afternoon and evening meetings in large numbers, the church being well filled on Thursday evening.

At the business meeting on Thursday afternoon a new constitution was adopted which provides for an association with a regular membership to continue from year to year. In this way the conferences, which have been wonderfully successful and helpful, will be assured of even greater success in the future. The officers for next year are: President, Rev. A. W. Leonard, D.D., Seattle, Wash.; Vice-President, Rev. H. Carson, M.A., Victoria, B. C.; secretary-treasurer, D. A. Chalmers, Vancouver, B. C.

It was decided to meet at Bellingham, Wash., next year in conjunction with the Chautauqua meetings there. The facilities are so good and the situation so central that, with the new arrangements for membership, there should be a record attendance at next conference. A new departure was made this year in having the same chairman for all the meetings.