

Western Canadian Church Notes

(By Rev. J. Richmond Craig)

The induction of Rev. E. Gilfillan Thompson, M. A., into the pastoral charge at Eburne on Thursday, the 15th inst., was a happy and interesting event. The church was crowded with an enthusiastic people, despite the inclement weather conditions. The addresses given by Drs. Smith and Logan were acceptable and practical. The whole arrangement of this induction service was different from that which seemed to prevail at previous ceremonies of this nature. A good chairman and a competent moderator help wonderfully. "Muddle out somehow" used to be the slogan in Westminster Presbytery. But that day has passed into history. We congratulate Eburne congregation upon their choice, and we thank them for showing us how properly to "induct" a minister.

A call has come to Rev. Gordon Melvin, B. A., of St. Stephens, New Westminster, from Walkerville, Ontario. Mr. Melvin has been Convenor of Home Missions in this Presbytery for some time, and he has been more than a mere figurehead in office. He does not belong to the "old brigade" in church life. He is aggressive and progressive, and is a persevering student, thoroughly alive to modern issues. He has a few failings, but even these, like the old prototype's, lean the right way. We will say no more, but as is the wont of everybody now-a-days, we'll "wait and see."

We hear that the Mackay Brothers (R. G. and his brother on furlough from South China) at River Road are progressing favorably. We extend our sincerest sympathy to them in these days of sickness, and trust their recovery may be speedy and complete.

The Social Welfare Institute and Exhibit was well patronized by the men of the Presbytery. The lectures were of a high order and merited larger audiences. Many sermons along the lines of the institute were preached on the Sunday and much favorable comment has been passed thereon. Our college might do a little more practical work along this line, with profit to all.

A call to Rev. J. K. Unsworth, D. D., from Nanaimo, is being prepared and will be presented at the next meeting of the Victoria Presbytery. Dr. Unsworth was over in the city the other day, and he tells us that he likes the work in Nanaimo. The Coal City will give him ample scope for his "new" ideas.

We extend our congratulations to the Mount Pleasant congregation upon the celebration of their semi-jubilee. Rev. Dr. McMillan, of Winnipeg, will preach upon this auspicious occasion. The present incumbent of that pastoral charge, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, B. A., is steadily building up a solid cause there. An untiring worker, he is already beloved by a devoted people. As one of his oldest members put it the other day, "Maister Mitchell is an awfae man; he's aye on the pad." Being on the "pad" all the time, is the only way to build up a substantial and lasting work.

METHODIST MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY

(By Rev. A. E. Roberts)

The Methodist Church of Vancouver observed Sundays, February 11th and 18th as Missionary Anniversary, and from the reports that have been received, the services were very successful, showing an increased