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TO OUR READERS.

IT is always customary in the first issue of a newspaper to define briefly, but emphatically, the lines upon which it is to be managed; the objects hoped to be gained by the publishing of it; the policy which it intends to pursue, and the general tone which is to characterize it. And so the "Institute" published under the auspices of the Vancouver Young People's Methodist Institute, proposes in this its first edition, to say something explanatory of its appearance and touch upon the principal reasons why the publication of it is expected to be of interest and instructive to those with whom it may come in contact.

The idea of getting up an Institute paper, at least, once every month, originated in the active brains of some of the members of our Institute, and the presentation of this the first number, shows to what extent success, so far, has crowned their efforts.

This paper proposes, first of all to conserve the very best interests of the Institute and of its members, to throw open its columns to communications from all who take an active interest in the work of the Institute and of the Church in general, and the intention being to have the paper rather secular, than otherwise, its columns will be open for discussions on topics of general interest, whether relating to Church, Institute, local or other matters, and it is hoped it will be the means of stimulating the literary talents of the members, and of making the success of our Institute an established fact.

We firmly believe that this paper can be made a success, but in order to have it so those who edit it, must have the hearty sympathy, and cordial co-operation of every member in the Institute.

Now, in this city, we are the first in the field in the issuing of such a paper, and when we think of the success which has attended the publication of similar papers in other cities, we have every reason to believe that Fortune awaits to crown our efforts.

We trust that our readers, will pardon the many imperfections which almost always unavoidably appear in the first edition or issue of any paper.

Relying upon the sympathy, the goodwill and good wishes of all, and asking for the patronage and support of all our friends in this our undertaking, we make our bow before you, promising that there are still better things in store for you; should our earnest expectations be realized.

Please remember we have come to stay.

VANCOUVER!

THE youngest city of the Dominion, the Western Terminus of the Great Canadian Pacific Trans-Continental route, is fast growing to be a city of wonderful importance.

In two ways it very much resembles the Lake City—Chicago. First, in its rapid progress and characteristic enterprise, and secondly in the fact that both cities were almost completely destroyed by fire. Yet both sprang from the blackened ashes of ruin with new life and increased vigour and disaster, instead of discouraging, rather infused renewed energy into a homeless people, and animated them to greater exertion in founding a city in whose future they had unbounded faith.

The whole history of Vancouver is comprised in the years 1855-6-7-8. In its third year it had a population of 7000. To day 12,000 people are reckoned as the number within its limits.

Vancouver is situated on Burrard Inlet, named after Sir Harry Burrard of the British Navy. The City is built on a peninsula, and the average elevation of the

whole city does not exceed 100 feet. There is just enough slope to the land on which the city is built to afford a perfect drainage, and while there is a perfect slope to all of the land of the townsite, there are no very steep grades encountered in ascending any of the City's main thoroughfares.

The first mayor of the City was Mr. M. A. Mc Lean who held that office for two terms and now occupies the position of stipendiary magistrate.

The present occupant of the high position is Mr. D. Oppenheimer who has filled the office with great satisfaction. The people of Vancouver are not only keenly alive to their present necessities, but they wisely endeavour to secure the establishment in their midst of all enterprises that will tend to the future welfare of the City. Whatever industry will attract capital and labor is liberally encouraged, and every effort made to secure its location.

Nothing proves the great faith that capitalists have in the City so much as the liberal investments being made in all directions. Handsome buildings of brick, granite, &c. are continually going up in all parts of the City and the main thoroughfares are now graced with buildings that would do credit to many a larger city.

Stanley Park containing 600 acres has a road through it 10 miles in length.

A Street Railway is being constructed and the company expect part of the road to be in operation about Midsummer.

A splendid supply of water is being brought into the City from Lake Capilano across the Inlet, and the company expect to have the water turned on early in April. The capital stock of the Company is \$250,000 and the capacity of the mains discharging in the City daily 3,500,000 gallons.

Vancouver can boast of two first-class newspapers—a morning paper, the *News Advertiser*, and an evening paper the *Daily World*.

Both these papers are ably conducted.

sheets, energetic and enterprising, and the life and activity of the city is excellently indicated by the newsy appearance of both.

The Y.M.C.A. are contemplating the erection of a handsome building on Hastings Street to cost 30,000 dollars and have already raised 5,000 towards it, besides the value of the property at present owned by them.

Vancouver is favoured with a most delightful climate. The winter just past has been a very fine one, and spring is entered upon full of sunshine and everything to make life happy. To people coming from Eastern Canada, or the Old Country, it is a great change, and it is only by living here a season that one is really able to judge of the salubrity of one of the best climates in the world. In every respect Vancouver is pushing to the front and may very properly be called the Chic go of the coast.

OUR INSTITUTE.

It will not of course be amiss, in this our first paper, to say something—briefly—of our Institute. It was first formed as a Young People's Association in the old Church on Water Street, and, we believe, was the first society of this kind started in the city.

In August, 1888, it was found necessary to reorganize the Association, and accordingly with this end in view, a committee was appointed to draw up a Constitution and submit the same at the next meeting.

This committee consisted of J. Z. Hull, A. A. Boak, E. Higgins and C. J. Bearchell. The Constitution framed by these was submitted to the Association and with a few alterations was adopted.

The Committee recommended that the name of the Association be changed and that it be thereafter known as "The Vancouver Young People's Methodist Institute." This met with the approval of the meeting and, by a unanimous vote, was adopted, so that our organization is now known by that name.

The first copy of the Constitution, as adopted by the Institute, was, in some mysterious way, mislaid, so that the Committee were called upon to re-write it, and this one was read, as before, before a large meeting of the Institute and unanimously adopted. We have now a Constitution which only needs a little time to prove it a good one, and, as some of the most experienced members have examined it and reported it to be all that is desired, we have no hesitancy in making this assertion. We only regret that so far no steps have been taken to have it printed and distributed among the members.

How can we expect anyone to know anything about the Constitution when there is only one copy in existence and that, we believe, lying around in a very loose manner?

But on the other hand we can easily understand how it is that some members of the Institute are continually asking questions about and finding fault with the Constitution, and even going to the extent of saying they do not think it a good one, when, in reality, they know very little or nothing about it. It is only fair to ask for it a good trial and we venture to say that it will be found, in the end, to be possibly the best suited for the Institute.

Let us go to work then, get it printed in neat pamphlet form, have each member provided with a copy and then we shall be in a position to understand it.

The re-organization of the Institute called for the election of a new staff of Officers and a Committee of Management.

Those who were first elected to hold office under the new Constitution were:—T. G. STARK, President; Mrs. T. HOOPER, Vice President; ERNEST ROBSON, Secretary; MISS SLADE, Assistant Secretary; MISS SIMPSON, Treasurer, and a committee consisting of MISSES MANNING, and HOBGSON, MESSRS. E. HIGGINS and T. HUNTER.

This Committee with the Officers mentioned above, formed the Committee of Management for that term. We regret that during their term of office they had no chance to get the Institute into proper shape, the regular night of meeting being taken up for some time by other arrangements, and then it was found rather unpleasant to hold meetings in the Tabernacle during the winter weather, so that the Institute had practically adjourned until the basement of the New Church was finished.

It is needless to say that during this time the interest in the organization had considerably weakened, but we hope now that we are in such comfortable quarters, we will all endeavour to make up for lost time, and by a united effort, bring our Institute into the front ranks among similar associations. We are now in the middle of the second term under the new Constitution.

The Officers and Committee elected for the current half-year are:—G. W. PHIPPS, President; A. A. BOAK, Vice-President; THOS. BECKETT, Secretary; W. T. TRYTHALL, Assistant Secretary; T. G. STARK, Treasurer; MISSES TRYTHALL and MORRISON, MESSRS. W. H. GOODWIN and T. HUNTER, Committee.

This Committee has sub divided into a Literary and Essay Committee, a Debate, a Social and Entertainment and a Membership Committee, thus dividing up the work and making each sub-committee responsible for one night in every three. We are now getting into line. Let us stand shoulder to shoulder and we will surely not be ashamed of the results of our efforts to promote the moral, intellectual and spiritual welfare of our Young People.

OUR CHURCH.

THE new Church now nearing completion, on Homer St., is a decided ornament to the city. From every direction, north, south, east and west can the fine structure be seen. This building will cost about \$10,000 when completed, and will be a credit to the Architect, Mr. Thomas Hooper. We ought to feel proud that a member of our Institute is capable of designing so handsome a structure. Without the gallery the Church will seat about 550 persons. It is expected that the grand opening of the Church will take place about the 12th of May next, when in all probability the Rev. Dr. Carmen, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church of Canada, will conduct the services. It is to be hoped that those in whose hands the matter lies will take steps to have a good organ put in as soon as possible. A good organ placed in the Church right away, would pay for itself in a short time. People insist upon having good music, so that if we intend to keep in the front ranks we must attend to this matter without delay.

TONGUE TICKETS.

THE popularity of Peter Piper's celebrated peck of pickled peppers will probably never wane as a snare to catch the tongue that would fain be agile; but that test has formidable rivals. The following short sentences, as their authors maintain, do wonders in battling the ordinary power of speech:—

Gaze on the gay gray brigade
The sea ceaseth, and it sullieeth us.
Say, should such a shapely sash shabby stiches show?
Strange strategic statistics.
Give Grimes Jim's gilt gig-whip.
Sarah in a shawl shovelled soft snow softly.
She sells sea shells.
A cup of coffee in a copper coffee-pot.
Smith's spirit flask split Phillip's water's fifth squirrels skull.

A RECIPE FOR THE LADIES OF VANCOUVER.

MISS CORSON said at the Baltimore cooking school, that a Baltimore lady had a recipe for "cooking husbands so as to make them tender and good." It is as follows:—

A good many husbands are utterly spoiled by mismanagement. Some women go about it as if their husbands were bladders, and blow them up. Others keep them constantly in hot water; others let them freeze by their carelessness and indifference. Some keep them in stew by irritating ways and words. Others roast them. Some keep them in pickle all their lives. It cannot be supposed that any husband will be tender and good, managed in this way; but they are really delicious when properly treated. In selecting your husband you should not be guided by the silvery appearance, as in buying mackerel, nor by the golden tint, as if you wanted salmon. Be sure to select him yourself, as tastes differ. Do not go to the market for him as the best is always brought to your door. It is far better to have none unless you will patiently learn how to cook him. A preserving kettle of the finest porcelain is best; but if you have nothing but an earthenware pipkin, it will do, with care. See that the linen in which you wrap him is nicely washed and mended, with the required number of buttons and strings nicely sewed on. Tie him in the kettle by a strong silk cord called comfort, as the one called duty is apt to be weak. They are apt to fly out of the kettle and be burned and crusty on the edges, since, like crabs and lobsters, you have to cook them while alive. Make a clear, steady fire out of love, neatness, and cheerfulness; set him as near this as seems to agree with him. If he sputters and fizzes, do not be anxious; some husbands do this until they are quite done. Add a little sugar in the form of what confectioners call kisses, but no vinegar or pepper on any account. A little spice improves them; but it must be used with judgment. Do not stick any sharp instrument into him to see if he is becoming tender. Stir him gently; watch the while, lest he lie too flat and close to the kettle, and so become useless. You cannot fail to know when he is done. If thus treated you will find him very digestible, agreeing nicely with you and your children, and he will keep as long as you want, unless you become careless and put him in too cold a place."

Please address any communications intended for this paper to the "Manager of the Institute Vancouver, B.C."

Briefacts.

REV. E. ROXSON has been away for several days. He is visiting Mission Stations along the coast, performing duties incumbent upon him as President of the British Columbia Conference.

"HOME CHEER," a paper conducted by Miss BOWES, the President of the W.C.T.U., will shortly make its appearance. Under the able management of this well-known lady, this paper should be the means of doing a vast amount of good among the people of the city.

THE Methodists of Nanaimo are just about erecting a handsome Church. The plans of T. HOOPER, the well-known architect of this city, have been accepted and work is to be proceeded with at once.

THE Baptists and Congregationalists are making good headway with their new Churches. It is expected both will be completed by June.

THE Ladies' Aid Social in the basement of the Church, on Homer Street, on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., was a most decided success. MR. W. J. TRYTHALL occupied the chair. An excellent programme was rendered.

REV. E. D. Mc LAREN, of Brampton, Ontario, has arrived in Vancouver and has been inducted into the charge of the Presbyterian Church, Georgia Street.

REV. MR. WADMAN, of the Gorge Road Methodist Church, Victoria, preached in the Methodist Church, Homer Street, on Sunday, March 10th. He took for his text Heb. ii. 6 v.: "What is man that Thou art mindful of him?" The discourse throughout was a most eloquent one and was listened to with rapt attention by the large congregation. He also preached in the East end at 7 p.m.

THE "PEN" OR THE "SWORD."

THERE was a large attendance of the members of the Young People's Institute on the night of March 19th to listen to the debate on the question "Which is Mightier the "Pen" or the "Sword."

The following gentlemen took part in the discussion which provided a very interesting one, the arguments being well sustained on both sides:—Messrs. Wood, Stevers and Stark for the "Pen," and Messrs. Grant, Hicks and Beckett for the "Sword."

On the question being put to the meeting the vote stood 18 to 8 in favor of the "Pen."

The next meeting of the Institute is in the hands of the social Committee and an interesting programme may be expected.

THE NEW FORM OF PROPOSAL.

"Do you believe marriage is a failure Miss Phyllis?" he asked, as he leaned over the back of her chair, watching her lily hand ply to and fro through the bright-colored wool.

"Really, Mr. Dukes," was the hesitating reply. "I have never had an adequate opportunity of testing—that is—I prefer not to express an opinion until—"

"Miss Phyllis," he kindly interrupted her, "you express my own opinion exactly. When shall we enter upon the experiment?"

"Whenever you like, Mr. Dukes," was the demure reply.

WILL SHE?

Won't it be funny when women vote.
If they act as silly as the men?
The barrels of flour they'll have to "tote,"
The wheelbarrows they'll trundle then.
Will she pay her bills like a little man,
Or hedge with a pretty pink-hued note?
Will it be a game of catch-as-catch-can
When women vote?

Won't it be funny to have it said
Of some political sweet girl-bride,
She's actually gone and shaved her head—
Made a bet on the losing side?
Will they bet their boots and their chewing
gum.

And the pretty bonnets on which they dote?
Will we think the millennium has come
When women vote?

WHY SHE LOVED HIS PREACHING.—One Sunday as a certain Scottish minister was returning homeward, he was accosted by an old woman who said, "Oh, sir! well do I like the day that you preach." The minister was aware that he was not very popular, and he answered: "My good woman, I am glad to hear it. There are too few like you. And why do you like the day I preach?" "Oh, sir," she replied, "when you preach I always get a good seat."

"Luck is waiting for something to turn up; labor, with keen eyes and strong will, will turn up something. Luck lies in bed, and wishes the postman would bring him news of a legacy; labor turns out at six o'clock, and, with busy pen or ringing hammer, lays the foundation of a competence. Luck whines; labor whistles. Luck relies on chance; labor on character. Luck strides down to indigence; labor strides upwards to independence.

"THE Arab has a custom of thanking God that things are no worse. If he loses an eye, he is thankful that it was not both eyes; if he loses a hand, he thanks God it was not both hands; if he breaks his leg, he thanks God it was not his neck. Dr. Johnson used to say that a habit of looking at the best side of every event is better than a thousand wounds a year. When Fenelon's library was on fire, 'God be praised,' he exclaimed, 'that it is not the dwelling of some poor man!'"

"FRIENDSHIP is true in proportion as the tenderness which underlies it is unselfish. He who measures our feelings, exacting a full return for all he gives, jealous of what he deems his due, craving the beloved object for his own pleasure and resenting other claims upon it, is not worthy the name of friend. The true friend is ever generous, pouring out his love without measure or stint, finding his chief delight in the good or pleasure of the loved one, and is ever willing to work for this end, even though he share not in the results."

It is not architecture nor upholstery that goes much to make a pleasant home; taste is good in a home, but charity, content, and geniality are better, and these the owner must have himself. The real soul of home is love, which can oven enchant lowliness and sweeten sacrifice; there can be no home without this ancient and simple virtue, and nothing has a better effect upon housekeeping than pleasant changes by which the housekeeper is able to turn the current of her thoughts and to throw off for a time the burden of care."

LORD SALISBURY AT A WESLEYAN CHURCH.

SO much has been said of late, says the *Liverpool Courier*, respecting the Premier of England and the Wesleyans, that the following incident, which is given on the authority of the Rev. Wallace M'Mullen, vice-president of the Irish Wesleyan Conference, will be of interest. Some time ago a friend of his, a gentleman in legal practice, was spending a brief holiday at Tunbridge Wells, and on a certain Sabbath, whilst attending the Wesleyan Church, was surprised to see the Marquis of Salisbury present. Meeting his lordship afterwards on board a Continental steamer, and entering into conversation, that gentleman remarked that he had the pleasure of seeing his lordship as a worshipper at the Wesleyan Church at Tunbridge Wells. The Marquis said he was there; he was passing along the road, and seeing the people flocking in, supposing it was an Episcopalian Church, he followed. However, he quickly found out his mistake, but was very much pleased with the service throughout. The service over, he was at once accosted by a benevolent old gentleman, an official of the church, who, shaking hands with his lordship, inquired if he was a stranger. The Marquis having replied in the affirmative, his interrogator said, "Have you joined class yet?" "No," said the Marquis "not yet." Whereupon the old gentleman invited him to a society class, which met weekly at his own private residence, and said how glad he would be to see him there. "Well," said the Marquis, "I have not made up my mind to join a Wesleyan class yet." The old gentleman, still in ignorance whom he was addressing, invited him to remain to the administration of the Lord's Supper, which was to follow the service, but Lord Salisbury said he had another engagement. Turning to the gentleman on board the steamer he said, "If that is the way you Wesleyans look after strangers, I do not wonder you get on as you do."

We have not been able to solicit advertisements from all our friends for this issue, but hope to be favoured with their patronage for later numbers.

THE CITY CLOTHING STORE.

The management of this well-known establishment has recently changed hands. Messrs. G. S. Stirtan & Co. are now the proprietors, having bought out the stock from the former owners, Messrs. Abrams & McLean. Under the able management of Mr. T. Matthews, the City Clothing Store has won a name among the Vancouver public and its reputation is now established. We wish the young and enterprising firm every success and bespeak for them a continued share of the public patronage.

Methodist Church Services.

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SERVICES every Sunday at 11 a.m., and
7 p.m., in the basement of the New
Church, Homer Street, and in the
City Hall, Powell Street.

SABBATH SCHOOL and Bible Classes at
2 30 p.m.

CLASS MEETINGS:

At the Parsonage every Monday
evening at 8 o'clock.

In the basement of the Church every
Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

PRAYER MEETING every Thursday
evening at 8 p.m.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE.

The Young People's Institute meet every
Tuesday evening in the basement of
the Church, Homer Street, at 8 p.m.
All the young people of the congrega-
tion are especially invited to attend.
A change of programme every week
and everything done to make the even-
ing enjoyable and profitable, to all
who attend.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to at-
tend any of the above services.

Pastor:—Rev. E. Robson, Homer Street.
Assistant to Mr. Robson—Mr. W. C. Hicks.
Missionary—Miss Bowes.