

Western University of Canada.

At the third annual Convention of the Baptist Churches of British Columbia, held at Vancouver, July 6th to 10th, 1899, a resolution was passed unanimously approving of the founding of an institution for the promotion of the higher education of our youth. It was further resolved that steps be immediately instituted in this direction and the Education Board of the Convention was instructed to undertake, as actively as possible, the work of securing funds and pledges for the endowment and equipment of such an institution.

In anticipation of the founding of a university, located at some suitable point and equipped for residence work, it was decided to at once proceed to outline courses of study, to appoint a faculty of specialists eminently qualified to act as instructors and examiners, and generally to make provision for conducting, in as efficient a manner as possible, the work of university extension in advance of the actual local university. This should be undertaken in order to meet, in as far as present conditions allow, an unmistakable need for assistance along the paths of higher education, experienced by a great number of our earnest, ambitious, young men and women. There are known to be many such within the Province, who, prevented from actual attendance at a university, are yet desirous of attaining to something of the higher culture for the promotion of which the university exists.

The practicability of the correspondence feature of university work is no longer doubtful. Experience has shown that in many lines of study correspondence instruction secures results highly satisfactory both to instructor