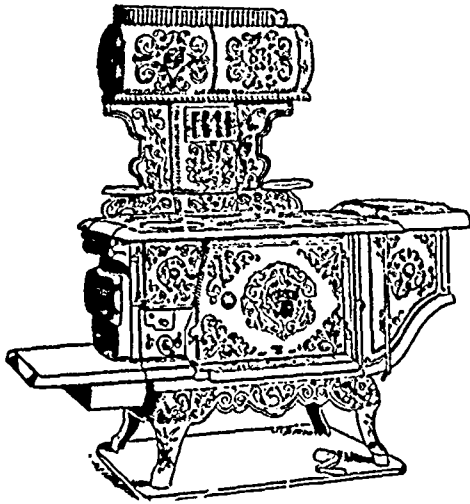




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The Churches.

OPENING OF QUEEN'S AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH, NEW WSTMINSTER.

Our new church was opened on Sunday last in due form and with most auspicious circumstances.

The morning service was conducted by the President of the Conference, assisted by Rev. T. D. Pearson and Rev. Principal Sipprell, of Columbia College. President Whittington preached an excellent and very helpful sermon and dedicated the church, which was presented by Mr. C. G. Major on behalf of the trustees.

In the afternoon a very inspiring discourse upon "Consecration" was delivered by John Bennett Anderson, singing evangelist of Landon, Eng., who also sang two solos in a forceful and impressive manner. Mr. Anderson's services all through were much appreciated by the large congregation, which heard him. At this service we had the assistance also of Rev. J. P. Howell, Secretary of the Conference, and Rev. A. E. Green, of Mount Pleasant.

In the evening Rev. E. E. Scott preached in his usually eloquent and forceful style an admirable sermon and conducted the service throughout.

On Monday evening a very excellent programme of music, interspersed with brief addresses by several of the local clergymen from sister churches, was rendered to a full house.

The services throughout were greatly enlivened and enriched by the services of a large choir under the direction of Mr. T. R. Pearson, with Mrs. J. A. Cunningham as accompanist, and an orchestra under the direction of Mr. C. E. Robson.

Solos by Miss Armson and Mr. G. Hicks, of Victoria, and Mr. J. Collister, of Vancouver, also by our own local soloists, Miss Robson and Mr. Rushton, were greatly appreciated. Miss Armson's recitations on Monday evening won the enthusiastic applause of everybody present.

The house was full to overflowing at

each of the three services on Sunday, and in the evening a large number were obliged to go away, not being able to gain admittance.

All the services were entertaining, but were also characterized by the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit, which was the crowning glory of the day.

The church has cost \$10,000, and the entire amount is provided for and nearly all collected in, and we are rejoicing in hope of yet greater blessings.

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VANCOUVER HOMER ST. NOTES.

At the regular meeting of the Quarterly Official Board held in February it was moved by Bro. D. D. Donaldson, seconded by Bro. Wm. Tuft, that the members of this Quarterly Official Board desire to place on record: 1st, our gratitude to Almighty God for the spiritual and financial success that has come to us as a congregation. 2nd, our great appreciation of the services of our beloved Pastor; and, 3rd, that we hereby tender Rev. E. E. Scott a very cordial and unanimous invitation to remain with us for another year; that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Recording Steward to the Stationing Committee. Carried unani-

mously.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Homer street have become a noted institution in Vancouver for the real valuable assistance they time and again have rendered to the Trustee and Quarterly Boards; their last move was to vote five hundred dollars to the Canvassing Committee towards the Building Fund of the new Wesley Church, and it is rumored that the Sunday School Board is going to immortalize itself and gladden the hearts of the Building Committee by coming down in the same handsome manner.

The Pastor asked the congregation a few Sundays ago for a special collection in aid of the Indian Famine Fund, and although no previous announcement had been made the sum of about a hundred and twenty-five dollars was the liberal response.

At the annual meeting of the Sunday School Board held a week or two ago, Mr. J. H. Fife was selected Superintendent, with Messrs. George Hunter and S. F. Green as Assistant Superintendents. Mr. Geo. R. Gordon was re-elected Treasurer, and the ever reliable Mr. John S. Williamson was again re-elected Secretary. The school has made good progress during the year, the attendance on some occasions reaching 400, and the collections each Sunday run from \$10 up to \$14.

At the annual election of officers of the Epworth League, Mr. Riggs was elected President and Miss Minnie Nicolls was selected President of the Junior League.

Beginning with March of the present year, and at the suggestion of the Pastor, Rev. E. E. Scott, the Ladies' Aid decided to discard the old plan of raising funds by concerts, bazaars and such like entertainments, and instead they have adopted the monthly free will envelope offerings. As the April meeting was the first held under the new regime, the Ladies were naturally much exercised in regard to the financial results, but were greatly surprised to find when the envelopes were opened that the offerings totaled about fifty dollars.

A very successful meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held on Tuesday, 17th inst., at the home of Mrs. G. W. Phipps, when an Easter offering was presented by the members, amounting to fifty-three dollars. Mrs. J. B. Finch was elected a life member of the Society, having subscribed the sum of twenty-five dollars.

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