

pointed to the Indian Mission at Chilliwack, B. C. After a term in practical mission work he was sent by the Conference to Centennial Church, Victoria, where he still remains the faithful pastor of a loyal and devoted congregation. Intensely spiritual, ready for every new idea that may give brightness or vivacity to Church service, or to Christian life, perhaps no pastor and his wife have labored harder in connection with any field of Methodism in British Columbia than the pastor of Centennial Church and his devoted wife, in order to glorify their common Master, in seeking to build up a Church whose members shall constitute a holy people, zealous of good works. In evangelistic work our brother has always been eminently successful, both in Ontario and also since coming to this province. A year ago, through him, was begun the "Methodist Recorder." For a time he was all its officary in one—Editor, business manager, etc.—and no journal seeking an existence ever had more loyal service than was given by the editor. Bro. Barraclough still retains the office of business manager, tho

AN APPEAL TO CANADIAN METHODISM.

Sisters and Brothers:—The Sandon fire has completely destroyed our Church and Parsonage in that town and greatly impoverished many of our people.

Realizing the importance of our work, and remembering the loyalty of the congregation in Sandon, the members of the British Columbia Conference have unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing me to appeal to the circuits in the Province and to the connexion at large for such an amount of money as shall again place our cause upon a solid basis.

During the three years of its history as an appointment, Sandon has been practically a self-supporting circuit, having received in that time only \$152.00 from the Missionary Treasury. Its report for the last year shows that in addition to paying the salary of its pastor it has raised \$91.00 for Connexional Funds and over \$700.00 for Circuit purposes, and this with a membership of only 21.

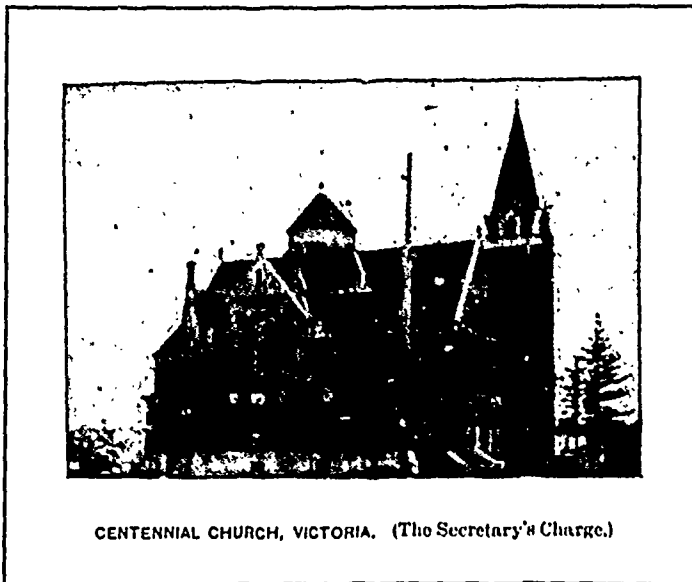
It is doubtful if a more conspicuous example of liberality can be found in the

OUR COLLEGE.

We have chosen this somewhat "conservative" title, inasmuch as the relation between our educational institution in this Province and our church is unique, in that the college is not only a church enterprise, but depends for its patronage upon the loyal support given to it by that section of our Methodism lying between the Rockies and the sea. We do not intend in this article to present a historical sketch of the College dating from its inception in 1892, but rather to acquaint our readers with its present condition and its future outlook. We promise a more extensive article in a later number. First, then.

OUR PRESENT POSITION.

We are just closing one of the most successful years in the history of the College, successful both from a literary and financial point of view. Our achievements when told may seem small in comparison with results obtained by other institutions, but the fact of progress ought to be enough to make us "Thank God and take courage." For some time it has been a question in the minds of a few as to the advisability of continuing the work. To every fair-minded man the work of the past year and the present encouraging outlook will answer the question whether we shall advance or retreat. What have we been able to do? In the first place, we have been able to accomplish something in the way of giving a literary standing to our Institution. We have students writing for all grades of certificates obtainable in this Province, and also a goodly number who will write at the approaching examinations for matriculation in Toronto University. The fact that such work is being accomplished assures to us an increasingly enviable record as the years go by. We venture to say that the personal attention given to our students makes their advancement more rapid than it can possibly be in any High School in the Province. We are also giving attention to general education in behalf of those who are not fitting themselves for professional life, and as a consequence our College affords to the sons and daughters of our people an excellent opportunity for culture, fitting them for any avenue of life whatever. We think that our College stands for more even than this. Not only does it provide an excellent secular education, but it does this in a religious house. While we do not guarantee consistent Christian action on the part of all who come to us, we are glad to say that we have an Institution for the higher education of the young men and women of this Province, wherein religious exercises and religious influences form a very important part of the programme of study. And this is doubly important when viewed in connection with the fact that it is brought to the student in the formation stage of life, and is placed before him as an essential part of a proper and complete education. Moreover our financial position is encouraging. We have a smaller obligation, by fifteen hundred dollars, than a year ago. The loyalty, devotion, and generosity of our ministerial and lay brethren a year ago, and a week ago, in responding to the appeal in behalf of funds for the College is worthy of a place on the Historic Roll of Methodism. We doubt if, in Canadian Methodism, there



CENTENNIAL CHURCH, VICTORIA. (The Secretary's Charge.)

office of editor-in-chief being occupied by Rev. J. P. Hicks, who is bringing to his work such wisdom and zeal as is pushing the paper ahead with rapid strides. Bro. Barraclough has this year been honored by the appointment to the office of Secretary of the British Columbia Conference, and has also been chosen as Chairman of the Victoria District. We are assured that no man will seek more earnestly to maintain the confidence of the brethren. Added to these honored positions, the gift of the Church, our brother is most active in the Young People's work, being the Conference Organizer in connection with the Forward Movement for Missions, as also one of the officers of the Provincial Convention. It is with a large measure of satisfaction and an abundance of hope in the future of our work in this Province that we look to-day not on the past alone, but on the present vigorous efforts of our brother and his faithful wife in connection with the work of God. Long may they be spared to serve with such energy the Church of their choice. W.J.S.

annals of any church.

The Church destroyed was one of the most substantial and beautiful buildings owned by our Church in the Kootenay country; a moderate estimate of its value was \$3,000.00. In addition to this loss the congregation has lost its parsonage, furnishings, and everything necessary for carrying forward Church work.

In order to replace the things that are absolutely necessary for the re-establishment of our cause, the sum of \$2,000 at least must be raised by the Church at large for the Circuit, and \$400 for Bro. Sanford, who lost everything except a few books and some clothing.

I therefore, in accordance with the resolution of the B. O. Conference, lay this appeal before the Superintendents of our Circuits and Missions and before the members of our Congregations, respectfully urging that a generous response be at once made.

All amounts donated can be forwarded direct to the Rev. A. M. Sanford, B.A., of Sandon, who is duly authorized to receive the same. Yours respectfully,

R. WHITTINGTON,
Pres. B. O. Conference.