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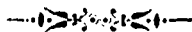
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The fourteenth annual Conference will convene in Queen's Avenue Methodist Church, New Westminster, at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, May 10th, 1900.

Stationing Committee.  
The Stationing Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 8th, at 9.30 a.m. Ministerial Session.

The Ministerial Session will open on Wednesday, May 9th, at 9.30 a.m. Morning Devotional Service.

On Wednesday and each succeeding day of the Conference, except on Sunday, a devotional service will be held from 8.30 to 9.20 a.m., under the direction of Rev. Ebenezer Robson.

Anniversary Services.

Wednesday, May 9th, 7.30 p.m.—Meeting of Board of Directors of Columbian Methodist College.

Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Temperance meeting. Addresses by Rev. W. L. Hall, a lay delegate, and Rev. G. E. Smith, S. T. L.

Thursday, May 10th, 9.30 to 10.30 a.m.—Conference prayer meeting, to be followed by organization of Conference and election of officers.

Thursday, 8 a.m.—Missionary meeting. Addresses by Rev. B. H. Balderston, B. A., a lay delegate and Rev. C. M. Tate.

Friday, May 11th, 8 p.m.—Lecture by Rev. J. C. Speer. Subject, "The Mammoth Cave and Its Marvels," illustrated with a large number of stereopticon views.

Saturday, May 12th.—Afternoon for Conference work.

Saturday, 8 p.m.—Meeting of Theological Union. Lecture by Rev. W. J. Sippell, B. A., B. D., Principal of Columbian Methodist College.

Monday, May 14th, 8 p.m.—Educational meeting. Addresses by Rev. A. M. Sanford, B. A., a lay delegate and Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B. A.

Tuesday, May 15th, 8 p.m.—Sabbath school and Epworth League meeting. Addresses by Rev. Wm. Hicks, a lay delegate and Rev. C. H. M. Sutherland.

Sabbath Services.

Sunday, May 13th, New Westminster, Queen's Avenue Methodist Church, 9.30 a.m.—Conference Love Feast, led by Rev. Cornelius Bryant; 11 a.m., official sermon by the retiring president; 2.30 p.m., Sabbath school. Addresses by Revs. R. W. Large, M.D., and G. H. Osborne; 7 p.m., sermon by Rev. E. E. Scott, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, under the direction of the President of the Conference.

West End Methodist Church, 11 a.m.—Rev. J. H. White, 2.30 p.m. Sabbath school, Rev. J. D. P. Knox and R. F. Stillman; 7 p.m., Rev. T. W. Hall.

Sapperton Methodist Church, 11 a.m.—Rev. R. Wilkinson; 2.30 p.m., Sabbath school, Revs. J. P. Westman and W. J. Stone.

Chinese Mission, 8 p.m.—Brother Chan Yu Tan.

Central Park—Rev. A. K. Sharpe, Vancouver Methodist Churches.

Homer Street, 11 a.m.—Rev. A. N. Miller; 7 p.m., Rev. G. H. Morden.

Princess Street, 11 a.m.—Rev. W. H. Pierce; 7 p.m., Rev. W. W. Baer.

Chinese Mission—Rev. Chan Sing Kai. Japanese Mission, 8 p.m.—Rev. E. Manuel.

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✓ REV. J. F. BETTS. 101

The genial and sympathetic countenance presented with this sketch will be readily recognized by our readers in almost all parts of the Conference, and by many far beyond our Conference boundaries, for our beloved brother has seen a great deal of Methodism from one end of the Dominion to the other.

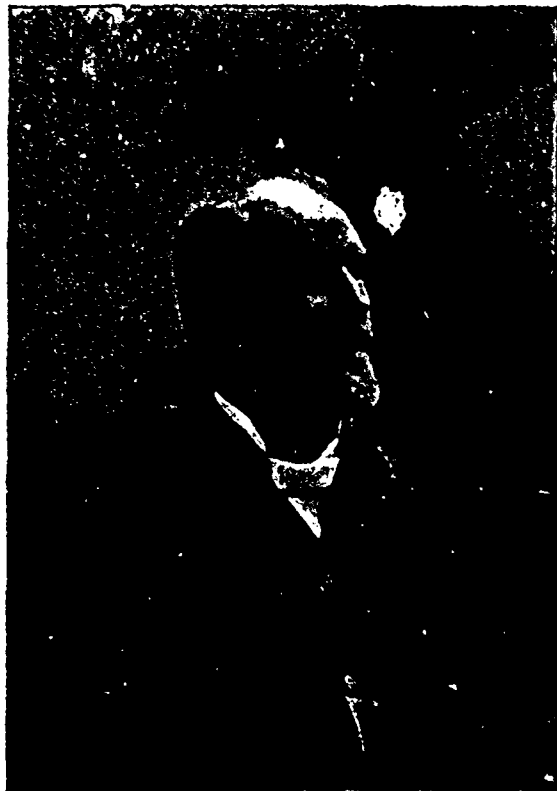
Bro. John F. Betts was born on the old Wallace Circuit in Cumberland County, N. S., from which so many brethren have gone out into the work. He is of U. E. Loyalist descent, both his grandfathers having enlisted for the defence of the old flag at the beginning of the revolutionary war, and fought to its close. He came of Methodist parents also, his mother, whose godly life undoubtedly had much to do with young John's own conversion, which took place at the age of seventeen, having been a member of that church for about 70 years. He was educated at Mount Allison, Sackville, N. B., after which he taught school for several years near his old home. It was in 1870 that the Q. O. Board of Pugwash Circuit showed their wisdom and foresight by heartily recommending him for the ministry, and the same year their good judgment was confirmed by the Wesleyan Methodist Conference of Eastern British America, who received the candidate upon probation. He now returned to the University to complete his course, but on account of the "exigencies of the work" was called out by the Conference the next year to a circuit before his graduation had been reached. His first circuit was Parrsboro, N. S., where he served with much acceptance for three years under the successive superintendence of Revs. Wm. Alcorn and D. B. Scott. On leaving Parrsboro he was received into full connection and ordained at the last session of the Conference of Eastern British America, which was held in Charlotte-town, P. E. I., in 1874. At this Conference the union of the Wesleyan and several other Methodist churches took place and the E. B. A. Conference, which, as its name implied, included the whole of Eastern British America, was organized in

the formation of the three Conferences of the Maritime Provinces as they now exist. He was therefore present at the organization of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, of which he thus became a member, and in which he labored during eight years following, occupying in turn Salisbury, Summerside and Sussex Circuits. On each of these fields he was permitted to reap rich harvests of souls gathered into the Kingdom of God.

It was while on the Salisbury Circuit in 1876 that what Bro. Betts has been known to ever regard as next to salvation, God's choicest gift to him, was received—he was married that year to Miss Alice A. Chesley, whose acquaintance he had made when at the University, where after graduation she held for two years the responsible position of chief preceptress of the ladies' college. Mrs. Betts

has shown herself a worthy help-meet indeed, useful and well-beloved, on all the Circuits where her husband has been stationed.

In 1882, in obedience to the call of the Church, our brother came west to Manitoba, where he was stationed on the following fields: Birtle, Brandon, Winnipeg (Zion Church), and Calgary. He was appointed a member of the College Board in that Conference, and took a deep interest in the resuscitation of Wesley College. Here, too, he was first elected Chairman of a District and first appointed to the General Board of Missions, by whose special request, given at their meeting in Halifax, he undertook to visit during February and March, 1886, the Indian Missions on Lake Winnipeg as far north as Norway House. He thus got experience of what is involved in our



REV. JOHN F. BETTS.

missionaries' winter work and travel in those high northern latitudes, for he travelled by dog train about 700 miles, often sleeping under the open sky with the thermometer registering 40 degrees below zero. As a result of this trip some misunderstandings were removed and arrangements made for building the comfortable and convenient Church and Parsonage now planted at Norway House. Materials were purchased and sent to the distant field from Winnipeg, and the work was accomplished during the following season.

During Mr. Betts' first year in Manitoba he was a member of the Toronto Conference, and was present at Winnipeg in 1883 at the organization of Manitoba and Northwest Conference, with Dr. George Young as president. And in 1888 he was elected a member of the General Conference, which settled the question of University Federation in Ontario.

Having been transferred to B. C. Conference in 1889, he was stationed at East End, Vancouver, where he made a remarkable record. In little over four months he had built Princess Street Church, and within twelve months had added to this Mount Pleasant Church and the Princess Street Parsonage, which is one of the best in the Conference. He remained at Princess Street four years, being Agent the fourth year for C. M. College, in the establishment and maintenance of which no one has given more devoted service. From Vancouver Bro. Betts removed to Kamloops, where as Chairman he did much for the extension of Methodism in that District. He next spent three successful years in Centennial Church, Victoria, whence he removed in 1898 to his present charge in New Westminster. His work in this field has been of exceptional difficulty, purely on account of a terrible and destructive fire which occurred in September, 1898, and swept up the whole business part of the city of New Westminster, and taking with it both the Central Church and Parsonage. Nothing daunted, however, the earnest pastor of a most devoted people faced the situation promptly and courageously, and succeeded in raising outside his congregation \$4,000 towards replacing the burnt property. The Church has been rebuilt at a cost of approximately \$10,000, and our friends will be pleased to see a cut of it in another page of this issue.

Brother Betts' high qualifications for the ministry are clearly enough indicated in what has already been written. It may further be added that during his ministerial life he has built seven Churches and two Parsonages, and in every Circuit he has travelled has had the joy of seeing conversions.

We can only refer to one other feature of his character, namely, the high esteem he has won from his Church. Few men have had so many honors. He has been Chairman of five Methodist Districts, Brandon and Winnipeg (in Manitoba), New Westminster, Kamloops and Victoria. He was once Secretary of Manitoba Conference, and has been twice President of B. C. Conference. Thrice was he a member of the General Conference, and four times has he served on the General Board of Missions.

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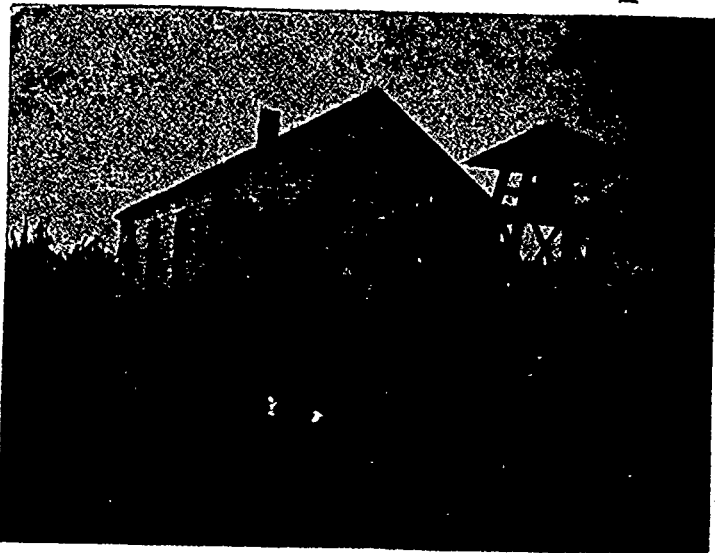
### QUEEN'S AVENUE CHURCH, New Westminster, B. C.

The facts which constitute the frame work of the following historic sketch of this Church are gathered from a most interesting and instructive original paper read by Rev. E. Robson before a large and representative gathering of Methodist and other citizens, in Machinery Hall, Queen's Park, in this city on the occasion of the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the landing of the first band of Methodist missionaries in B. C.

New Westminster was one of the earliest fields of occupation by the pioneer band of Methodist missionaries who ar-

just two months after his arrival in New Westminster, the missionary began the work of building a parsonage, the first in B. C., on lots donated for that purpose by the government. The first class on the mission was organized on Sunday, July 10th, with nine members; Mr. A. Calder was appointed leader. Sunday school was organized on December 5th, with four pupils besides the pastor's family. The first Communion service was held on January 1st, 1860, at which there were eight communicants.

On the 5th of the same month the foundation of the first church was laid. The building was 20x30 feet. It cost \$700, and was solemnly dedicated to the worship of Almighty God on the 8th of April, 1860.



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH IN NEW WESTMINSTER, BUILT 1860.

rived in Victoria, Vancouver Island, on the 10th of February, 1859. Very shortly after the advent of these devoted men from Ontario the work of clearing away the heavy forests for the laying of the foundations of the new city began, and on Friday, April 1st, the Rev. E. White arrived in the embryo city, as yet but little more than a forest primeval. The day did not prove unlucky, however, although Friday, nor did the coming of that devoted man of God prove "a fool's errand." On Sunday the 3rd of April he preached his first sermon on his new field, at 11 o'clock in the morning. The service was held in the open air, and his congregation consisted of fifty men and one woman. Mrs. James Kennedy, still living and highly respected in the community.

On the 22nd of the same month Mr. White brought his family from Victoria, where they had resided since their arrival from Ontario, to their new home, and took up their residence in a rented room in a tent.

A room for purposes of public worship was shortly after secured in the new Colonial Treasury Buildings. In this room the first public temperance meeting in British Columbia, of which we have any record, was held by Mr. White on the 25th of May. On the 1st of June,

About this time, also, the foundation of our Chinese Mission in B. C. was laid in a night school opened by Mrs. White's younger sister, now Mrs. T. Cunningham, for the purpose of imparting to these interesting and needy people some knowledge of the English language, and especially of the heart-renewing and soul-saving truths of Christianity. On the 4th of September, 1860, a Quarterly Official Board was organized on the mission, and the work was finally and fully established.

The hallowed and hallowing presence of the Master was often realized in those early days of heroic toil, and all through the intervening years that Presence has remained with this church, manifested in the holy fire glowing upon her altars of prayer and in the ascending increase of her praise and love offered unto God through Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mr. White remained in charge until 1863. Throughout the intervening years the following ministers have labored on the field: Revs. A. Browning, E. Robson, C. Bryant, A. Russ, with Rev. J. Turner (a colleague), Revs. Wm. Pollard, T. Derrick, C. Watson, J. H. White, S. J. Thompson, colleague of Rev. E. Robson during third term on the field; T. W. Hall, and J. F. Betts.

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Several of these brethren were returned to the field a second, and our Bro. Robson a third time of service. During the joint pastorate of Brethren Russ and Turner a new parsonage and church were built, and during the second term of Bro. Robson's pastorate, which began in 1880, the church became self-supporting. During the pastorate of Bro. J. H. White the church was re-built and enlarged, and during Bro. Robson's third term, with Bro. S. J. Thompson as his colleague, the West End and Sapperton churches were built and soon became separate charges, and the parent church became known as The Central Methodist Church.

Rev. Coverdale Watson began his second term after the Conference of 1896, with good prospects of success. At the beginning of his term the parsonage was remodelled, enlarged and refitted with every modern convenience, and all anticipated for him a term of successful and happy service with his old congregation, between whom and himself there were many strong ties of friendship, hallowed by precious and tender memories. Just at the close of his first year, however, his health completely collapsed, and before the second year of his pastorate had completed its cycle he was called to rest and reward with Him "whose he was and whom he served."

In consequence of his ill health Rev. A. W. Crawford, B.A., was employed as his assistant during his last year, and the following year Rev. J. F. Betts was appointed to the pastorate of the church. It was during his absence, attending General Conference in Toronto, that the great fire occurred which destroyed church and parsonage with almost all their contents. The whole business part of the city being involved in the general conflagration, Mr. Betts secured substantial aid throughout the Dominion for rebuilding church and parsonage. Meanwhile the congregation found tem-



REV. EDWARD WHITE, First Methodist Pastor in New Westminster.

porary accommodation in Machinery Hall, Queen's Park.

In the meantime the old lots on which the church and parsonage had stood were sold and a site, more centrally located for the congregation, was bought

at the corner of Sixth Street and Queen's Avenue, and the erection of the new church, shown in the accompanying cut, was begun in June, 1899. T. Julian, Esq., was employed as architect, and the contract was let to Messrs. H. M. Marshall and J. Carter Smith. The name of the church was changed to Queen's Avenue Methodist Church, and the corner stone, suitably inscribed, was laid on the 28th of June, 1899. The service was conducted by Rev. R. Whittington, M.A., President of the Conference, and a most pleasing feature of the occasion was the formal laying of the stone by Mrs. White, who, with her now sainted husband, Rev. E. White, laid the foundation of the whole work just a few months over forty years before. Surely "others have labored and we have entered into their labors."

The new church, which is calculated to afford all necessary accommodation for the various departments of church work, and which will cost in the vicinity of \$10,000, is now nearing completion, and, probably before the next issue of the Recorder, will be formally dedicated to the worship of God. Thanks to the generosity of numerous friends throughout the Dominion and beyond, to the liberal and loyal efforts of the Trustees, and above all to the goodness of a kind Heavenly Father, for by these we shall be able to open the new and beautiful place of worship without debt.

Our thoughts go readily back over all the years of toil and blessing which have swept on into the great eternity since the beginning of the work here, and we recall the names of the godly men and women both in the ministry and out of it who have lived and labored so well in this part of the vineyard and who now rest from their labors, and of the pioneers of Methodism here, who still live and labor and watch with loving solicitude the varied fortunes of the church, the lights and the shadows which fall upon its path, we think of the fresh young life gathered into its fold and feel assured that with God's blessing following the labor and prayers of those who have gone and crowning the efforts and crowning the faith of those who remain, a future awaits this church even more glorious than the past.

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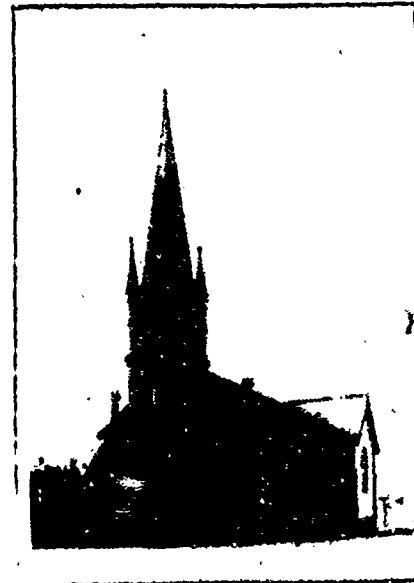
### THE RECLAIMED INFIDEL.

By F. L. Vosper, South Vancouver, B.C.

"For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity, for it is great."—Psalm 25 11.

This was the text from which Mr. Wm. Nanscarven was preaching in the old Chapel at Craft-hole that Sunday morning in 186— and as the power came over him, such a power as he afterward told me he had never experienced before, and terrible, glorious truths were opening themselves before him and resounding through the old building there was a sound of sobbing heard in the little end gallery where a strong man was trying to repress his emotion, but trying in vain. That afternoon two men knelt together in the parlor of a farm house at Shevioc, and after some hours of struggling the preacher was delighted to hear his

companion express the conviction that his iniquity was pardoned and his sin was covered. But I must give some account of those two men; both esteemed friends of mine, and with them is associated another whose name is famil-



METHODIST CHURCH BURNED IN THE FIRE OF 1896.

lar to every student of English literature. Wm. Nanscarven, who died a few days before I left Cornwall, was what is known as a "gentleman farmer." His residence was beautifully situated in full view of the lovely valley of the Tamar. To the left was Landulph, described in the magazine for December, 1897, as the resting place of Theodoro Palacologus. While across the valley and scarcely 1,000 yards' distant, is Hatt, the residence of the late Sir Wm. Penn Symons, who died in his country's cause in South Africa. John Davey, who was engaged in business as an agricultural implement maker, had some years before, after passing through the preliminary stages required by the Wesleyan discipline been accepted on "full plan" as a local preacher; but yielding to evil influences brought to bear upon a mind naturally inclined to doubt and argue points of doctrine, he had become an infidel of a peculiarly offensive and dangerous kind. Possessed of a lively genial temperament and a manner that was peculiarly fascinating to both men and women he would gather a crowd around his workshop and hold up to satire and ridicule those very truths he had formerly held in reverence and preached so earnestly. The immediate cause of his lapse into infidelity was Thomas Cooper, who died about the same time as Wm. Nanscarven. His life had been a singularly eventful one. In the early forties he was an earnest and zealous Methodist local preacher with very advanced political views. In 1848 he joined the great Carlist movement and suffered imprisonment in company with a Baptist minister. With his soul embittered by what he considered the tyranny and oppression exercised by both church and state he turned his back on religion and directed all his energies

to the propagating of infidelity. He made a tour through the west of England where he met Mr. Davey with the result stated above. Years passed and Cooper came under better influences. Looking at his life's work calmly and dispassionately, he recoiled from it with horror and loathing. Undermining other men's belief and pulling down the pillars of their faith he began to regard as mean and unsatisfactory work. Teaching young people to disregard the teachings of their parents he saw was loosening the corner stones of sobriety. While trampling on the blood of the covenant was a crime the heinousness of which he could not and dared not estimate, Cooper sought and found pardon for his sins, and then filled with an honest desire to undo some of the evil he had done he visited every town and village where he had been lecturing and made known the change that had come over him and set himself to the task of reclaiming those who had been led away by his infidel teaching. In particular he sought out Mr. Davey and tried to win him back; but Cooper, the Christian, found it impossible in this case to undo what Cooper, the infidel had done, and for years Davey continued to walk in the way of sinners and to sit in the seat of the scornful. One tie, however, held him to his past life, and that was his affection for his friend and former fellow worker, Mr. Wm. Nanscarven, and it was this attachment which was afterward used as a means to bring him back to the Master he had both denied and betrayed. Scoffing at all the ordinances of religion on all other occasions he always attended the services when Mr. N. was appointed to preach, and this led to the result already related.

After some time Mr. Davey took his place on the local preacher's "plan;" but it was evident even to those unacquainted with his past history that the preacher had passed through some terrible experience. I can vividly recall after a lapse of nearly 30 years the tone of voice in which he read the hymn commencing "Glorious Saviour of my soul; I lift it up to Thee," and the impression it made on me at the time. I also distinctly remember one bright clear Sunday in October, 1874, I conducted the morning service at Crafthole and went to spend the afternoon with the late Mr. N. Rosevears. Mr. Davey came for me to accompany him in a walk along the coast. Arm in arm we walked along the cliffs overlooking Whitsand bay, and after a couple of hours spent in serious but cheerful conversation we shook hands for the last time. A short time afterward he was seized with illness, which soon terminated fatally.

Whatever wounds his moral nature sustained by his fall or how deep the scars remained in his spiritual nature after his recovery, I would not even venture to estimate. I can only content myself by applying to him the beautiful words of the Poet Gray:

"No farther seek his merits to disclose  
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### THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD ASSERTED OR HOW A CHURCH SITE WAS OBTAINED.

In Two Chapters by E. Nicolls.

When Tom Trevithick was a lad living at home with his parents in a country parish in England sixty years ago, he was favored with monthly visits to his family made by Wesleyan ministers. They came, always bringing with them the monthly Methodist Magazine: each number containing a portrait of some popular preacher, and excellent reading matter. One portion of the periodical was always interesting to a lad—a few pages were devoted to well authenticated stories, having a simple heading: "The Providence of God Asserted." They were intended to illustrate the direct interference of God in the affairs of men. In these days we go so far as to express belief in Providence in affairs of great importance, but do not take note of events of apparently little moment, but as great issues depend on seemingly unimportant events it is not easy to distinguish between what is great and what is little.

It seemed a little thing that a lad at Epworth nearly 200 years ago was saved from the burning building; but the lad was John Wesley, and what a different world this would be if that child had perished in the flames.

It seemed a small thing for Luther to stumble on a copy of the New Testament, but where would have been the glorious reformation without grand old Martin?

No doubt strange things are constantly

happening in our lives, which if we had eyes to see, we should recognize in them the hand of God; but we are in the habit of explaining them away, at all events regarding them as ordinary coincidences.

After all is there not a "Divinity that shapes our ends?" The following story is vouched for, as being absolutely true, the parties mentioned though appearing with assumed names are well known to the editor of this magazine—the chapel, a very pretty building has recently been visited and preached in by the same gentleman. The writer asks the reader to accept the facts and then to draw his own conclusions, and account for the circumstance as best he can.

#### CHAPTER I., JOHN BARLEY CORN.

The old chapel at Saint Auburn was built over a stable, and on a week day evening, when there were no horses in the stable, a meeting was held in the chapel for the purpose of putting down John Barlecorn, who it was thought had far too much influence in the parish. The house was full to overflowing, and whilst an earnest speaker was giving his ideas on the exciting theme, amidst thunders of applause, shown by the stamping of feet and clapping of hands, he declared that the drinking system must come down—in fact so great was the enthusiasm against it in all directions that it would come down with a crash.

In the twinkling of an eye after these words had been uttered the floor gave way, and without a moment's warning down went men, women and children, good, bad and indifferent, to a depth of ten feet into the stable beneath.

There were loud cries and piercing shrieks, and the utmost confusion; all the light had gone out, and the darkness

was complete; there they were for many minutes, in the panic, struggling with each other, not at all realizing what had happened, and seeing no place of exit and no means of deliverance.

At length lights were brought, and one after another was drawn up out of the pit, and all escaped alive, there were plenty of bruises, but not a bone was broken, and there were no carcases to bury.

On relating their experiences many declared that they had felt like going down into the bottomless pit, others had distinctly recognized the smell of brimstone, but all maintained that it was the last expiring effort of "John Barley-corn."

After the happening of this exciting catastrophe, it was unanimously concluded that a larger and better house must be built, and all were ready to help.

A very awkward fact stared the people in the face: every eligible site was in the hands of those who would not or could not sell; they were land owners living away from the parish, and were not in sympathy with the worshippers at the little bathel. There was one site to which all eyes were turned as being the most desirable, but it could not be obtained, either for love or money, and so the work was stayed. However, at the expiration of a couple of years, by a succession of unexpected events, the coveted site came into the market, and was offered for sale by public auction.

The very desirable spot was a portion of a farm a few yards of which touched the village, but the whole of the farm would be sold in one lot, and here a formidable difficulty arose, who would be the purchaser? Would he be friend or foe? Would he, the unknown, be willing to sell the portion of land required? It soon became known that a wealthy gentleman, not too friendly, intended to buy, and strong fears were entertained that the chances would be small if he became the purchaser, and it was therefore arranged that a well-to-do friendly yeoman should attend the auction and if possible secure the whole of the land, and in due time sell the attractive site for the church.

The sale took place at a neighboring town, which the farmer attended and the whole of the land was knocked down to him. On that evening the news spread to the village and there was joy. "Now," everybody said, "the new chapel is safe."

Mr Samuel Pendowry, the fortunate buyer, was now the person on whom the hopes of the good people depended, but it so happened that the site in question was the only portion of the farm that touched the village; in fact it was the key to the situation. When Samuel Pendowry calmly looked at the thing, he came to the conclusion that the spot in question was of more importance to enjoyment of the farm than he had ever dreamed of when he purchased. He was not sure in his mind that he had made a definite promise, and if he had done such a thing, it was done without full consideration.

It was a question of moral philosophy worthy the decision of a Paley. Under the circumstances was he bound to sell? Legally he knew he was not, as there



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was no agreement in writing; but that was not the question, being an honorable man he would not take refuge in any technicality.

For several weeks the subject was duly weighed. What should he do? He knew what was expected of him and that a refusal would be a terrible disappointment to a large body of people, and he allowed the matter to simmer in his mind: the people were anxious, looking for a sign, but they saw none.

### CHAPTER II.—TRIPPED UP.

It was weary waiting; attempts were made in the desired direction, but not a word could be wrung from Samuel Pendowry; he was as silent as the grave on the all important matter, and blank disappointment settled on the minds of the people of Saint Auburn; they felt that they were as far from the realization of their hopes as ever.

Samuel Pendowry was a widower, having one child, a daughter who had attained to the age of eight years, and it was felt that in case of his death there would be no chance of obtaining the piece of land until the child was twenty-one, in fact that the land would be tied up for thirteen years at least. This situation was exceedingly awkward for all concerned, and there seemed to be no way out of the dilemma.

Young Tom Trevithick was interested like all the rest in the scheme, which had been so much talked about and so far as his limited knowledge went there was not at that time any subject affecting imperial politics of so much impor-

tance as the question of the site, and it was uppermost in his mind.

One day, he, by accident, met Mr. Samuel Pendowry in a quiet country lane.

After the usual salutations Tom said, "I wonder when you're going to fulfil your promise and convey the site for the new chapel."

"Oh," said he, "I don't know, for the matter of that I am not sure that I ever did actually promise."

"Certainly, said Tom. "It was quite understood when you purchased, and if there had been any reason to doubt your word, some other person would have been put forward to buy."

To this Samuel Pendowry made no reply.

"What is the hindrance?" said Tom. "It is time we should know."

"Hindrance, hindrance enough," repeated Samuel. "Why, don't you see if I sell this piece of land I shall spoil the whole farm; it is the very key to the situation."

"Key or no key," said Tom. "It is the only suitable spot, and it must be had."

"Well, well," said Samuel, "I will give the matter further consideration."

"Before we part," said Tom, "may I ask you one question?"

"Certainly."

"Well, then, what is the age of your daughter?"

"Eight years."

"And it will be thirteen years before she is twenty-one?"

"Yes, eight and thirteen make twenty-



one," was the reply.

"And in case of your death it would be locked up for thirteen years."

"Yes," said Samuel, "I suppose it would, but I never thought of that."

"Now," said Tom with great solemnity, "assuming that the devil has power over the affairs of men, don't you think he would trip up a man if some good thing depended on the continuance of his life?"

"Well," said Samuel somewhat jauntily, "perhaps he would if you put it into his head, but I am not superstitious, and not easily frightened; I have not said no, and will still consider the matter."

The parties separated, each went his way, Tom feeling that perhaps he had said too much, and Mr. Samuel Pendowry having a hard nut to crack.

The very next day after this conversation Samuel went to make some business calls; riding on the back of his trusty horse, as he had done a hundred times before, never dreaming of an accident, although the words of Tom came back to him for a minute, but were at once dismissed from his thoughts. In his rounds he skirted a stretch of prairie or moorland. In his lonely journey there ran across his path a stream of water, and over this stream there had been thrown a rustic bridge made of granite; but there were no side walls or parapets, and as it had been constantly crossed in safety, no one ever dreamed of danger. The stream was not large, and the bridge was not high above the water.

On this occasion it happened that at the time of crossing, the horse stumbled and fell, rolling off the bridge into the water, carrying his rider with him. The horse lay right across the stream with his back towards the running current.

There lay the steed as if struck by an electric shock, and there lay the rider with one of his legs under the side of the horse. Poor Mr. Pendowry was unable to move, while the water gradually accumulated, rising higher and higher until it reached his mouth. Here was an awful predicament, to all appearance in a few minutes all would be over and he would be gone into the shades unknown.

Suddenly the words of the recent conversation with his young friend flashed across his mind.

"Tripped up now sure enough," thought he, "O that I had conveyed that land O dear, dear, what can be done?"

At length when hope seemed to be receding the animal made a desperate effort to rise; after two vain attempts he succeeded in the third, and in his final plunge the accumulated waters rushed away, and both horse and rider got safe to land.

There by the little river stood Samuel Pendowry grasping his horse by the mane, trembling from head to foot, and wet all over to the skin.

When sufficient strength had returned, he again mounted, and rode to his home as fast as could, changed his wet garments for dry ones, then taking a careful view of himself by the aid of a mirror, and being quite satisfied that he was really alive he went out into the stable, selected another horse and rode to the residence of Tom Trevithick.

Without offering any explanation he

implored the young man to proceed that very evening to the town some miles away, and instruct the lawyer to prepare the deed for the land at once, and he would put his hand and seal to it the following morning. The journey was made, the deed prepared, and at noon the next day the important document was duly signed, sealed, and delivered. It was, however, with a trembling hand that the man who had so recently narrowly escaped a tragic death put his hand to the parchment skin: "There," said he, "the devil can have no interest in me now."

Samuel Pendowry returned to his home a happier man; great joy was felt in the parish and in due course the building rose and now stands, making some little contribution to the beauties of the landscape.

The little daughter was taken from this world of shadows at the age of nine nearly forty anniversaries of the dedication have since passed, but Samuel Pendowry has not forgotten his wonderful escape; nor has he ever been able to account for the extraordinary incident. Tom and Samuel have more than once met on the scene and gone over again the particulars of his adventure, the effect of which still stands as an interesting memorial.

## LEADING LAYMEN.



X. MR. JAMES CUNNINGHAM,  
New Westminster.

The history of our leading laymen is the history of the Church. Side by side with the ministry they have toiled and suffered for the upbuilding of our beloved Zion, and their reward will not be less when the roll is called.

The subject of our sketch was one of the early pioneers in both Island and Mainland Methodism.

Mr. James Cunningham was born in Monaghan, Ireland, of earnest Christian parents, August 1st, 1834.

When but seventeen he made the trip across the ocean in an old-time sailing

vessel, and joined his elder brothers, who had preceded him, and had located in Kingston, Ontario. Soon after coming to Canada he united with the Methodist Church, and for over forty-five years has remained a member of the same.

On February 8th, 1860, he arrived in Victoria, B. C., and transferred his membership to the Pandora Street Church, which had been but a short time organized.

In 1861 he entered into business with his brother Thomas, in New Westminster, and from that time concentrated all his interests there.

In 1865 he married Miss M. A. Woodman, another pioneer Methodist and class leader. Mrs. Cunningham is a sister of Mrs. Edward White, wife of the first pastor of the Central Church, New Westminster. Their home became the home of the Methodist preacher, and there are very few who have visited the Coast but can bear testimony to the whole-hearted hospitality of Bro. Cunningham and his talented and devoted helpmate.

During the thirty-five intervening years, Mr. Cunningham has held nearly every position of responsibility in the gift of his fellow citizens, having been President of the Board of Trade, Justice of the Peace, License Commissioner, Alderman, etc. He was the last President of the Town Council and the first Mayor of the city. He has represented the city and district both in the Legislature and the Dominion House of Commons.

In the Church he has been ever an active and enthusiastic worker. He has held the offices of Trustee, Recording Steward, Class Leader and Local Preacher. In the early days, when Westminster circuit included Chilliwack, Granville (now Vancouver) and intervening points, he was the able and willing assistant of the pastor.

On the organization of the Columbian College movement he was appointed one of the directors and the Treasurer of the Board. For twelve years he held the position of Sunday School superintendent, during which time the school became established on the firm foundation upon which it now stands. On his retirement from this position in 1883, he was presented with an illuminated address, expressing the highest appreciation of his earnest efforts on behalf of the school.

Having consecrated himself to the service of Christ in early youth, he was saved from the all too common vices into which young men are apt to fall, and his character is well described in the First Psalm, in his life the promise having been fulfilled: "Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Godliness, integrity and industry have resulted in "the blessing of God," which "maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow therewith."

The great fire of September, 1898, destroyed much of his business and residential property, but he has courageously undertaken the task of restoration, and has again established the wholesale and retail business known as the "Cunningham Hardware Company."

His liberality has been generous to those who are in need, and many have had cause to rejoice in his kindness.

Unostentatious and unobtrusive he is best loved and respected by those, who, by more intimate association, have learned his inner heart and life. W. H. B.

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NOTES.

Our readers will be interested in a perusal of the Conference programme, which over the signature of the Secretary appears in another column of this issue. All our great anniversary meetings are well provided for, there will certainly be no dearth of good speaking, and this, considered together with the excellent musical arrangements which are sure to be made by Mr. T. R. Pearson, should not only insure large and enthusiastic gatherings, but should create an impulse in our connexional institutions and responsibilities which might be felt during the year to the obscurest limit of our Conference. These anniversaries are not ordinary gatherings; they are of unusual moment and opportunity. Speeches should be most carefully thought out so that arguments used might be turned to good account by our younger brethren and lay representatives in advocating the same themes on their various fields during the year.

There is one thing about our Conference programmes which we have always regretted, but which has never seemed easy to avoid, namely, the unequal opportunity it affords our leading laymen of sharing with us in the discussion of these great subjects. There is, of course, invariably a place provided for laymen on the programme, and that is all that successive committees have found themselves able to do, but that does not meet the difficulty, for when that is done no one knows what layman will be available for such work until after the Annual District Meeting, and thus it becomes unfair and unreasonable to expect any brother to do justice to the theme or his reputation, or to fairly represent the interest and ability of the laity, as is most desirable on such occasions.

Of course, it is nobody's fault; it is the unavoidable sequence of circumstances. While our District Meetings and Conferences follow one another so closely this great disadvantage must continue. But is it really necessary that they should follow each other so closely? It might be worth while for this reason alone to

put the Conference one week later than our present annual date of meeting, while the District Meetings might always be held on the first few days of May. There would thus be an intervening time of from two to three weeks, during which suitable brethren selected from the lay delegates elected to attend Conference might be chosen and notified to take positions on the programme. Such provision for the more equal recognition of the laity would, we are convinced, lead to a stronger aggressiveness in our general work, and would bring an increase to the Connexional funds from the simple fact of our laymen having been publicly and conscientiously identified with their advocacy.

Such an arrangement as is here suggested would indirectly have also another beneficial effect. It would obviate the necessity of such hurry-scurry at our Annual District Meeting, and enable us to turn such gatherings to more important account. It is all very well to meet for the earnest examination and compilation of statistics, and to consider rearrangements of boundaries and other such important matters, and as it is there is little enough time to get through with these matters of routine before Conference is on us. But with Conference more remote, a little more profitable time might be spent in these days of such "Fads of Faith" in the theological examination of our candidates for the ministry. And with so many brethren assembled in a town at least one important public meeting might be held with much benefit to our people. Perhaps our Chairmen might consider this last suggestion even in the present year's arrangements.

It is with deepest regret that our readers will learn that Bro. J. E. Gardner, our minister at Allood, on account of heart trouble, will be compelled to give up the active work at next Conference. He will probably return East to Ontario or seek to regain his strength by travel in the Southern States. Apart from our wish of expressing sympathy, we mention this fact here for another reason also. On account of the above sad truth Bro. Gardner would like to dispose of a set of the "Homilistic Commentary on the New Test. at." comprising eleven large volumes; the books are practically new and in excellent condition. Some one in the Conference will very likely be glad to avail himself of this opportunity to possess this valuable set of books, and their sale at the same time would be a convenience to Bro. Gardner. Meanwhile we wish to assure our brother that the sympathy and best wishes of all his brethren will be with him in his affliction.

A report by a correspondent will be found in another column of the Herald Street Mission, Victoria, indicating what work has been done during the eight months of its history, and showing the more complete organization which has lately been accomplished. It is safe to say that no more real Christian work is being carried on anywhere than that undertaken by the devoted and self-denying workers of this mission. By strictest economy they keep running expenses down to a minimum, and spend almost the entire income on the direct objects of their work. We heartily commend the mission to the sympathy and support

of our readers. A few dollars sent to any one of the officers named in the report will be well expended.

A PLEA FOR THE GROUND  
WORK.

There are some respects in which Methodism is probably more aggressive and wide-awake to-day than in any previous period of her history, especially in regard to missionary enterprise, and a courageous attitude towards the social conditions of current life. She has also, of late years, made almost unprecedented advancement in Church building of improved architecture, and largely increased accommodation, and has spent large sums on the more thorough education of her ministry, besides having shrewdly solved the problem of her young people's attachment by the establishment of that truly remarkable institution, the Epworth League. By these and other wide-awake efforts she has successfully and properly asserted her claim upon public attention as a live and fully organized Christian Church, and has gained more equal recognition with other great denominations of longer history as a real element in national life.

All this is very good and reflects great credit upon the wisdom and statesman-like qualities of her ecclesiastical leaders. Methodism must indeed be a forward movement. It is her very genius to adapt herself to varying and changing conditions, and always to push forward with youthful energy and courage. But our very prosperity and progress, bringing with it, as it must, a new sense of our strength and importance, is liable to be attended also with elements of weakness and danger. There may be a certain recklessness on the one hand which will prove fatal by neglect of vital principles, and an embarrassment on the other which will render exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, due attention to the supreme object of all Church work, namely, the glory of God in the salvation of men. The more general assumption of our duties as citizens, for example, and which we have no right to ignore, may, unconsciously lead to too little investigation of our own personal relation to God. While the building of large and handsome churches in itself desirable enough, and in many instances quite necessary, may result in unduly focussing the thought and energy of our responsible membership upon our financial necessities. A most devoted and intelligent official member of one of our largest churches, a few days ago almost pathetically remarked that both their minister and themselves were practically compelled to neglect the care of souls in their anxiety to attract a congregation large enough to ensure the necessary income. We think of course that such a contentions is delusive and utterly erroneous, even as it affects the income itself. If our ministers and people in the most embarrassing cases would only "seek first the kingdom of God" in the salvation of souls—not neglecting of course the temporal necessities of our work—the finances would not be wanting. Nevertheless this feverish anxiety is perfectly natural in such circumstances, and while it prevails is doing us injury all round, especially affecting our leading laymen, who are not permitted to think of anything but dollars and cents within the

Church, as in their business. Methodism ceases to be Methodism when her laymen are no longer actively engaged in preaching, teaching, exhorting, or in some way laboring directly to lead men to God. Happily the Twentieth Century Fund is hastening to our assistance, and by lifting many of our burdens will set both laymen and ministers free to turn their attention more directly to these more spiritual duties. Meanwhile there is great need that everything possible be done to stimulate and deepen subjective religion. Our ministers should seek by Biblical exposition and exhortation to "feed the flock of God." Especially should loving and earnest instruction be given to our young members that Christian life is an inward experience; joining a Church under some good impulse may in itself mean nothing. We are called to hallowed fellowship with Christ and "to know what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints." No more powerful auxiliary in this most needed work will be found than the resuscitated class meeting. Next to preaching this is the most important institution in Methodism, and properly conducted can never outlive its usefulness. It is not an invention of Methodism, it is the essence of New Testament teaching, and the coming Conference could hardly do a greater service at the present time than to devote an hour or two to earnest conversation on this subject. This article is by no means pessimistic, on the contrary it gladly recognizes the sturdy and open-eyed character of modern Methodism, but on this very account it pleads more earnestly the necessity of a deeper and more solid personal religion.

### The League at Work.

#### NOTES.

Be sure and close up your year with the conference year, and make returns of missionary money raised, both to the superintendent of your circuit and the district treasurer.

Have you a Junior League? If not, what are you doing to educate the younger ones? The Junior and Intermediate Leagues are feeders for the Senior League.

The District Organizer paid a visit to Wallace street League, Nanaimo, on Tuesday evening, March 20th, and had an enthusiastic reception from our truly devoted workers there.

#### EPWORTH LEAGUE AND S.S. CONVENTION.

We trust every Sunday school and Epworth League of the Province will be able to send the full number of delegates that they are entitled to send, to the convention, which meets in the Metropolitan Church, Victoria, about the middle of May (date will be printed in programmes which will be issued shortly), and we expect every delegate to come prepared to do something to help to make this Convention the best yet held in the Province of B. C. We would also urge all the societies, as far as possible, to send their contributions to help defray expenses of Convention to the Secretary, H. J. Knott, 19 Harrison street, Victoria, at the earliest date possible. Many

hands make light work, and a little from each League and School will meet all the liabilities. But don't stay away from the Convention because you find it impossible to help financially, for we want a full representation, and those who cannot attend may still help by offering prayer to God for His blessing upon the Convention. Each Sunday school is entitled to send one delegate for every fifty members of the school or fraction of fifty, and each League may send one delegate for every ten or fraction of ten of its members.

HORACE J. KNOTT.

#### GOOD PLEDGE.

A friend of ours (a young business man) carries this pledge in his pocket. He reverently took it three years ago and renews it each morning before he leaves his room. If everybody would live according to its spirit what a paradise this world would be:

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2. I will repeat no unkind remarks I hear of anyone, and discourage others as much as possible from saying unkind things.

3. I will judge my neighbor leniently, remembering that my own faults are probably far greater.

4. I will never say one thing to others, and yet think quite differently; this is hypocrisy.

5. I will put the best construction on the motives and actions of my neighbors.


6. I will act unselfishly, peaceably, and forgivingly, obeying my Master's command, "Love one another."—Epworth Herald.

#### A MISSIONARY RECEPTION.

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ed them to find their mates. For instance, the young fellow who saw that his slip had written on it: "When was the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church founded?" started out to find a date, and when he learned that a young woman had "The year 1810" on her bit of paper, he concluded that it was safe to keep track of her. Not knowing much about the history of missions, however, he went about among the others to find if there was another date anywhere. He found two which were more modern. The six who were concerned in these three questions and answers came together for a discussion. And one young lady said that she knew the General Missionary Society was founded first, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society next, and the Woman's Home Missionary Society last. They therefore mated questions and answers according to this suggestion. The air was full of questions like these: "Who founded our mission in India?" "Give

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Stanley's testimony to the value of missionaries in Africa.' 'Name five missionaries of our church who are in China.' The questions were numbered, and after a half-hour the numbers were called, and each question and answer was read by the one holding it. There was music and a recess, and then a good reader read the thrilling story of William Butler's experience in India during the Sepoy Rebellion as given in a recent number of *The Classmate*."—Miss Jennie M. Bingham in *Epworth Herald*.

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## Married Life in New Westminster.

It was a bright, moonlight night. Stars made dimmer by the brilliant shining of the moon sparkled in multitudes in the blue arch above. A young man and woman strolled leisurely along the avenue, lost in thought and contemplation, amid the quiet surroundings. They had known each other only a few months, but their acquaintance had deepened into an affinity of soul that ripened into the tenderest love, and each felt the other needful for the full complement of life. After a silence, which made each to feel the presence of the other more than words could express, the young man leaned nearer to his companion and said: "Lucerne." "What is it, Maxwell?" "How little we can fathom the deeper mysteries that lie hidden beyond those stars!" "Are there not mysteries greater even on this side of the stars?" was the reply. "Yes, indeed," said he, "and I have thought how helpful it would be if we could always study life's mysteries together. May we?" There was no response, but the upturned face told what the heart felt, and from that hour their lives were destined to run in one channel seeking to know the mysteries which met them on life's way, but finding often that the practical and commonplace would call for attention and thought so much.

With what delight they contemplated their future happiness as the days pass all too slowly between the ever-remembered evening and the day when they shall be one. What hopes rose bright and high! What plans were laid! How full life seemed of meaning now, and for

what lofty purposes they vowed to live! At last came their wedding day, and their cup of joy seemed full; no cloud of anxiety seemed to be near, and they gave no thought as yet to life's responsibilities. And perhaps it is better so. Perhaps our joy to-day would be sweeter did we not cloud it with the anxieties of the morrow! After a brief but pleasant honeymoon in New York, Maxwell and Lucerne, now Mr. and Mrs. Powers, settled in Toronto, where Mr. Powers' business called him, and together they enjoyed life for some months, boarding at the Rossin House. In a short time the success of the business required that a representative be sent to the Far West to look after its interests there, and Mr. Powers was chosen as the most reliable man in the employ of the firm. When it became known to Maxwell that he had been selected to settle in the West and care for the business interests there, he was rather anxious lest Lucerne might not relish the idea of leaving the homeland where associations were all so dear. But he found her prepared to sacrifice, if need be, for the welfare of him whom she loved more than all else in life, and in a few weeks they were ready for their long trip. With many a fond good-bye from friends, they started on their Western journey. Their trip was most enchanting. How they did plan and outline for themselves the new life before them, as they sped westward, over the long stretches of prairie land. When they reached the lofty hills they were entranced with their beauty. Far away, as far as the eye could reach rose those massive snow-crowned summits, the white robed sentinels of God. For many hours they feasted on their awful grandeur and sublimity as the train sped on, until at last they were left behind and they found themselves drawing nearer the mighty sea, and finally they reached the Royal City of New Westminster, the place destined to be their happy future home. They were soon comfortably located in the Guichon Hotel, and for some days they rested from their long journey. That evening they would spend writing to their many friends in the East of their delightful trip and their safe arrival; so after tea they called at one of the leading stationers, H. Morey & Co., for a supply of writing material. They found Mr. Morey's store so attractive and his stock so complete that they spent a pleasant hour looking through it. A most extensive line of books of all descriptions, stationery of the latest and prettiest design, cards of all classes and every kind of goods to be found in a first-class stationery store. As Mr. Powers would open an office soon in the city he used this opportunity of selecting from Mr. Morey's fine supply many of the articles needed for fitting up his office—business books and forms, letter and bill heads, files, etc., were obtained; and after buying a few magazines, of which Mr. Morey kept the largest assortment in the city, they returned to their hotel to write, talk and plan for the following day. Thoughts of home and friends were in their minds all that evening, and if Lucerne dropped a tear it was only what a stranger in a strange land would do. Next morning the sun rose over the snowy hills and Mt. Baker looked its loveliest. They started out to find a home and called on the real estate brokers of the city, Messrs. Major

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Being directed to Mr. Thomas Kennedy as a most reliable plumber, they engaged that gentleman to put in a thorough system for heating and lighting their home. A beautiful and commodious bathroom was fitted up by Mr. Kennedy, as also toilet rooms with the most modern conveniences, and in a few days all was found done in the most complete and satisfactory manner. From Messrs. Major & Pearson a fine office was rented on Columbia street, and Mr. Kennedy having given such excellent satisfaction was engaged to fit the office up in the most approved manner with such conveniences as were found necessary.

The furnishing of this elegant and modern home was now a necessity, and having learned of the excellent firm of R. P. Anderson & Co., hardware merchants, they made arrangements for an up-to-date furnace and a handsome "Souvenir" range for the kitchen. Mr. Anderson was a most genial tradesman, and having looked through this, the finest hardware store in the city, they were induced to buy many needful articles, including

the various office fittings that were found necessary were soon supplied by this well-stocked firm.

From the great stock of "Sherwin-Williams" paints, varnishes and enamels kept by Mr. Anderson, Mr. Powers soon selected such as would be suitable for decorating home and office, and gave to the firm a contract to properly paint the interior of each.

And now came a task more suited to the taste of Mrs. Powers, namely, the selection of carpets for their new home. They found the Wintemute Furniture Co. the most desirable place for good assortment and right prices, and soon they made a selection from the many varieties of pattern and design, of a pretty and taking carpet for their home. Oilcloth and matting with rugs, for home and office, are also included. Then what beautiful sets of furniture for parlor, drawing room or bedroom! What sleep-inducing couches! What chairs of all knives, forks, spoons, and a beautiful carving set, all useful kitchen utensils; descriptions! what most excellent office desks! From the extensive stock they are able to completely furnish their home in a most elegant manner and with a satisfaction that all feel in getting such excellence of quality in goods as is found in those handled by Wintemute Furniture Co. They proceeded to other places where they might complete the furnishings of their home.

### CHAPTER II.

Mr. and Mrs. Powers were strolling along Columbia street some days after having made their purchases at Wintemute's, when suddenly a stranger approached. He was a man of 65 or more, and when he drew near Lucerne looked at him and started somewhat. Could it be possible! and yet it must be he! With no more hesitation she held out her hand and said: "Is it you Uncle Josh!" "Waal, I'll be jiggered! Lucy, is this you?" and with no thought of a public street Uncle Josh took in his arms the little girl he once knew and danced upon his knee and planted a kiss upon her cheek. How memory brought to him all the past when he knew Lucy and her mother so well, and now she stood before him a beautiful and talented lady. It seemed but yesterday he had bade them all good-bye and started to the West in search of gold. He had been very successful, and had settled with his wife and daughter in Portland. Those left behind in the East had not heard of his whereabouts for eleven years, and Lucy knew only that he was somewhere in the West, when suddenly they met on Columbia street. Uncle Josh was full of questions about home, but checking himself at the sight of the tall young man near by, he said, "Who is this fellow you're totin' along?" "Why, Uncle Josh, this is Maxwell, my husband." "Gee whizz! Lucy, air ye married? Good for you? Glad ter see you, sir? I'm yer Uncle Josh. Hope we'll be friends," and soon all three were interested in the plans of one another. Lucy was over-joyed to find a relation in the far West, and together they continued their walk. "Where air ye goin'?" said Uncle Josh. "We were going into this jewelry store to buy some things for our new house on Queen's avenue; and Uncle Josh you must come in and help us get the things, and then I want you to come and see the beautiful chair and carpet I

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have just bought at Wintemute & Co.'s." "Go it, Lucy, I'll go with you!" and, with a sly wink at Maxwell, he said, "Look out for young prospectors, my boy!" At this they stepped into W. O. Chamberlain's jewelry store and began to make the selection of necessary articles. A beautiful set of dinner and tea knives, a handsome clock, a silver water set, were soon purchased at a remarkably low figure, when Uncle Josh said, "Lucy!" "What is it, uncle!" "Waal, Janie, my daughter, has been havin' a feller come to see her now eight months, and I guess he's got tired comin', for he asked her the other evenin' to come and live with him and she's made up her mind 'ter go. Now, I want to do the handsome thing by Janie. She's been a good girl to me and mother, and I think I'd like to buy her a present or two for her weddin'. I want to git it here in Kanady, for her feller is from Kanady, and them Boers are gittin' licked so bad that I can holler for the old flag, if I do live with the Yanks. So Uncle Josh started in to get his presents for Janie. His eye caught a beautiful lady's watch and chain, and next a handsome guitar; for Janie had often made home pleasant with her guitar. Having all inspected Mr. Chamberlain's beautiful stock and obtained such things as were necessary, they complimented him on his fine assortment and telling him where to send the things, they went to look at the carpet which Lucerne was determined Uncle Josh should see, so they returned to Wintemute & Co.'s. When Uncle Josh saw the carpet he was in raptures and would have got one for Janie but it was too cumbersome to carry, but the beautiful chairs and desks, secretaries, rockers, window shades, and dozens of other things took the Uncle's attention, and finally he said: "I tell you, Lucy, we

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didn't have flowers in our carpets when your aunt and I strated out to sail the sea. But times have changed, and I tell you I'm glad they have. I'm glad, children, that you have such a good start; go on and do your best, and you'll not come out far behind."

Uncle Josh lingered behind a few minutes as they left Wintemute & Co.'s, for he had caught sight of a handsome Turkish rug, and he said: "Say, Mister, send that up with the carpet," and handing the money to the clerk he bade them good-bye.

But a new idea had popped into Uncle Josh's head, and when he had reached Mr. and Mrs. Powers he excused himself and said he would meet them at the next store they were going too. Then he began to think; what would he get for Lucy, the sunny little girl of years ago. He chanced to be standing beside Messrs. Keir & Faureaux, the leading tailors of the city, and in he went, he looked around at the excellent stock of goods carried by these gentlemen, but seemed to remain in doubt. At last, stepping up to Mr. Keir, he said: "Mister, have you got anything here for wimmin?" Well, not exactly! we handle gentleman's goods, What did you want?" "Waal, you see, my little Lucy from Toronto has married a fine young feller, and come out here to live, and I want ter get something fer em both." "Well, we can suit the gentleman I think. There would be nothing nicer than a fine suit for a present." "Waal naow, that's fine; but can you make 'em by lookin' at the feller?" "Well, hardly; you had better have him come in." So Uncle Josh went for Maxwell. He found him just coming out of Reichenbach's meat market, and when he saw this handsome and roomy emporium he could not help stopping to look through it. There hung

the most tempting kinds of meats—fine cuts of prime beef, quarters of lambs, with smoked hams, sausages, pulls of lard and every form of meat found in a first-class butcher shop. All seemed so clean and artistic like that Uncle Josh said: "Mister, this is the finest meat shop I've been in since I was a boy." If I were in this town I'd get my meat from here." "I thank you, sir, we would be pleased to serve you. We keep everything in the meat line in choicest form and do our best to please our customers." "I'm sure you do," said Uncle Josh. "I say, Maxwell, where do you buy your meat?" "Right here, uncle." "That's right old boy, stick to the best. You've got a little girl I used to have as mine, and she deserves the best of everything. Good-bye, Mr. Reichenbach, give us your card." "Good-bye gentlemen." Then together they went to the tailors. "Maxwell, I want to do something to show you that I've got an interest in you. I've ordered a suit of clothes. Right in here and together they entered Keir & Faureaux's establishment. "Well now, Uncle Josh, I am afraid you will think it better had you not met us." "Not a bit of it my boy. Go on. This is my nephew, Mr. Powers. Give him the best you've got." "Yes sir! What will you have, Mr. Powers?" Tweed, worsted, venelium, silk mixture, Maxwell inspected this beautiful stock and finally settled on a worsted suit. "I must compliment you, Mr. Keir, on your excellent assortment, and the fine quality of your goods." "Thank you! Would you like to look at something in overcoatings, Mr. Powers?" "Yes," said Uncle Josh, "make the hull right complete," and Mr. Keir exhibited a most natty line of beaver, melton and worsted overcoatings, from which Mr. Powers soon made a selection.

With this all completed, Uncle Josh seemed to be in gay spirits, and now enquired for Lucy. "Oh! I left her at the Manchester House, the leading dry goods house of the city. I want you to see that store, Uncle Josh. It is owned by Messrs. Sinclair & Gordon, and there is a beauty and attraction about their stock that is striking." They were soon there, and found Mrs. Powers making purchases of lace and chenille curtains, blankets, coverlids, cottons, towels and all things necessary for household use, but when Uncle Josh saw the beautiful designs in black and fancy dress goods, jackets and capes, he seemed to have become at once fascinated with their appearance, and why not? Two little girls, grown big, were in his mind, and now he would assure them

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that his heart was with them still; so while Mr. and Mrs. Powers were looking at the beautiful musline and prints and ready-made ladies' suites, Uncle Josh slipped over to dress goods counter and had a beautiful brocade cut off for Lucy and another for Janie. Then a magnificent cape for each, and slyly ordered them sent up to the house. Maxwell had seen a beautiful tailor-made suit which he must get for Lucerne. Having fully supplied their household needs in this modern and up-to-date dry goods house they all went to dinner at the Ginchon. Here a pleasant time was spent in conversation upon the past and the prospects of the future. After dinner the three called at the popular and attractive grocery kept by C. A. Welsh. In this most excellent stock no difficulty was experienced in providing for kitchen and dining room in splendid form. Mr. Welsh's excellent assortment of pickles and sauces and canned goods of every description was particularly noticeable—excellent spices, a fine assortment of biscuits of every kind, good dairy butter and all the staple articles of a first-class grocery were to be found here

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in best quality. Mr. Powers left a large order with Mr. Welsh, and arranged for a continued trade with him, and now the selection of dishes and crockery ware for dining room and kitchen was to be made. There was but one place in the city where this could be satisfactorily done, and this was at the extensive emporium of Mr. Geo. Adams. Here Mrs. Powers found everything needful in latest and prettiest design. A most exquisite set of dishes of beautiful pattern—a complete furnishing of the home in bedroom sets—and a fine line of glass-ware for the dining-room was easily obtained. Mr. Adams gladly showed them through his beautiful store, drawing their attention to the excellent line of teas and coffees he carried, as also his stock of general groceries. Uncle Josh had long been a drinker of tea and coffee, and thought himself a good judge of both, so when Mr. and Mrs. Powers were out of hearing he ordered the clerk to send up five pounds of the choice tea and the same quantity of mocha coffee kept by Mr. Adams. Having seen the excellent stock in this one of the leading city groceries, they all went for luncheon to a neighboring restaurant. While enjoying a quiet half hour, Lucerne remarked: "Well, Uncle Josh, have you purchased all Janie's wedding presents yet?" "Not yet, my dear," said Uncle Josh. "I want something better yet for the girl." "Why don't you get her a piano?" "Just the thing; where can I get one?" "I think your best place is Messrs. Watson & Campbell's." Soon they entered this attractive book and stationery store, where they found a most complete line of goods, but Uncle Josh's heart was set on a piano, and after careful examination of various instruments he was able to make a selection of a magnificent upright piano, which for beauty of design, excellence of tone and handsome appearance, was not to be excelled by anything in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Powers meanwhile had been looking through this beautiful store and were more than delighted with the complete and well-assorted stock of Messrs. Watson & Campbell, and made many purchases of books and stationery. Having made the purchase of this piano, Uncle Josh proposed that they all have their pictures taken. Mr. Easthope, the leading photographer of the city, welcomed them, and in a most courteous and obliging manner proceeded to take a photograph. "Uncle Josh, do you remember the picture you and I had taken years ago, when I sat on your knee?" said Lucerne. Uncle Josh did remember,

and pulling out his pocket-book showed a little card whereon was the picture of a man of 40 with a little girl of eight years looking up into his face as she sat upon his knee. Lucerne could hardly suppress a laugh, but Uncle Josh dropped a tear as he thought of all the past now lingering only in memory. After the photograph was taken Maxwell made some purchases from Mr. Easthope's stock of scenic pictures of B. C., and having looked at the excellent work done by this gentleman they left the studio assured that in the hands of such an artistic photographer they would receive most satisfactory results from his work.

They now passed a window when Uncle Josh's attention was drawn to a beautiful pair of white kid slippers in the window of the enterprising boot and shoe firm of W. E. Sinclair. "Lucy come in. I want them air shoes for Janie. She will soon need them white fellers!" They soon obtained these and looking through the fine assortment shown by Mr. Sinclair, Uncle Josh added to his first purchase a pair of fine black kid shoes for Janie and a fine pair of gentleman's shoes for himself. Lucerne purchased a beautiful pair of slippers for Maxwell and a pair of ties for herself. Their purchases through for the day they repaired to their cosy home for rest. After some days Uncle Josh prepared to take his leave, having made them promise to come to see him as soon as time would permit. On the way to the station Lucerne said: "Maxwell, we must get something for Janie's wedding." "To be sure," said Maxwell, and they together called at Mr. T. A. Muir's, one of the leading druggists of the city. In this attractive drug store they not only saw a full stocks of drugs, but toilet

articles in every variety. A beautiful toilet set for Janie from Maxwell; an exquisite perfumery set from Lucerne, and a handsome present of a brush and comb case for Uncle Josh, with a most charming manicure set for Aunt Mary, and then bidding Uncle Josh good-bye they started for their home. On their return Maxwell and Lucerne called at the gents' furnishing establishment of H. L. Debeck, and Maxwell found some choice suits of all kinds from which he obtained a fine outfit for his office wear. Mr. Debeck he found kept the latest designs in ties, collars, cuffs, hats and everything needed in the line of first-class gent's furnishings.

For Mr. and Mrs. Powers life now ran on in peace and prosperity in their happy home. They are still enjoying the happiness of wedded life and may be heard from again.

## Communications.

### THE METHODIST COUNCIL.

To the Editor of the Recorder:  
Sir:—The following extract from the Methodist Times of the United Kingdom will answer any objections that may be raised by some who do not fully realize what is meant when we plead for a forward movement for Methodism in British Columbia. Methodist Councils would, as pointed out before, help to bring this about, and as "union is strength" we trust that every lover and member of our beloved Church will most loyally assist

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in this most laudable work. "There is no more interesting city mission work in the United Kingdom than the Belfast Mission at Grovenor Hall. There are in Belfast one hundred thousand Protestants who attend no place of worship, and the primary object of this mission is to reach them. We have no doubt, however, that Dr. Crawford Johnson and his assistants reach Roman Catholics as well. There are no less than 7,000 persons who were brought within the sound and under the influence of the various Christian agencies of the mission during the week. The Sunday afternoon service, composed chiefly of workmen, averages one thousand; the evening congregation numbers 2,500, and hundreds are turned away for want of room. It is a miscellaneous congregation, consisting of domestic servants, artisans, strangers, seamen, and those who are simply strolling and loitering about the city. It is only by missions of this sort that the enormous unreached majority of our citizens can be reclaimed. In New York a similar work is going on. At the seventh anniversary of the forward movement, held in the Metropolitan Temple, Manhattan, in December last, an increase in membership of 300 was reported for the current year. Five years ago the membership was 100; to-day it is the largest Protestant congregation in New York. The invaluable Methodist class-meeting has been revived in great vigor, in connection with this forward movement, which also exhibits all the characteristics of the great central town mission, which have been exhibited in almost every principal centre of population in the United Kingdom. Similar missions are urgently needed for the United States in all the large centres. Of late years it has been painfully manifest that the extraordinary progress of Wesleyan Methodism in the United States has almost ceased, and we shall never repeat the old success until the organization and agencies of American Methodism are made as elastic and comprehensive as they have become in England. The deadly effect of the three years limit in the huge modern cities, was arrested for a time in the great American cities by reducing the circuit to solitary stations. When a minister is able to be in the same church every Sunday it does undoubtedly, for a time, mitigate the evils of the itinerancy in its extreme form, but

events have shown both sides of the Atlantic that the solitary appointment is not the true remedy for the evil. In time, indeed, it becomes almost as great an evil as the rigid three years limit, and the whole character of Methodism is changed. One congregation can never produce a Methodist circuit. All the wisest leaders of Methodism in England to-day have realized that solitary appointments except as a temporary and extreme expedient are a great evil to all concerned, and the whole tendency of Methodism now in the old land is to revert to the old and healthy arrangement of large city circuits and wide country circuits. A bastard form of congregationalism can never develop true Methodism." From the above considerations it will be apparent that in British Columbia as well as in other parts of the British Empire, a forward movement both with regard to city missions, which is essentially Methodist, and which we are pleased to note under the fostering eye of the Rev. W. H. Baaraclough and his assistants have done such good work in Victoria, as also in New Westminster we understand a similar work is going on under the charge of one of our lady friends. I do not hesitate to say that if our leading laymen would take this matter into serious consideration and take their rightful and proper place in the church, and assist the ministers in inaugurating a policy that would counteract this baneful tendency

to split up our circuits. If this resulted in bringing about a healthy reaction for the consolidation of the several congregations into circuits, Methodism would receive a stimulus such as she has never yet known. If the circuit system is fostered it would materially assist the stationing committee at Conference. If, say two or three men of experience, with perhaps a younger man, could be put down upon a circuit, the stipend of the experienced men being equal, irrespective of the church to which they were appointed, the whole being on the Quarterly Board of the circuit would raise the ministerial status and increase their usefulness. I can well understand that some through lack of knowledge and being always used to stations, might object, but I am convinced that if this system were given a fair trial the results that would accrue would be of untold advantage to both ministers and people in the years to come. It has been recently pointed out that through lack of organization the Congregational church is about the seventh or eighth on the list of Protestant churches, and as an ardent lover of Methodism I appeal on her behalf for a forward movement, which the Methodist Councils, if established, would help to consolidate and foster.

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### PERSONALS.

Rev. J. W. Winslow is receiving the help of Evangelist Rev. David Reid in revival services on the Saanich Mission.

Rev. Joseph Hall, Principal of the Coqualietza Industrial Institute, preached missionary sermons in the Mount Pleasant Church on Sunday, March 11th.

Messrs. Lewtas and Reid, whose successful evangelistic work at Wallace street, Nanaimo, was reported in February Recorder, are now assisting Rev. S. J. Thompson at Revelstoke.

Rev. J. C. Speer is engaged in preaching a short series of sermons on "The Ends of Faith," which is intended as an antidote to the doctrines of Christian Science and kindred theories.

Mrs. S. S. Osterhout, wife of the Chairman of Port Simpson district, has been spending some weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Humber, Victoria, and expects to return home to Simpson early in April.

In the sketch of Mr. John Jessop's life, which appeared in our February issue, two slight mistakes occurred, namely, 1. that Mr. Jessop crossed the prairies and mountain on foot in midwinter, and 2. that he built the old Central School buildings at New Westminster; both these statements were misinformation.

The editor occupied the pulpit morning and evening at Mount Pleasant on

March 4th, acting on behalf of the pastor, Rev. A. E. Green, who was confined to the house a few days through a slight illness. Mrs. J. P. Hicks has been improving in health during a month's stay with her parents in New Westminster.

Rev. Mr. Greenfell, of Arnprior, in the Montreal Conference, has been paying the Pacific Coast a visit, and is heartily welcomed. Mr. Greenfell preached a delightful sermon in connection with the reopening services at Victoria West Church on Sunday evening, the 18th ult., and spoke at the tea meeting at the same place the following evening.

Rev. W. W. Baer, of Nanaimo, delivered his popular lecture on "Six Months in New York," to a delighted audience at Chemainus on Monday, March 19th. The previous week he fulfilled a similar engagement at Ladner, where his distinguished services and oratorical gifts were much commented upon and highly appreciated.

We learn that Mrs. W. H. Barraclough, acting under physician's advice, intends spending the summer with her friends in the East. She will likely travel in company with Miss Young, of the teaching staff of the Coqualietza Industrial Institute, who is returning to Ontario on furlough. Mrs. Barraclough will be greatly missed in Victoria, and a host of warm friends will follow her with sincerest wishes that she may greatly enjoy and benefit by her visit.

We are about to lose from the West one of the most talented of lecturers in the person of the Rev. J. C. Speer, who is finishing his term at the Metropolitan Church, Victoria. During the years he has resided here he has lectured scores of times, and always, we feel safe in saying, to the interest and delight of all who have listened to him. His "Evening With Irishmen" is one round of laughter, sustained until the sides ache. In "Songs and Singers, both Grave and Gay," his eloquence and ability have full scope, and are fully displayed. In fact in all of the series, varied in character, Humorous, Patriotic, Scientific and Aesthetic, he has never failed to give satisfaction. We are sorry to bid him farewell.

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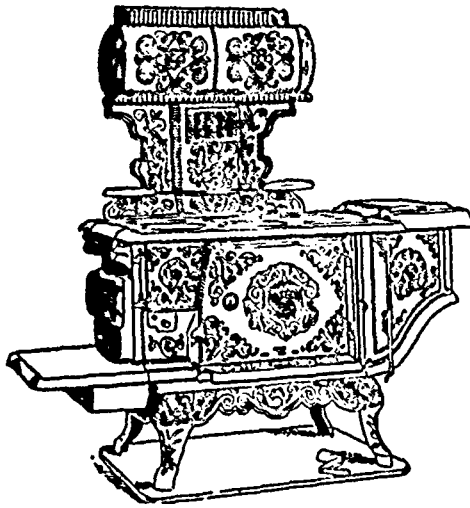
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W. H. Barracough, B.A., Pastor, Mr. N. Shakespeare, the esteemed superintendent of our Sunday school, gave a lecture on Britain's wars, in aid of the Sunday school, on Monday eve, March 12th. The audience was large and the lecture, which was illustrated by stereopticon views, was interesting.

The young people have been organized into a circle of workers, with Miss Mabel Davey as president and Miss Jessie Stephens as secretary, and are planning aggressive work on behalf of the church.

A plan is on foot to extend the Sunday school room by the addition of class rooms on the side. We hope to see it an accomplished fact before the year is over.

We are arranging for a grand rally day on Easter Sunday, the decorating of the church being in the hands of a competent committee. The Union meeting of the Sunday schools of the city will be held in the church on the afternoon of that day.

Rev. J. C. Speer's lecture has been postponed to Wednesday evening, May 2nd. We hope that a large audience will greet the talented lecturer. The opportunity to hear him will be one of the last. Subject: "Jerry McCauley, or a Diamond From the Depths."

## The Churches.

### VANCOUVER, MT. PLEASANT.

Rev. A. E. Green, Superintendent. Our Church has subscribed \$640 for the T. C. T. Fund, of which five hundred has already been paid in. This clears off the Church debt, which three years ago was \$1,200.

The building is now too small for the congregations, and more room must be provided.

The Sunday school numbers about two hundred; is doing excellent work, under the superintendency of Bro. G. Hicks.

On March 11th Bro. Joseph Hall preached missionary anniversary sermons, collections and subscriptions for the day amounted to \$100. We shall be 25 per cent. in advance of last year. A blessed day.

On March 19th Bro. E. E. Scott gave a very interesting and inspiring address to Epworth League on missions.

The Chinese mission buildings will soon be finished. Wet weather delayed the outside work. The school is now held in new school room.

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### VICTORIA WEST.

Rev. J. D. P. Knox, Pastor.

Since our worthy Pastor, Rev. J. D. P. Knox, has been stationed here we have wiped out our mortgage. No sooner was the mortgage wiped out than our congregation increased to such an extent that we had for several Sunday nights difficulty in finding sitting accommodation for the people who came.

The Sunday school also grew to such an extent that it was found necessary to enlarge our borders. There has been added to the rear of the church two class rooms to accommodate about 40 persons each, an orchestra for the choir; also the church has been fitted up with pews instead of chairs, and we can now accommodate fifty more persons.

On Sunday, March 18th, we had reopening services. Morning preacher, Rev. J. C. Speer; afternoon, Rev. R. Hughes; evening, Rev. Mr. Grenfell of Montreal Conference. The collections and congregations were good. On the

Monday the Ladies' Aid had their sale of work and an evening tea; the programme after supper was an excellent one, and the meeting a great success, and was presided over by Mr. Knox.

The cost of the entire enlargement has been about \$700, towards which there has been raised in cash and promises the sum of \$510. We expect in a short time to clear off the balance.

Also our connexional collections are so far in advance of last year. The church and Sunday school are very sorry to lose late Gummer Wild, who has lately been promoted to a commission. Lieut. Wild has been secretary for the Sunday school for over two years, and his good wife has been a teacher and treasurer to the

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Rev. T. W. Hall, Pastor.

Because of a misunderstanding of the time when letters for publication must reach your office our last month's report was missed.

The special service referred to in the February number of the Recorder, under the direction of Rev. John Lewtas and Mr. John Reid, continued for nearly three weeks after I wrote.

On the second Sunday of the meeting the Holy Spirit wrought upon many hearts, over twenty young men and women and younger people began their Christian life in the Sunday School, and before the day closed about thirty-five had yielded to Christ. The effect of the services in Wallace Street Church was realized in all the other Churches more or less. About one hundred and forty in all professed conversion.

The Presbyterian and Baptist friends as well as our own Halliburton Street Methodist and the Salvation Army took a lively interest in the work, and in turn reaped a harvest of souls. More than one half of all who profess conversion remain in Wallace Street Church, the balance go into the different churches of their choice.

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The workers of the Herald Street Mission held a general meeting on Monday evening, 19th March, in the Mission hall. It was decided to separate in two companies, each company to have a captain, who is responsible for the planning of the meetings and speakers. Messrs. Gideon Hicks and W. H. Gibson were chosen leaders.

A visiting committee was organized, with Mr. Spragge as leader; this committee is to have a systematic plan of visiting all the cabins and houses in "the slum district," distributing tracts and other literature to enlighten the weak and fallen ones.

Our workers are very joyful with the success gained during the past year, and have determined to put their shoulders to the wheel to carry on the work of the Master.

The work is sustained by voluntary contributions of the workers and friends; we have expended fifteen to twenty dollars monthly during the past few months, most of which was to provide men with food, clothing and lodging.

The organization, as completed, is:  
President, W. T. Andrews.  
Vice-president, D. W. Spragge.  
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Rev. J. H. White, Pastor.

Revival services were begun in Carman Church on Jan. 20th, and continued for nearly five weeks. From the com-

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movement God's people entered heartily into the work with the result that the Church was greatly blessed and quickened, and about forty persons, young and old, led to Christ. Yesterday, Sunday, March 11th, we had the joy of receiving five persons by letter and twenty-nine on profession of faith into fellowship with the Church. Besides these some half dozen or more will unite with other Churches here, and one or two have gone away. The Church receive valuable help in its work from Rev. Jos. Hall, and members of the staff of Coqualeetza Institute, Rev. Thos. Crosby and Mr. Chas. Champness, son of the founder of the "Joyful News" mission, who was passing through on his way to China, and called to spend a week with Bro. A. C. Wells and family. Mr. Champness is a skilled evangelist, and his addresses and singing were made a blessing to many.

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CHEAM.

Rev. W. G. Mahon, Pastor.

Rev. Goro Kaburagi, B.Sc., of Vancouver, lectured at Camp Slough on March 5th to a large audience. All were delighted with Bro. Kaburagi and express the desire that he may visit us again.

The pastor has begun an appointment in East Chilliwack, where he preaches alternate Sundays with the Presbyterian minister. The people are delighted and in the future will assist in the payment of circuit expenses and ministerial support. They have done nobly this year.

At Cheam two weeks of special services have resulted in much good. We were visited by Revs. Jos. Hall, Crosby, Kaburagi, J. P. Hicks, a former pastor, and Mrs. F. S. Hall, all of whom rendered good service. Several have decided to live the new life and many more are thinking seriously.

NEW DENVER AND SLOCAN MISSION.

Rev. A. E. Roberts, Pastor.

Slocan appointment, Feb. 4th, 1900, marked a change for the better at this appointment. For some time past we have hired the Music Hall for services, but this was found too big and uncomfortable. A smaller and neater hall has been secured to be used exclusively by the Methodist Church, and the first services held on the Sunday mentioned were better enjoyed for the cosiness of the surroundings.

On Feb. 6th, 1900, a concert was given in the Music Hall, when a large audience assembled to hear the varied and excellent programme provided. The proceeds at the door amounted to \$36.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

VICTORIA DISTRICT NOTES.

The annual district meeting will convene in Halliburton Street Church, Nanaimo, on Thursday, May 3rd, at 2 p.m.; also Friday, May 4th, at 10 a.m. Laymen to attend on the 2nd day.

J. C. SPEER, Chairman.

J. P. HICKS, Fin. Sec.

VICTORIA DISTRICT.

The attention of the superintendents of circuits and missions is called to the notice which appeared in the Christian Guardian of last week re the change in the law of the General Conference Fund. For the present quadrennium there is to be a pro rata assessment upon all circuits and missions. The amounts to be collected were given to the various superintendents at the last financial district meeting, and it is hoped that the ministers will remember, they are held responsible, personally, for the amount laid upon their charges.

J. C. SPEER,

Chairman.

KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

The Annual District Meeting will be held in the Methodist Church on the 25th and 26th of April, commencing at 9:30 on Wednesday morning.

J. A. WOOD,

Chairman.

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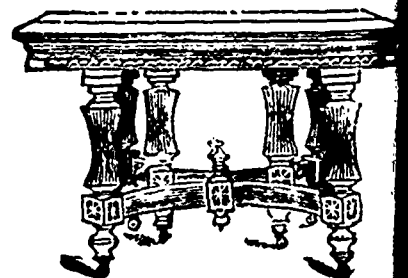
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