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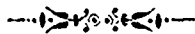
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Rev. E. Robson, Pastor.

We have had the pleasure of receiving two Methodist families from Manitoba lately, Messrs. Wilson and McIntosh, late of Thornhill, who have purchased homesteads in the immediate vicinity of Vernon. They were welcomed by a special congregational social evening. Mr. E. S. Robson, who has during the past year and nine months rendered efficient service in connection with church choir and League, has just left us for the Coast. Quite a number of our young men will be off in a few days for work in the mining districts.

Mrs. Vermilyea, who rendered so valuable services in our service of song during the past year, left us for Nanaimo a few weeks ago. We miss her help very much indeed, but hope she may be equally useful in the Diamond City.

MARRIED.

McCarthy-McMurrin—At the residence of Mr. E. Rogers, on St. Lawrence street, last night, Rev. J. P. Hicks united the fortunes of two young Victorians, Charles B. McCarthy and Miss Annie McMurrin. The groom was supported by Mr. E. Rogers and the bride by her sister, Miss Maggie McMurrin. The young couple will take up their residence at Spring Ridge—Victoria Colonist.

A CHILD'S PRATTLE ON THE
BATTLE.

Read me that paper again, Mamma.
Of the wonderful battle they won,
How the men so nobly fought and died
As my dear Father led bravely on
And they killed his horse and wounded

him,
He couldn't fight any more that day,
Then doctors came with the ambulance,
What is that? and carried him away.

Do you think his wound is very bad?
Oh! how I'll pray that he may not die.
'Tis sad for Dad in the hospital
Far away, thinking of you and I!
Now, if only we could be with him,
Mamma, is Africa very far?
We should see the poor wounded soldiers
Lying there, and hear them praise Papa.

I think he'll have the Victoria Cross
And bright medals like dear Grandpapa.
You know how proud my Grandpapa
was

Long ago when he came home from war,
She told me she buckled on his sword.
As a brave soldier's wife ought to do,
When he went to fight for his country,
I think she was brave, Mamma, don't
you?

I sat on Grandpa's knee yesterday
And he told me the things that he saw,
He said perhaps when I am a man
I, too, might some day go to the war.
But why do you cry and dress in black?
It would be a long time yet, you know;
I'll take care of you till Dad comes back,
He's sure to come, for he told me so.

And the fair young wife, with drooping
head,
Heard all her sweet little prattler said:
Her heart was bleeding at every pore
For her dear, dead love, on that distant
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CENTENNIAL CHURCH.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough, Pastor.
Flower Sunday.

Flower Sunday, now an annual festival at the Centennial Methodist Church of this city, was duly celebrated the day before yesterday. In the way of decoration of success of last year was quite eclipsed, speaking volumes for the industry and taste of the fair hands that had taken hold of this labor of love. The beautiful interior of the sacred edifice lent itself readily to the efforts of flowers and ferns and evergreens made an elaborate display, blending the colors of spring in rich profusion. Chief amongst the many attractive features was a fountain constructed at the altar rails before the pulpit. This was beautifully built up in rugged rocks, in which ferns and flowers were interspersed, while all glistened in the spray of a tiny fountain that burst out from the centre. Amidst baskets of roses and other choicest plants many canary birds, too, had been suspended, while the front of the pulpit had been transformed into a floral shield of pretty effect.

The pastor's sermons at both services were quite in harmony with the decorations. In the morning his treatment of the subject of flowers set forth the ennobling effect of the graces of nature upon the character and ideals of man, while at night his discourse upon the Rose of Sharon concentrated all the harmonies of natural religion upon the worship of a Saviour revealed to the world.

Under the able leadership of Mr. S. Johns the choir added several most appropriate anthems, while well rendered solos by Miss Millar in the morning and Miss Lillian Armonson and Mrs. Hunt at night contributed much to the success of the day's services.—Victoria Colonist.

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PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE, REV. R. WHITTINGTON, M.A., B.Sc.

It is not an everyday occurrence that a minister of the Methodist church is elected two years in succession to the Presidency of an Annual Conference. Only a comparatively small number ever succeed in winning the honor once, for the Presidency of the Conference is a position of dignity and distinction in the eyes of all Methodists and is reserved for the most worthy. When then a President is re-elected, the unusual circumstance points its own moral. The minister so honored must enjoy to an unusually high degree the affection and confidence of his brethren—and indeed of the church generally, for an Annual Conference is sufficiently representative in its character to pretty well reflect the wishes and opinions of the whole church for which it acts. Such tribute of esteem has been accorded our beloved President, Rev. R. Whittington, M.A., B.Sc., he has been elected to the chair for a second year. A very bare outline of Mr. Whittington's personal history appeared with the first regular issue of this paper July, 1899. A Scotchman by birth he is a Canadian by adoption. To this land he came as a boy, and received his education in the schools and colleges of the Province of Ontario. He was converted to God at the age of 20 and became a member of the Methodist church. After spending some time in the Collegiate Institutes of Peterboro and Cobourg he was graduated a B.A. in Victoria University with first-class honors in Metaphysics in 1879. From this institution he obtained also the degree of M.A. in 1882.

When this valuable mental equipment had been gained, Mr. Whittington, the same year, yielded to his earlier and irrepressible convictions and offered himself to the Toronto Conference as a candidate for the Methodist ministry. He was accepted and at once appointed to labor in the Melville circuit, Ontario. He remained here but one year, for in 1883 he proceeded to Japan, in which country he spent the next seven years engaged in educational work under the sanction of his church and filling the important position, first of Principal of the Anglo-Japanese College, Tokyo, and afterwards of Professor of Metaphysics,



REV. ROBERT WHITTINGTON, M. A., B. Sc, President of Conference.

Ethics and Apologetics in the Methodist Union Theological Seminary, Tokyo.

Returning home on furlough in 1891 he lectured for a year in Victoria University on Logic, Christian Evidences and History of Philosophy, obtaining from his Alma Mater during the same period the degree of B.Sc. In 1892 Columbian Methodist College, New Westminster, was instituted by our Conference, and Mr. Whittington, upon the earnest appeal of the College Board was induced to accept the position of Principal. The college started hopefully enough, but soon was severely tried by the great financial depression which for three or four years was felt all over this continent. Mr. Whittington, however, held on to his task with great devotion and self-sacrifice, for five years, and managed to keep

the young institution alive when many through the difficulties, for which he was in no way responsible would prove insuperable. But in 1897 he resigned and returned to the regular pastorate, and was appointed Superintendent of Princess Street Circuit, Vancouver. The ability, zeal and strong common-sense he brought with him made him a success in this field from the first; while his sterling Christian character, and his deep sympathetic nature, which latter is fully appreciated in him only by close and continued acquaintance, secured him an increasing hold upon the affection of his people, insomuch that they were prepared, at the end of the regular term of three years (completed at this Conference), to do any legitimate thing to secure his appointment for a longer period.

Twelve months ago Mr. Whittington was elected by a decisive vote President of the Conference, and with such good judgment and discretion has he discharged the duties and responsibilities of that high office, that, with greater surprise to himself than to anyone else, he was re-elected this year. He is what we sometimes call in Methodism "a strong President." With fine ability as a preacher and platform speaker, he combines the good qualities of geniality, dignity and common-sense, and displays admirable tact as a presiding officer. As an illustration of this last we recall an incident in this year's proceedings in Conference. A certain resolution had been introduced which evoked very lively discussion, and at one point four or five brethren were on their feet at a time vociferously claiming their right to the floor. Many a man under the circumstances would have been greatly perplexed, but Mr. Whittington rose from the chair, with the utmost coolness, and with commanding dignity said: "When I stand up you must all sit down." The contestants instantly and humbly acquiesced, while the Conference, enjoying the incident, involuntarily lapsed into a hearty fit of laughter.

In addition to the responsibilities of the Chair of Conference, the President has received again the appointment of representative to the General Board of Missions, and has been stationed by request of the Missionary Society as Chairman of the Indian District, a most important appointment which charges him with the oversight of all the Indian missionary work of our Conference, and with this coupled the general superintendency of the Chinese work.

In all Mr. Whittington's ministerial labors he has a worthy help-mate in the person of his loving and devoted wife, Mrs. Whittington, who is a sister to the Rev. T. J. Mansel, of Dominion Square, Montreal, and of Dr. Mansel, of Vancouver, has excellent qualifications for a Methodist minister's wife, and soon makes a large circle of friends wherever she goes.



REV. W. H. BARRACLOUGH, B. A.
SECRETARY OF CONFERENCE.

More and more is the world coming to realize that "we live in deeds not years." It is not how long we have lived that measures now, but what we have put into life. Especially does such a standard of measurement obtain in the ranks of the Christian ministry and in fact in the consideration of every life in its service to Jesus Christ. With such a point of view it becomes our esteemed privilege to sketch briefly for our readers a life young in service and young in years, but a life full of splendid promise and one in every part given up to the service of the Master loved so well.

Bro. Barraclough was born in the town of Ingersoll, Ontario, August 30th, 1865. To him was accorded the great privilege, that does not come to the lot of all men, that of being born of godly, consecrated parents. They had long since given their service in devotion to the Church, and were both staunch supporters of all its interests. The father was for many years a steward of the King street Church, Ingersoll, as also secretary of the Trustee Board of that Church. De-

voted to the Church, he served it faithfully and well, beloved and respected by all who knew him, until about three years ago, when at the call of the Master he entered the service of the Church Triumphant. The mother, who still survives, is a sister of Rev. Thos. Crosby, and this will be to all who read a sure pledge of her zeal and enthusiasm in the service of God.

In such an atmosphere, where the abiding presence of the Heavenly guest was ever felt, young Barraclough grew up under the guiding influence of holy parents, and was early trained in Christian ways, and taught to frequent the House of

Victoria College, Cobourg, from which he received his degree of B. A.

The first occupation of our brother was that of teaching in a public school, and while so engaged he did not forget his Christian vows, but seized many an opportunity for service. Here he organized the young men of the neighborhood into a band for Christian work. At the early age of eighteen Bro. Barraclough began work as an evangelist, and owing to the exigencies of the work he was in 1885 called into the active work of the ministry under the chairman. During the years of probation he travelled the Wellandport and Cainsville circuits.



REV. Wm. H. BARRACLOUGH, B. A., Secretary of Conference.

God. At the age of eight years, under the ministry of Rev. Charles Freshman, our brother gave his heart to God, but owing to the apathy of the Church in caring for its youthful members this first love was followed by a number of years of carelessness, touching the obligations of Church membership. However, in the good Providence of God, under the faithful ministry of Rev. Daniel E. Brownell, he was led again to consider his Christian obligations. (No man in Canadian Methodism has ever been truer to his duties as a Christian minister than Rev. D. E. Brownell, and his faithful ministrations, his deep interest in and fatherly care over the lives of his flock have left lasting impression not only on the life we are sketching, but on many others who enjoyed the privilege of coming within the sphere of his influence.) When 16 years of age he was licensed as an exhorter by the Rev. W. W. Ross. His education was obtained in the Collegiate Institute at Ingersoll, and in

where he enjoyed favoring success. During his term at College a man was required for Niagara Street Church, St. Catharines, which charge in a considerable degree was most important to him, as it was here he met Miss Edith Rowe, a daughter of Rev. R. B. Rowe, one of the active and energetic ministers of the Hamilton Conference. Devoted to the service of God, Mrs. Barraclough has entered as a helpmeet into all the work to which our brother has been called. From the first she has proved herself a true companion to her husband, making home a place of sunshine, and lifting the burdens from the husband's heart by her wise counsel and hopeful disposition. Bro. Barraclough was ordained in 1891 in the Niagara Conference (now Hamilton Conference). After ordination he travelled Springford and Teeterville circuits with great success and with marked acceptance, at the end of which time he volunteered for mission work; was accepted and ap-

pointed to the Indian Mission at Chilliwack, B. C. After a term in practical mission work he was sent by the Conference to Centennial Church, Victoria, where he still remains the faithful pastor of a loyal and devoted congregation. Intensely spiritual, ready for every new idea that may give brightness or vivacity to Church service, or to Christian life, perhaps no pastor and his wife have labored harder in connection with any field of Methodism in British Columbia than the pastor of Centennial Church and his devoted wife, in order to glorify their common Master, in seeking to build up a Church whose members shall constitute a holy people, zealous of good works. In evangelistic work our brother has always been eminently successful, both in Ontario and also since coming to this province. A year ago, through him, was begun the "Methodist Recorder." For a time he was all its officary in one—Editor, business manager, etc.—and no journal seeking an existence ever had more loyal service than was given by the editor. Bro. Barraclough still retains the office of business manager, the

AN APPEAL TO CANADIAN METHODISM.

Sisters and Brothers:—The Sandon fire has completely destroyed our Church and Parsonage in that town and greatly impoverished many of our people.

Realizing the importance of our work, and remembering the loyalty of the congregation in Sandon, the members of the British Columbia Conference have unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing me to appeal to the circuits in the Province and to the connexion at large for such an amount of money as shall again place our cause upon a solid basis.

During the three years of its history as an appointment, Sandon has been practically a self-supporting circuit; having received in that time only \$152.00 from the Missionary Treasury. Its report for the last year shows that in addition to paying the salary of its pastor it has raised \$91.00 for Connexional Funds and over \$700.00 for Circuit purposes, and this with a membership of only 21.

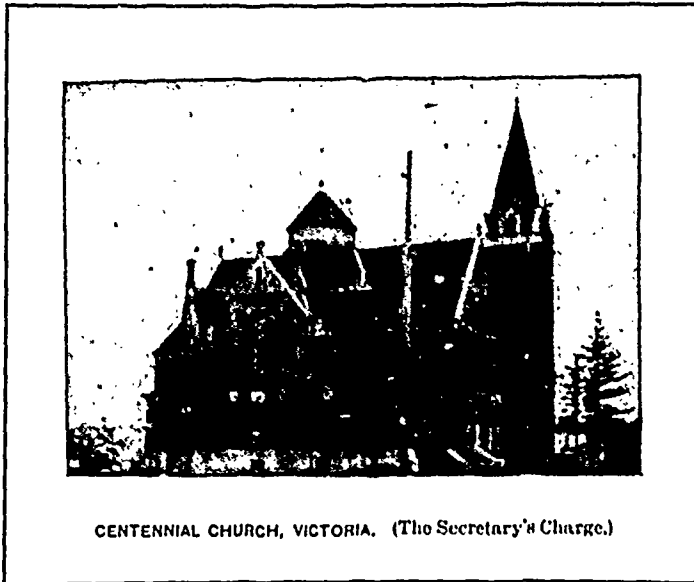
It is doubtful if a more conspicuous example of liberality can be found in the

OUR COLLEGE.

We have chosen this somewhat "conservative" title, inasmuch as the relation between our educational institution in this Province and our church is unique, in that the college is not only a church enterprise, but depends for its patronage upon the loyal support given to it by that section of our Methodism lying between the Rockies and the sea. We do not intend in this article to present a historical sketch of the College dating from its inception in 1892, but rather to acquaint our readers with its present condition and its future outlook. We promise a more extensive article in a later number. First, then.

OUR PRESENT POSITION.

We are just closing one of the most successful years in the history of the College, successful both from a literary and financial point of view. Our achievements when told may seem small in comparison with results obtained by other institutions, but the fact of progress ought to be enough to make us "Thank God and take courage." For some time it has been a question in the minds of a few as to the advisability of continuing the work. To every fair-minded man the work of the past year and the present encouraging outlook will answer the question whether we shall advance or retreat. What have we been able to do? In the first place, we have been able to accomplish something in the way of giving a literary standing to our Institution. We have students writing for all grades of certificates obtainable in this Province, and also a goodly number who will write at the approaching examinations for matriculation in Toronto University. The fact that such work is being accomplished assures to us an increasingly enviable record as the years go by. We venture to say that the personal attention given to our students makes their advancement more rapid than it can possibly be in any High School in the Province. We are also giving attention to general education in behalf of those who are not fitting themselves for professional life, and as a consequence our College affords to the sons and daughters of our people an excellent opportunity for culture, fitting them for any avenue of life whatever. We think that our College stands for more even than this. Not only does it provide an excellent secular education, but it does this in a religious house. While we do not guarantee consistent Christian action on the part of all who come to us, we are glad to say that we have an Institution for the higher education of the young men and women of this Province, wherein religious exercises and religious influences form a very important part of the programme of study. And this is doubly important when viewed in connection with the fact that it is brought to the student in the formation stage of life, and is placed before him as an essential part of a proper and complete education. Moreover our financial position is encouraging. We have a smaller obligation, by fifteen hundred dollars, than a year ago. The loyalty, devotion, and generosity of our ministerial and lay brethren a year ago, and a week ago, in responding to the appeal in behalf of funds for the College is worthy of a place on the Historic Roll of Methodism. We doubt if, in Canadian Methodism, there



CENTENNIAL CHURCH, VICTORIA. (The Secretary's Charge.)

office of editor-in-chief being occupied by Rev. J. P. Hicks, who is bringing to his work such wisdom and zeal as is pushing the paper ahead with rapid strides. Bro. Barraclough has this year been honored by the appointment to the office of Secretary of the British Columbia Conference, and has also been chosen as Chairman of the Victoria District. We are assured that no man will seek more earnestly to maintain the confidence of the brethren. Added to these honored positions, the gift of the Church, our brother is most active in the Young People's work, being the Conference Organizer in connection with the Forward Movement for Missions, as also one of the officers of the Provincial Convention. It is with a large measure of satisfaction and an abundance of hope in the future of our work in this Province that we look to-day not on the past alone, but on the present vigorous efforts of our brother and his faithful wife in connection with the work of God. Long may they be spared to serve with such energy the Church of their choice.

W.J.S.

annals of any church.

The Church destroyed was one of the most substantial and beautiful buildings owned by our Church in the Kootenay country; a moderate estimate of its value was \$3,000.00. In addition to this loss the congregation has lost its parsonage, furnishings, and everything necessary for carrying forward Church work.

In order to replace the things that are absolutely necessary for the re-establishment of our cause, the sum of \$2,000 at least must be raised by the Church at large for the Circuit, and \$400 for Bro. Sanford, who lost everything except a few books and some clothing.

I therefore, in accordance with the resolution of the B. O. Conference, lay this appeal before the Superintendents of our Circuits and Missions and before the members of our Congregations, respectfully urging that a generous response be at once made.

All amounts donated can be forwarded direct to the Rev. A. M. Sanford, B.A., of Sandon, who is duly authorized to receive the same. Yours respectfully,

R. WHITTINGTON,
Pres. B. O. Conference.

can be shown anything to equal the continued courageous attitude assumed by our ministers and laymen toward the College. This year the response to the appeal reached the magnificent sum of \$2,200. Two thousand two hundred dollars. Our people throughout the Province have subscribed already through the Thanksgiving Fund about a thousand dollars to the College, and we do hope that before October has come many more will remember the needs of our young Institution and help to relieve it of all burdensome obligations. Our needs are easily made evident. We must place ourselves in the educational forefront or we shall have no place at all. There is no reason why we should not even next year do the best work, with the best equipment, and under the most favorable conditions, of any Institution in the Province. We need an addition to the staff, additional facilities for carrying on our work in the form of dormitory and class room extension; physical apparatus, etc., and let us say here that our earnest Board of Directors are doing their utmost to provide all they possibly can. With the generous assistance of our Methodism in this Province it will all be done and next Conference will find us rejoicing in a success of which we shall feel justly proud. A new feature of our work this next year is seen in the method chosen by the Board of bringing the College with its needs and advantages before our people. This is the appointment of Rev. E. Robson to act in behalf of the College to solicit subscriptions and turn the attention of students to the College wherever possible. We feel that the best man in our Church has been chosen and we are sure that he will be received right gladly by all our people. We would assure to all that he does not come a heeding, but on a God-sent mission. He comes to your fields of labor in behalf of the cause of Methodism and not for personal ends. He comes to awaken you to a sense of your duty, and we trust that as a brother beloved, seeking to advance this most important branch of our Church work he will be received by one and all. And now a few words as to our Future Outlook, or perhaps we should say "Our Future Hope." "We are saved by hope," says the Apostle, and so will it be with our College and our Church. We must remember that the basis of all true education is a religious basis; moreover we may say that a religious education is the only form of education that can claim to develop the whole personality of man. This means no narrow denominationalism, in any sense, for that which is narrow is opposed to the very idea of development. A religious education is one of culture, wherein man's duty to self, to the state and to God is brought into clearer light and every incentive aroused and every influence set in operation to lead to the discharging of such duties. Why should not our College in the coming days send forth men and women who shall make for themselves places of importance in this Province? Shall not our Church and all churches in the Province have some influence on the rising generations of Western life, directing their energies and forming the habits that shall control in after years? What more potent factor to accomplish this than a Christian College? We shall boast of a College free from sectarianism, for its doors are open to all; a College whose work is not cir-

cumscribed, for it meets the demands of all curricula of study, and sends its students to all examinations, and does this in a religious home where personal attention is given to all alike. Why should we not crowd to the front until by our work and advantages offered we shall be able to obtain a standing as a University chartered institution? It may be

worthy of the object for which it exists, and the Church by whose patronage it is succeeding? We believe that when attention is called to this excellent opportunity before our Church of advancing our College interests it will be seized by our people. We have no more difficulties to face in the way of success than have fallen to the lot of all such institutions,



COLUMBIAN COLLEGE, NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

done, and by loyal and vigorous effort it shall yet be done. Another fact of importance now dawns upon us with the rapid progress of our Church, and that is the preparation of our young men for the ministry. We are glad to welcome them to our College halls. None shall receive more care and attention than they. We recognize the zeal, the enthusiasm, the aptitude of our young men, and know well the good work already done on circuit and mission before they come to us; but they themselves wish to do better work, and hence they come. No man was ever harmed by a College course. We believe he would have spoiled anyway if his course in College seemed to destroy his apparent usefulness. But we anticipate no such disaster. We have no new fads to divulge. We know of one way only to Life, and that is the well-trodden path that passes the Cross of Calvary. We shall emphasize the old truths, and try to strengthen the faith of our young men in them. Lest some may have misgivings, may we say that the basis of all our theological teaching is that the death of Jesus Christ is a full, perfect, and sufficient oblation for the sins of all men, and as your young men come to us and go from us we trust they will not only be rooted and grounded in faith, but be better fitted to rightly divide the word of truth. We shall endeavor to make them better men and better preachers and better citizens, and is it not ours to reasonably expect that the people to whom our young men shall go in after years, the people who are directly the beneficiaries of the work of our College, shall assist us in making it

and it seems not too great an undertaking to achieve such success as shall make Columbian College the first educational institution in the land.

W. J. SIPPRELL.



ANNUAL PASTORAL ADDRESS.

Published by Special Request of Conference.

Written by J. J. J.
Beloved Brethren;—Our first word to you must be one of thankfulness and praise; God has bestowed His goodness upon us during the past year, and to Him be glory and dominion.

The returns for the year show encouraging increases all round. There is a small increase in Missionary givings; we have added to our Church property new premises to the value of about \$18,000; our offerings for all purposes have advanced nearly 25 per cent.; while, best of all, our membership returns show a happy increase of 438. In these facts we rejoice with you, brethren; our hearts are hereby assured on your behalf; they prove your continued "love in the Spirit," and your fruitfulness is good works; "we therefore thank God upon every remembrance of you."

We are not insensible, beloved, to the responsibilities placed upon us in our "high calling" to be pastors of the flock of Christ, and we would "watch for your souls as those who must give account." There are a few things, therefore, concerning which we would put you in remembrance:

First of all, we would utter an earnest word concerning Personal Religion. Re-

member, we are Christians; we are "called to be saints." We are not mere professors of religion; we are religious people; we are not mere theorizers, we claim a subjective experience; we have not simply been enrolled as Church members, we have "passed from death unto life"; we ask no man in the first instance to join a church, but "we pray you in Christ's be ye reconciled to God." We would have you lay a firm hold upon this truth, it is your great privilege to have communion with God. This is your portion, which is greater gain than fine gold," and "more precious than rubies." Consider well these things, and beware "of the adversaries." Never were the perils to personal religion more insidious nor more real. (1) One of the most obvious of these lies in "the relentless pressure, the sick hurry" of our modern life. "We are over-wrought, and over-driven." We have no time to live in the still atmosphere and refresh our weary lives with sacred leisure; we must therefore learn to "practice the presence of God" in "the daily round and the common task." (2) Another of these dangers is found in the habitual looseness and vagueness concerning Christian truth. "In the interests of that very warmth and fervor which have always been so characteristic of the life of our Church, we cannot too earnestly warn

rich morality, and a noble, ethical thoroughness. We must maintain "the ancient truths that principle is more than taste, that character is more than culture, that without holiness it is impossible to please God."

Next in importance to Personal Religion is the matter of Church Attachment. Value your membership among the Church of God as one of your greatest privileges. "Communion is the law of life," and Christian fellowship is the very essence of New Testament teaching. It involves not only the sharing of one another's joys, but, happily, the bearing of one another's burdens also. Methodism has always sought to emphasize the value of this glorious principle, and by her connexionalism has carried it beyond the circle of a local society or single congregation, to embrace the membership of the whole Church, and has thereby been made strong to do good.

Of the application of these principles, brethren, we need scarcely remind you. What your religious life needs, your Church life is intended to supply. You may find spiritual edification and strength in the ministry of the word, and in your gatherings for prayer and praise, while, if you are wise to use it, your burdens may be lightened, your doubts may be removed, your brotherly love may be deepened, and your godly zeal chastened

secret of your joy lies in your readiness to do and suffer. It is therefore your wisdom and your privilege, as it is your duty, to earnestly support and promote our various Church work. Let our Sunday Schools and Epworth Leaguers, therefore, of which the Conference this year has most gratifying reports, continue to receive your hearty encouragement. And especially do we counsel you to attest your loyalty to our Lord by all possible liberality in sending His gospel to the heathen and to others whose Christian privileges are inferior to your own. No one is converted to God who has no concern for the conversion of others. May "the love of Christ constrain you."

We again commend to you, beloved, the claims of Columbian College. The report of the Board this year was full of encouragement, and never was the Conference more deeply convinced of the importance of the institution to the interests of our work than now.

Permit us, brethren, one further word, and that a special one. We are solemnly impressed with the fact that we have met in Annual Conference Session for the last time in this great century. It is a time of retrospection and of introspection. It will doubtless provide humiliation, and gratitude, but may the most characteristic effect upon us be a more thorough consecration and a more courageous service. It is a joy to us that the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund has met with such general favor and magnificent success, and we are confident your zeal will know no diminution until the full amount of \$1,000,000 is in the Lord's Treasury. Of still vaster importance is the Twentieth Century Revival Movement, which also was provided for by our last General Conference Session. This movement contemplates extraordinary evangelistic effort during the present year throughout the whole Church, and our faith should look for an in-gathering of tens of thousands—of hundreds of thousands—of redeemed ones. It should be the most glorious year of all Christian history, and may every member amongst us be eager to contribute towards such a result.

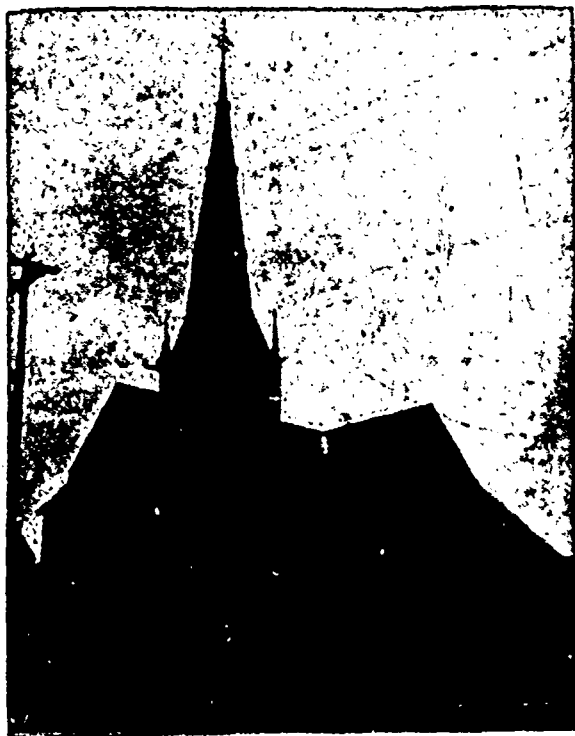
And now, brethren, "pray for us, that we may open our mouth boldly, to make known the mysteries of the gospel." And may "the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always, by all means. The Lord be with you all."

Signed on behalf of the Conference,
R. WHITTINGTON,
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Secretary.

A HISTORICAL CORRECTION.

Our dear friend, Father Bryant, has called our attention to a historical error found in the article on "Chilliwack Methodism," which appeared last month. It was stated that "During Bro. Bryant's pastorate a new church was built at Chilliwack village." The facts are that this church was built during Bro. Joseph Hall's term, while the church at Sumas was built during Bro. Bryant's second term on the circuit, and was paid for before the close of the dedication services.

Many indeed think of being happy with God in heaven; but the being happy in God on earth never enters into their thoughts.—John Wesley.



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you against that fluent depreciation of the systematic presentation of Christian truth in which a thoughtless religious public is, to-day, so apt to indulge."

It is well to be reminded further that our religion must produce righteousness. "Christianity in the long run is simply a method of goodness; God's way of making men good." "So is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." The fruits of our faith must appear in a

and yet inflamed by the spiritual intercourse made possible in the Love-feast and Society Class.

Nor is this all. The application of the principles referred to point also in the direction of obligation and duty. As a Christian—as a member of Christ's Church—the enterprises of the Church are your enterprises; your discipleship will often mean even sacrifice; yet be assured "His commandments are not grievous." On the contrary, the very

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THE NEW WESTMINSTER CONFERENCE.

No one who was privileged to be present at the recent Annual Conference in New Westminster will deny that we were right in our forecast last month that it would prove one of the most important that we have ever held. This was so not only from the large attendance and the happy and thoroughly business-like spirit which characterized the entire proceedings, but chiefly from the important nature of some of the questions considered, and also because of certain new departures which, after due consideration, were sanctioned. Among the latter was somewhat the new order of ordination—the ordaining of Native Agents for a ministry among their own people only—which was ordered by the Ministerial Session in the case of George Edgar, of China Hat. This action was the result of years of consideration on the part of the most experienced and best informed on our Indian Mission work, and not without the counsel of the General Secretary of Missions, who was present; and, although the action was practically unanimous, the departure is regarded by many as a serious, though hopeful, experiment. Another change is the new arrangement for supervision of our Indian and Chinese work. This arrangement is virtually the appointment of a Superintendent of Missions, although that title is not used. The Indian work is all placed in one District, called the Indian District; and the Chairman, who is to reside in Vancouver, is left without pastoral charge that he may superintend the whole work from the Fraser River to Vancouver Island and the far North. Under his charge also is placed all our Chinese work, without the appointment of local superintendents, as was previously the case. Whether the

change in either of these cases will prove to be an improvement on the old system cannot, of course, at present be determined. It was adopted by the Annual Conference as the recommendation of the General Missionary Board, Dr. Sutherland himself stating that as far, at least, as the Chinese work was concerned the change might be looked upon as a tentative adjustment for one year. One thing is certain, that the Chairman of the Indian District, as it is newly constituted, having the Chinese work in addition, is well weighted with responsibility, and no better man could have been selected for the position than our beloved and scholarly President. It has occurred to us, however, that in such appointments the General Board might wisely submit to the Conference two or more names upon which they ask by the ballot the expression of its judgment. Such generosity would have made no difference in the vote this time. Mr. Whittington would undoubtedly have been chosen, for he enjoys the fullest possible confidence of his brethren, and is eminently fitted for such administrative authority, but it would have impressed us more deeply that the desire to consult our opinion, who live here on the spot, is a very real element in the policy of the Board.

There were other very important matters dealt with as was expected, such as the Twentieth Century Fund and the Twentieth Century Revival Movement. As to the former, it was announced that about three-quarters of the million had been promised, British Columbia keeping pace fairly well apparently with the other Conferences in her share of the responsibility. It should be borne in mind, however, that the last quarter million will be the most difficult to raise, and as the 31st of October will soon be here every nerve should be on duty, and redoubled efforts should be made to bring up the full amount within the time.

To some of these matters, especially the Twentieth Century Revival Movement, or as it is sometimes called the Forward Evangelistic Movement, we shall find occasion to refer at greater length in future issues than is possible or necessary at present. There are other interesting subjects also contained in the Conference proceedings, as our readers will gather from the fairly extended report we give elsewhere.



We are very glad that the Conference has accepted the invitation presented by Rev. John Robson, B.A., to meet next year in the city of Nelson. The general surprise manifested at the suggestion and the smile of incredulity as to whether Mr. Robson really meant it, show only too clearly that those who have not for several years visited the "up country" districts have no adequate conception of the wonderful developments which have taken place. The five minutes spent in

consideration of the proposal did wonders in enlightening some of us; fully one-third of our ministers are stationed in Kamloops and Kootenay districts, and new circuits or missions are opening up every year; we are fully convinced that it is in the interests of our work generally that prevailing misconceptions should be corrected by the Conference meeting, for once at least in one of the Kootenay towns.

The resolution introduced by Mr. T. Bryant, of Nanaimo, looking to the preservation of our connexionalism was both timely and important, and should receive the earnest consideration of our leaders during the year. There can be no denying of the fact that there has of late years been an unhealthy tendency in Methodism towards what Rev. H. Price Hughes calls "a bastard form of Congregationalism," resulting in a selfish indifference on the part of larger churches, to the claims of struggling causes outside their own doorstep, while on the other hand there are small isolated Quarterly Official Boards who, with the utmost effort, can pay only a pauper's salary, that feel driven to the necessity of having a minister to themselves in order to hold their own at all along side of the larger churches.

Only a moment's reflection will show how unequal and expensive this makes our work, and at the same time how much our aggressiveness is retarded by neglecting to draw upon the vast reserves of lay talent which John Wesley and his early followers always utilized with such great advantage. By our next issue the select committee appointed to receive and arrange information on this subject and to prepare a report for next Conference will probably have met and formulated their plans, and fuller treatment of the important matter may then be given.

As will be gathered from our account of Conference, the report of the Collego Board this year was of the most encouraging nature, and great credit is due Principal Sipprell and his assistants for the skill and energy with which they have directed the affairs of the institution during the year. It really looks now as if the Collego is nearly "out of the woods," and about to enter upon a happier era of existence. As everyone knows this has come about by the heroic self-sacrifice of many of the ministerial and lay brethren, and more has of course yet to be done, but all concerned will feel amply compensated if, as now appears certain, their efforts are at least crowned with success. The appointment of Rev. Ebenezer Robson as Burser, thus relieving Mr. Sipprell of much of the financial responsibility, will appeal to the best judgment of all as a piece of the wisest economy. Mr. Sipprell has been worked far too hard, and it would be a very wise and sound policy to expect him to do it longer. The Board is to be congratulated on their courageous spirit, and also on being able to lay their hands at once upon so suitable a man as Mr. Robson to fill the new position.

Much of the success of the evening public meetings of the Conference must be ascribed to Mr. T. R. Pearson and his excellent choir. The large audiences which assembled night after night certainly heard some good speaking of which they repeatedly signified their appreciation, but their pleasure was greatly

enhanced by the delightful music that was rendered, and Mr. Pearson richly deserved the special vote of thanks which the Conference passed to him. While referring to these meetings we are gratified to note that a suggestion of ours made recently that the Conference meet a week later in May than the present date is to be carried out, and consequently as longer time will intervene between District Meeting and the Conference a fairer opportunity will be given to appoint laymen to a place on the programme. These anniversary meetings are of far reaching importance, and the utmost possible preparation should be made each year by those appointed to speak.

The Pastoral Address of the Conference appearing in this issue was thought to deal with many matters of great moment to our people, and is published in this Journal verbatim by special request of the Conference. It is therefore hoped that all our people will prayerfully read it, and that our ministers will comply with the instruction of Conference and see that the address is read in all our Churches.

Our readers will be curious to know what the Conference had to say about the Recorder, and we are really sorry to disappoint them, but we are too modest to reproduce all the kind utterances of the brethren. We may say, however, that they passed a resolution of warmest thanks for the service the paper has rendered the Church during the past year, and pledged themselves to bring up the subscription list during the current year to 1,500. There should be no difficulty in redeeming such a pledge.

The Epworth League and Sunday School Annual Convention was held this year in Metropolitan Church, Victoria, and was an occasion of much enthusiasm and interest. It was noticed with much regret, however, that only an exceedingly small number of our ministers were in attendance. This was unfortunate, for it is most desirable that the sympathy and counsel of the ministers should be felt in all that pertains to our young people's work; but they are perhaps hardly to be charged with neglect in this matter; their absence was undoubtedly due to the unsuitable date of the Convention. When pastors have been a fortnight or so away from their charges attending Conference, it is almost impossible in many cases, especially when they are removing to another circuit, to take still another Sunday, and in another town to attend the Convention. We are glad therefore to learn that a more suitable date will likely be selected in future.

Dr. Sutherland's presence is always a delight to the Conference, and it was never more so than this year. In some lines of life the official visits of high officers are not always popular events; but although Dr. Sutherland comes in a great official capacity and of necessity to influence our judgment and decisions on many matters, his coming is always anticipated with much pleasure; he comes as father and a friend, bringing wisdom and affection. His public utterances as well as private counsel this year were full of helpfulness, and their influence will remain. Our readers will be pleased to learn that he has promised the Recorder at an early date an article on

The Ecumenical Missionary Conference held recently in New York, and to which the Doctor was a delegate.

Every friend of the Empire will naturally rejoice at the success which has attended the progress of our arms in South Africa during the past month; and every lover of peace, whatever his views as to the merits of the quarrel, might reasonably do the same, for the rapid triumphs of Lord Roberts point to the early termination of hostilities and the arrangement of terms of a permanent peace by which the Boers themselves, and certainly the native races in these states, will be the immense gainers.

PERSONALS.

We were afforded an unexpected pleasure on the 29th ult. by meeting once more in the streets of Victoria our friend Bro. J. C. Speer. Mr. Speer was returning from his trip north, and embraced an unanticipated opportunity of looking in upon us again for a few hours. He proceeded to Vancouver on his way East the same day.



REV. E. S. ROWE.

Rev. E. S. Rowe, successor to Rev. J. C. Speer in the pastorate of Metropolitan Church, is expected to arrive about June 16th. We can assure our brother a hearty welcome from his brethren of this Conference, and we are pleased to present his portrait in this issue.

Principal Sipprell, associate editor of this journal, contemplates spending the summer vacation in travel. Leaving New Westminster on June 14th, he will proceed to San Francisco, thence to New Orleans, Chicago, Detroit, Toronto, Winnipeg, reaching New Westminster again in September. Our readers will be pleased to know that Mr. Sipprell's facile pen will furnish interesting articles on his trip during the months of his absence.

A heavy trail befell Mr. G. P. Hicks and family of Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, on May the 27th, by the sad and almost sudden death of William, his third son. Deceased was only sixteen years of age, and his death is said to have resulted from paralysis of the stomach. He gave testimony in his last moments to the saving power of Christ. His funeral, which took place on Tuesday, the 29th, was attended by a large number of friends, including his uncles, Rev. W. J. and James Hicks, and Mr. Gideon Hicks, of Victoria.

AT LENGTH.

I set a little tender shoot
Out in my garden plot one day.
I knew that folded near its root
The flowers of the future lay;
And then I watched it many an hour
To see its beautiful leaves unfold,
Like some sweet secret came a flower
Encased within a bud of gold.

Then heavy skies came bending down
And bitter nights without a star.
The heavens were like a brow afrown,
And threatening anger from afar,
"Alas!" I cried, "My pretty one,
Can you outlive this bitter blast?"
But beamed next day the gracious sun,
And out my flower bloomed at last.

I took again a brown cocoon
And watched with glad, expectant eyes,
"The grub will spread his wings full soon,
And flutter out with strange surprise."
But slow the throbbing life grew strong;
And slow its beauty was unsealed;
But when the summer days grew long,
The wondrous air-flower was revealed.

I watched a youth's sweet mystic face
Unfold the secrets of his heart;
The forehead's holy curves of grace,
The eyes that peered through life and art,
The strange development and strife,
The yearning of his soul for light.
I saw the portals of his life
Swing open, opt beyond my sight.

And so, dear God, I know that thou
Art holding days somewhere apart
Where holier joys than bless me now
Will open out and fill my heart.
I trust thee through the darkened days;
For thou art love, and all is right,
How'er mysterious thy ways.
The dreams thou'st folded in my brain
Will open out in beauty whole;
The heights thou'st given my feet to gain
I'll surely reach with steadfast soul,
—The Union Signal.

LILLOOET MISSION.

Rev. J. E. Gardiner, B.A., pastor. Hearing of the expected departure of our pastor and his wife for their home in the East, a number of the friends gathered at the parsonage on Wednesday evening, May 23rd, and after reading a very complimentary address, presented Mr. and Mrs. Gardner with a purse containing \$128.50 in gold and silver coin.

METROPOLITAN METHODIST EPWORTH LEAGUE.

At the regular monthly missionary meeting Mr. Roper outlined some of his missionary experiences in the Yukon, which greatly interested the present. A short business meeting was held at the close.

A pleasant time was spent by those who attended the "Social" meeting of the Epworth League. The "Intermediate" Leaguers were the entertainers, and carried out a good programme. Amongst other things, three essays on the lives of "Robert Burns," "Thomas Hood" and "William Cowper" were greatly appreciated.

Proceedings of the Annual Conference.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

The Ministerial Session of the British Columbia Annual Conference convened in Queen's Avenue Methodist Church, New Westminster, at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9th, 1900. The first hour was spent in devotional exercises under direction of the President, Rev. R. Whittington, M.A. (after which the session was duly opened, and the roll called, forty members being present. Some familiar figures were missed, specially the venerable Rev. Cornelius Bryant, and our old friend, Rev. James Turner, who is in Southern California seeking the recovery of his health.

The following transfers into the conference were reported: B. Hedley Balderston, B.A., from New Brunswick Conference; A. E. Roberts, from Manitoba Conference; R. F. Stillman, from Bay of Quinte Conference; J. B. Westman, from London Conference; Elliott S. Rowe, from Toronto Conference; John Pye, from Newfoundland, and W. C. Schlichter, a probationer from the Manitoba Conference.

Transferred to the Toronto Conference, Rev. J. C. Speer.

The usual examination of ministerial character was carried out, no objections or charges being preferred.

A committee on Conference Relations" was appointed consisting of the Revs. C. Ladner, S. J. Thompson, J. A. Wood, A. E. Green, J. F. Betts and C. M. Tate. The Revs. James Turner and J. E. Gardiner were reported from their districts as asking for superannuation on the grounds of illhealth. Their requests were referred to the above committee, who reported favorably, and the Conference agreed.

Revs. C. Bryant and T. D. Pearson were continued in superannuated relation and Revs. J. E. Rosoman and D. D. Birks were continued on the supernumerary list.

The resignation from the ministry of W. E. Moody was accepted.

Bro. W. C. Schlichter was received in full connection with the ministry, his ordination to take place on Sunday, May 13th.

The following probationers were advanced a year in their studies and Conference standing: Geo. A. Cropp, Kamloops District, (attending college), D. W. Scott and C. W. Nelson, Victoria District; W. G. Mahon, New Westminster District; Dr. Large, Bella Bella District; W. Gordon Tanner (attending college), and G. K. Bradshaw.

Robt. Hughes, of Victoria, was accepted as a candidate for the ministry, and granted standing as a probationer of two years.

The Ministerial Session adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

CONFERENCE TEMPERANCE MEETING.

On Wednesday evening the Conference Temperance meeting was held, Rev. S. J. Thompson, of Revelstoke, occupying the chair. A full choir was present,

and under the efficient leadership of Mr. T. R. Pearson, rendered two very fine anthems in their usual acceptable style. While stirring and able speeches were given by Revs. W. L. Hall, of Langley; R. Hughes, of Victoria, and C. S. Keith, Esq., of New Westminster.

Rev. W. L. Hall gave a really original and forceful address on the liquor problem. He made the statement that Great Britain consumed one billion gallons of beer every year, enough beer to float the British navy. He pointed out that the British House of Peers was largely recruited from the wealthy brewers and liquor sellers and consequently would oppose any temperance legislation. He said that large donations to election expenses from the liquor dealers gave them a vast influence in politics; while the revenue was a continual sop to the conscience of the people. Mr. Hall's speech was well received. Mr. C. S. Keith spoke briefly, advising the church to educate the young in Sabbath School and Epworth League along the lines of pledged abstinence. Rev. R. Hughes, whose name was not originally on the programme for this meeting, but who had consented to speak on very short notice, spoke on the general question and made a most favorable impression upon his audience. A collection was taken at the close and the benediction was pronounced by the veteran missionary, Rev. Thomas Crosby.

Proceedings of General Sessions

THURSDAY MORNING'S SESSION.

The representative sessions of the Annual Conference opened on Thursday morning, May 10th, at 9:30, Rev. R. Whittington, M.A., presiding. The President in calling the assembly to order referred to the fact that the connection with the Conference of the Rev. J. C. Speer, pastor of Metropolitan Church, Victoria, would cease that day, he having been transferred to an important charge in Toronto; he was sure therefore that the brethren assembled

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would share his own feelings when he asked Mr. Speer to conduct the Conference Prayer Meeting. Mr. Speer at once consented, and the meeting, which lasted just an hour, was one of the most inspiring in our recollection. As brethren both clerical and lay from all parts of the province breathed out their supplications, interjected fervent "Amens" and "Hallelujahs," and gave full vent to their feelings in singing our grand old hymns, one felt anew the bond of sympathy and the benefits of our connexionalism, and rejoiced that he was called to be a Methodist. It was good to be there!

The Prayer Meeting being ended, the President called for the Secretaries of the Districts to report the names of laymen elected as delegates to Conference. The roll was then called and the following were found present: Ministers—Revs. W. H. Barraclough, J. P. D. Knox, Chau Sing Kai, Joseph W. Winslow, G. H. Osborne, T. W. Hall, W. W. Baer, C. H. M. Sutherland, Wm. Hicks, Jno. P. Hicks, E. E. Scott, R. W. Whit-

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Laymen—James Haggart-Mandell, Jas. Tuttle, R. W. Harris, James Wells, J. W. Galloway, D. Donaldson, G. W. Phipps, W. H. Malkin, A. C. Wells, C. G. Major, James Cunningham, C. S. Keith, W. E. Buckingham, T. W. Kerr, F. L. Irwin, David McKay, R. J. Walker, W. H. Gibson, E. Nicholas, Wm. Sapass.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

After the roll had been called and the delegates had taken the seats assigned to them, the Conference proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing year. There is always a good deal of interest attaching to this event, for in Methodist's eyes at least the officers carry a good deal of honor with them. On the first ballot for President the votes were pretty well scattered, Revs. R. Whittington, A. E. Green, J. A. Wood, and J. P. Howell receiving substantial tokens of remembrance, but on the fourth ballot Rev. R. Whittington, M.A., B.Sc., of Vancouver, was re-elected. In a few graceful sentences Mr. Whittington thanked the Conference for the unusual mark of esteem and confidence and called for the election of Secretary, when on the third ballot Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B.A., of Victoria, was elected.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Rev. A. N. Miller and Rev. John Robson were appointed assistant secretaries, and Rev. J. P. Hicks was appointed journal secretary.

The following were elected a Nominating Committee: T. W. Hall, D. Spencer, A. E. Green, T. S. Smith, E. Manuel, C. G. Major, R. B. Laidley, J. B. Bryson, John Robson, F. L. Irwin, D. Jennings, James Haggert, O. M. Tate, R. W. Walker.

Rev. C. M. Tate was elected statistical

secretary, with Rev. J. Calvert assistant.

The following compose the Statistical Committee: William Hicks, A. K. Sharp, S. J. Thompson, A. M. Sanford, Dr. Bolton, O. M. Tate.

It was reported that a vacancy had occurred in the chairmanship of the Victoria District, through the transfer of Rev. J. C. Speer to the Toronto Conference. Rev. T. W. Hall, of Nanaimo, was chosen to fill the place.

The report of the Ministerial Session was read by the Secretary; also the report of the Conference Special Committee, which transacts all important business during the year between the Annual Sessions of Conference. The committee had been called three times, and had dealt with various important questions, including the request of the Homer Street Church, Vancouver, to be permitted to sell their property on Homer street and build again further west in the city of Vancouver; also the chaplaincy of the forces at Esquimalt and the proposal to build a Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at that place, which was recommended to the Conference.

A report of the committee appointed to examine the condition of the health of Rev. J. P. Howell. A certificate was received by the committee from Dr. Manchester, who certified to the fact that he believed Mr. Howell is fully restored to health, and competent to undertake any work to which the Conference may appoint him.

Rev. Mr. Vert, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Mr. Reynolds, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, were introduced to the Conference. Each gave a little speech, and conveyed the greeting of their churches. A reference to Dr. Reid, the late rector of the R. E. Church, brought out a cordial expression of fraternal feelings from the Conference, who esteemed him very highly. The President replied to the greetings of the brother clergymen.

A report of the Nominating Committee was then received, amended, and adopted.

The Conference adjourned at four o'clock, to allow the Board of Directors of Columbian College to meet.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The evening meeting was well attended, the spacious church being filled from the pulpit to the doors. The officials' programme was somewhat modified, the appointed speakers withdrawing in order to gain the advantage of hearing at greater length the General Secretary of Missions. The President occupied the chair, and he was supported on the platform by the Secretary, and Rev. Joseph Hall.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland gave a masterly address on the subject of Christian Missions. He referred at length to the Ecumenical Conference of Missionaries, lately held in New York, at which he represented the Methodist Church of Canada. He declared that the sight of that great Conference and the intense enthusiasm which was manifested in New York concerning it, inspired him with greater faith in the success of the cause of Christ. The very best brain and talent of Christendom, to-day, are

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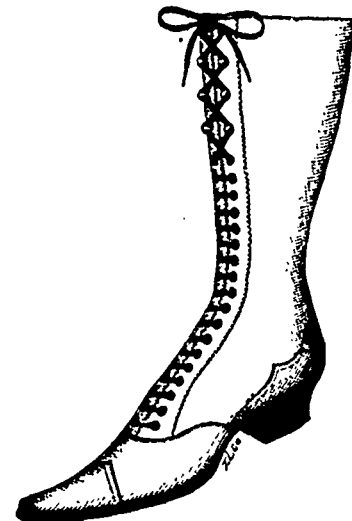
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consecrated to the mission cause. He urged greater comity, or co-operation, among the denominations, in reference to the evangelization of heathen people, and also at home, declaring that the present system caused a great waste of money and effectually retarded the onward march of the kingdom of God. A large choir was present, and sang several fine selections, the instrumental duet by Mr. C. Robson and Miss Gertie Robson being especially enjoyable.

MORNING SESSION—FRIDAY.

The Conference opened at 9:30. Rev. J. H. White and Mr. David Spencer engaged in prayer. The first order of business was a resolution of thanks to Rev. Mr. Whittington, for the admirable way in which he has conducted the business of the Conference during the year.

It was moved by Rev. C. Ladner, and seconded by D. Spencer, Esq., and carried with acclamation.

The President assured the brethren of his appreciation of the vote.

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tion was passed by Conference by a rising vote: Moved by Rev. C. Ladner, seconded by James Tuttle, Esq., that whereas the Rev. J. C. Speer is removing to the Toronto Conference, and, whereas during the three years of his membership in this Conference, we have known his gifts as a preacher, his unqualified loyalty to Methodism, and his earnest zeal in the work of the Christian ministry. Resolved, that, in his departure to another portion of the Lord's vineyard, he will retain a prominent place in the affections of his brethren of the B. C. Conference, and we pray for his continued success in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, wherever he may be called to labor.

Rev. Mr. Speer was called to the platform, and assured the Conference that he was still one in heart with the brethren, and would always treasure his experience in B. C. as a very precious opportunity. His only reason for removal was the condition of his wife's health, which demanded a change.

The various districts then reported memorials and resolutions, dealing with matters of deficits of salaries of home missionaries, and the medical expenses of various ministers, who have been ill. Permission to sell property from Cloverdale and Golden, were referred to the respective committees.

PATRIOTIC RESOLUTION.

The enthusiasm and loyalty of the Conference was stirred by a patriotic resolution presented by Rev. E. E. Scott and Rev. W. W. Baer regarding the South African situation. The patriotism of Methodism is beyond dispute, which was clearly evinced by the unanimous standing vote and the singing of "God Save the Queen."

The resolution was as follows:

Whereas our Mother Country, Great Britain, is engaged at this time in a great war for civic and religious liberty in South Africa, we, the members of the B. C. Conference of the Methodist Church, ministers and laymen here assembled, desire to express our conviction of the righteousness of Britain's cause, and, while we deplore the necessity and the awful carnage of war, and mourn with the families of those bereaved by this conflict, and pray this struggle may soon be brought to a close, with the minimum of loss to life and property, yet we sincerely pray the God of Battles to give success to the cause of British arms, believing that the native races will be vastly benefited thereby, that the cause of liberty will be enhanced, that commercial and industrial prosperity will reign evermore, and that, on every hand, there shall be more room for the coming kingdom of God.

THANKS TO EX-SECRETARY.

A hearty vote of thanks to retiring Secretary J. P. Howell was carried with loud applause. Mr. Howell served the Conference in that capacity for five years, and discharged his duty in an acceptable manner.

A memorial was presented to the Conference, regarding the very great disparity of grants given to the denominational schools for Indians in the Province, by the Dominion Government. The facts showed that the Roman Catholics have got the biggest share of the

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The College Board was called to report at four o'clock this afternoon.

A resolution of sympathy with Rev. A. M. Sanford, and with the Sandon Methodist Church, lately sufferers by the fire, was passed by the Conference and a committee appointed, consisting of Rev. J. A. Wood and Messrs. David Spencer and A. C. Wells, to devise some methods of securing practical aid.

Rev. J. F. Betts moved for a committee to arrange a plan to further the objects of the forward evangelistic movement.

Mr. David Spencer, of Victoria, was elected to represent British Columbia at the great Ecumenical Conference of Methodism, in London, Eng., in 1901.

The Conference then adjourned for lunch

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. E. E. Scott and A. C. Wells led the Conference in prayer. The minutes were approved.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The report of the Board of Examiners of students for the Ministry was received. The following students had been successful:—G. K. Bradshaw, first year; R. H. Peardon, second year; R. Hughes, first and second years; W. G. Mahon, first year; D. W. Scott, second and part of third; C. W. Nelson, second year. The expenses of the Board were referred to the Educational Fund for payment. The Board remains the same as last year, with the addition of Rev. J. F. Betts, and the substitution of E. S. Rowe for Rev. J. C. Sprer. The report was adopted.

The Conference received an appeal from T. G. Williams, of St. James's

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The report of the Church and Parsonage Fund of the whole Church was taken as read.

Rev. Mr. McEwen, of the Olivet Baptist Church, was introduced and heartily received.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland was formally introduced to the Conference, and came forward and happily addressed the Conference, especially referring to the Twentieth Century Fund. Over \$750,000 has been already subscribed, and, having passed the three-quarter point, the balance will easily be raised.

COLLEGE BOARD—GOOD REPORT.

The report of the College Board of Directors was presented by Rev. Principal Sipprell, and claimed the undivided interest of the Conference for the afternoon. Total number of students, 68; average, 36; residents, 23. The financial report was gratifying in many respects.

The Conference was addressed on the subject by Rev. Jos. Hall, Rev. J. H. White and Rev. J. F. Betts. Rev. E. E. Scott moved and Rev. Ladner seconded the following resolution; That the Conference has heard with great pleasure the report of the Columbian College for the past year, as presented by Principal Sipprell, B.A., B.D., and rejoice in the very marked prosperity, both financial and educational, attending the work of the past year. We desire to express our appreciation of the brilliant services and fidelity of the principal and staff. We beg to assure the principal, as well as the staff and Board, of our profound interest and love for the institution, and pledge ourselves to every possible effort to place the College upon the financial basis requested by the report.

The motion was carried by a standing vote.

The Principal then outlined the financial needs of the College. First, that the staff should be increased as needs may arise, but more especially the appointment of a bursar. Secondly, that the enlargement of the dormitories and class rooms and the raising of about \$3,000 to pay off floating debts. After a spirited debate, the Principal made an appeal for subscriptions, when \$2,200 was subscribed.

Rev. E. Robson was unanimously elected as College bursar, with the purpose of spending his whole time in the business of the College.

The veteran missionary and minister

of Methodism enters upon this new position with the hearty good wishes and pledge of support of the whole Conference, which wishes him the greatest success.

The ladies of the Queen's Avenue Church entertained the Conference to supper in the school room. The ministers of the city were also present, and it was the unanimous vote of all present that they never sat down to a more elegant supper.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Lecture by Rev. J. C. Speer.

In the evening a lecture was delivered to a large and appreciative audience by Rev. J. C. Speer, who already enjoys an enviable reputation as a lecturer. The subject is an unusual one and is bristling with authentic information, about what may be termed one of the wonders of the Western hemisphere. Nor is the lecture devoid of other matters of interest, for the speaker cleverly works in the traditions which surround the early history of this natural wonder, as well as numerous little romances, humorous, pathetic and tragic. By the aid of excellent limelight views, of which there is no lack, the lecturer illustrates his remarks as he guides the audience over the course which he himself travelled in his three days' tour in the great subterranean avenues. In those three days, a distance of fifty miles is covered, one-third of the extent already surveyed, and it is not yet known to what distance the unexplored portions extend.

Altogether, the lecture was most enjoyable and well worth the hearty thanks of the meeting and Conference, which was extended him at the close.

The lights having been turned on again for this latter pleasing formality, the pastor, Rev. J. F. Betts, announced that a collection would be taken up in aid of the "Sustenance Fund," and while this was being taken up the audience was treated to a vocal solo from Mr. J. B. Rushton, who gave a splendid rendering of "If, With All Your Hearts," from "Elijah." The audience then dispersed after singing of the National Anthem and the pronouncing of the benediction.

SATURDAY SESSIONS.

Saturday's sessions were largely taken up by reports from Committees and meetings of Committees. The Rev. A. M. Sanford, B.A., of Sandon, moved a resolution that, in the opinion of the Conference, no matter dealing with racial or political discussion should be

brought into the Conference. A lively discussion ensued, which clearly showed that the Conference had no disposition to restrict its privileges to such an extent. On the vote being taken the resolution was hopelessly lost.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the C. P. R. Company and to Mr. Marpole in particular, for courtesies to members of the Conference, and especially to Rev. A. N. Sanford, who had suffered heavily through the Sandon fire.

The suggestion of the General Conference regarding the Forward Evangelistic Movement in connection with the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. S. J. Thompson and C. Ladner, and Mr. David Spencer, who were asked to bring in a resolution.

Rev. John Lewtas, the Evangelist, a member of the Dakota Conference, was introduced and made a few very appropriate remarks.

The report of the Temperance Committee was presented by Rev. A. M. Sanford.

The report was a very mild affair, advising the Conference to take all the necessary steps to enforce the provisions of the law relating to the sale of cigarettes and tobacco to minors, and also advising the people to see that no liquor seller be elected to any position on the Licensing Board, or as school trustee or postmaster in the Province.

Provision was made for the special ordination of Rev. Geo. K. Bradshaw, of Grand Forks. Saturday evening was occupied with the meeting of the Theological Union, the annual lecture before the Union being given by Rev. W. J. Sipprell, B.A., B.D.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The Sunday services in the Queen's Avenue Methodist Church were very largely attended, the building being crowded in every part. The Conference Lovefeast was conducted by Rev. T. W. Hall, after which Rev. Dr. Sutherland preached an eloquent and powerful discourse on the text, "Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward"—Exodus, 14: 15. At the conclusion, the solemn ordination service was conducted by the President of the Conference, when W. C. Schlieter and G. K. Bradshaw were set apart, by the laying on of hands of the older ministers of the Conference, to the work of the ministry in the Methodist Church.

In the afternoon instructive addresses were given by Dr. Large, of Bella Bella.

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and Rev. G. H. Osborne, of Cowichan, to the Sunday School.

The Conference on Monday unanimously requested Dr. Sutherland for the M.S. of his sermon for publication.

Special Sabbath services were held also in West End and Sapperton Methodist Churches and Sunday Schools. Also in the Vancouver Methodist Churches. While, by the courteous invitation of the respective pastors, the pulpit of Presbyterian, Baptist and Reformed Episcopal Churches of New Westminster were supplied by members of the Conference.

MONDAY MORNING.

On Monday morning the Conference resumed its sessions, Rev. E. Robson leading the devotional exercises.

The Ministerial Sessions received a request from Rev. E. Robson for superannuation for one year. His request was referred to the committee having charge of Conference relations.

A long discussion was caused by Rev. J. W. Winslow moving a reconsideration of the action of the Conference in the case of Rev. W. E. Moody. It was held by many that the law of the Church did not provide for the resignation of ministers, during the year. It was decided that his name be dropped from the list of ministers of the Conference, he having "irregularly withdrawn from our work."

In the regular session following, Rev. J. D. P. Knox presented the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. It was referred back to the committee for amendment.

The Memorial Committee presented a report, in part, which was under discussion, when Conference adjourned, at noon.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. Goro Kaburagi led the devotions. The Memorial Committee presented their report. The first item adopted was a recommendation of the committee that local preachers be more constantly employed, and that a system of arrangement of the various stations and circuits of the Conference that will allow of the employment of these lay workers, who have so largely been employed in the past history of the Church. The report recommended the appointment of a committee to act during the year, gathering information, for action at Conference next year. The expenses of the committee were limited to \$25, to be paid by the Contingent Fund.

Miss Bowes, of Vancouver, was presented to the Conference as the dele-

gate from the Woman's Missionary Society. In her address, she stated that there were now 705 different auxiliaries, with over 16,000 members. This has been accomplished in nineteen years. There has been raised nearly half a million dollars for mission work among women and children. This society affords a sphere of activity for the womanhood of the Church, and the delegate asked the co-operation of the Conference ministers, and begged that efforts be made on every field to establish auxiliaries.

Rev. S. J. Thompson moved "that this Conference has heard the address of Miss Bowes, the delegate of the W. M. S., with great pleasure, and begs to assure the ladies of the society of their hearty appreciation of the great work that has been accomplished, and hereby pledge ourselves to give our co-operation and support to the society."

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The Sunday School report was presented by Rev. E. Manuel, as follows: Your committee rejoice that they are able to present such a cheering report to this Conference in regard to the operations of our Sunday Schools during the past year: Number of officers and teachers, 684; increase, 47; number of scholars, 6,498; increase, 1,181; number who united with the Church this year, 322; increase, 225; number of scholars who are members of Church, 1,190; increase, 569; pledged abstainers, 1,557; increase, 671; money raised for missions, \$538; increase, \$129; money contributed for school purposes, \$6,396; increase, \$584.

The committee recommended that simultaneous teaching of infant classes be adopted wherever possible; that regular teachers' meetings be held for the study

of the lesson; that, whenever practicable, a public prayer meeting be held for the school once a quarter; that the Home Department and Normal Classes be referred to the ensuing convention of Sunday School workers for action, and recommendation thereon.

The Educational Committee presented their report through Rev. James Calvert. It showed that the receipts from the circuits for the year were \$206.20, after paying the expenses incurred in the annual examination of students for the ministry. The balance of \$186 was paid over to Columbia College.

Rev. John Robson, B. A., of Nelson, presented an invitation from the Church at Nelson to hold their annual session of 1901 in that city. The invitation was cordially accepted.

CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL MEETING—MONDAY EVENING.

The evening programme in connection with the sessions of the Methodist Conference consisted of addresses on "Education" and music, and the impressive ceremony of formally calling a candidate into the ministry. The chair was taken at 8 o'clock by Rev. G. H. Osborne, and the meeting opened with prayer by Rev. W. C. Schlichter, B.A., of Van Anda. The first speaker was Rev. W. H. Baraclough, B.A., of Victoria, who gave an able exposition of "Education, what it is, and how far the Church and individuals are responsible," and from the standpoint of education not being culture. The rev. gentleman spoke fluently and eloquently, and what was a very interesting lecture was listened to with every evidence of appreciation.

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appropriate remarks, and an hymn having been sung by the congregation, Rev. A. M. Sanford, B.A., of Sanden, was called upon. His speech also was interesting and practical and brightened by several touches of humor. He spoke earnestly on the necessity of an educated Christian ministry and addressed his remarks first to the clergy and then to the laymen.

At this point the offering was taken up and the choir of the Church sang the cantata, "Jairus' Daughter," under the direction of Mr. T. R. Pearson. Miss Gertrude Robson, soprano; Rev. Wm. Hicks, bass, and Mr. J. F. Collister, tenor, took the leading parts, and their respective solos, duets, etc., as well as the well balanced choruses, were heartily applauded.

Then followed the ceremony of ordaining into the ministry the first full blooded Indian by the laying on of hands according to the Methodist ritual. This ceremony was performed by Rev. R. Whittington, M.A., B.Sc., President of Conference; Rev. Dr. Sutherland, the veteran General Secretary of Missions, and Rev. T. Crosby, a pioneer in the B. C. mission field; Rev. Mr. Barraclough presenting the candidate from China Hat, B. C.

The meeting then closed with singing the Doxology and the pronouncing of the Benediction.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Session opened at 9.30.

The President in the chair. The following Conference Fund Treasurers were appointed: General Conference Fund, Rev. A. E. Green; Union Church Relief, S. J. Thompson; Sunday School Aid, E. Manuel; Temperance, S. J. Thompson; Educational Fund, J. Calvert; Superannuation, Jos. Hall; General Epworth League, R. Wilkinson.

The report of the Church and Parsonage Aid Fund of the Conference was presented by Rev. S. J. Thompson, showing a gratifying work accomplished by the fund in aiding several embarrassed Churches and in the building of parsonages.

The Stationing Committee reported that they recommended the formation of a new circuit, consisting of Mount Sicker and lumber camps adjacent; that Denman be dropped from the list of missions. A discussion showed that the Church property was still there, out of debt, and it was inadvisable to drop it. From the Kootenay District, Cranbrook was enlarged to include Kimberley and Mogle. That the Wellington Mission include Extension, Oyster Bay and other

places. That Van Anda be constituted a new mission to take the place of Texada Island. These items were carried.

In answer to the question, "What ministers have died?" in grateful recognition of God's care in preserving the lives of all the brethren, the Conference rose and sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

The Sustentation Fund Committee reported that they had received the sum of \$315, with which they had been enabled to assist a number of very needy cases.

A vote was taken to elect a representative of this Conference to the General Board of Missions, when Rev. R. Whittington was chosen on the second ballot. The Conference adjourned.

A short session of the ministers was then held to allow the pastoral address to be read. Rev. J. P. Hicks and Rev. W. H. Barraclough had prepared a very able and eloquent address, which is to be read in all the Churches throughout the Conference. The address was ordered to be printed in the Methodist Recorder.

The Stationing Committee further recommended that permission to employ Alfred E. Stevenson, Charles Whittaker, T. W. Hunter and A. Seymour, with a view to entering the work of the ministry. This was carried, and the minutes of the Ministerial sessions read and confirmed.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The first order of business, after the reading of the minutes, was the report of the committee on the "State of the Work." The report was followed by a general conversation, in which most of

the ministers participated. A number of them reported having experienced blessed revivals of religion during the past year, and the report showed that the Church had had a net increase of 4,396 members during the year.

The recommendation of the Stationing Committee, that the Chinese missions be placed under the superintendence of the Chairman of the Indian Mission Work, caused a good deal of discussion, but was finally adopted.

The resolution of Rev. W. W. Baer on the question of the large and constantly increasing immigration of Asiatics into this Province, constituting as it does a grave menace to the Anglo-Saxon population, and the various industries of the Province, was then taken up, and brought about the liveliest debate of the Conference. The Conference was divided as to the advisability of placing on record any expression of opinion on so grave a political question, as it was entirely out of the regular course of business coming before it. But the general sentiment was clearly expressed as one of sympathy with the industrial classes of the Province in their struggle against the incoming tide of cheap labor.

Rev. Goro Kaburagi, the Japanese missionary, of Vancouver, made a speech that pretty thoroughly convinced the Conference that the reason of the rush of his fellow countrymen to this land was not any desire on their part to cut down the price of labor, but that his people were deceived by employers of Japanese labor. These Japanese, he declared, had been induced to come to this country by men engaged in making mer-

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chandise of the laboring classes, under the plea that Canada was open for all who chose to come. Only the other day he had met a large number of Japanese who were weeping in bitter disappointment on the streets of Vancouver, and were begging him to try and raise money to pay their passage home again. They were induced to spend all their money in Japan, before coming out, so as to leave them stranded on arriving here. He asserted that he, too, saw grave danger in this large immigration, but a graver danger to the interests of this Conference if any resolution were passed discriminating against color or race.

After many eloquent and interesting addresses had been made, Rev. Mr. Baer, in a closing speech, withdrew the motion.

The debate brought out some speakers who had not previously addressed the Conference, among whom was Rev. W. H. Pierce, missionary to the Skeena, whose witty remarks concerning the difference between the Scotch, Irish and English caused roars of laughter.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland, who was desirous of saying a word of farewell to the Conference, was then listened to with pleasure, as in happy terms he expressed his delight at the privilege of meeting with the B. C. Conference, his unbounded confidence in the missionaries the society employed in various departments of the field, and his prayers for the continued success of all the Church. He expressed the firm conviction that the Church was on the eve of a mighty revival of religion, which brought out a loud amen from that shouting Methodist. Rev. T. Crosby, and he was not alone.

AT THE EVENING SESSION.

a Sunday School and Epworth League meeting was held, which was presided over by Rev. A. E. Roberts, of Denver. Mr. Thomas Bryant, of Nanaimo, gave a long and interesting discourse on methods of teaching in Sunday School work. Rev. C. H. M. Sutherland was called on but excused himself on the plea of the lateness of the hour. The excuse was accepted by the audience, who then had the pleasure of listening to Dr. R. W. Large, who sang so acceptably that he was recalled.

The sessions of the Conference were resumed at 9:30.

The report of the Contingent Fund Committee, which has in charge of the interim expenses and regular expenses of the sessions of Conference, was presented by Rev. Mr. Barraclough and adopted.

The committee on the evangelistic

movement in connection with the dawning of the twentieth century, was presented by Rev. S. J. Thompson, and among other things recommended that arrangements be made in every district and of every station of the church for observing October 14th, of this year, as revival Sunday, and that, wherever practicable, evangelistic services immediately follow.

Rev. A. E. Roberts was appointed to collect funds to assist Rev. A. M. Sanford, who lost nearly all his personal effects in the Sandon fire. The Conference also appointed Rev. A. M. Sanford to receive all monies subscribed to the erection of his church and parsonage.

The stations were then read in the solemn silence of the midnight hour, and in that breathless stillness many a preacher's heart beat faster and his lips tightened, under the pressure of the question, where do they send me? Every preacher received his appointment, and so far as learned, every station received its preacher, and no protests are coming, but, with faith in God, these men go forward to do their best for another year.

A report presented by the Business Manager of the Recorder was enthusiastically received, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the editors and staff for the service they had rendered the Conference in the publication of news, etc., during the past year and the Conference pledged itself to double the subscription list, if possible, during the present year.

The recommendations of the Conference Special Committee concerning the chaplaincy to Her Majesty's Forces, and approving the proposal to establish a Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Esquimalt were unanimously adopted. These

recommendations are based upon certain resolutions adopted by the Wesleyan Army and Navy Committee, London, England, as a result of their conferences last fall with Rev. J. P. Hicks, and they involve the assumption of the control and responsibility of the work at Esquimalt by our own Conference and the permanency of the appointment of Rev. J. P. Hicks as chaplain.

The Conference expressed its hearty thanks to the people of New Westminster for the kind hospitality; to Rev. J. F. Betts, for the many courtesies extended to the visiting brotherhood; to the choir, which had so faithfully served the Conference with choicest music; to The Columbian, for the space given to the reports of the Conference.

The brethren joined in singing a hymn and the President then pronounced the benediction.

The Conference is over, and these lively Methodist preachers and lay delegates are now back again to the widely separated fields of this great Province.

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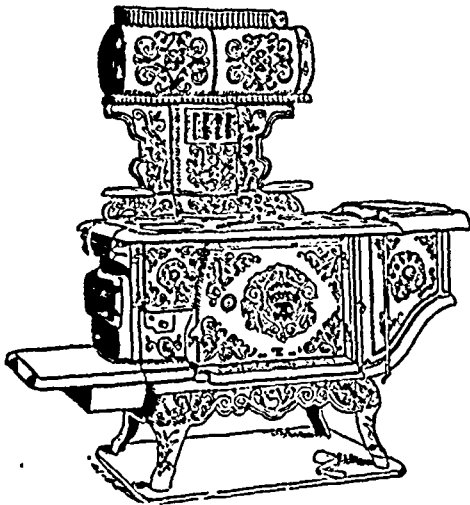
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The Ninth Annual Convention of the Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools of British Columbia was held in the Metropolitan Church, Victoria, from May 16-20 inclusive. The attendance from the beginning was most encouraging, the Leagues and Sunday Schools of Nanaimo, Vancouver, New Westminster and surrounding districts, being faithfully represented.

The various parts of the programme were carried out with interest and enthusiasm. The President, Mr. G. S. Keith, was unavoidably absent, but the Secretary, Mr. H. J. Knott, was most faithful in his attention to every detail of the work devolving upon him. Though

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books, and the securing of statistics of work accomplished by our mission schools, and thus arouse sympathy on behalf of the Sunday school aid and extension fund;

The second vice-president to have charge of the missionary department and the oversight and organization of the forward movement of Christian missions;

The third vice-president to have charge of the Junior League work and the social purity department, the campaign against tobacco, etc.

We also recommend that the district officers collect, by correspondence, statistics and other information from the various Sunday Schools and Leagues in the district, to enable them to make reports quarterly to the Secretary of the Convention and to the next annual convention, of the work done in their districts. For this work forms should be provided.

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Friday evening's programme of music was a delight, and after the heavy business session of Saturday morning, one and all enjoyed the outing arranged for at Esquimalt.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B.A., preached to the delegates Sunday morning, a mass meeting of all the Methodist Sunday Schools of the city was held in the afternoon, and in the evening Rev. W. J. Sipprell, B.A., B.D., gave a clear and eloquent presentation of the theme of Entire Sanctification, the exercises closing with an inspiring consecration service, and the old camp meeting farewell. Our space will permit of nothing further this month than the resolutions passed:

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The following resolutions were adopted by the Convention:

1. The Officers of the Convention:

In view of the increasing departments of work in our convention, we recommend that the vice-presidents be allotted equally to the Sunday school and Epworth League;

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Conference of our Church in British Columbia, known as the forward evangelistic movement, we pledge ourselves as a convention, and would earnestly exhort all the members of the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues we represent to co-operate with the Conference in making this evangelistic campaign the most successful ever undertaken by the Church.

3. Forward Movement for Missions:

Resolved, That we most heartily endorse the work of the forward movement for Christian missions, and earnestly exhort all our leagues to fall into line with the effort to raise enough money to support a missionary, who shall be known as a representative of members of the British Columbian leagues who cannot go to the foreign field themselves;

In order that the largest measure of co-operation may be secured and the greatest number enlisted in the movement, we recommend the convention to make a request of the general board for the privilege of supporting one of the missionaries in the Indian field, British Columbia (Rev. W. H. Pearce preferred), to be known as our missionary.

4. Tobacco:

Believing this to be one of the most filthy, if not the most sinful, habits, and that its influence leads to the drinking habit as well as to so many early deaths, to say nothing of the pollution of God's pure air, be it therefore resolved:

That we, members of the different Sunday Schools and Leagues here assembled, having viewed with alarm the growing habit of the use of that filthy, obnoxious weed, tobacco, strongly urge upon our members, especially our active members, that they renounce the habit, and that any who at present use the weed go to their knees and see if they can ask God's blessing on such a thing;

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5. Liquor:

Having come to the time in our nation's history when, in our opinion, we believe that the curse of intemperance should be strongly denounced and put down, and seeing that our legislators will do nothing, and that our only hope is in the young;

Be it resolved, That we (while we try and influence the older ones) band ourselves together and here pledge ourselves to work with the boys and girls of our Sunday Schools and Leagues, and in every way try to induce them to sign the total abstinence pledge, and also try and educate them to shun the evil, and so instruct them that they will realize the awfulness of intemperance, and thus avoid the use of intoxicants in every form;

Be it further resolved, That we do all in our power to advance the temperance cause.

6. Home Department:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that home departments should be organized and maintained in connection with all our Sunday schools.

7. Junior Leagues:

Whereas it is important that there should be a connecting link between the Sunday Schools and Leagues that the children and youth of our church should receive instructions in the doctrine and tenets of Methodism and be trained in Christian work;

Resolved, That Junior and Intermediate Leagues be organized as far as possible in connection with all our Leagues.

8. Normal Classes:

Resolved, That this Convention call the attention of the superintendents and boards of management of our Sunday Schools to the importance of normal instruction for those who purpose devoting themselves to the great work of teaching in the Sunday School.

9. Papers, Etc:

Resolved, That as we do not think it advisable to go to the expense of having all the minutes of the Convention printed, we ask to have the papers read at Convention published in the Recorder, leaving the editor free to choose the time for their publication.

10. Resolved, That we express our hearty appreciation of the services of the officers of the past year who have been carrying on the work so efficiently, and to whose efforts we owe in such a large measure the success of this Convention.

11. Resolved, That the warmest thanks of this Convention be given to the kind friends who have received us into their homes and whose kindness and courtesy have made our visit such a pleasant one, and to those who have contributed so much to our enjoyment in the excellent programmes which have been rendered.

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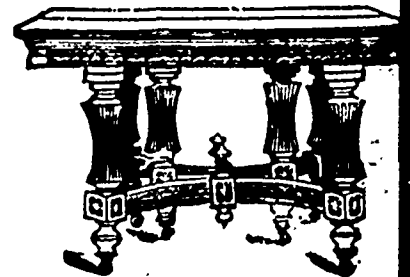
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