

tinguished career was commenced by the publication of various valuable papers and lectures, showing original research, and by important services in the promotion of educational progress in his native province. But the area of his influence soon became national, and his fame steadily grew into world-wide recognition. He will probably best be remembered as Principal of McGill University, and for his eminent contributions to science. He was the first President of the Royal Society of Canada. In 1882 he was elected President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and was chosen President of the British Association in 1886. He was created a C. M. G. in 1881, and a Knight Bachelor in 1884, and was also honored with the degrees of distinguished universities. The Christian world will especially cherish Sir William Dawson's memory, because of the steady maintenance of the religious view of science as opposed to the agnostic and rationalistic view which found favor for a time in well-known quarters. Sir William always contended that there was no necessary conflict between geology and the Bible; and his contention is now more generally conceded.

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The second name is that of a very different type of character, but one who has offered great service to the cause of truth. It is Horace L. Hastings, of Boston, who died in Goshen, Oct. 21st.

Mr. Hastings was early converted to God and at the age of 18 years began to preach the Gospel. His zeal, intense convictions, and strong intelligence, soon made him a great Evangelist, and tens of thousands of people, in doors and out, on both sides the Atlantic, have listened to his preaching. He also became a writer and publisher, and in 1866 he founded "The Christian," a devotional monthly, which he ably edited for over thirty years. His writings contain some well-known hymns and strong contributions to the Christian evidences, notably his series of anti-infidel papers.

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The third great name with which our thought has been much occupied is D. L. Moody, one of the greatest, perhaps the greatest of modern evangelists. A despatch of Nov. 18th reported Mr. Moody seriously ill, and that he had been taken from Kansas City to his home in Northfield in care of a physician. Later reports, however, have much relieved the anxiety by showing that the real condition had been exaggerated in the first accounts, and that he is getting better.

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PERSONALS.

Rev. James Turner.

The many friends of Bro. Turner and they are legion will be interested to hear of him. It may not be generally known that he has been obliged to resign his superintendency of Dawson mission owing to the severe toil and exposure incident to his work last winter. So, early in August he left Dawson via St. Michaels, and about a month later arrived in San Francisco, seeking improved health in the sunny climate of the South. From that city he wrote me that as his constitution was badly shattered he had placed himself under the care of an eminent doctor, but after two months' stay there, he writes further: "Though I am somewhat better, yet I have not improved as I had hoped." He therefore left recently for San Diego, hoping that a still more southern location might benefit him during the winter months. Surely the church, which has in various parts of this province received so much good from our brother's ministry will unite in earnest prayer for his early return to the effective work.

C. BRYANT.

December 8th, 1899.

In a letter to the editor, which arrived since Bro. Bryant's communication, Bro. Turner writes from San Diego: "I am glad to be able to say that I am gradually, though somewhat slowly, improving. The climate here is as nearly perfect as one can wish for. The weather at present is Victoria summer weather, only dryer, and I am informed that this is a fair sample of it the year round. This is a remarkably clean, bright, well-managed town. Of course the reaction after the 'boom' has been keenly felt, but still there seems to be a fairly good business. They have a number of nice churches, and all well attended, which is more than I could say for San Francisco. They are alive on temperance work and have carried prohibition in several parts of the state. I may send you more on this, when I am more familiar with the facts." We extend the greetings of the "Recorder" to our brother away in the South and wish him a bright and happy Christmas.

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Dr. C. W. Service and wife passed through Victoria on their way to their new mission field at Choyoquet, on Nov. 10th.

The November meeting of the Quarterly Board of the Centennial Church, Victoria, extended a hearty and unanimous invitation to their pastor, Rev. W. H. Barraclough to remain with them a third year. The invitation was received and accepted, subject to the higher powers.

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Rev. E. E. Scott, of Vancouver, preached the anniversary sermons of the West End Church, New Westminster, on Nov. 26th.

Rev. B. C. Fawcett preached in the Centennial Church, Victoria, Sunday morning, Nov. 12th, and delighted the large audience present to hear him.

Rev. J. E. Betts is spending the month of December in the Kootenay District, laboring on behalf of Columbian College. He expects to return about the 21st of the month.

Rev. Thos. Crosby, Chairman of the Be-la Bella District, paid a flying visit to the fields on the East and West Coasts of Vancouver Island about the first of November.

Mr. W. H. D. Ladner, son of our respected brother, Rev. Chas. Ladner, has recovered from the accident which laid him up with a broken leg, and spent a few days visiting the coast cities about Nov. 16th.

The Editor spent the week of Nov. 12th in New Westminster and Vancouver, assisting in the Young People's services and organizing the Epworth League Forward Movement for Missions.

Rev. W. W. Baer delivered his interesting lecture on New York City in the Coqualezza Institute, Sardis, on Friday evening, Nov. 24th. The attendance was gratifying, and the audience was delighted.

The Anniversary Services of Carman Church, Chilliwack, were conducted by Rev. W. J. Sipprell on Sunday, Dec. 3rd. On Monday evening a literary and musical entertainment was given, which proved very successful.

We are pleased to learn that Rev. J. E. Gardner, B.A., of Lillooet, who has been seriously ill for the past couple of weeks, is now considerably better and is likely to be able to continue his work shortly.

Mr. E. B. Jones, one of the foremost young men of the Metropolitan Church, Victoria, has started in business for himself in the grocery line, at the corner of Cook and North Park streets. We bespeak for him a share of the patronage of our Methodist people.