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THE MAN AND HIS MESSAGE

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In continuing this series of articles, the writer is naturally drawn to the east side of Vancouver City in which the most prominent pastoral figure is unquestionably Rev. H. W. Fraser, D. D., of First Presbyterian Church.

If you come to Vancouver or the West with any interests above real estate and money-making, you can hardly help hearing about Dr. Fraser; which is another way of saying that he is a man who takes a very broad view of the place and power of the christianity of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Fraser seems to believe, wisely as many nowadays hold, that to be a practical christian a man must be interested in all social questions, and in the varied relationships of life. While not countenancing or encouraging that species of advertisement which seeks to display announcements of sensational subjects for discourse, the pastor of First Church is not a man afraid to deal deliberately and plainly in a discourse with any social or moral question which he recognises as vitally affecting the welfare of the community.

Unconventionally healthful, and healthfully unconventional, indeed, are phrases which might be used to indicate Dr. Fraser's attitude and action towards the conditions of modern life and the application of evangelical christianity thereto. He is a man who does not hesitate on occasion to deal trenchantly with such questions as the social evil and race suicide. He is also known as an implacable foe of the Papacy, not, of course, as a christian church, but as an organization seeking to interfere in affairs of state.

A man of literary inclinations and with the temperament of the true lover of nature (as his little story "The Message" published a few years ago, itself demonstrates), he is, nevertheless, found in these riper years of his manhood and his ministry in charge of a large "down-town" church. That he is peculiarly qualified for such a post, no one acquainted with church life in Vancouver needs to be told. It is the uncommon thing for the present