

ECHOES OF LIFE

This Number

This October number of the Westminster Hall Magazine is not only considerably larger than former issues, but a little larger than the size we reckon normal according to our immediate outlook. Extra pages were given to the numerous college items following the end of the summer theological session, and the management has sought to have the other matter in proportion.

We have no doubt that the article by Mr. Haney, Barrister, on the University Man's Opportunity in British Columbia, will appeal particularly to our British Columbia readers as interesting and opportune; and we believe that our readers elsewhere will welcome the issue were it only for the reference to the author of "In His Steps," and particularly for the Message specially written for the Westminster Hall Magazine by Dr. Sheldon himself.

We leave the other contributions to speak for themselves and for the ideal magazine at which we aim.

If other professional or university men care to write on the subject dealt with in Mr. Haney's article, we shall be glad to have such articles to consider for publication.

Linking Glasgow and Vancouver

We hope to publish next month an article on "The Young Man for the Age," by Rev. Dr. Forrest, of Glasgow. Dr. Forrest recently visited Vancouver, and preached in St. Andrew's and St. John's churches. We are sure that everyone who heard his sermon in St. John's on the fifth commandment will not readily forget the impressiveness of the preacher; and any young man

or woman present who had been unmindful of the claims of "the old folks at home" must have got an awakening. Dr. Forrest's power of appeal and evident knowledge of human nature are alike remarkable.

Another Notable from Glasgow

"A real treat" was provided in St. Andrew's Church recently when Rev. Mr. Barr, of Glasgow, lectured to a crowded audience on "Robert Burns." Mr. Barr's recitals of passages from the poet's works were inimitable, and for happy suggestiveness could not well be excelled. The lecture was indeed specially noteworthy for the selection of pieces, as well as for the elocutionary power revealed in the rendering of them.

Mr. Barr very obviously shares Burns' great regard for common folks, and he is a man of strong Liberal sympathies in the best non-partisan sense of that word. He is a good specimen of the minister who appeals more to the people, because he is a man first and a minister afterwards. To meet him, and to note his warm, hearty, unassuming ways, is to get the key to his popularity in the great city in which his lot is cast. He has been a member of the Glasgow School Board for many years.

One of the features of his visit to Vancouver, and at the same time a certificate to the attractiveness of his personality and to Scotland's part in the expansion of the Empire, might have been found in the numbers of people who were noticed waiting to meet him after each service or lecture in Vancouver. It was noticeable, too, that in note-taking he was making himself a messenger for many.