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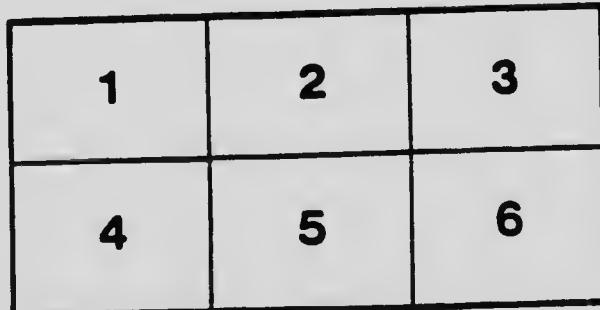
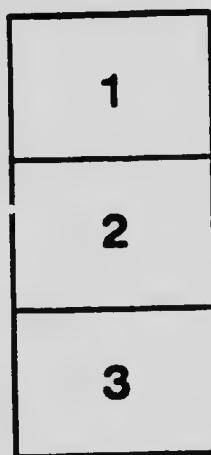
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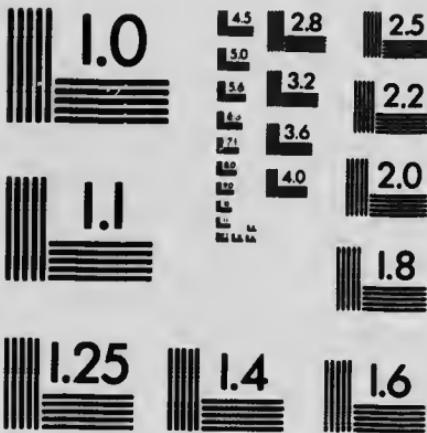
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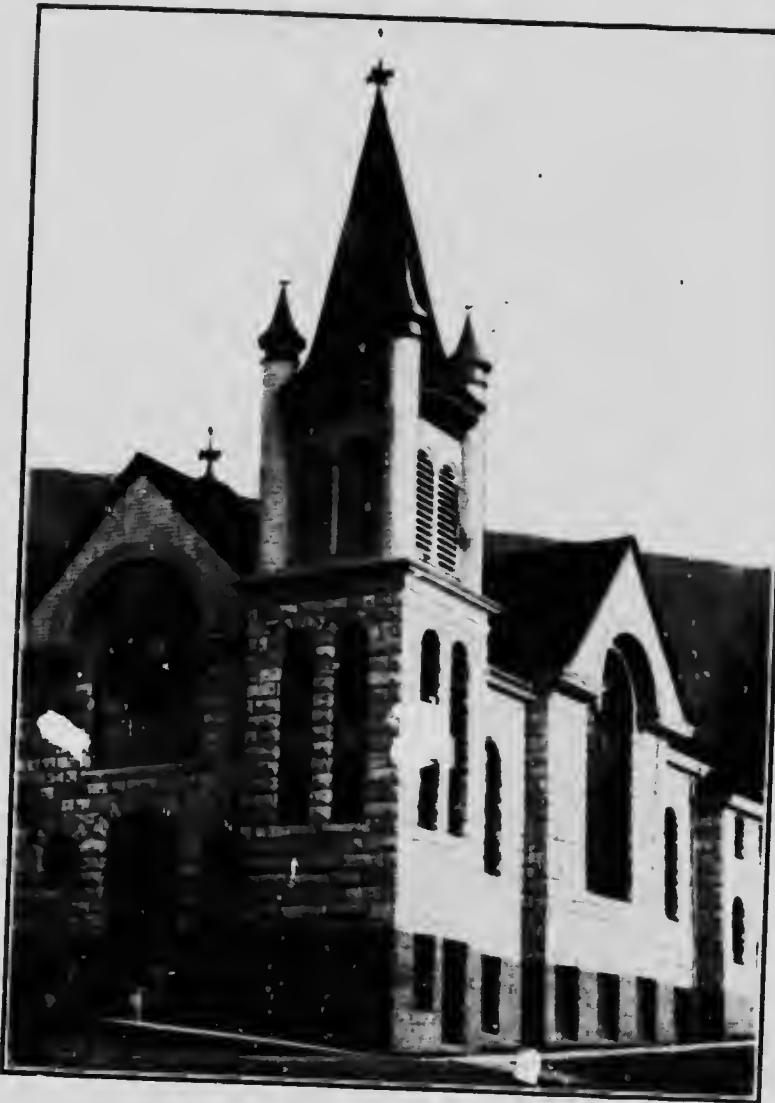
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Methodist Conference Handbook



Thursday, May 12, 1910
Trinity Methodist Church
Nelson, B.C.





TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH



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Programme

The Twenty-Fourth Session of the British Columbia Conference will assemble in Trinity Methodist Church, Nelson, B.C., Thursday, May 12th, 1910, at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 11th, 9:00 a.m. The Ministerial Session will convene.

Tuesday, May 10th, 9:30 a.m. The Stationing Committee will meet.

Wednesday, May 11th, 7:00 p.m. The Statistical Secretaries will meet, and the Financial Secretaries will meet Treasurers of the Connexional Funds at the same hour.

Wednesday, May 11th, 7:00 p.m. The Sabbath School and Epworth League Committees will meet.

Conference Anniversaries

Wednesday, May 11th

Temperance and Moral Reform. Addresses by Rev. S. D. Chown, D.D., and Rev. W. A. Gifford.

Thursday, May 12th

Educational Programme under the direction of Columbian College Board of Managers. Address by Rev. Dr. Carman.

Friday, May 13th

Reception Service. Resolution moved by Rev. A. Henderson, seconded by Rev. E. W. Stapleford, B.A.

Saturday, May 14th

Theological Union Lecture, Rev. R Milliken, B.D. Subject, "Some Early Historical Indications of the Religious Instincts of the Race."

Monday, May 16th

Conference Evangelistic Service. Sermon by Rev. C. W. Brown, B.A., B.D. After-service conducted by the President of Conference.

Tuesday, May 17th

Banquet Tendered by the Ladies of Trinity Church.

Sunday Services, May 15th

- 9:30 a.m. **Conference Love Feast**, led by Rev. J. F. Betts.
- 11:00 a.m. **Ordination Sermon**, Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., followed by Ordination Service, conducted by the President of Conference.
- 3:00 p.m. **Sunday School Addresses**, by Rev. C. S. Reddick and Rev. O. M. Sanford.
- 7:30 p.m. **Sermon**, by Rev. James Allen, M.A. Missionary Anniversary.

Morning Devotional Meeting

A Series of Morning Devotional Meetings will be held, commencing Thursday, May 12th, when addresses will be delivered by the Rev. W. J. Dawson, D.D., of London, England.

The City of Nelson

THE CITY OF NELSON, the people of which extend a warm welcome to the delegates to the Conference, is one of British Columbia's beauty spots, and at the same time one of the commercial centres of the province. It is not necessary, perhaps, to enlarge upon either of these. Both are self evident to any visitor to the city.

The scenery of the city and of its immediate vicinity, as well as of the Kootenays generally, is attracting year by year an increasing number of tourists. To such an extent has this class of traffic developed that the Canadian Pacific Railway has under construction at Balfour, about twenty miles from Nelson, an up-to-date tourist hotel, the object of which is to cater to the large traveling public in search of scenic beauty and recreation in the way of fishing, hunting, etc. The same railway is also making special arrangements to handle the traffic this year, which, it is expected, will assume much greater proportions than ever before. While the main line has its attractions, which none dispute, the southern route through Nelson, with its variety of scenery and the break in the monotony of the trip which it offers in the shape of boat rides on the Kootenay and Arrow Lakes, is bound to increase in favor as its advantages become more generally known.

But Nelson and the Kootenays are not depending upon tourist traffic solely for their future, great as may be the benefits accruing therefrom. The Kootenay country generally is developing year by year. Mining, now on a stable footing, is making headway. The lumber trade is rapidly extending, and more land is being brought into cultivation for fruit growing purposes each season. It is only natural that any such district should have a centre, and in the case of the Kootenay country Nelson is its centre.

Every step forward made by the varied industries of the Kootenay means advancement and increased prosperity for the city of Nelson. While perhaps the growth of the city has not been as rapid as that of some of the boom towns, the visitor cannot help but see that it has

been more substantial. Many things point to this,—its fine public buildings, its well-graded streets, its permanent sidewalks, its up-to-date business places, and its educational facilities and places of worship, while the progressive character of the city's administration and of the citizens is further attested by the fact that the city owns and operates at Bonnington Falls on the Kootenay river a hydro-electro power plant, capable of developing 5,000 horse power, which supplies light and power to consumers at remarkably low rates and that a tramway system is being put in shape for operation, the money therefor being provided by the citizens.

Among the public buildings might be mentioned the Court House, built of Kootenay marble; the post-office, partly built of the same material; and the handsome new Y.M.C.A., which has just been opened for the benefit of the young men of the city. This building was erected within the past year at a cost of \$30,000, this amount being provided for the purpose entirely by the people of Nelson.

Among the churches might be mentioned, without any slight toward the others, the handsome new edifice in which this Conference is meeting. This, like the court house, is built entirely of Kootenay marble, and all the lumber and other materials used in its construction is likewise from the surrounding districts. This church was erected at a cost of \$30,000, the greater portion of which was subscribed directly by the members of the congregation, and was opened for service in March of last year. In passing, it may not be out of place to mention the fact that the history of Methodism in Nelson is practically that of the city. Twenty years ago the city had its beginning. In April 1891 the first service was held in Nelson by a Methodist minister, Rev. James Turner, who travelled down from Revelstoke in a skiff to preach the gospel in a part which was then regarded as an outpost of civilization. For a year and a half services were held in a room over a store on Baker Street. At the end of that time a larger place of worship was secured. In 1894 Rev. G. H. Morden was appointed to the pastorate of the Nelson Methodist Church, and a year later the first Methodist Church building was erected. That building was added to from time to time until 1908, when it was torn down to make way for the present building.

Of the city of Nelson and its people little need be said.

The delegates have the opportunity of seeing the city and meeting its inhabitants. Situated as it is, however, on the west arm of the lake, where rail and boat meet, and with such a stretch of magnificent water at their doors, it is no wonder that the people of Nelson should be devoted to boating. Probably in no city of its size in the whole of Canada are there the same number of craft of different kinds, canoes, rowboats, launches, etc. In this respect, as in others, the people of Nelson make the most of the city's natural advantages.

During the Conference it has been arranged to entertain the delegates to a launch trip up the lake to Ferndale Park, where lunch will be served. This trip will serve a double purpose. It will give the delegates an opportunity of realizing the pleasure which the people of Nelson enjoy through the facilities for boating afforded by Kootenay Lake, and will also provide an opportunity for them to see the manner in which the fruit growing industry is being developed. As they see the various ranches along the lake it will be hard for them to realize that four, five, six or seven years ago this land, that is now producing so bountifully, was regarded as barren and desolate and without value. What the past has brought forth in this respect, however, is only a forerunner of what the future will produce.

In conclusion, may it be said for the people of Nelson that they wish the delegates a pleasant and profitable stay in their city, and hope they will carry away from it a lasting impression of its beauties, its advantages and its possibilities.

The Conference District

FOR the second time in its history, the British Columbia Conference of the Methodist Church meets in the West Kootenay District, and in its chief church, in the city of Nelson. Nine years ago, May 1901, the Conference ventured beyond the bounds of the coast churches, and came to what is sometimes called "The upper country."

It is fitting that we should be reminded that the Conference District has memories that will be precious, increasingly so, as the years pass; indeed, many of the facts concerning the early history of our Church in the Kootenay country are in danger of being lost to us, because the few who knew them are passing in silence.

R. T. Lowery has said of the Rev. James Turner, speaking of him as "The Sky Pilot," that he has packed more Gospel to the men in the hills than all the others put together.

Behind this original statement lie much real romance and many a good story. It can be truthfully said that there are very few places where our work is established in this district, where the fruit is not the direct result of the seed sowing done by that matchless of mining missionaries, James Turner.

After years have passed, and the old guard has almost thinned to the last man, even yet you can find many an old fellow who will sit on a low stump, smoking his pipe, and tell you with a reverence, of which these men possessed a peculiar brand, of the sermons and texts, and services, and stories and jokes associated with James Turner.

In Rossland there has recently been erected a beautiful monument to the memory of Father Pat, in the form of the English Church. It is a worthy tribute to a man who for his day was truly great. Will Methodism do for her great son some similar work of recognition, or will he pass unhonored and unsung?

Much has been said in this handbook by a good friend of the Methodist Church, concerning the Conference, city, and church. Something should be said of the other centres.

Rossland

The city of the gold and the mountain tops. Methodism has had a worthy story to tell in this city. It has been a story of ups and downs, but just now it is the chapter of "Ups," for the people are doing bravely.

Grand Forks

The city boasting the second largest smelter in the whole world. Grand Forks is the chief city of the Boundary country, and is most beautifully situated on the banks of the Kettle River.

Methodism in this active centre has had a prosperous history, and has a strong hold upon the life and conscience of the people. Grand Forks is sure to be a much larger and more active centre in a few years.

Phoenix

Is "Way up," in more senses than one, being over 4,950 feet high. Phoenix is far ahead in moral sentiment

and reform compared with other western cities. We have a good property in Phoenix, and the people have lately assumed "Self support."

Greenwood

Has had a much more chequered history, but will be an important centre yet. Many who profess to know say that Nelson, Grand Forks and Greenwood will be points on the main line of the C.P.R. before many years have passed.

Then there is Trail and Kaslo. These are on the Mission list, but in the case of Trail, if the present rate of growth is maintained, they will be asking to be set free to finance the work of God for themselves in a few years.

Kaslo

Is beautifully situated on the shores of the glorious Kootenay Lake, and will always be a picturesque city. As a mining centre it has passed through years of quiet, and may not look for a great future. As an agricultural and residential centre it will always have its attractions.

Space forbids reference to the beautiful Slocan, the oldest part of the district after Nelson; also of the Mission to the various fruit farm centres. It is a great scattered district, and claims the care and thought of earnest and wise leaders, for the day is coming when the valleys will resound with the voice of industry, and will mark the streams of commerce. In those days will the true results of the toil of those who have worked and waited appear.



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