

## PERSONALS.

Rev. A. E. Hetherington, one of our missionaries at Dawson, was married on the 20th of June, and is off enjoying his wedding tour.

Rev. J. A. Wood has made a trip into the Crow's Nest region to organize Methodist Missions at Fernie and Cranbrook.

Senator Geo. A. Cox, of Toronto, one of our leading Methodist officials, is now spending some time on the coast in the interests of the several companies with which he is associated.

Miss Clarinda Stevenson Sardis and Miss Birdie Chadsey, with Mrs. A. Evans, of Sumas, have been spending a few weeks, the guests of Mrs. Chris. Spencer, Victoria.

A letter has been received at the Methodist mission rooms, Toronto, from Rev. Dr. Hart. He reports all the missionaries in China to be well, including Rev. Dr. Smith, who has recovered from his recent indisposition due to typhoid fever.

The readers of the "Recorder" will be pleased to learn that our afflicted brother, Rev. J. P. Bowell, is, by latest reports, improving in health. The prayers of the church will go up for him and his beloved family.

The Rev. A. N. Miller has been elected Acting Secretary of Conference and Treasurer of the Contingent Fund, by the Conference Special Committee. All communications will accordingly be addressed to Bro. Miller at Eburne, B. C.

Rev. Jas. Turner, our pioneer missionary to Dawson, will, on the return of Bro. Hetherington, leave for home by way of the Yukon and St. Michaels. Failing health, we regret to say, compels this step. The severe climate and the still severer labors of our good brother have told heavily on him.

The sympathies of the Church will go out to our highly esteemed Chinese Missionary at New Westminster, Rev. Tom Chue Thom, in the severe loss which he has sustained by the death of his beloved wife. Mrs. Tom was but a short time ill, and her sudden decease comes as a rude shock to all who knew her.

Rev. Ebenezer Robson sends us the cheering information that he has secured 15 new subscribers for the "Recorder" at Vernon, and expects to add to the list. This energy and enthusiasm, in all that concerns our Church work, is characteristic of Bro. Robson. We hope that many will follow his example.

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Rev. J. P. Hicks, the managing editor of the "Recorder," left on Wednesday, the 19th inst., for England, to attend the Wesleyan Conference and to confer with influential brethren concerning the work at Esquimalt. He will be away for about six weeks or more. During his absence all communications for the "Recorder" should be sent to Rev. W. H. Barraclough.

We congratulate Mr. F. S. Okell on his success in the recent convocation examinations of Albert College, Belleville, Ontario. He passed not only the examination in the Collegiate course, and in preliminary theology, but succeeded in winning the Doxsee prize for general proficiency, and came within a few marks of capturing the Senate scholarship. The successful student is a son of Mr. S. M. Okell, of Victoria West.

A pleasing feature of the closing exercises of the Chilliwack Public School this year was the presentation to Mr. H. H. Cairns, the popular principal of the school, of a handsome shaving set, accompanied by a finely worded address. Mr. Cairns, who is a very acceptable Methodist local preacher, is to be congratulated on the position which he occupies in the esteem of the community.

The "Progress" has the following to say regarding the part taken by our highly esteemed Secretary of Conference, in the recent Chilliwack Camp meeting: "Rev. J. P. Bowell, Secretary of Conference, has been present throughout the meeting and has taken the public speaking. His morning expositions of scripture have been especially helpful and his sermons on Sunday morning

and evening were listened to by large congregations."

We regret to say that Rev. J. C. Speer has been forced to withdraw his acceptance of the invitation of the Metropolitan Board to remain a fourth year, owing to the continued ill-health of Mrs. Speer. The family physician and consulting physicians having advised as speedy a return as possible to the Eastern Provinces.

The death occurred on June 29 of Rev. Robert H. Hall, of Nile, Ontario. Mr. Hall has been poorly for some time, but his recovery was hoped for, and his sudden death came as a shock to his relatives in the West. He was a brother of Rev. Jos. Hall, of Chilliwack, and of Police Magistrate H. G. Hall, and Mr. W. W. Hall of Victoria. The "Recorder" extends its sympathy to the bereaved brethren.

Rev. M. Kobayashi, one of our oldest Japanese ministers, who has been especially successful, and honored as a pastor, died of typhoid fever during the session of the Japanese Conference. He was converted under the instrumentality of Rev. Dr. Eby, and, at the time of his death, was pastor of the Azabu Church, Tokyo. In this church the funeral service was held on June 5, and was attended by a large gathering, among whom were several men of rank a Viscount, and an ex-Consul. Rev. Dr. Macdonald spoke, as he had been requested by Mr. Kobayashi, upon "Trusting in the Lord."—"Christian Guardian."

## A Narrow Escape.

Rat Portage, July 17.—The upsetting of a canoe near Coney Island nearly caused the loss of three lives. Rev. Solomon Cleaver, of Grace Church, Winnipeg, formerly of Victoria, his wife and Miss Roberts, were thrown into the water at a lonely spot where there are no campers. After many attempts, Mr. Cleaver managed to get his wife a hold on the canoe. He found Miss Roberts coming up for the second time, and catching her under the canoe got her to hold on. This situation lasted for over an hour, the canoe drifting past Harris Island into Barrett's Bay, where the party's cries for help were heard, and they were rescued.—Victoria Times.

Our brethren would greatly aid the "Recorder" by sending us in church news at the time of happening or sending us copies of your local papers. Don't crowd out our space one month, and leave a dearth the next. The editors are giving their services for nothing. Our brethren can surely do a little.

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