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Church News.**Victoria District.****METROPOLITAN, VICTORIA.—**

Rev. J. C. Spter, Pastor.

Another year of successful labor in this, the Mother Church of all B.C. Methodism, is drawing to a close.

Difficulties there have been, but these have been overcome by the united efforts of a zealous Pastor and a loyal people.

The Epworth League, under the direction of Mr. E. Whittington, and the Sunday School under the superintendency of Mr. Weeks are both in a most prosperous condition.

The celebration of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Methodism in this city and the Province, which was held in February last, was richly enjoyed by all who participated in it. The pioneers, revered and beloved, seemed to renew their youth, whilst revelling in the memories of the past.

The four days' convention for the deepening of Spiritual Life, which marked the last of that month was a season of great refreshing and the general tone of the life of our people in all the churches has been raised. The Pastor's arduous toil has told upon him, and, by the arrangement of the Board, he is now away for a much-needed rest.

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CENTENNIAL, VICTORIA.—

Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B.A., Pastor.
The work on this charge has moved on quietly and yet with a fair amount of success. The congregations and finances are slightly on the increase. The faithfulness of the local preachers, in the various mission enterprises of the church is to be commended. No pastor ever had a more faithful band of supporters.

Some souls have been saved, and in Sunday School, Ladies' Aid and indeed all the organizations of the church we can see progress.

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VICTORIA WEST.—Rev. J. D. P. Knox, Pastor.

Most faithful and energetic are the workers associated with this church. The year has been a most successful one. The debt on the church has been materially reduced, with the likelihood of its being wiped out in another year.

The finances are all in a flourishing condition.

The anniversary services were held on Sunday, April 9th, and following Monday evening. Rev. C. H. M. Sutherland, of Wellington, preached both morning and evening to large congregations. His sermons were greatly appreciated.

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VICTORIA—James Bay.—Rev. G. F. Swinnerton, B.A., Pastor.

The Illustrated Sunday evening sermons of the Pastor have been very successful, the congregations filling the church. The stereopticon views of the Life of Christ were very fine and created very much interest.

One of the most energetic Leagues in the city meets in this church from week to week. A night-school under the League's auspices, has been started, with every promise of success.

By the vote of the congregation a request will be presented to Conference to make this charge independent of the Metropolitan.

Every attention will be given to your orders, no matter how small, at the new drug store, F. W. Fawcett & Co., 49 Government street.

NANAIMO—Wallace Street.—Rev. T. W. Hall, Pastor.

As the Conference year draws to a close we are thankful to report progress on our different lines of work. Floating debts, together with a heavy mortgage, have depressed the spirits, and discouraged the souls of the Quarterly and Trust Boards, but by special effort which culminated last November at the time of our anniversary, we raised over \$1,200, thus wiping off a number of old scores, and leaving us practically free to battle with the mortgage which is still heavy, being \$8,000.

With commendable zeal the Ladies' Aid are undertaking renovating the inside of the church, and having it ready for Conference, which meets here May 10th. We hope also to have the outside repainted by that time. In the midst of all the anxiety incident to

struggle against church debt we are pleased to note that the spiritual interests of the church have not been neglected. Faithful prayer on the part of many has been going up to God daily for the salvation of the unsaved.

Prayer has been answered, and God's presence has been with us to save and sanctify. Our Sunday School and Epworth League are doing good work. Prayer meetings are good, and public services are very much enjoyed.

D. J. SHANAHAN is now established in Nanaimo, and is prepared to do first-class tailoring at most reasonable rates.

NANAIMO, HALIBURTON ST.—Rev. G. H. Osborne, Pastor, writes:

We have here a property worth \$3,000; a membership of sixty-five, with a Sunday School of 200 scholars; a morning congregation of about seventy-five and evening between 200 and 250. We have cleared off all debt, and are now raising money to decorate the church, and to purchase a library for the Sunday School. During the winter we have had special services, at which many of our members received a great blessing, and souls were won for Jesus. We have a warm-hearted, earnest people, who abound in the work of the Lord.

WELLINGTON.—Rev. C. H. M. Sutherland, Pastor.

The church has lost some valuable members by removals, but the Missionary and other contribution are well in advance.

A Missionary Prayer Meeting is held once a month, with good results.

COWICHAN AND SALT SPRING ISLAND.—Rev. A. Stoney and D. Scott, Pastors.

The work in this field is somewhat toilsome, but the brethren have had cause to rejoice in God's blessing upon their work.

New pews have been placed in the Mill Bay Church, and a new shed has been raised at Duncan's.

Our brethren travel over the field by different conveyances—horse and buggy, bicycle and boat, and many are the adventures that could be related. A short time ago Bro. Stoney marvelously escaped while his horse and buggy were overturned. The friends kindly contributed to a new outfit and our brother goes on his way rejoicing.

Rev. Chan Sing Kai is away on a visit to his parents in China. His work is being supplied by Rev. Mr. Hall (Chinese).