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PERSONALS.

Rev. Dr. Spencer and wife, of Bella Coola, came down by the Boscowitz and are resting in Victoria prior to Conference. We understand that Mrs. Spencer will soon leave for the East on an extended visit to friends.

Mr. Fred Chadsey, of Sumas, returned a few days ago from Guelph, Ontario, where he has been taking a course in dairying at Ontario Agricultural College. Glad to welcome you back, Fred!

W. M. S. CONVENTION.

The ninth annual meeting of the British Columbia Branch of the Women's Missionary Society will be held in the Queen's Avenue Methodist Church, New Westminster, B. C., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 8th, 9th and 10th, 1900.

PROGRAMME.

Tuesday Afternoon, May 8th.
 2.00—Devotional exercise, Mrs. Sexsmith, Eburne.
 2.30—Roll call of officers and delegates; minutes of executive; president appoints Nominating Committee; reports from Auxiliary and Mission Bands report from Nominating Committee; solo, Mrs. Lee, New Westminster; collection; question box introduced.
 4.00—Adjourn for committee work.

Tuesday Evening, May 8th.
 8.00—Opening hymn; scripture reading, Mrs. Watson, Vancouver; music, choir; address of welcome, Mrs. J. Cunningham, Westminster; reply, Mrs. G. Powell, Victoria; reports, Cor. Sec. Mrs. Chapman, Victoria; Treasurer, Mrs. Wintemute, Vancouver; solo, Miss Robson, New Westminster; greetings from sister societies; reply, Mrs. Chapman, Victoria; hymn; address, Mrs. W. L. Hall, Langley; announcements; doxology and benediction.

Wednesday, May 9th.
 9.30—Roll call and minutes of previous meeting; reports from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands; report of Mission Band, Cor. Sec. Mrs. Barraclough, Victoria; report of branch organizers; report of Supply Committee; Mrs. Harris, Vancouver; report of Superintendent of Systematic Giving, Mrs. Tate, Duncan.
 11.00—Report of committees.
 11.30—Devotional exercises; Centennial Auxiliary.

Wednesday Afternoon, May 9th.
 2.00—Roll call and minutes of previous meeting; president's address; report of Indian work in the North; solo, Miss Malkin, Vancouver; collection; paper, "Footprints," Miss McDougall, New Westminster.
 4.00—Testimony meeting and memorial service, Miss Bowes, Vancouver.

Thursday Evening, May 10th.
 9.30—Roll call and minutes of previous meeting; reports of committees.
 10.30—Devotional exercises, Metropolitan Auxiliary; election of officers.
 Thursday Afternoon, May 10th.

2.00—Roll call and minutes of previous meeting; question box opened, Miss Gould, Vancouver; report of Cognateza Home; report of Chinese work; singing and collection.
 3.30—Paper, "Systematic Giving and Twentieth Century Fund," Mrs. Scott, Vancouver; reports of committees; unfinished business; reading of minutes; closing.

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REV. J. H. WHITE

The Rev. James H. White, whose genial countenance is presented in the accompanying cut, is presented in the list of the fathers of the Church in B. C., not because of his age (for he is but a young man yet), but because of the place he has filled in the Methodist work of this Conference since its earliest days. He was born in Sandwich, Ont., in the year 1855, and he is the son of one of our most saintly, and successful, though now deceased ministers.

He was but a tot of four when he looked out upon the "Seas of waters and mountains" in this province, which was, though all unconscious to the child, to be the field of his future toil and triumphs in the Kingdom of God.

It was at a Camp Meeting at Maple Bay that James, a lad of thirteen, first gave himself up to the Holy Spirit and found the "peace the Saviour gives." Not long did he retain the blessings of that meeting, but soon lapsed into a state of semi-indifference till called back by the Master at a powerful meeting, for the salvation of souls on the old Grimsby Camp ground. This second birth took place in the year 1874, and for the years intervening he has been able to declare

"Jesus all the day long
Is my joy and my song."

But this most important incident has carried us out of our latitude, both as to time and space, and we now return to tell that this son of the parsonage was, from childhood, kept "free from ungodly teaching and example" in the home life of those who practised the most lofty and practical form of true piety.

It is one of the calamities of ignorance that "the sons of preachers are the worst in the world." Let us remember that of all the great men who have adorned the most lordly lines of life it will be found that the majority of them were either ministers or directly or indirectly related to them. Or, to put the same fact in another way, no other profession has produced such a large percentage of useful and distinguished characters in the civilized world. Of this fact the subject of this sketch is but one example. Bro. White received his educational groundwork in the schools of New Westminster and Nanaimo, and it was at the latter place that he was for years under the tutorship of the popular young teacher



who was to be, in after days, President of the B. C. Conference in the person of the Rev. C. Bryant, of whom a sketch appeared but recently in these columns.

How little the teacher thought in those pedagogic times that he should be the President, and the little lad at the front desk, the later President of the growing Methodist Conference of this mighty province. But so it came about and the honors, and responsibilities, well became both teacher and pupil.

It was after leaving the common school that the young man spent some time, as a student, at the Willamette University proving his past training as well as his native ability in the world of human thought.

After leaving Willamette University, Bro. White completed his education by a two years' course in Victoria University, then situated in Cobourg, Ont. In

1878 we find his name appearing as a probationer for the ministry, and that year he was stationed in Hamilton under the superintendancy of the sainted Rev. S. D. Rice, D.D., afterward General Superintendent of the Methodist Church. Later we find him at Seneca, Lowville, Kilbridge and Waterdown.

His probation passed with honor he was ordained at Brantford, Ont., under the presidency of the Rev. Alex. Langford, D.D., the preacher for the day being the great orator, the Rev. Geo. Douglas, LL.D., than whom, I suppose, Canada has never heard a greater preacher.

The venerable Dr. Ryerson was one of the elder ministers present whose hands were laid, for ordination, upon the head of the young men that day.

In passing we will all pray that a double portion of their spirit may continue

with the one upon whom their holy hands rested in their sacred office. Our brother was married in 1883 to his present wife, Miss Sarah R., youngest daughter of the late George Brooks, Esq., of St. Johns, Welland County, Ont. Never were two better matched, and, as he has often said, it was the best day's work he ever did since he gave himself to God. Mrs. White has been to him in his arduous fields of toil, a tower of strength, and an inspiring encouragement, amidst the perplexities incident to the work to which they have devoted their lives. After ordination, and while yet in the East, he was stationed at International Bridge, Merriton, and Emerald Street, Hamilton.

In the year 1887 he returned to the land of his future ministry, and was stationed in New Westminster, on whose streets he had played as a lad years before. In this charge he was successor to the late lamented Rev. Cloverdale Watson, and, following his splendid work, the church flourished under Bro. White so that the building had to be enlarged and improved. In 1890 he was removed to the Gorge Road congregation in the city of Victoria, and it was under his pastorate that the present beautiful and unique Centennial Church was erected.

In 1893 the Columbian Methodist College Board called upon Bro. White for assistance in their financial difficulties, and by their urgent representations of the case the Conference of that year loaned him to the College as their secretary, a position which he filled for the space of two full years, when he returned to the regular work and was stationed at Mount Pleasant for one year. His next charge was in Chilliwack, the most charming spot in the province, if not in the Dominion. In this spot we find him as we write these lines, and in this, as in all, he has made good proof of his ministry. In 1899-01 he was elected Secretary of the Conference, which position he filled with distinguished ability while the Rev. C. Bryant to whom we have already referred occupied the President's chair. The master, and the young man he had helped to make, were once more connected. While he was stationed in Victoria he was Chairman of the Victoria District, and in the year 1892 the Conference elected him to the President's chair—the highest gift in its hand. As in all other offices, he filled the chair with ability and that kindness of heart and manner for which he is so noted. The Church has received his whole life, and while he has been remembered by his brethren in their gifts of honor he has been well worth: of them all, and we cannot but hope that there are for him many long and useful years in the vineyard of the Master to whom he has given his life and talents.

Brother White is not to be sized up among the "conspicuous preachers," but he stands, nevertheless, far up on the list of the preachers of the Methodist Church. A kind and brotherly man, a wise counsellor and administrator, a clear-cut and expository thinker, and a preacher, and man of God for whom the Church will ever be thankful.

He has lived to be loved
By the best of the world;
And the seed he hath sown
Unto Heaven has grown.

CHILLIWACK METHODISM.

The first religious service held in the Chilliwack valley was conducted by that indefatigable missionary and pioneer, Rev. E. Robson, and took place in the home of Isaac Kipp, Esq., of Chilliwack, on Sunday morning, June 8th, 1865, eight persons being present. On the same day a service was held by the same missionary in the home of D. W. Miller, Esq., of Sumas. Thus Methodism laid its first foundation in what has since become one of its strongest centres of life and influence. The valley itself, lying on the east of the Frazer river, about fifty miles from its mouth, and extending from Popcum to Sumas lake, is one of the most fertile and beautiful conceivable. Its one drawback has been the fact that a considerable portion is subject to periodical overflow from the summer freshets in the river.



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH IN CHILLIWACK, BUILT ON BANK OF THE ACHELITZO RIVER.

However, in ordinary years little or no damage is done, and a comprehensive dyking scheme is now being put through which will protect a large part of the land for all time to come. Numerous private dykes have also reclaimed a considerable acreage. It is no exaggeration to call this valley by the name often given to it, "The Garden of British Columbia." There is a large population, and a general air of settledness and prosperity that is lacking in many of the newer portions of the Province. In the centre of this thriving community has grown up the enterprising town of Chilliwack, and good roads radiate from it in all directions, passing many a broad farm and beautiful homestead.

For several years after the holding of the first service more or less regular visits were made to the valley by the pastor of Westminster Circuit, and much good was accomplished. In the autumn of 1868 a fiery young evangelist, bearing the now venerated name of Thomas Crosby, came up the river on a visit to the scattered Indian tribes. But his zeal and enthusiasm over leaped all boundaries of race or color, and wherever he went he preached to the white settlers in their cabins with immediate success. The word was in demonstration of the Spirit and the power of God

rested upon the people. In a few weeks one of the most remarkable and widespread revivals ever known in the Province was under way. The people practically gave up everything else to attend the meetings, and many extraordinary manifestations of the Divine presence took place. Men were stricken down by the overwhelming power of the Spirit of God, and the work went on until nearly the whole community had been converted. The fruits of that revival abide to this day, and the whole history of the valley has been influenced to a marked degree as a result. The first church was built in the summer of 1869 under the direction of Bro. Crosby, the building being erected upon the banks of the Achelitzo, where its crumbling ruins stand to this day. It is said that the first contribution was made by an Indian. For years the church was the rallying point for Methodists far and near, and many souls were born there.

The following brief history of the establishment of Chilliwack as a separate circuit appears in the Circuit Book in the handwriting of Rev. E. White, Chairman of the District. "At the District Meeting held in Victoria, March, 1869, it was resolved, 'That in the opinion of this meeting it is expedient to divide the Westminster circuit and form all above Langley into a separate mission, to be known as Chilliwack.' At a meeting held a few days later at Sumas at the house D. W. Miller, by Rev. E. White, the members of our church at Sumas and Chilliwack fully and unanimously endorsed this resolution, and it was certified in writing. The matter was then referred to the Missionary Committee, which expressed no dissent, thus leaving the question in the hands of the local parties concerned.

"As the Rev. A. Browning, then superintendent of New Westminster, was much opposed to the division of the Circuit, the formal organization of the new Mission was delayed till June 6th, 1870, when the Chairman, Rev. E. White, met the official members residing at Sumas and Chilliwack to consult about this and other matters at Bro. Miller's, Sumas. Present beside the Chairman, A. C. Wells, V. Vedder, D. W. Miller, A. Peers, I. Kipp, J. L. Chadsey and D.

McGillvray. Bro. D. McGillvray was appointed the first Recording Steward, and Bro. Vedder was given license as an exhorter." Of the little company all are still living except the Chairman and Father Vedder.

In the following year Bro. G. C. Clarkson was appointed to the new Mis-

Champness, editor of "Joyful News," Rochdale, Eng. A cut appears in connection with this article.

Sumas suffered terribly by the high water of 1894, and has not fully recovered. The handsome and commodious church is still attended by a considerable and devoted congregation, the pul-

Conference, two were from the Chilliwack Circuit. A number of representative men and women of our church have their homes here, and all enterprises of the church meet with strong and intelligent support. Important gold mines are being opened in the vicinity. At least \$100,000 will be spent in development this season, and with a rapidly growing agricultural and business population the new century is likely to open with all departments of the churches work in a flourishing condition.

It may be added that no liquor license has ever been granted in Chilliwack, a blessing for which Methodism is largely responsible.



EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES AND PROBATIONERS FOR OUR MINISTRY.

The Christian Guardian of April 4th is at hand. I have just read the General Superintendent's paper on the Coming Annual Conference. It is in Dr. Carman's usual masterly style. Like a wideawake and wary general, his eye is upon every part of the field. He sees the marshalled hosts of our Canadian Methodism—the territory which lies before them, which is yet to be possessed—and the strong positions in which the enemy is entrenched. He sees also the weak points in the arrangements of the opposing forces. He sees, too, where our own weaknesses are, and summons us to a closing up of our too open ranks, and calls us to increased watchfulness, more importunate prayer, and more abundant efforts, that soon victory may perch upon our banners, and that there may speedily be heard the shouts of a glorious success all along the line.

Among the important features of our ecclesiastical system to which attention is directed is that by way of which our Methodist ministry is recruited. He says "we do well when we vigilantly and honestly advance and graduate our probationers." It will be conceded by every intelligent Methodist, ministerial or lay, who has the best interests of our church at heart, and is jealous that its future history may not be reproached by its splendid past, that this portion of our economy—the admission of candidates and the advancing and graduating of our probationers—demands all the vigilance, honesty and sanctified sagacity of our Quarterly Boards, by whom the entrance to the ministry is guarded, and of our District Meetings and Conferences, by whom they are afterwards accepted, advanced and graduated. The favorable recommendations of the Quarterly Boards should be a satisfactory guarantee of the fitness of the candidate in respect of piety, intelligence, readiness of utterance, zeal and other qualities upon which it is competent for boards of laymen to pronounce, and from which may be predicated with a strong degree of probability, the usefulness of the person recommended, and which are comprehended under the three heads of gifts, graces and fruit. The further determination of the suitability of candidates proposed imposes a most grave and solemn responsibility upon the ministerial members of the District Meetings and of the Annual Conference. In respect of intellectual equipment for the immeasurably important work of the Christian ministry, the General Conference has by its legislation on the sub-



CHILLIWACK METHODIST CHURCH.

sion, remaining for two years. He was followed by Rev. C. Bryant for three years, Rev. Jos. Hall for three years and Rev. C. L. Thompson for three years, bringing the history down to the year 1880, when the Circuit became self-sustaining. Following the attainment of self-support, Revs. Joseph Hall and C. Bryant each spent a second pastoral term on the Circuit. During these years Sumas had been the head of the Circuit, the minister living there. However, the centre of population was gradually changing, and the work extending to the upper portion of the valley. During Bro. Bryant's pastorate a new church was built at Chilliwack village, then known as Centreville, and immediately upon the appointment of his successor, Rev. T. W. Hall, steps were taken for the erection of a parsonage upon the same lot. This enterprise was successfully carried through, and the minister moved to the centre of his field. In 1889 the work had so increased that it was found necessary to station a young man on the field, the first to be so stationed being Rev. J. P. Hicks, the versatile and highly respected editor of the Recorder. Rev. J. P. Howell was the next pastor, and in 1892, at the request of the Q.O.B., the Conference divided the Circuit, making Sumas a self-supporting field for a young man, and Cheam with Camp Slough and other points a Mission. Bro. Howell was succeeded in 1893 by Rev. C. Ludner, and he in 1896 by the present pastor, Rev. J. H. White. As at present constituted Chilliwack Circuit is a very compact and convenient field, consisting of the Chilliwack and Carman churches. The latter is the latest addition to the Methodist churches of the valley, and is one of the prettiest and most comfortable country churches to be found in any Conference. It was opened for worship on December 4th, 1898, by Rev. Thomas

pit being supplied by Rev. Jos. Hall, Principal of Coqualeetza Institute. Cheam mission is growing from year to year. It has two churches, one at Cheam and the other at Camp Slough, and services are also held at Rosedale and East Chilliwack. Rev. W. G. Mahan is the present energetic pastor.

An institution which has done much for Methodism in Chilliwack is the annual camp meeting. This was begun in 1870, the first meeting being held on a lot of land owned by Rev. T. Crosby, and situated at the point of Chilliwack mountain. Services were continued here from year to year, with great blessing till 1882. The year following a plot of three acres was secured near Sardis, suitable buildings erected and there a camp meeting for both whites and Indians has been held each year since, with the exception of 1894, when the high water arrived just as the services were about to begin, and effectually put a stop to them for that year. The meetings have been blessed to the salvation of many, and are still a power for good.

No account of Chilliwack Methodism is complete without at least a reference to the work among the Indians. This is the head of the mission to the Fraser River Indians, and a pretty mission house with several churches provide for the work in the valley. Rev. C. M. Tate, Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B. A., and now again their ancient friend and missionary, Rev. T. Crosby, have ministered to the spiritual needs of the brothers in red, and many have been led to Christ. Coqualeetza Institute with Rev. Jos. Hall as principal, is also an important adjunct to the Indian work.

Chilliwack has for many years been one of the chief homes of Methodism in the Province. As an indication of its importance it may be mentioned that of the four laymen elected to represent the B. C. Conference at the late General

ject—especially in recent sessions of that body—evinced its solicitude by revising the courses of study, and by more determinedly insisting that the period of the candidate's university of theological training shall be more extended than was formerly required.

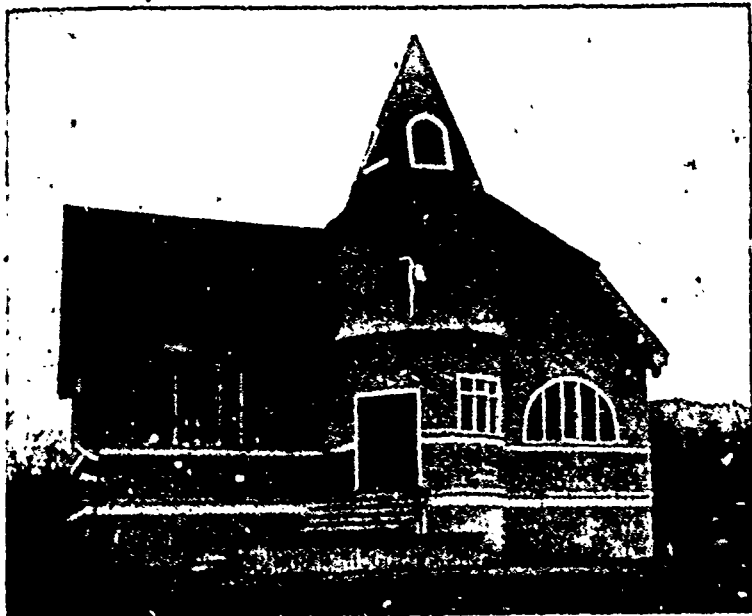
The more serious difficulty in the matter of a suitable supply of well trained ministers lies in another direction, viz. in the candidates or probationers themselves, in an inaptitude for study—an in disposition to bind themselves down to a rigid and honest course of self-drill, by which alone students are made. This self-mastery is made easier by a right use of the advantages which a college course affords. But the history of the personnel of the Methodist ministry af-

the part of some to presume to some extent upon the knowledge they have of the ministerial brethren, that they are kindly and sympathetic, and are unwilling to see a young man seriously embarrassed and kept back in his probation because he has not obtained sufficient marks (if reckoned with the same severe faithfulness which is employed in university examinations) to admit of his being credited with the year on his probation, which he has actually spent in the pastoral work. Is it not due to the church that those who are entrusted with this duty of seeing that men who are being prepared by a course of discipline and training and study to become effective when they shall in future years minister at her altars, shall

unined, they are not wide in their range, they are explicitly enumerated in the discipline; he has constant access to the standards of our church where those doctrines are fully defined and discussed; is it not disappointing if under these circumstances the probationer is unable to present to the meeting clear statements in his own language of these doctrines which are supposed to be the burden of his teaching in all his public ministrations to his people, and by their affectionate enforcement is expected to bring the sinner to repentance and salvation, and to build up believers in the faith of the Gospel? It is not unreasonable that the senior ministers should feel deep sorrow when young men display unfamiliarity at this point of their progress. It is right too that those who are responsible for recommending probationers to the Conference for continuance on trial should expect those probationers to be ready with those scripture texts by which these doctrines are taught and proven. It has often seemed to us that the usual method of conducting these district examinations might be improved upon. This important part of the ministerial business of the District Meeting should be conducted in a way to make it to be characterized as far as possible by the dignity and seriousness which befits a matter of such solemn moment. Too often, we must confess, we have seen it otherwise. Not that there has been any thought of being other than serious or proper; but questions are sometimes interjected by ministers other than the one who is conducting the examination, which has quite diverted the course of the examination from being such, until it has become a general ministerial discussion, which, though quite proper in the meeting of a ministerial association, involves an expenditure of time that at last makes it necessary that the examination shall be brought to a speedy termination. This may be a relief to the sometimes rather hard pressed probationer, but fails nevertheless to accomplish the purpose of the examination. I would say, let the chairman or some senior minister at his request conduct the examination without a word being spoken by any one but himself and those being examined. When the examination shall have been thus concluded, let any of the ministers who may desire to do so have the privilege of still further satisfying himself as to the familiarity of the probationers with the doctrines indicated in the discipline. I understand that this method obtains in the British Conference. Such examinations properly conducted must have a good effect upon the mind of the persons examined, and lend to the occasion the seriousness and dignity which ought to mark it.

P. S. This paragraph is not meant for those to whom it does not apply.

Ministers must be students, students of the word, constant students, rooted and grounded in the faith, prepared always to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. Modern teaching of an erroneous kind is all around us. It is presented in most specious forms, calculated to deceive if possible the very elect. It is possible that these errors may invade the very pulpits of our Methodism unless our ministry is composed of men who with stored minds and well disciplined intellects are thus made proof against the insidious and seductive influences of unsound teaching. I close by quoting again



CARMEM METHODIST CHURCH, NEAR SANDIS, CHILLIWACK

fords numerous instances of men who under every disadvantage have "inter-meddled with all wisdom," have made themselves great, and have left the impress of their greatness upon their own and succeeding generations. Greater than he that taketh a city, is he who ruleth his own spirit. Happy the young man who for the sake of the thrice holy cause he has espoused, in the spirit of unflinching self-denial, and in exemplification of a sublime and unflinching purpose, brings into subjection to his own will all his powers of intellect and heart; but unfortunate to the last degree it is, if an aspirant to the ranks of the ministry does not learn in his course of preparation for his life work, to distinguish between a desultory and indiscriminating mode of study—which is not study at all and that stern and doggedly severe application by which only the mastery of any given subject can be attained. Every examiner knows what a lack of earnest application in the way of study of the books of the probationer's course is betrayed in much of the written answers which the examiners receive from year to year.

It is possible that probationers sometimes allow themselves to think that if they are not well up in the books of their course they will somehow be permitted to pass muster, and that they will not be held too firmly to the re-

quirements of the discipline. Of course candidates and probationers are not told this, but there may be a tendency on the part of some to be scrupulously and relentlessly faithful in their fulfilment of that trust? Is it not due to the church that candidates and probationers shall be given to understand that here they must expect no mercy, and that unless they are students, and prove that they are such by their clear and discriminating answers to the questions submitted to them upon the books of their course from year to year, they must either be delayed in fulfilling the term of probation until the necessary improvement is made, or they must be dropped, and as Mr. Wesley puts it, "return to their former employment." The time has come when he who believes himself called of God to the work of the ministry must prove to the church his qualifications for that work by making himself intelligent upon the whole range of subjects assigned for his mastery of them, by the law of the church in his case. Not only should this be true in respect of the prescribed course of study upon which written examinations which are required, but also in respect of the oral theological examinations which are held in the District Meetings from year to year. The probationer comes up to this examination knowing that it takes place annually; he knows the subjects on which he is to be ex-

the timely words of our beloved General Superintendent with which I set out: "We do well when we vigilantly and honestly advance and graduate our probationers."

JOSEPH HALL.

NAVAL AND MILITARY WORK AT ESQUIMALT,

An Appeal to the Readers of the Recorder.

The enthusiasm of young and old throughout the British Empire has been aroused to a very high pitch since the outbreak of the war in South Africa, and almost every individual throughout our vast Empire has been thrilled by the deeds of valor performed by both soldiers and sailors, including, of course, our Colonial volunteers.

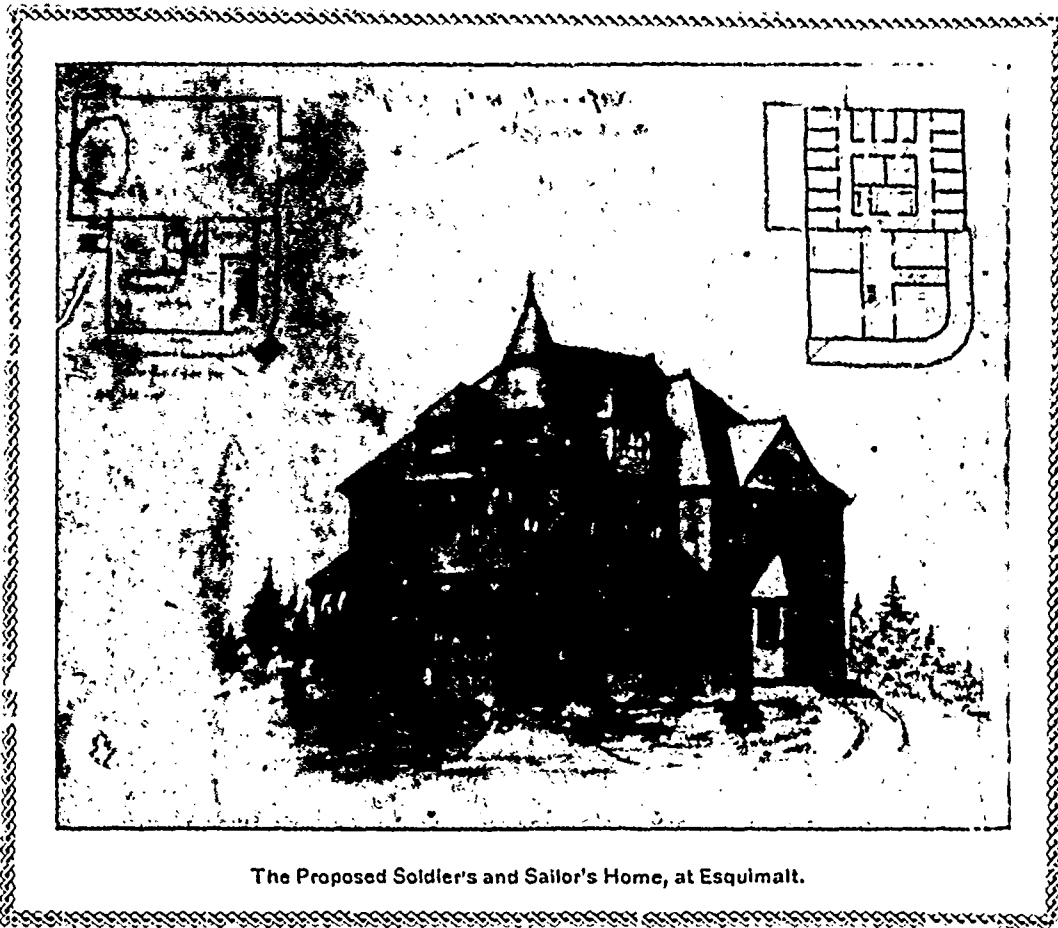
Sailors' Homes.

For nearly ten years a parade service for the Wesleyans of H. M. Ships of the Pacific fleet has been held in a hall rented for the purpose in Esquimalt, and the constantly growing numbers of Wesleyans, together with the constant appeals of the men irrespective of religious denominations, has fully convinced all who are interested in the spiritual and temporal welfare of our brothers whose lives are given for the defence of our Empire that a Church and a Home must be provided if this work is to be successfully carried on.

In the army and navy there are four recognized religions, the Church of England, Wesleyan, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic, and all work among and for Wesleyans (Methodists) is performed under the direction of the Wesleyan Army and Navy Committee, a committee appointed by the Wesleyan Methodist Con-

soldier and sailor in Her Majesty's service has free access to the uses and privileges of these homes, in which there are reading rooms, games rooms, in which will be found suitable indoor games, smoking rooms, refreshment rooms, and sleeping accommodation. In all respects great pains are taken to make them as much like home to the men as possible, and the charges for food and sleeping accommodation are kept as low as possible. It must be borne in mind that soldiers and sailors are not highly paid men.

The garrisoning of Esquimalt by Imperial troops is another strong reason why such a building should be erected as soon as possible; we have already over one hundred and fifty soldiers here and their numbers will be largely increased as soon as accommodation can be provided for them. It is not necessary to point out the temptations to sin and vice that beset men on every hand; they are



The Proposed Soldier's and Sailor's Home, at Esquimalt.

Thanks to Rudyard Kipling, son of Methodist parents, public sympathy has taken a practical form in the Kipling Poem Fund, Canadian Patriotic Fund, Mansion House Fund, Daily Telegraph Fund, etc., by means of which the men on the battlefield and their wives and children at home have, I may say, for the first time realized that those for whom they are fighting have woke up to the fact that they have a duty to perform toward them.

There are, however, other ways of benefiting these brave fellows, and in this direction the duty devolving upon the public generally needs only to be pointed out to elicit their hearty response. I refer to the great need of Soldiers' and

ference of Great Britain to look after the interests of Methodists and Methodist work in the army and navy, and it is with this committee that the War Department and the Admiralty transact all business in connection with army and navy work on behalf of the Methodist Church throughout the Empire.

In establishing Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes the Methodist Church has come well to the front. In all the principal naval and military stations throughout the Empire such homes have been established excepting at Esquimalt. These homes and the property on which they stand are held in trust under a model deed for the special benefit of men of the army and navy, that is to say, every

only too well known to all, but what is there for the soldier and sailor but the saloon, music hall, etc.? He is among strangers, a few may form acquaintances, but very few; where can the many go, or what can they do? Men get tired of walking the roads or streets, and just as tired of staying on board ship or in barracks; they have left homes, and many of them good homes, and naturally they long for some place to resort to that savors somewhat of home.

It may be argued that many men would not avail themselves of its friendly shelter; possibly some would not, but experience shows that the majority do, and the percentage of men in the army and navy who desire to command the respect

of their fellow men is rapidly increasing; indeed there are very few, thanks to education, but what do command the respect of all; a man who wears the uniform of either army or navy is as much deserving of that respect as any other man whatever his position in life, provided, of course, he conducts himself in a proper manner; and these homes are an absolute necessity if men are to be given any assistance toward resisting the temptations alluded to. If we just in imagination place ourselves or our sons in their position it will bring home to us quicker than anything else their value and that it is our duty to render what assistance we can, financially and in other ways towards establishing the home proposed at Esquimalt.

The Rev. J. P. Hicks has for the past five years been connected with the work at Esquimalt as the recognized chaplain by the Army and Navy Committee officially appointed by the Admiralty, and more recently by the War Office also. During the past two years he has been exclusively engaged in this work. He had not long been appointed to the Victoria West Circuit before he fully realized the importance of establishing a Church and Home in Esquimalt, and accordingly wrote to the Rev. R. W. Allen, the venerable secretary of the Army and Navy Committee, on the subject. In 1897, the year of the Diamond Jubilee celebration, the committee decided to try and raise £10,000 in aid of Wesleyan Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes. Mr. Hicks again wrote asking for a grant of £400 towards building a church, with a couple of rooms attached. A very favorable reply was received and great hopes were entertained of obtaining the amount asked for. It was just at this point that Mr. Hicks had completed his three years as pastor at Victoria West; the men of the fleet being strongly attached to him and fearing a strange minister coming would not understand their needs and the peculiarities of the work as he did, being an Englishman and coming from a naval and military centre, petitioned the Conference for Mr. Hicks' appointment and sent a deputation to the Stationing Committee with the result that he was left without a station in order that he may look after this work.

The Army and Navy Committee finding the wording of the deed under which they held the Jubilee Fund would not allow of their making a grant from that fund, a letter regretting their inability to do so was sent to Rev. J. P. Hicks by Rev. R. W. Allen; this came as a severe blow, as from the nature of the correspondence previously received we had fully expected a grant, if not the full amount asked for.

Finding the needs and claims of this important work growing rapidly and that it could not be represented as it needed to be by writing, and that something more must be done if the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, that the increased strength of the fleet, together with the garrisoning of Esquimalt by Imperial troops called for, was to be established, the advice of one who has proved himself a sincere friend to this work was that Mr. Hicks should go to England and personally interview the Army and Navy Committee. By the assistance of friends and a large amount of self-sacrifice on his own part he managed to get there, fully stated the needs and claims of the work to the Committee and many prominent officials of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference,

with the result that it was unanimously decided to place Esquimalt on the list of stations to be assisted from the Twentieth Century Fund; he was also, thanks to their kind assistance, enabled to raise £400 towards the scheme, and in various other ways to place the army and navy work here upon a more satisfactory footing.

During Rev. Mr. Hicks' absence an acre of land was bonded; this has since been paid for, it is in a most suitable position on the main road to Victoria about midway between the Barracks and the place where the sailors land from the ships.

After carefully studying the matter from all its standpoints and consulting many who frequent these Homes in England, the accompanying plans have been proposed, the cost of which it is estimated will be \$6,000. Toward this amount the Methodist of B. C. and all who feel interested in the welfare of our Soldiers and Sailors are asked to contribute \$2,000 at least as British Columbia's share, as much more as you like.

It is most desirable that this work should be completed this summer, but it is unanimously agreed not to go into debt, we want the money practically secured before starting to build. Christian work among and for the men is seriously handicapped for the want of suitable premises apart from the great need of the Home for their use.

Very great interest has been manifested in this work by those who have been made acquainted with its merits and we feel sure that this appeal will meet with a ready response from the numerous readers of the Methodist Recorder and their friends.

F. J. BAILEY,
Esquimalt, B. C.

REV. J. C. SPEER.

The general regret at the prospect of losing from the Conference the Rev. J. C. Speer, who is soon to return to Toronto, has already begun to find significant expression. On Saturday, April 20th, his ministerial brethren in Victoria invited him to a complimentary luncheon in the Victoria Cafe, Fort street. The party consisted of Revs. J. C. Speer, C. Bryant, W. H. Barracough, J. P. Hicks, J. D. P. Knox, R. Hughes and W. Gibson—Bro. Speer and our venerable Bro. Bryant being guests. After the ample meal Bro. Hughes adroitly decoyed the innocent party over the James Bay bridge to the pretty lawn at the residence of D. Spencer, Esq., where a camera was found in waiting, and in a few minutes, with expressions grave and gay, a photograph of the group was taken. All this being accomplished without serious consequences, the programme of the occasion was terminated by an hour's cruise "up the Gorge" in a naphtha launch. The whole course being well enlivened by the innocent story-telling for which Methodist preachers have gained a reputation.

On Tuesday evening, the 24th, a farewell tea meeting was arranged by the ladies of the Metropolitan church, under the cautious title "The Wars of the Roses." The tables were decorated alternately with white and red roses, also the ladies who served them, and there was a pleasant rivalry as to which table could do most to show hospitality to the friends gathered together. After tea a most interesting meeting was held in the church, presided over by Rev. C.

Bryant. On the platform with the chairman sat Mr. Speer and ministers representing nearly all the non-conformist denominations in the city. Rev. Mr. Hastings (Baptist), Rev. W. J. Clay (Presbyterian), Rev. Fred. Payne (Congregationalist), spoke on behalf of their churches and the Ministerial Association, paying high tribute to Mr. Speer's ability and expressing regret at his departure, while even deeper feelings of affection were conveyed in a few words from the other Methodist ministers present. Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Speer were also recipients of tangible proofs of the love the congregation they had served, the Ladies' Aid presented Mrs. Speer with a beautiful silver teapot, inscribed. Miss Speer's very pretty gift was from the Epworth League and Sunday School, while Mr. Speer received presents from both the Intermediate League and the Sunday School. Each gift was accompanied with a suitable and affectionately worded address, that from the Intermediate League being illuminated. These expressions were feelingly and felicitously acknowledged in a brief speech by Bro. Speer, and the gathering dispersed about 10:30 p.m. Mr. Speer has shown distinguished ability as a preacher and lecturer and social reformer, and has gained the esteem and confidence of his brethren in the capacity of Chairman of the Victoria District. He will also be much missed in his intimate association with the Recorder, and all good wishes will follow him.

Three typographical errors crept into Mr. F. L. Vosper's interesting article, "The Reclaimed Infidel," which we published last month, namely: The word "Chartist" appeared instead of "Chartist"; the word "sobriety" appeared instead of "society"; the word "dreaded" appeared instead of "dread."

GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT AT METROPOLITAN.

A large audience was richly entertained in the Metropolitan Church on Good Friday evening while listening to the rendition of Dr. John Farmer's lovely oratorio, "Christ and His Soldiers." The performance was given by the choir of the Church, largely augmented by vocalists from the other Methodist Churches, comprising a chorus of about seventy-five voices, and assisted by a most efficient orchestra, led by Mr. Jessie Longfield, the solos being very creditably taken by Mrs. Giffin, Miss Armon, Messrs. Hanson, Firth and J. G. Brown. Mr. Gideon Hicks, who conducted, appeared thoroughly at home in that capacity; he had evidently well drilled his performers, and handled them with such skill that the whole performance was one of real merit. There were weaknesses, certainly, chiefly noticeable in the matter of shading and attack, but these were easily forgotten in the general excellency which characterized the affair. The soloists are all well-known, and beyond the mention of their names the public will look for no assurance that the solos were well cared for. One pleasant feature of the affair was the cordiality apparent among the musicians of the various Churches. Mr. Longfield is organist of St. John Anglican Church, and several others taking part are Episcopalians, while Mr. J. G. Brown is the popular choir leader of the First Presbyterian Church.

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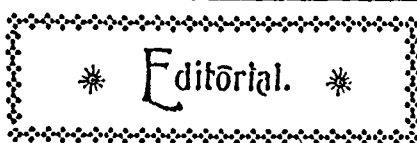
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FOR CONSIDERATION OF
CONFERENCE.

It is doubtful whether during our history as a church in British Columbia we have ever held a more important Conference than that in which we shall assemble in a few days. This is so not only from the fact that we are making steady growth and shall probably have a larger representation this year than ever before, including many new faces whom we shall welcome to our councils. This, of course, will bring with it the necessity of careful and courageous action in order to wisely readjust and divide, and sub-divide, for effective and economical extension in various directions; but this kind of thing we expect to do more or less every year, and shall have to do for a thousand years, if the world lasts so long, or until all our countrymen are "born again." Our College Board, too, will no doubt again furnish us with important recommendations, arising in part from the very success the Institution has experienced of late. But there are causes outside of these making the Conference of special moment and laying upon it extraordinary opportunity and responsibility. In the first place we understand that the question of appointing a Superintendent of Missions for British Columbia will come up for consideration and action. We are not quite sure as to the exact form of the proposition to be laid before us, or what precisely we shall be asked to do. If it is contemplated that the one man may be appointed to superintend all our Missions—Domestic, Indian, Chinese and Japanese—it is at once a many-sided problem, and a pre-requisite for intelligent debate would seem to be a statement somewhat clearly defining the powers of such an official and the relations to other officials that such a quadrilateral superintendent would be supposed to sustain; and it is evident also that a man properly qualified for such a position must be blessed among other things with a good deal of versatility. There is no doubt, however, that the need exists for more perfect supervision of our various missionary work, and probably this need may be adequately met by the

appointment of a Superintendent of Missions, under proper safeguards.

But it was not of this that we desired in this article especially to speak. The unusual importance of this Conference to our mind arises from the impressive fact that it is the last we shall hold in the wonderful Nineteenth Century. This fact will involve a concentration of the best thought of the Conference upon the interests of the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund, which, thank God, has met with general support by our people throughout the Dominion. But the great fact mentioned gives the Church a unique advantage of awakening men's consciences to the solemnities of life and the realities of eternal things, and herein lies its great responsibility. We would suggest that the Conference might pass a special and earnest resolution, recommending with all its authority that a Watch-night Service, for which more than usual preparation should be made, shall be held on the night of December 31st, at precisely the same time, if possible, in every Methodist Church in the Province, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper immediately after 12 o'clock; and that during the first week of the Twentieth Century a simultaneous Evangelistic Mission shall be held in every Circuit and Mission in the Conference. Thus, with the "fifties" already brought in by our T. C. T. Fund we may reasonably and confidently expect that the Lord will "open the windows of heaven and pour us out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

We are attempted to make a suggestion in view of the approaching Conference. Two years ago when the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes was elected President of the English Wesleyan Conference, he suggested, among other important though somewhat unusual things, that a brief address, on some spiritual theme, might be given by some senior minister or layman, at the morning's devotions, with closed doors during the devotional exercises. It was said that the innovation had a "marked" and "most happy" effect on the whole Conference proceedings, and was certain to become a permanent institution. Could not this suggestion be profitably adopted by our own Conference? It would be of immense benefit to the younger members present, both clerical and lay, to receive the matured, spiritual counsel from the fathers of the Church in this way, and it would produce a very healthy impression upon our people, to learn that we are not so completely absorbed, at our annual gathering, with reports and statistics that we have no time to concern ourselves about experimental godliness which is the very root of all our true success. It is a foolish argument against the suggestion to say "We are too much driven for time," for it is well known that there is often more time wasted in needless and irrelevant discussion in a single session, than this would involve for the whole week, besides the fact that it is more than likely the serious tone imparted by this exercise would have its effect in the expedition of Conference business.

As we have touched upon the matter of economising time in Conference sessions we may say it has often occurred

to us whether something could not be done to shorten the time now supposed to be necessary for the transaction of all our business. We have observed a restlessness and impatience on the part of our laymen to return to their pressing private concerns, and many important matters in which their voice should be heard has, in consequence, to be dealt with in their absence. Much time is lost because there is a frequent uncertainty as to the order in which subjects for discussion should be brought forward, and under what particular head they should be treated. Could not much of this be obviated if a committee of experts were appointed (or perhaps the Conference Special Committee could do it) to meet somewhere between the Annual District Meeting and Conference, to arrange the business coming before Conferences in the most convenient form in what our English friends have called an "Agenda," and which they find of great value. We believe that at least a day could be saved in this way, and our lay brethren would remain with us to the close. To make this practicable, it might be necessary, as we pointed out last month for another reason, that the Conference meet a week later each year than at present to give the committee time to receive the recommendations from the districts, but that could be no serious obstacle.

We are quite sure that our readers will be deeply interested in an article on another page, written by Mr. F. J. Bailey, and dealing with our Methodist work among soldiers and sailors of H. M. Forces at Esquimalt. The article is accompanied by a cut of a "Home" it is proposed to erect there for the social and moral benefit of the brave fellows whose valorous deeds have stirred our pride and gratitude so much of late. Such an institution is very greatly needed, and the scheme has met the unanimous approval of the Wesleyan Army and Navy Committee, and of our own Conference Special Committee. It is expected to cost about \$6,000, and one-third of this amount has already been subscribed by the English Wesleyans, with further promised assistance from their Twentieth Century Fund. It is a part of our work, however, and of such a nature as to strongly appeal to every true-hearted Britisher in the country. As Mr. Bailey says, British Columbia should promptly subscribe at least \$2,000. We understand that help has been promised by our Eastern friends as well, as Rev. Dr. Polts, A. Sutherland and A. C. Courtice, having become warmly interested in the proposal. Subscriptions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Rev. J. P. Hicks, Chaplain, Victoria West, B.C.; Mr. F. J. Bailey, Secretary of the Committee, Esquimalt, B.C.; or Mr. W. T. Andrews, Treas. Building Committee, Victoria, B.C.

PERSONALS.

The Quarterly Board of Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, at its February meeting, invited Rev. C. H. M. Sutherland, of Wellington, to become their pastor for the ensuing year. Bro. Sutherland has accepted.

Rev. James Calvert, of Trail, has been invited to the pastorate of the Haliburton Street Church, Nanaimo, and has accepted.

LEADING LAYMEN.



XI. MR. GEORGE RANDALL ASHWELL.

No list of leading Methodist laymen in British Columbia could have been compiled during the past thirty years or more without including the name that stands at the head of this brief biographical note. Both the name and the face that adorns this page have been familiar in connection with nearly all important gatherings of Methodists in the Province for more than a generation.

Mr. Ashwell was born in 1833 at Henlow, Bedfordshire, Eng. His parents were staunch Episcopalians, and during his childhood and youth he knew little of the people with whom he has since been so long and prominently connected. In 1856 he moved to Toronto, where he remained for a year. It was here, during the year after his arrival, that he was converted to God through the influence of a series of revival meetings held in the old Elm Street Church. The young Englishman's case was a clear one, and he immediately united with the church which had been instrumental in leading him to Christ. For four years longer he remained in Ontario, living at Caledonia and other points on the Grand River. In 1861 he removed to British Columbia, reaching New Westminster on the very night of the opening tea meeting in the first church built in that town. He was given a hearty welcome by the pastor, Rev. E. White, and the little band of Methodists, and from the day of his arrival was actively associated with them in their work. Mr. Ashwell remained in Westminster ten years, engaging in business first with Mr. Thos. Cunningham, theirs being the first hardware store on the mainland of B. C. The partnership being dissolved, Mr. Ashwell continued in business alone, devoting himself to the furniture part of the business. In 1866 Mr. Ashwell returned to England on a visit, but soon came back with a wife, in the person of Miss Sarah Webb, who has been a genuine "weaver" of his fortunes, and has done him good and not evil all the days of her life. In 1871 he came to Chilliwack, and opened the first store in

the place, carrying on business for years at the landing, and for the last ten years in what is now the thriving town of Chilliwack. While attending the Conference of 1898, Mr. Ashwell received word that his place of business, Ashwell & Sons, with their entire stock, had been destroyed by fire, the work of an incendiary. The loss was heavy, but with characteristic energy the firm began to rebuild, and now occupy the finest and most modern business block in town. In addition to his other business Mr. Ashwell is a large landed proprietor, owning several farms in different parts of the valley. Throughout his long life he has experienced the abundant blessing of God upon his temporal affairs, and is one of the most prosperous and substantial men of the community.

Mr. Ashwell is a man of strong convictions, and holds tenaciously to his views of right, but is always willing to yield to the will of the majority in minor matters, and to work heartily for the general good. Though intensely practical he has a well marked emotional vein running through his nature. Throughout their lives Mr. and Mrs. Ashwell have dispensed a generous hospitality. Their home is a favorite haunt of preachers, and of all who are connected with religious or philanthropic work. He has also been a wise and liberal giver, not only to local church support, but to all the benevolent and educational enterprises of the church. From his earliest association with the church in the Province he has been continuously a member of the Quarterly Board and a trustee of numerous churches. He has also been frequently delegated to the District Meetings, and for the past six years has been a member of the Annual Conference. In 1898 he received the well-earned honor of election to represent his Conference at the General Conference in Toronto. He has been a member of the College Board of Directors since its organization, and has been one of the most hopeful and generous supporters of that enterprise.

For many years Mr. Ashwell has held a commission as Justice of the Peace, and at the present writing has just received the nomination of his party as

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CUMBERLAND.

Rev. W. Hicks, Superintendent.

Despite the depression in business here our sale of work by the Ladies' Aid netted the handsome sum of \$270. This is most encouraging, and sets us in a fair way to obtain the mark we aimed at for the Twentieth Century Fund. We had an Easter Monday Social under the auspices of the Epworth League, the main feature of the evening being selections on the piano by our younger members, also some glees and solos by the choir. At the last business meeting of the Church the Quarterly Official Board extended a cordial invitation to the Rev. Wm. Hicks to remain as pastor for the fifth year.

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"I deem that virtue but a thing of straw
That is not self-subsistent, needs the press
Of sharp-eyed custom, or the point of law
To teach it honor, justice, gentleness.

"His soul is but a shadow who does well
Through lure of gifts or terror of the rod,
Some painted paradise or pictured hell,
Not for the love but for the fear of God.

"Him only do I honor in whom right,
Not the sour product of some grudging control,
Flows from a Godlike habit, whose clear soul,
Bathed in the noontide of an inward light
In its own strength and beauty is secure
Too proud to lie, too proud to be impure."

—Archibald Lampman.

THE NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Epworth Leagues and Methodist Sunday schools of British Columbia will be held in the Metropolitan Church, Victoria, May 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, 1900.

The following is the announcement of the President and Secretary:

Again the bugle call is sounded, to muster under our Great Captain, Jesus Christ, and to shoulder arms and march forth to the battle under His leadership. The call is given to all the Pastors and Members of Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools of British Columbia Methodism.

The Ninth Annual Convention of our Young People will be held in the Metropolitan Church, Pandora Avenue, on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 16-20, 1900.

We wish every member, whether able to attend the Convention or not to feel the responsibility of making this Convention the best yet held in British Columbia. Let the prayers of every Christian go up to the Throne of Grace for the blessing of God on our assembly, and this with the consecrated effort of each

delegate, cannot fail to result in a glorious awakening among our societies.

The Papers this year have been selected by the Executive and have been allotted to those who are to prepare them, giving each one plenty of time in which to gather material. We wish to have fewer Papers and give more time for their discussion, believing this to be the most beneficial and we expect those preparing the Papers to be prepared to answer questions which may be asked referring to the subject under discussion.

We trust that every League and Sunday School in the Province will be represented as largely as possible so that none may fail to receive the enthusiasm which will be brought back with each delegate attending. Each delegate is entitled to send one delegate for every ten of its members, and each Sunday School, one for every fifty of its members, and we hope all will send the full number.

Yours in Christ,

C. S. KEITH, President,
New Westminster, B.C.

H. J. KNOTT, Secretary,
Victoria, B.C.

SUGGESTIONS.

In order to obtain the very best results from the convention each delegate must be prepared to:

1. Cast aside all formality, and be ready to speak to and shake hands with every other delegate.
2. Take some active part in the Devotional Exercises and in the discussion of papers.
3. Ask questions on any subject on which you wish enlightenment.
4. Be filled with the Holy Ghost.
5. Meet Christ in each service.
6. Take notes for the benefit of your respective societies.
7. Be on time at every meeting.

Each League and School is requested to send a three-minute report by its delegates to be presented at the Convention. Don't fail to act in this respect.

HORACE J. KNOTT.

ROUTES OF TRAVEL TO BOTH CONFERENCE AND EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION.

Arrangements have been made with the transportation companies as follows:

E. & N. R. R.—Delegates will buy single fare tickets and ask for receipt from the agent, which must be signed by the President or Secretary of the Convention, to insure a free passage homeward bound.

Similar rates have been procured from the C. P. N. Co. from Vancouver or New Westminster. Delegates from the Fraser River Districts will have to go via New Westminster in order to secure reduced rates, as the C. P. R. will make no reduction, under twenty-five delegates. The Companies positively declare that only those who have their receipts from the ticket agents from whom tickets are procured, will be entitled to the reduced rates.

The above applies to the Conference to be held at New Westminster.

Rev. C. W. Nelson, of Chemainus, and Rev. D. W. Scott, of Salt Spring Island, took advantage of their trip to the Mainland and attended special classes in Greek at Columbian College, preparing for future examination.

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How fleeting are the years of time!
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And hour by hour we glide along
Toward the long, Eternal Day;
May we exist to do Gods will,
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Far from the sight of mortal eye;
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Letter from Rev. Goro Kaburagi, Vancouver, to the Leagues on the Chatham District, Ontario, which we reprint for the benefit of our Leagues here:

I had the privilege of baptizing nine converts in our Mission here in Vancouver on December 21th, 1899, and I also baptized one man named Tomokichi Homma on the 31st December. Mr. Homma is a powerful "boss" over many Japanese working men, and I have been teaching him during the last year and a half about the great and redeeming love of Jesus. He at once quit the drink and gave up many former friends, and has started a good business in the city.

He is a changed man. Yes! he is a new creature in the Lord Jesus. A week ago last Sunday we had another blessing to tell you about. After preaching I asked my congregation "How many of you are willing to give up everything and do whatever the Lord and the Church calls you to do. If there is any one soul who would give up all, and follow Jesus with his whole heart, let him or her stand up." Behold! there were twenty-four Christians on their feet and made a solemn vow to God to follow Jesus in all things. Then I asked the same congregation again: "If there is any non-Christian man or woman who would give up his or her body, mind and soul for Jesus, and will do the will of God, just as much as these twenty-four Christians who just a moment ago stood up to testify before God and men to obey and love Jesus with all their might, let him stand." I wish you had been there to see the wonderful sight and inspiration. There stood twelve bright young fellows on their feet for Jesus.

"Stand up! stand up for Jesus!
Ye soldiers of the cross."

The men and women in the meeting were truly filled with the Holy Spirit, and we went away from the meeting with such a power of God in our hearts.

Last night I could not go to my Church, so I wrote out a sermon and sent a man to read it, and they had a blessed meeting, too. But I called a few people, who did not go to the Mission, to my home, and told them that my doctor tells me I have bronchitis, and he does not allow me to go to Church, but on this day I feel I must speak to you about the love of Jesus; so I preached to five persons, including two ladies, and the Lord blessed us in the meeting, and one lady who has been worshipping the sun, moon and Buddha the last twenty years was brought to Jesus Christ. Oh! the love. The Christ Jesus is the power and life to convert every soul to Christ.

There was one poor Japanese laborer in the City Hospital, and there was no one to care for him, and the hospital cast him out on the ground that he was well enough to go out. The poor fellow was obliged to go out from the hospital, but no one would care for him at all. The broken-hearted man, with his painful leg, hopped about with tears. Finally one of my boys brought him to my Mission. I promised the poor man that I would help him all I could—would pay all his expenses while he is staying in our Mission; and you could see the grateful heart of this poor brother by

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the hot tears of thanks upon his bony cheeks, and he said to me: "Sir, I thank you for your kindness. I will never forget this kindness of yours." Then I said gently to him, "My brother Tanaka, it is not I; you must not thank me at all." With a surprised look the man asked me, "Then whom shall I thank?" I said "Jesus, my Saviour," and I told him the love of Jesus had made me to thus act, not poor and selfish Goro. And this brother told me and the congregation to allow him to become a Christian at once. Oh! I feel so happy and grateful for the love which is in Jesus Christ, my Lord.

Pray for me and for our Mission work in British Columbia. When I came back from the East. Hon. Mr. Shimizu, our Consul, handed me a note with the advice or appeal from Cumberland Japanese people, and they asked us to send them a Christian worker. But I did not have anyone in view to send there; on the contrary, I had to send away our best worker, Mr. Ichu, to Arabu College (Methodist College in Tokyo) to study theology. This is the College where Dr. Meacham is teaching. I said to God as well as to my people, "I have perfect confidence in Jesus, so I know my faith, there is some one appointed of God to go to the Cumberland people." My people did believe it, too, because I told them that ever since I came to this province my people have seen enough evidences that the Lord answers prayer, and I did except that God would send some one in due season. Last Saturday a brother came to me and offered himself for that work. I told him that he could get there at less than \$200 a year in our Mission work, and he would have to board himself, too, while he is getting now \$300 a year and board and room besides. Then he said he would not care anything about this

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I am, your in Jesus,

GORO KABURAGI.

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Can One Carry Out the Teaching of the New Testament in Business Life.

(By Mr. Hinkson J. Siddall, M.A.)

In this question the term business is used in its broadest and most comprehensive sense as including all the actions of life put forth by one engaged with his fellow men in performing the work of the world, and is a very important question. Important to every one of us called upon as we are to take our part in the activities of life.

What one thinks about life, its duties, and privileges is a most vital matter. No one builds higher or better than he plans. No one ever soars above his beliefs and aspirations.

Our lives will be noble, or ignoble, glorious, or grovelling, just as a right or wrong, a high or low standard of life is cherished in our hearts.

The teachings of our Lord and of the inspired writers, contained in the New Testament are beautiful and sublime.

Are they practicable?

Is it possible for us to take these "wonderful words" as the inspiration and guide of our work-day life? Were these words given to us merely for their poetic beauty, literary merit, or entertaining power? How we answer these and kindred questions is of the greatest moment. If we have an idea that the teachings of the New Testament are not capable of being materialized in our lives: that they are not adapted to direct us in our actions, in the business of the world, we will not be guided by them and they will fail to influence us in our intercourse with men and will be powerless in shaping our destiny here or in the world to come. Our Lord did not intend that his disciples should lead isolated lives far from the marts of men. He did not design that they should become mere enthusiasts wrapped in holy thought or pure emotion. He sends them into the world as lights to illuminate, and as salt to conserve. Listen to our Lord as He prays for His people just before his passion: "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep

them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth. Thy word is truth. As thou has sent Me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world."

Why does He send them into the world? He had told them why long before He had uttered this prayer in their behalf: "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men, Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candle-stick and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven."

He sends them into the world that they may bless and save it by living in it righteous lives. There are those even in this enlightened age, and in this Christian land so ignorant of the religion of Christ as to think that it consists of mere emotional enjoyment, and that it has nothing or very little to do with the conduct of every day life. Such an idea of Christianity is a mere travesty of the religion derived from the teachings of our Lord and His apostles, and certainly is not taught in the New Testament. It is a familiar story of a colored brother saying to a new preacher before his first sermon: "Jus' please don't talk nuffin' 'bout stealing here today dat would be a wet blanket on dis congregation." We need not go to the ignorant freed man for illustrations of this low form of Christianity. There are those in our midst who talk and act as if the religion of Christ consisted only of prayer, song and emotion that a man's religion can be one thing and his every day life another. That he can feel in his heart the joys of salvation and practice in his life the principles of the "Prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of Disobedience." We have not so learned Christ. Life is not divided into the sacred and secular. All things that can be done by the good man are sacred in God's sight. If we obey the teachings of the New Testament we cannot divide our lives into two parts and say, over this my Lord shall rule, but over that He shall have no authority. All "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." The exhortation of the apostle comprehends all the actions of life, how-

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ever material or seemingly unimportant they may be: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Hymn-singing, prayer, and joy are privileges of Christians, but they are not forms of service. They are not ends but means. By the strength derived through these religious exercises and emotions we are enabled to go forth to Christian service, in all the paths of life. The great dramatist to the contrary, notwithstanding, the world is not a stage and the men and women in it are not mere players. Every moment is intensely real. Not a moment is without its responsibilities. The word of God comes to us as a guide to our feet and a lamp to our path. If it is not a guide to our entire life it is nothing at all. We may receive the teachings of the New Testament with joy, but if we do not strive to follow their injunctions in every day life, they will become to us a delusion and a snare: instead of being to us life, power and strength they will only augment our punishment and hasten our destruction. It is only the man who heareth and doeth the sayings of Christ that builds

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his house up the rock, secure from the winds and floods of life. It is the motive that stamps the character upon the acts of life. The lowliest act performed for the honor and glory of God inspired by love, is high and holy service. It is said that the angel Gabriel came down from heaven, leaving for a while his position as Prince of the shining ones, and took the place of a poor, tired boy at an humble trade. "Then to his poor trade he turned by which the daily bread was earned: And ever o'er the trade he bent, and ever lived on earth content. He did God's will—to him all one if on the earth or in the sun." The New Testament was given to the world, and is adapted to men of every age and climate and condition, for its teachings are founded upon eternal principles. Every word therefore is practicable. Practicable for us of this day and age, adapted to our circumstances and surroundings. We did not choose the day, or the age, in which we were to lead our life, but we are here, in the closing days of the 19th century. Our life must be lived in its own circumstances. We cannot change at present our surroundings. Here, where we are we must live. How would Christ have me live? How would He live and what would He do, were He here and surrounded as I am surrounded? These are the test questions, to be asked and to be answered by everyone of us for himself. As we go out in life and meet our fellows in business, we have an unfailing rule of conduct: A rule, a golden rule, that never loses its value or practicability. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets. This rule is founded upon a fact. It is possible to be used in business as in all other lines of life, because of this fact. Your Father, which is in heaven, will give good things to them that ask Him. Therefore, we are commanded to act according to this rule. The Christian man guided as he is by the spirit of God, will find himself in no position in which it is not possible for him to be a Christian faithful and true. He who leads us will give us the power to follow. He who commands will give us the grace and ability to obey. He says to all, under every circumstance and position of life: "My grace is sufficient for thee." God adapts His grace to every necessity. Must we tread rough and stony paths? Our feet may be shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; which will be to us as shoes of iron. Temptations will come, but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to

be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." He who walked upon the sea to save His disciples from the waves, still watches over His people, and delivers them. For this reason it is possible for us to carry out the teachings of the New Testament in business life. Each one must win his way, through struggles and efforts to all noble achievements. God gives grace, but we must work out our own salvation. To overcome the world we must be workers together with God. In this life we are to serve God, but we can only serve God, by serving man, in our day and generation. Everything we do in life we are to do as under the Master's eye. Every Christian man, whatever his profession, trade or calling may be can and must follow that profession or trade or calling as a Christian man.

PERSONALS.

Rev. Wm. Hicks, of Cumberland Circuit has received a cordial invitation to remain as Superintendent for a fifth year.

Rev. John Bennett Anderson, the English evangelist, is conducting services at Mt. Pleasant, Vancouver.

Prof. R. W. Suter, of Columbian College, spent his Easter holidays in and around Chilliwack.

Rev. W. B. Hinson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Vancouver, has accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of San Diego, California.

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Mrs. Capt. Oliver, of Georgetown, ers. He has also been selected as one Naas River, is down from the north under medical treatment. We trust she may soon recover.

Miss Spence, of the Hospital, Port Simpson, has been resting at Victoria preparatory to the summer's campaign at the canneries.

Rev. B. C. Freeman, of Skidegate, has gone East on a well deserved furlough. He will remain all summer and return with his wife and family in the fall.

Rev. W. W. Baer, of Hallburton Circuit, has accepted a unanimous invitation to the pastorate of the Wallace Street Church, of the same city, for a second term.

We are glad to hear of the recovery of Mr. John Barker, of Dewdney, from a severe attack of la grippe, by which he was confined for some time in the Vancouver hospital.

Mr. G. R. Ashwell, of Chilliwack, whose familiar face appears on another page, has been nominated in the Conservative interests to represent his municipality in the Provincial Legislature.

We join with the many friends of Mrs. (Rev.) W. L. Hall, of Langley, in expressing our sympathy with her in the loss of her beloved mother, who up to her death resided in Cornwall, England.

Rev. W. J. Stone, of Clahoose, has been appointed Justice of the Peace for the counties of Vitoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Westminster, Yale, Cariboo and Kootenay.

Mr. Walter Morris, president of the Recorder Company, left on Saturday, April 14th, on a business trip to England. Bro. Morris expects to be absent some two months.

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Mr. W. H. Ladner, son of Rev. Chas. Ladner, of Kamloops, has enlisted for three years in the Rocky Mountain Range of the B. C. provisional garrison at Work Point Barracks, Victoria.

Rev. Aykroyd Stoney has received from the Quarterly Official Board a unanimous invitation to remain superintendent of the Agassiz Mission for a second year.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Antliff has been appointed Principal of the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, in succession to Rev. W. J. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., resigned.

Rev. Dr. Carmen has left for England, where he will attend as fraternal delegate the Wesleyan Conference, which meets in July. Before returning to Canada he will likely visit the continent and the Holy Land.

Mrs. Rev. J. H. White, who has been spending some few weeks, the guest of Mrs. Samuel Johns, Victoria, and visiting her many friends in and around the city, returned to her home in Chilliwack on Tuesday, April 24th.

Mrs. C. R. Monck, of Vancouver, who has been spending the winter with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Robson, at Vernon, has, we are pleased to report, fully recovered in health, and has returned home.

Mrs. Shakespeare, wife of the genial postmaster of Victoria, left on an extended trip to the Old Country. She will be gone all summer and will pay a visit to the Paris Exposition ere she returns. Her many friends wish her bon voyage.

Our Bro. Robson, of Vernon, is never behind in any philanthropic effort; we clip the following from the Vernon News: "The matter of the Indian famine relief was taken up last week by Rev. E. Robson, who made a canvass of the city, with the gratifying result that the respectable sum of \$178.55 has already been subscribed."

Mrs. (Rev.) Osterhout returned on Monday, April 16th, to her home in Port Simpson. While in Victoria she again and again delighted various audiences in her old home church (Centennial) with beautifully rendered vocal selections.

We hear that the Rev. R. N. Powell, of Enderby, is away on a visit to the Motherland.

Nine students of Columbian College will write on the matriculation examination for Toronto University. The examination will be held in the College, as

the latter enjoys the full privilege of affiliation in Arts with this, one of the leading Universities of Canada. Besides these, two candidates will write for first-class certificates, and three for second-class certificates.

Bro. C. M. Richards, who has charge of the Boys' Home at Port Simpson, came down on the "Nell" on April 5th, and went East, calling on his way at Chilliwack and Vernon. Mrs. Richards and Miss Stevenson were called home to Ottawa about two months ago by the severe, and, it was feared fatal, illness of their mother. We are pleased to state that she has since recovered. Bro. Richards will be away for a few months and can be addressed to Frankville, Ontario, where his friends reside.

WEDDING BELLS.

A social event of wide interest in the community, the details of which had been arranged in excellent taste and were carried out with a completeness which left nothing to be desired, took place on the evening of April 17th at the home of D. McGillivray, Esq., ex-M. P. P. of Sumas, in the marriage of his third daughter, Harriet Eloise, to Mr. W. F. R. Oliver, of Victoria. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jos. Hall, of the Coqualeetza Institute, assisted by Rev. A. K. Sharpe, of Maple Ridge, brother-in-law of the bride. Mr. Percy Whittington, of Victoria, stood at the right of the groom, while the bride was supported by her sister, Miss Alice

McGillivray. The marriage service was promptly followed by a delightful rendering of the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin by Miss Marion McGillivray. The guests representing every section of the valley filled the house to overflowing, and a most delightful evening was spent. Our glorious Eastertide days with their soft golden sunshine, the singing of the birds, and orchard trees dressed in odorous snow-white blossoms, invested the happy scene with an added charm of vernal loveliness. When the sumptuous wedding repast had been partaken of, games and innocent amusements were indulged in for a time until the programme was called, which had been carefully arranged, and was therefore, it is needless to add, tastefully executed. In parting with the bride the Sumas Circuit loses one who will be greatly missed. Miss McGillivray has from childhood been connected with our Sabbath School, either as scholar or as teacher, and has been one of these true hearted daughters who did not become weary in well doing. Not only from Sabbath School, but from the Epworth League and from the choir will her absence be much felt. Our loss is Victoria's gain. The numerous and costly gifts presented to the young couple show the great respect in which they are held by their many friends. The Recorder begs to offer hearty congratulations.

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My life is sad since Cathrine died,
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That she'd so soon be with the dead.
Our union here was very long,
But full of all the bliss of years;
She sleeps in Jesus, sweet relief,
While I am left to grief and tears.

The days are long since Cathrine died,
Fond memory lingers all in vain;
How shall I spend this eventide
Till I shall meet my love again?
Oh, in the Home-land we shall meet
To live and love in bliss again,
And feel in that reunion sweet
We have not loved and grieved in vain.

The world is dark since Cathrine died,
No joy or splendor here I see;
Our home was not in wealth or pride,
But she was all the world to me
Our famil all to church I'd take
And pray God spare them tenderly;
I love them all for her dear sake,
Who was so fond of them and me.

And more and more since Cathrine died
I think upon that fair, sweet morn
When kindred spirits glorified,
Shall meet and never part again.
A love like ours will triumph yet,
Such ties are indestructible and best;
Our love here tried and purified
Will find in Heaven a perfect rest.

What shall I do now Cathrine's dead?
I sit and think by night and day,
Oh God, what shall I live for now,
Since my poor Cathrine's gone away?
Why thus bereaved I cannot see?
But God is good, his will be done;
I'll live for Him who died for me,
And faithful prove till Jesus come.

JOHN GIRSON,

Cheam.

The Century Fund.

We are approaching the Annual Conference when something definite will be expected in the way of report concerning the progress of this fund. Anticipating a desire on the part of the brethren to know what had been accomplished to date, a request was sent out to the Superintendents of Circuits to furnish information as to amount promised and paid and the objects for which pledged, in order that we might be able

to report in this month's Recorder. The report is far from complete, but we give it as we have received it:

VICTORIA DISTRICT.

THE METROPOLITAN CHURCH, VICTORIA, still maintain their purpose to raise \$6,000 for local church debts.

THE CENTENNIAL CHURCH, VICTORIA, expects to raise \$1,000, of which \$500 has been pledged and \$255 paid, with the exception of a small amount, entirely for local church debt.

JAMES BAY, VICTORIA, certainly deserves a "well done!" for they have pledged \$1,450, and have paid \$1,000 to date, all for local church debts. Bro. Hughes expects to run near the \$2,000 figure before they are through.

WALLACE ST., NANAIMO, will not be behind the rest, and aims at \$3,000.

HALIBURTON ST., NANAIMO. For local church debts \$138. For General Fund, including the five per cent., \$25.

WELLINGTON, with all its losses, has done well. Subscribed \$118; paid \$103, to be divided as follows: One-Missionary, and three-fifths Columbian fifth Superannuation Fund, one-fifth Methodist College.

CUMBERLAND expects to raise \$1,000, of which they have \$799 pledged and \$148.59 paid to date, the whole of which (except \$5 for Missions) will be applied to local church debts.

SALT SPRING ISLAND pledged \$150; paid \$105 for local church debts.

SIDNEY has raised \$124, to be applied as follows: \$105 for local debts and \$19 (in which is included the five per cent. assessment), for the General Fund.

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COWICHAN. Total promised \$733. Amount paid to date, \$328. Object, local debts.

CHINESE MISSION, VICTORIA, will raise \$100, the whole of which will go to Missions.

VANCOUVER DISTRICT.

PRINCESS ST., VANCOUVER. Amount pledged \$2,281, of which \$1,392 has been paid to date. All for local church obligations.

MT. PLEASANT, VANCOUVER. Amount promised \$653, to be applied as follows: Local, \$640; Missions, \$8; and Columbian College, \$5. Raised to date \$500.

EBURNE. Subscribed \$417. Paid \$365; for Columbia College \$25, and the remainder for local debts.

PORT HAMMOND. Total subscribed \$13.50. Paid \$10 for General Fund. NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.

LADNER. Subscribed \$320. All for local church debts. Our brethren expect to make it \$450 at least.

KAMLOOPS DISTRICT.

VERNON. Amount subscribed, \$502 of which \$497 is for local church debts and \$10 for Columbian College. Of this \$441.50 has been paid on church and \$10 for College.

SALMON ARM. Amount promised \$12.50; paid \$2,750. Object, Columbian College.

LILLOOFT. Notwithstanding our dear Brother Gardiner's illness, has done very well. Promised \$174, of which \$147 has been paid for local debts.

REVELSTOKE. Total amount subscribed \$464.40. For church debt \$410.50, of which \$316 has been paid. For Columbian College \$53.90, of which \$7.90 has been paid.

KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

NEILSON. Amount subscribed and paid to date \$280. The lists, however, are not complete, and Bro. Robson expects to add considerable after Conference.

KASLO. Expect to raise \$350. Already \$150 has been paid up on local debts.

SANDON. Total subscribed \$282.07; paid \$236.07. Distributed as follows: \$218.57, church debt; \$15.50, Columbian College; \$2, Superannuation Fund.

If we practice goodness, not for the sake of its own intrinsic excellence, but for the sake of gaining some advantage by it, we may be cunning, but we are not good.—Cicero.

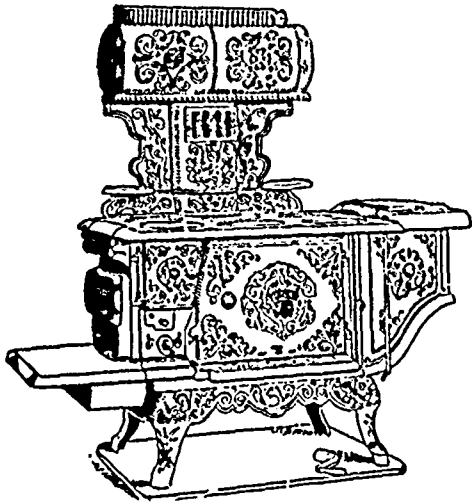
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OPENING OF QUEEN'S AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH, NEW WSTMINSTER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The house was full to overflowing at

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

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

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VANCOUVER HOMER ST. NOTES.

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

mously.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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JAMES BAY.

Rev. R. Hughes, Pastor.

The annual meeting of the Epworth League was held recently, Mr. J. Gilbert being again elected president. We regret very much that just at this time he is removing from us, and going to reside at Spokane, Washington. He will be greatly missed, both in the choir and League. Our heartiest good wishes go with him.

The Band of Hope is doing good work. The children were all photographed the other day. Blue ribbon was very much in evidence.

The Twentieth Century Fund money comes in well. Another \$500 has been paid off the debt, making \$1,000 in all. An executive has been formed to arrange for a large exposition in May, 1901, when it is hoped the remaining \$1,500 on the building fund will be removed.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough preached on Missionary Sunday morning, April 8th, to a generous congregation, administering the Sacrament of the Lord's supper at the close. Rev. J. Payne preached in the evening.

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CENTENNIAL, VICTORIA.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B.A. Pastor.

The Centennial Methodist church was beautifully decorated with lilies yesterday, from platform to gallery, on the occasion of the grand Methodist rally which took place yesterday afternoon. The church was crowded to the doors and great enthusiasm was evinced in the services. The President of the Union, E. A. Lewis, presided, and special music was rendered by the children, accompanied by the orchestra of more than two dozen pieces, under the direction of T. H. Matthews. The proceedings commenced with prayer by Superintendent Noah Shakespeare, after which the programme, as published in these columns on Thursday evening, was presented. Owing to the absence of Rev. Mr. Hughes the address that was to have been delivered by him was given by Rev. Mr. Barraclough, and was very much enjoyed. Addresses were also delivered by Rev. Mr. Speer and Mr. Okell and were of a most interesting nature. Special need of praise should be given the orchestra, which, under the efficient direction of T. H. Matthews, rendered excellent music. This evening a free literary entertainment will be held in the school room under the auspices of the Young People's Society. Refreshments will be served and everybody will be given a good time.—Victoria Times.

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COTTERILL-ADAMSON—At New Westminster, on April 20th, by Rev. J. E. Betts, F. W. Cotterill and Miss Adamson, both of Seattle.

PARR-BROWN—At Nelson, B. C., on Wednesday evening, March 28th, by Rev. John Robson, B.A., Mr. Thomas M. Parr, of Nelson, to Mrs. V. S. Brown, of Seattle.

HEPBURN-McLEAN—At Nelson, on Monday, April 16th, by Rev. John Robson, Mr. John Hepburn to Miss Annie Fraser McLean, both of Nelson.

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KASLO.

Rev. J. A. Wood, Superintendent.

Easter time in Kaslo has been a bright spot in our usually quiet town, and has been especially so in connection with our Church. The Ladies' Aid undertook the decoration of the Church, and to their credit be it said, they performed the task admirably. The display of flowers was all that could be desired, and reflected the greatest credit on the ability of the ladies of the Church as florists, and it is doubtful if the display could be surpassed in the Kootenays. The services on Eastern Sunday, conducted by Rev. Wm. Wood, was very appropriate to the occasion. Miss N. Curcutt, the Australian temperance evangelist, preached at the evening service, and her address was much appreciated. The choir rendered a special selection of music in a very creditable manner. Miss Murecutt, as representative of the B. C. branch of the W. C. T. U., opened a series of lectures in the Methodist Church on Friday evening, 13th inst. She lectured to the children on Saturday evening in the same place, and in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening (after church services), and Monday evening. Her lectures, which were well delivered, were illustrated throughout by a number of excellent line light views, and were very much enjoyed by the large audiences attending. She organized a local branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union while here.

A very pleasing event took place in the Church on Monday, 16th inst., at 7 o'clock p.m., when one of our most respected citizens, Mr. Chas. T. Caldwell led to the bygone altar Miss Alice Grace Sweet, a sister of Mrs. Wood, the esteemed wife of our Pastor. The bride looked charming in a tailor-made travelling costume of light-grey material. She wore a very becoming hat of white silk, elegantly trimmed with white roses, and carried a shower bouquet of white hyacinths and orange blossoms. The bride was supported by her little niece, Miss Winnie Wood, and the groom by his nephew, Mr. Points. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Wood, brother-in-law of the bride. After the ceremony the happy couple retired to the St. Paneras Hotel (temperance), where they held a reception, which was attended by a very large number of the citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell left on Tuesday morning on the steamer International for Spokane and other points in the United States, and are expected to return to Kaslo in about three weeks.

AGASSIZ.

Rev. A. Boyd Stonev, Pastor

The pastor writes:

Will you kindly notice in the Recorder the generosity of members of our Quarterly Official Board, viz., Messrs. J. Whelpton, Jas. Bowyer, R. Williamson, T. Langford, R. L. Ashton, and J. J. Ashton for their very liberal subscriptions to level up our circuit finance.

During last Sunday evening's service a beautiful quartette was well rendered to a large congregation by Mr. J. Bowyer, Mrs. Bowyer, Mrs. J. J. Ashton and Mrs. Lucas. May God grant us showers of blessing.

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LADNER.

Rev. E. Manuel, Superintendent.

On Saturday, 14th inst., the Ladies' Aid held their sale of work in the town hall and realized the handsome sum of \$150 after all expenses were paid. The ladies have always done nobly on this circuit and deserve our highest tribute of praise. The last dollar of the debt against which they have been nobly battling so long is, we believe, now in sight, and when that has been paid Ladner will be a circuit to be proud of.

We have good congregations at both Delta and Ladner, and our Sunday school has nearly doubled during the year. Our membership has been added to by one conversion and several by letter. Our membership is not large, but loyal and liberal. The one thing we need is a revival of religion, and we believe that if the same interest can be aroused for the spiritual welfare of the church as has been manifested by the ladies in its temporal welfare—God's spirit will be graciously and quickly poured forth.

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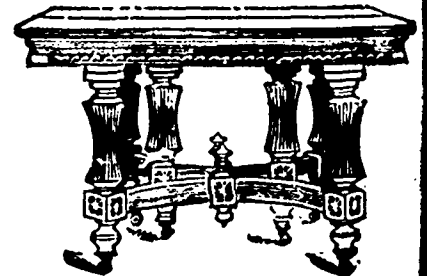
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