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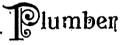
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The Rev. R. Whittington, the President of Conference, was born in Scotland in 1850, but came to Canada (Ontario) when a boy. He was converted to God at the age of twenty. He attended the Collegiate Institutes of Peterboro and Cobourg : subsequently entering Victoria University, where he was graduated B. A. with 1st class Honours in Mataphysics in 1870. From the same Institution he obtained his M. A. in 1882, and his B. Sc. in 1892.

Mr. Whittington entered the Ministry in 1882, his first charge being Melville, Ontario. Going to Japan in 1883 he was for two years Acting Principal and Professor of Natural Sciences in the Anglo-Japanese College, Tokyo, and afterwards for five years, 1885-90, Professor of Meta, Physics, Ethics and Apologetics,



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

in the Methodist Union Theological Seminary, Tokyo. He returned to Ontatio on furlough in 1891, and lectured in Victoria University, 1891-92, on Logic, Christian Evidences and History of Philosophy. In 1892 he became Principal of Columbian Methodist College, New Westminster, where he continued to labor with great fidelity through five exceedingly difficult years, until, in 1897 he resigned and resumed regular pastoral work in his present charge of Princess Street Church, Vancouver. Mr. Whittington is greatly respected throughout the Conference, and that he enjoys the confidence and esteem of the brethren is sufficiently evidenced by his double election this year - First the Presidency and also to the General Board of Missions.

Our Laper.

We believe our people will find this number interesting and profitable. It contains three portraits of prominent brethren—the President, the Rev. E. E. Scott and Mr. C.S. Keith of New Westminster, president of the Epworth League and Sunday School Convention. There is also a cut of Princess Street Church (the President's church), Vancouver. On page 4, Rev. J. C. Speer, one of the Associate Editors, commences an interesting original story, entitled "A Pugilist turned Preacher, and what came of it." Mr. Speer, also responsible for the page on Temperance and Sociology. Rev. W. J. Sipprell, B. A., B. D. edits page 6, where this month he furnishes notes of his trip east and other matter. Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B. A. is giving special attention to Epworth League and Sunday School

matters on page 8, and also presents an excellent budget of church news, filling several columns, and commencing on page 9. There is also a contributed article on page 7, as well as personal information, etc., elsewhere. It will be borne in mind that the establishment of this paper is not a financial scheme, but purely in the interests of Methodism and Christianity generally. We trust therefore that our people will promptly assist us by sending us their yearly subscription of 50 cents. We shall also welcome communications on any subject which bears relation to the objects of the paper.

MANITOBA IN THE VAN.

According to creditable information received, Manitoba is again doing herself credit by her progressive and enlightened attitude towards Temperance and Social Reform. It appears that a delegation of temperance workers recently waited upon Premier Greenway, to ascertain officially the attitude of the Government on Prohibition. The, were courteously received and informed by the Premier that his Government has promised the people of Manitoba the fullest measure of Prohibition which they have power to give, When will British Columbia get so far along?

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The raison de entre of the Mightodist Recondent was briefly and clearly stated in our trial number, which, by the praiseworthy energy and ability of the Rev. W. H. Barraclough was issued in April, and mailed to all of our Ministers, and many of our representative laynen, for their consideration. It was shown that: from the peculiar geographical position of our Conference; from the great distances separating our fields; from the variety of enterprises involved in our work; from the rapid changes constantly taking place; and also from the cosmopolitan character of our population—British Columbia Methodism greatly needs some unifying medium. We need some Intelligence Department, so to speak, in order to understand the nature and needs of our work; to appreciate one anothers difficulties; to preserve the connexional bond, and to develope our connexional interests, and generally more effectively to promote the claims of Christianity and public morals, in this young, progressive and yet in many respects perilous Province.

Province.

The courage and convictions of Mr. Barraclough and his associates were fully justified by the Nanaimo Conference. With a sample copy of the proposed monthly in the hands of each member, with a clear outline of the proposal hid before them, and after a most earnest and thoughtful discussion of detail, the Conference endorsed the scheme with practical unanimity. Every one thought it desirable, the only serious objection urged by a few was the fear that it could not be made pay. We are now fully convinced, that on its present basis, difficulty along that line may be obviated if our ministers and representative laymen will only cheerfully and heartily bring the matter before our people. Methodism has a following of approximately 20,000 in the Province. And with the price placed at 50 cents per annum, there should be no difficulty in securing a list of 2,000 subscribers by the end of the Conference year.

Our Twentieth
Century Fund.

Twentieth Century \$1,000,000 Thanksgiving Fund occupied so little time in the discussions of our recent Conference. Certainly no more important subject came up for consideration, and some had taken for granted that hours would be spent in its debate. It was perfectly clear however that the brethren were of one mind about it before they met. It was a foregone conclusion that the scheme would be heartily approved, and pushed with hopeful energy throughout our entire conference. All that was needed therefore was the formal endorsation of the scheme, and the appointment of a competant committee to thoroughly organize our fields for the effort. This was carefully done, and the personal of the committee is a sufficient guarantee that no necessary detail will be overlooked. We are confident that British Columbia will give a good account of herself when the totals are made up.

Nature of the Scheme. As to the provisions and objects of the Fund, abundant information is promised by the General Committee in due time. Of the two great features of the proposal, the first to fasten itself upon the imagination is the magnificert purpose of Canadian Methodism, to raise a million dollars for the vigorous and effective promotion of its Christian enterprises at home and abroad. Marvelous possibilities are involved in the realization of this purpose! What a mighty impulse will be given to our missionary operations! What days are in store for our Educational Institutions! And what work our Churches will be able to undertake when once the fetters and shackles of Mortgagesandliens are broken! Wonderful things can be done with a million of Money.

But the vaster, the supreme purpose of the church in the launching of this great scheme is not the matter of raising that large amount of money. We need the money, and believe food will enable us to raise it, but what we need infinitely more is a mighty and universal deepening of the Spiritual life of the Church. And the greatest object of the Fund is to bring this about. It is supremely a Thanksgiving Fund; this must be emphasized. The minds of our people must be concentrated upon the abundance of God's gifts to us hitherto. What a glorious heritage he bas given Methodism, and what possibilities lie before us. Without this Spiritual awakening, this adoring consecration, the money will be of little good to us. It may become a curse rather than a blessing. Let us keep it steadily before us that the occasion, gives us a unique opportunity of quickening the old time fire of Methodism, which coupled with the increased enlightenment of our own day, will lead us for ward to imprecedented triumphs for Christ.

The Indian Missions.

One of the important matters dealt with by the Conference was the necessary adjustment of relations to meet the new conditions under which our Indian Missions were placed

by the last General Conference. The Conference was evidently not agreed upon the point as to whether the change is a good one or not. There was, however, a cheerful disposition to abide by the new legislation until it has been fairly tried; when we may claim the right to speak on the question again.

Amalgamation Of Temperance Orders

We are quite sure that many of our readers will be delighted to hear that there is a movement on foot, looking to the amalgamation of the three leading. The company of the Third Parks of The Parks of

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to the amalgamation of the three leading Temperance Orders, viz: The Independent Order of Good Templars, the Royal Templars of Temperance, and the Sons of Temperance. The honour of initiative belongs to Mr. George Spence, Grand Chief of the I. O. G. T., in Ontario, who through correspondence with the heads of the other two bodies, arranged for a Union Committee of Grand Officers to meet and consider the matter. The Committeemet, and reached a perfectly unanimous agreement. They embodied their heartiest endorsation of the Proposal in a resolution which is to be submitted to the Supreme Courts of their respective organizations. The resolution recommends a World-Wide Union of the Orders; but if that should be found at present impracticable, then it asks that it may at least be tried in Canada. We are aware that great changes cannot, as a rule, be effected in a day, and it is probably too much to expect that unanimity will immediately be reached in the three Supreme Lodges; but the closing up of the ranks of Temperance workers is so transcendently important, both for saving expense, and also for increasing our effective strength, that we earnestly hope that no serious obstacle will appear to the success of the movement.

C. M. College. It was gratifying to note the hearty and almost enthusiastic spirit will prevailed in the Conference when the Report from the C. M. College was presented by Principal Sipprell. This was largely due no doubt to the fact that Mr. Sipprell was able to show a decided improvement in the financial and general position of the institution; but the deeper reason, doubtless lies in the revived hope of our people resulting from a revival in trade. The merits of the institution are now more resultly considered, and the conviction grows that it must be maintained. It was significant that in the space of half an hour or so, over \$2,000 was subscribed on the floor of the Conference.

Convention.

The recent Epworth League and Sunday School Convention at New Westminster was one of the most profitable and hopeful ever held in this Province. There was a very

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fair and representative attendance, and a happy spirit of condiality pervaded the entire session but what characterized the gathering more distinctly than anything else was the conviction everywhere manifested, that they had assembled for important business; and that all were agreed to make the Convention yield some good practical results. Elsewhere in this journal extended reference is made to the Convention, and on page 9 will be found the substance of a valuacle paper read on the occasion by Mrs. C. L. Street of Chilliwack. We greatly appreciate the enthusiastic attitude of our young people in favor of the Recomber, and can assure them that we shall always be glad to assist their services for the Master.



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Excursions. Reference is made in another page to the manner in which apparently conscienceless Companies and Corporations are systematically offering insult to the Almighty, and perpatrating outrage upon the convictions of the Christian public, by arranging for monster Sunday afternoon excursions into the country with the delusive attractions of Sacred Band Concerts, etc. No one can estimate the demoralizing effect such abominations have upon the youth of our country. If it is allowed to continue we shall suffer for it in a few years by the impaired integrity of the national character. Such excursions are not a noveltey on this continent but they are a distinct encroachment upon the Canadian Sabbath. And we can attribute them to nothing but the superlative greed of the rich corporations promoting them. Surely the heads of such companies as the E. & N. R. R. who have a monopoly of the traffic upand down this island, will have consideration enough for the moral convictions of the majority of their fellow citizens, and respect enough for the claim of the Lord's Day to call a halt to this scandelous innovation.

Healthy We are glad to call attention to the "down town" evangelistic work being carried on in what is becoming known as the Herald St. Mission, Victoria. The work originated in the zeal of Rev. W. H. Barraelough, but it is sustained by the local preachers and the youngerelement of the several Methodist Churches. One of the most hopeful features of the movement is in the fact, that the most reliable and energetic of its supporters are some of most enlightened and wide-awake of our young men. Young men who are not ignorant of the asketic refluements and progressive thought of the age, but who agree with the Rev. W. L. Walkinson that the supreme "Mission of Methodism is to save souls." We hope that this "forward" example will prove coutagious and that "field preaching" which won so many of Methodism's early victories will again become common in all our cities and villages.

Rev. E. E. SCOTT. We are pleased to be able to introduce to the Conference, by his photograph, which appears on page 0, the Rev. E. E. Scott, who has

just succeeded Dr. Ehy as pastor of Homer Street Church, Vancouver. Bro. Scott has made a good name for himself in two important charges in the City of Toronto, and has already made (we are in a position to know) a very favorable impression in Vancouver. We can assure him a hearty welcome among his brethren.

Vested Interests in Liquor. Without doubt one of the most formidable obstacles in the way of temperance reform is the enormity of the vested interests in the Traffic and the way in which that interest is distributed among such a large body of shareholders. The Brewers' Almanack estimates the total suminvested to be £250,000,000, and the way in which this is distributed among all sections of the community may be gathered from the following paragraph:

"It appears that the ordinary and preference shave-holders alone in five large Brewery Companies number 16,004. If the debenture capital be equally distributed the number of shares and debenture holders will, together, be 27,052. Still more significant, as bearing upon the effect which the holding of these shares must have upon public opinion, is the social position of many of the shareholders, in the twoffirst named Companies, especially in Guiness & Copeers and fitted persons and doctors are, after women, the most numerous class, in the same Company are 178 persons bearing the title of "Rev." including Bishops, Deans, Archdeacons and Canons. In the other four Companies there are 133 persons designated at "Rev."

The above was taken from an exceedingly valuable book just published, on "The Temperance Problem and Social Refrom," by Messers, Joseph Rowntree & Arthur Sherwell, and refers primatively to conditions in Great Brivian. It is to be feared, however, that not alone in England do such conditions exist, but in other countries as well, and on this side of the Atlantic as truly as in Europe. Truly the liquor traffic is the strongest entrenchment of evil, and no solution of the Social problem is possible until this stronghold be taken.

When is the Victoria Methodist Council going to meet again? Don't know, perhaps the President could tell.

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A Pugulist turned Preacher and what came of it.

The first time I saw him he did not look as if he had ever been anything but a plain Methodist preacher, and no one would think of calling him "Buffer Jim" the name by which he was known before he was conquered by the mightiest Master. There he stood over six feet, and perfect in build: his eye was a light blue with a darker shade when he became excited, but there was nothing to indicate the fighter of many battles and the rowdy of many bar rooms. His hair was red and now combed in a plain but careful manner. He was dressed in the Methodist preacher black coat surmounted by the invariable white tie. We said there was nothing to indicate the fighter of other days, but a glance at his hands showed the terrible instruments with which his victories were won. These hands, at times, when under the excitement of some passage in conversation, or in the sermon when he was preaching, would become suddenly transformed into huge weapons, like the heavy clubs with which the South Sea Cannibals dispatched their victims. There were those who had heard of the early life of the young preacher from some who knew him, and from his own

young preacher from some who knew him, and from his own lips, which were but seldom opened on this painful past.

Jim was the only son of poor but christian parents, who lived in a belated portion of the county. Related because the land being low and for the most part swamp, it was the last to be settled. For years after the family settled in the township the chief occupation was cordwood cutting, for there was a good market in the little village which had sprung up by the new rail road which passed through the country. Jim was but a child when he became a familiar figure in the wood yard at the station where the wood was delivered after the villagers were supplied.

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It was a long time before the people at home knew that "Jimmy" as the mother called him, was in the habit of going to the tavern with the other drivers, "to warm up." But so it was, and the young men feared to tell of therapid change which had come over the big, awkward, red-headed

It was in the tayern he developed the taste for whiskey and fighting, for his was a nature which held in it much that was inflammable, and it only needed the proper conditions to develope forces which were never dreamt of, even by himself.

It was a bad thing for Jim that he never was beaten in a fight, for had he been, it is more than likely he would have kept away from places where the circumstances were all calculated to arouse the demon which lurked in him.

It was an unspeakable grief to his father and mother to realize that, their son had become, not only a drinking character, but that he was also a terror to those who crossed him when on a spree. Early in these experiences the father talked to him, and, while there was no word of disrespect, there was no change and the matter wasdropped. His mother, however, followed him with word and prayer, and at times there was evidence of penitence, but it passed away when the old surroundings excited. Flighting at length became an all absorbing passion, so that he drank less, in order that he might be in the better condition to plan for victory. In a new country there was not wanting material upon which to test his powers, for there were too many like himself, and the man who was spoiling for a focman had not to go far to find him.

Jim had a companion whom he had beaten in a terrible fight when he was but at the beginning of his disreputable career, he was admitted, by Bill, to be the better man, and after a shake of the bands they were companions. Bill was a short, thickset man with low brows and wicked eyes, while, as we have said, Jim was tall and fair with anything but a wicked countenance. The after history of these two young men was as different as was their appearance, for Bill went to the prison for a long term while Jim went to the pulpit for a lifetime.

These two seemed ever "spoiling for a fight," so much so that they were known to go to the hatrack in the laverns they frequented, when the owners were dining, and, in order to have occasion for a quarrel, they would leave one or more of the hats crownless. This generally had the desired effect and soon there would be a bloody fray which at times necessitated the calling in of the doctor. The officers of the law were few and far between in that part of the county, and besides it was not every constable who was prepared to go home with his "skin full of broken bones." So the "Buffer" of the county had things his own way for some

Jim was not an idle young man excepting when drink-ing, and when not working at home he went as helper to the farmers about and it was often said that he was worth

two ordinary men at a heavy job.

One winter he spent some months in the lumber shanty where he had many battles and became the terror of the hotel men who ran the business in the little village near the lumber woods. When the Spring came he found it wise to return home as there were indications of a combination of the shanty men, who had suffered from his mighty fists, to settle old scores. So Jim did not return to the woods the following winter but found himself in the employ of one John Wilkins who was a Class Leader in the Methodist Church in which the Rev. Solomon Sampson held forth once

every week.
The class leader with whom Jim was employed was known as "Praying Wilkins" from the fact that he had a great gift in prayer and with, a voice which could be heard across the concession, he was an important item in the Methodist Camp Meetings and "Revivals" of the new settlements. Wilkins and Jim Jenkins made a strange combination. But Brother Wilkins was a character, and his religion was as real as Jim's was riotous. It was this practical, uncompromising element in Wilkins which took the eye of the fighter. He was told that if he remained in the house he must use no bad language and he would be expected to remain for prayers which would be taken from the end of his day's work and not from the end of the night's rest

For some weeks things went all right at the home of the classleader and he began to think that half of the lies the class leader and he began to think that half of the lies he had heard about Jim were not true, till one day in the logging fallow he had his eyes opened to the tiger which slumbered in the hired man. The steers were generally faithful and obedient, but the work was heavy and the September day had turned hot and the nigh ox became sulky and of had temper. Wilkins was in another part of the fallow when he heard a deep roar as if one of the oxen had met with a serious accident. He hastened to the scene only to behold the fearful rage of Jim who had felled the young ox with a blow of the handspike. The ox had refused to do the work and the passion of the young man carried him away. He had continued to belabour the sulky beast but without producing the desired effect. Mr. Wilkins rushed between the infuriated man and the fallen animal and in a voice of thunder commanded the man to desist.

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Jim's hand came down but it swerved before it touched the old man who stood unmoved and without the evidence of fear. "I'll kill you and the brute too if you interfere with me," shouled the infuriated fellow. "No you wont kill either of us Jim, lad" said the master. "You had better sit down on that log and let me show you how to drive oxen so that they wont go wrong." "Man alive if

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you were as brave as you are big you would not hit either an old man or a young ox." As he spoke he stooped down and pulled out the bow key and lifted the yoke from the neck of the beast and began to rub the long wells which had already appeared where the heavy blows had fallen. In a few minutes he had the oxen on his feet and yoked with his mate and all evidence of balky temper was gone. The fury of the young man had, in the meantime, disappeared, and as the old man started back to his part of the field be heaved him single. heard him singing
"My heart is full of Christ, and longs

Its glorious matter to declare:"
This was the first time for long years that this young

This was the first time for long years that this young man had a real view of the difference there was between the force of love and the force of passion.

The oxen stood where Mr. Wilkins had left them and as Jim arose from the log to which he had been ordered, he did determine to control his temper and use more of the spirit of kindness in driving oxen and in dealing with men.

It was some time after this that the Rev. S. Sampson began revival meetings in the little church down at the four corners. Some said he could not keep order, for every one

began revival meetings in the little church down at the four corners. Some said he could not keep order, for every one who had tried it had been compelled to give up to the rowdy element. The meetings would no more 'han get fairly started when a gang of toughs would begin to disturb and play practical, and sometimes serious, jokes aponthe people. But another start was made and everything went well till one night a number of young men, from an adjoining neighborhood, were at the meeting. The people feared these folks for they were well known to be "a hard lot." Among the rest there were three brothers who were called "the wolverenes" because the animals of that name of the men were much like that of these cuming and treacherous creatures. The meeting began well and Jim in honor

crous creatures. The meeting began well and Jim in honor of Wilkins, upon whom he looked as the one real christian of the place, was there in one of the seats near to the door. It was at the close of a most powerful sermon that the preacher called upon brother Wilkins to pray. It was not usual for Jim to kneel, but in honor of Wilkins, his own boss, he cronched down between the high backed seats.

"Praying Wilkins" was making good his record as the "praying man of the Methodists" when Jim, who was watching, if not praying, noticed the Wolverene brothers sitting up in the seat just behind him and entertaining those who sat around by an exhibition of the man who was so fervently leading the companyin supplication to God for the salvation of the sinful. The Bully was by no means pious himself, but this was to him a sin, not so much against God, as against the man for whom he worked. He poked up his as against the man for whom he worked. He poked up his head from the dark corner and in a low whisper asked the men to be quiet, but was promptly told to mind his own business. It was quite evident they did nt know who he was. They continued the sport to the disturbance of many people when again the big red head was jerked up and the follow-

ing conversation took place.
"That man praying there is my boss and you must not disturb him.

"We'll disturb you if you don't mind your own business" said the largest of the brothers.

"I tell you that man praying there is a good man and you better not make sport of him or I'll take his part" said

the young man still on his knees.
"If you say another word I'll put a head on you so quick you will not know"—the sentence was never finished, for there was seen the giant form of Jim Jenkins rising from below the seats and, as if three thunderbolts had struck them, the three "Wolverenes" went over the end of the seats and were landed in a struggling heap on the floor.

(To be continued in our next.)

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SUNDAY AND THE WEEKLY HALF HOLIDAY.

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It has been the excuse that Sunday has been the only day available for picules, &c. This excuse no longer exists for many. The practice of utilizing the Sabbath as a day of amusement is short sighted and suicidal for the working

To lower the character of the day is to render it more easy to impose another working day, with the effect of lowering gradually the daily wagef so that in time the pay for a week of seven working days would be no more than the present pay for a week of six working days. Experience shows inis to be true. And the man who fails to regard the Sabbath is an enemy to his own interests from every point of view. It is to be hoped that this holiday will become general among the retailers, the wholesalers have Saturday afternoons now, so that men may have time for recreation and pleasure without diverting the Sabbath from its true function as a day of rest.

OVER-PRODUCTION VS. POVERTY.

We are constantly reading of over production in various industries, fand possibly the next item tells of some individual or family perishing from lack of food. Perhaps it is the coal industry in which there is this so called over-production and perhaps only a few miles away a family may be suffering from the cold.

To speak of over-production in anything while there are people suffering from the lack of that very thing is absurd; and yet opinions of social conditions are often based on this absurd idea.

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The condition called over-production is an effect of our injust social conditions. Under-consumption would better describe it. For the results of labour are not too great, there is no waste in the economy of nature. The trouble lies in the unjustly, unequal distribution of wealth by which many of God's children are unable to avail themselves of the provisions of his Providence. The intention of God was that his creation should furnish all that was necessary for all his children. His nature forbids any other assumption and when one of His children, willing to work, perishes for food, it is due to the conditions that we have made, or necessary and when one of riscinding, withing to work, persides for food, it is due to the conditions that we have made, or permit to exist. As we pass along the slums of great cities where all is squalor, vice and misery, we feel how much is due to environment and this environment is due to poverty. Thus the vices and misery of the slums are due largely to poverty, the ignorance and irreligion of the people of the

shims are due to poverty.

The is no doubt that a large proportion of this souldeadening poverty is unnecessary in the nature of things, to think otherwise is to slander the Greator. The trouble is restriction of opportunity. Every one is born with an equal right to live and therefore to the necessities of life and anything that restricts the opportunities of labor tends to defeat the intentions of God, to restrict their enjoyment of God's bounties and to produce poverty, drunkeness, crime and ignorance of a high and noble life.

One thing required in British Columbia is that the present Liquor Legislation should be made more easy of enforcement. The Sunday closing law might borrow a few provisions from the law in Manitoba with advantage.

The law relating to supplying liquor to drunkards could also be better improved.

But one of the greatest needs is the passage of a law wiping out grocers licenses and separating the husinesses.



SEED THOUGHTS.

That man alone has a great to-morrow who has back of of him a multitude of great yesterdays.

Memory is an organic fact in God and man. God forgets nothing save human frailty and sin-

We cannot remember with too great gratitude the ancestors who bring in all the riches of past ages as heritage with which we begin the race of life. A thousand streams from the ancestral hills pour their moral, intellectual, and spiritual fertility into our human soul, increasing its productive power for life's greatest achievements.

. . HOPE.

The soul of man is monarch in three realms. The Divinity that presides over the past is memory. To-day is ruled by reason. Tomorrow is under the regency of hope.

The temple where hope is worshipped is always crowded. "We are saved by hope," said an apostle, and where hope is not, life lies in shadow and the germs of every holy ambitionare dormant and dead. No grace forms a mightier pillar for the support of the human temple of life no star casts rays of light more helpful to the weavy pilgrim no anchor is more sure and steadfast on life's turbulent billow.

Has faith in the real grown weak and confidence in man begun to falter. Hope bears on eagle pinions to sunlit peaks where in diviner atmospheres we see life's mysteries made clear and plain,

Is life's horizon dark and its sunbeams shadowed by threatening cloud—then arises the star of Hope, making that horizon bright with its shining and painting new ideals

for the coming dawn.

Have the storms of life at last swept down upon us "Hope plunges her author's peak in the grave, and beneath it paints a more beautiful world, a dim but a sweet play of shadows.

God be thanked for Hope, for it is often the only light left to the weary pilgrim, and many whose sight was dim and whose faith was faltering, have been guided by its glimmering ray to the land where Hope is lost in sight.

BY THE WAY.

Notes on a Trip Through the Crow's Nest Pass.

Perhaps some notes picked up by the way may be of interest to our readers. Passing the well known district from the Coast to Revelstoke, let us begin at the latter point where the traveller via the "Crow's Nest" take the train for Arrowhead. At Revelstoke we had breakfast in

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Mr. Savage's excellent dining-room. Mr. Savage is the son Mr. Savage's excellent dining-room. Mr. Savage is the son of staturch Methodist parents, and in most gental manner caters to the desires of the travelling public. In conversation with him be told us be had promised his mether when he took up his present employment that he would feed all Methodist preachers for nothing, and if many with the capacity of the writer shared Mr. Savages generosity, his is no small contract. "All about for the South," and we swallow soldling tea and pressing the land of our kind-hearted host, we grab our hats and are off.

We follow the Columbia River through deep and winding cuts for 25 miles and reach Arrowhead, where the beautiful Steamer Kootenay awaits our arrival. Then be-gins the descent of Arrow Lakes, said by many to gival all other portions of the continent for quiet beauty and restful scenery. After a delightful day on the lakes we came to Robson where Rev. J. Calvert, with a most cordial welcome waited to greet us. We had the pleasure of riding on the watted to greet us. We had the pleasure of rading on the first trip made on the new Standard Guage Railway, running from here to Rossland. In honor of the event big engine 101 was decorated with flags and bunting. Soon we arrived in the picturesque city of Trail, where we were to spend a few days. We visited Rossland next day, a city of rapid growth; had a few minutes with Itro, and Mrs. Morden who made us most welcome. At Trail we visited the smelter, the largest in Canada, and saw the streams of yellow metal rushing from the awful furnage. low metal rushing from the awful furnace

On Sunday we took the services for Bro. Calvert. and preached to a very loyal and warm hearted people. Bro. Calvert and his devoted wife are doing most excellent work and have won the hearts of their people and the respect and esteem of all. He is a member of the City Board of Works Committee and has been instrumental in making many desirable improvements in the locality. His kindly and hospitable entertainment is a sweet memory to us all and we could not but feel we were richer in having the sympathy of such men than in having the gold of the millionare.

No class of people in the world can surpass in kindness and fellow-feeling the Methodist Minister, be his resources

large or small,

Leaving Trail for Robson and on to Nelson we run over a most picture-sque road along the rushing Kootenay River. Arriving at Nelson, after a short delay we took steamer for Kootenay Landing. Here we arrived in early morning, and in the midst of a drizzling rain boarded our train on the Crow's Nest Line. Many miles of beautiful mountain scenery were passed, and a number of new and thriving towns. Férnie, MacLeod, Lethbridge are large and busy places, and will, no doubt in time become considerable commercial

At one place we were brought to a standstill, through a mud slide. Happily for us a gang of workmen were at hand and the passengers were not put to the necessity of hunting uy a shovel.

Passing on to Crow's Nest Pass the fluest mountain

scenery to be found anywhere greeted us.

The moughtine are by far more prominent and individnalized than on the main line. Here a mighty castellated peak, looking like the fortified barricade of some giant being; there the turrets of a great Cathedral rose into the heavens and all around spake of greatness, of grandeur and of God.

We bade those awful hills farewell to traverse the limitless prairie, with a sorrow relieved however by the hope that we would see them soon again.

WHAT HARM IS THERE IN CARD PLAYING?

The harm (1) of handling the tools of the gambler. Of learning the methods of using those tools. (3) Of coming under the influence of the tendency towards the tricks and trickery that so commonly go with the use of those tools. (4) Of entering even the outer circle of the kind of people who use such tools, and of coming under the influence of the tendency to be drawn into the circles that are nearer and nearer the wicked vortex of such things. (5) Of be-coming familiar with, and a party to, the lowering of the principle of the lot commonly called "chance," but really predestination (orprovidence) to the use of mere recreation. (6) Of risking the tendency toward the waste of time is prolonged play. (7) Of venturing into the danger of not doing whatsoever one does to the glory of God, in the name of the Lord Jesus. (8) Lastly, even though it would do you no harm, there would be the harm it would do to oth-ers in any of these ways; and your daily petition, "Lead us not into temptation," makes it incumbent upon you not to lead any one into temptation or to lead temptation to my ome. - London Christian Endeavour.

How to Interest Outsiders.

MRS. C. I. STREET, SUMAS.

The subject allotted for this paper is one which forms the root and stem of our largue work. The chief object of our existence as a society. I take it, is that which was the object of our Saviour's life and death; to seek and save the lost; to bring in the wanderer to swell the number of the redeemed throng who shall one day chorus the praises of "Him who both loved us, and both washed us from our sins in his own precious blood."

Incidentally we do many other things; we cultivate our mental faculties; enlarge our stock of knowledge; bring to light latent, powers, and broaden the field of our mental and spiritual vision. As "insiders" we help ourselves and each other in many ways.

towards a sturdy christian maturity. But these are only means to an end, only preparations for the greater and more glorious work set forth in the final clause of our pledge: "to lead our young associates to Christ."

Christ."
The first essential, in order to interest others in our work is to be interested in it ourselves. Ent hu sinsm is contagions, so is indifference.

I read of a man who once laid a wager with a friend that he could collect a crowd in three minutes on one of the principle streets of a large city, without speaking a word or moving a muscle. Accordingly, in walking down the street with his friend he stopped, shaded his eyes with his hand, gazed intently at the upper storey of a large building some distance off. Almost all who were passing at the time stopped also and looked in the same direction, and in less than the proposed three minutes the street was full of a jostling crowd, all gazing at the same building and asking each other what was the matter.

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If we look earnestly in any one direction, others will look to see what we are looking at. If we look to Jesus, and continue

looking, others will look too, and as many as look shall live.
If you take notice of the successful election agents, or commercial travellers, you will find the secret of success in almost all cases to be an enthusiastic interest in the party, or firm, for which they are working. The world has grown tived, so tired, of half-heartedness and indifference, and is ready to be drawn at once towards anything that forms a center of real interest.

How shall we show that we feel an interest in our League? Well, there are as many different ways as there are members at least. We might mention just one or two. We will at least place our League work on a par with our business and social engagements. We will attend the meetings faithfully,—yes even when it rains! Instead of saying: "It is a bad night, there wont be many out anyway so I guess I'll stay at home," we will say: "it is a bad night, there wont be many out, so I must go and make one more." We will go with our minds full of plans annul helpful sug-

gestions, and we will not criticize, nor find fault with "the way things are run."

The outsider, as a rule, has a sharp eye, and a faculty for drawing conclusions, and he often shrugs his shoulders and says: "Join the Langue? O pshawl they don't care much about it thenselves. The members never talk much about it and they don't half turn out to the meetings. I guess its no good."

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If we take a real interest in our League, it will naturally follow that we will make our League interesting, and this is the second great requirement. How can this be done? There are two general principles upon which we may work. One is to place our standard on a level with the tastes of those we would win: the other is to strive to bring their tastes to the level of our standard. Many Laugues fall into the error of adouting

the crive of adopting the first plan, because it is easy, and increases the membership for awhile, but it will not stand the test of time. The "joy of the Loui" is our strength, and the joy of the world brings only weakness and decay. The other method is slower, but every gain is a permanent one.

Letus have variety and originality. It has too long been considered that entertainment must of necessity be worldly, and that religion must of necessity be dult. We want religious entertainments, and that does not mean an evening of frivolity, opened with "Rescue the perishing," and closed with the benediction; a thin gauze of religion stretched over an evening of foolishness, and pinned at one end with a hymn, and at the other with a prayer!

There are so many

nocent and healthful and elevating recreations which may be enjoyed in the name of the Lord Jesus, We can have the pres-

ence of the Master at our entertainments

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llas at our prayer

meetings.
Who may or may not be on the committees of the social department see to it that the Land Jesus is there. Then get hold of the outsiders that we want to interest and give them some-

REV. E. E. SCOTT, Pastor, Homer Street Church, Vancouver, B. C.

thing to do. Ask them as a special favor to help us. Find out what they like best to do, and what they can do best, and then arrange matters so that that is the very thing to have done.

We want the skill and patience of the angler if we would be "fishers of men." We must not go on doing the same thing over and over, we must learn to do new things, and to do old things in new ways. An element of uncertainty as to the "Bill of Fare" adds zest oftentimes to a meeting as well as to a dinner.

Listly—and this is perhaps the most important point of all—we must be interested in the outsiders. There is a chord in the human heart, that rarely fails to respond to the touch of a real live hearty interest. How often in talking with those who have wandered from the path of right do we hearsomething like this: "I never meant to go wrong, but I got started, and nobody seemed to care, so I went on." Let a soul be ever so hardened, and ever so far

gone in sin--if you can once convince him that there is one who cares, who really cares--you have begun to weave a

rope to righteousness.

Converts, like apples, will turn out best if they are hand picked. It is all very well to hold revival meetings and try to shake the tree—there are some whom we cannot reach any other way—but the ones saved at our special services are often those for whom we have prayed, and with whom we have talked privately, perhaps for months. O for a consecrated sociability, a largehearted christian friendliness, that takes an interest, not only in the health, and business, and family affairs of those with whom we meet, but in their salvation as well. A young man said, not long ago:—"These Methodist people are real friendly and sociable with a fellow as long as he keeps straight. If he doesn't, they just drop him that's all," Ah, we often need to leave the ninety and nine to go after the one who is not keeping straight.

How can we interest outsiders? It is a large question, but the answer is not far to seek. Let your light shine. What light? The light which transfigured the Master upon the Mount—the light of Divine love; the glorious radiance of Holiness shining through the veil of flesh:—the light of a soul filled with the Holy Spirit. Humanity turns to this light as flowers to the sun, and the Lord's word still stands true "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." Look up—to Christ—Lift up, not ourselves, not even our League, but Him—Jesus the Christ—and the world will

surely be lifted up towards Him.

Epworth League & Sanday Schools

THE CONVENTION.

The Eighth Annual Convention of the Epworth League and Sunday School Association of the Methodist Church in British Columbia was held in New Westminster, May 18-21.

We are sorry that our space forbids an extended report beyond a synopsis of the Resolutions passed and the excellent paper of Mrs. C. L. Street, on a former page.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN CONVENTION.

TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND.

Resolved—That this Convention hereby declared its entire sympathy with the purpose and plans of the Methodist General Conference to inaugurate a movement to raise a Twentieth Century fund of one million dollars, as an expression of gratitude to Almighty God for the manifold blessings, material, educational, and spiritual, vouchsafed to the world during the past century, and as a pledge and earnest of the love and liberality of the church, to be brought a ceaseless offering, and laid at the feet of the Redeener and Lord throughout the coming Century.

We also rejoice exceedingly in the fact that the raising of the Twentieth Century one million dollars fund is not primarily a great financial undertaking, but that it is contemplated to make it, by the help of the Great Head of the Church, a grand and widespread wave of revival blessing, on the crest of which the church shall be carried triumphantly over into the coming century. We hereby offer our earnest and loyal co-operation as individuals and as a convention, in this most worthy undertaking, and express our dearest hope and confident expectation that all our Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues will heartily unite in helping o carry this vast en terprise to a glorious consummation.

FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR MISSIONS.

The Resolution Committee having had the question of the Forward Movement for Christians missions brought to its attention, would earnestly recommend the Leagues to organize on the lines laid down in the discipline, and, to this end, we recommend, as a definite object, the Japanese Missions in Victoria, Sapperton and Nanaimo, the amount required being about \$600; and that the Rev. S. J. Thompson be appointed to organize in the Kamloops and Kootenay Districts, and Rev. W. H. Barraclough in Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster District.

Rev. Ebenezer Robson's proposed history of B. C. Methodism received a very favorable recommendation.

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In view of the fact that there is a strong probability of a prohibitory measure being adopted at the present session of the House of Parliament at Ottawa, which will throw the question of prohibition back on the provinces, and whereas it is of the greatest importance that said prohibitory law be put in force in this Province at the earliest possible date; it is resolved that the president and secretary be requested to obtain as complete information as they can secure on this subject, and forward such information to the various Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools of this Province, calling on all for their hearty and practical co-operation in this great battle against this greatest of evils, the liquor traffic.

OUR NEW PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT.

Charles Samuel Keith, the President of the Epworth League and Sunday School Association of the Methodist Church of British Columbia was born at Bloomfield in the County of Prince Edward, Ontario, on the 26th day of July 1866. His parents being descendents of the Old U. E. Loyalist Stock of New Brunswick. In the summer of 1880, he



MR. C. S. KEITH.

removed west with his parents coming to the Coast by way of San Franciscoand arrived at New Westminster in August 1880 proceeding direct to Sumas where he remained until the spring of 1883 when he moved to **New Westminster** where he hassince resided. After spending a term in the New Westminster High School, heentered the Law Office of His Honour Judge Bole as a Student at Law and Articled Clerk and was formally admitted a member of the Law Society of B. C. in 1802, and shortly after-wards formed a law partnership with Alexander

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With Alexander Henderson, Q. C., which still exists. Mr. Keith has been for years identified with most of the Secret Societies especially those along Temperance lines. Now however he is devoting his energies to the Sunday School and League work. Mr. Keith joined the Church during the late Mr. Watson's first term on the New Westminster Circuit. Mr. Keith is at present the President of the New Westminster Central League and Secretary of the Central Sunday School.

PERSONALS.

Rev. C. S. Eby, D. D., formerly of Homer street, Vancouver, has been ap-pointed to the pastorate of the Agnes St. Church, Toronto.

Rev. J. C. Speer was one of the speakers at the Puget Sound Epworth League Convention held at Olympia, Wash., June 22-24. On his way down he gave his famous lecture on "The Standards" in the First Methodist Church, Scattle,

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Rev. A. E. Green has gone East to attend the annual meeting of the Dominion Alliance, as representative from the I. O. G. T. and the Methodist Conference.

Rev. J. D. P. Knox has been granted six weeks leave of absence from his church, and proposes a visit to his old home in Ontario. Bro, Knox will repre-sent the Sous of Temperance at the Do-minion Alliance Convention.

Rev. S. S. Osterhout, Ph. D., Chair man of Port Simpson district, is spending a few months in the Eastern Provinces, visiting old friends and lecturing on behalf of the Missionary Society, He will no doubt prove of great assistance to the work of missions. Mrs. Osterhout and family are tarrying with her parents in Victoria.

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Rev. W. J. Sipprell, B. A., B. D., and wife are spending their vacation in the vicinity of St. Catharines and Wood-stock, Ontario. At the Convention of Leagues held in New Westminster in May last Mr. Sipprell was appointed a delegate to the International Convention of Epworth Leagues, which meets shortly in Indianapolis, Ind.

The Metropolitan Victoria Board are taking time by the forelock, and in a special meeting called to discuss the question of pastoral supply for 1900-1901, cordially invited the Rev. J. C. Speer to remain their pastor for a fourth year. We are pleased to know that Bro. Speer has accepted the invitation.

Rev. J. W. Wadman, M. A., of Japan, the first regular paster of the Centennial Church, Gorge Road, paid a visit to his old friends on his return trip to

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The many friends of Dr. Ernest Hail : of Victoria will desire to congratulate him on his recut success in winning the Gold Medal for 1899, offered by the Trinity Medical Alumni Association, Toronto. Of all the Theses submitted to the Committee of Eminent Practitioners, Dr. Hall's was pronounced most worthy. The paper was on "Diseases in the Fe male Insane: Its Significance and our Responsibility." It will be remembered that Dr. Hall has had remarkable success in the treatment of such diseases.

Mr. Jno. W. W. Stewart, Provincial Manager of The Imperial Life Assuran e Company of Canada, whose adv. appears in another space, has the distinction of being the first paid subscriber to the "Methodist Recorder," and holds receipt number one.

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Mr. F. J. Bailey, General Secretary of the Wesleyan Naval Work at Esquimalt, spent a few days in Kamloops as a delegate to the Grand Lodge A. F. &

Rev. W. H. Barraelough, B. A., has been invited to lecture before the Itinerent Club of the Puget Sound Conference.

Metropolitan, Rev. J. C. Speer, Pastor.

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

CHURCH NEWS.

VICTORIA CITY.

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

James Bay, Rev. R. H. Hughes, Pas-

An Intermediate League has been organized in connection with the Metro-politan Church. We believe such an or-ganization can be made a great power for good, taking in, as it does, those who are just at the age when they are apt to be lost to the church. We trust that this League will be ever found ready to lead a helping hand wherever necessary. Mr. Robert Herbert is the President, Miss Minnie Luney Secretary. Rro. E. A. Lewis, of the Senior League, has been chosen Superintendent. The young folks are starting out right lines to develop not merely the social side of their natures, but the in-tellectual and spiritual as well.

The young people of the Spring Ridge neighborhood have organized a Lengue in connection with their Sunday school. They are bashful about calling themselves an Epworth League, but are formed on the same lines. Mr. E. E. Westcott is the President. They are an intelligent and energetic lot of young people, and we bespeak for their movement success. Already they are running a society paper, which is issued every month, and is ably edited by Mr. Percy Knott.

The Epworth League of the Centennial Church has taken a new lease of life, with Mr. Ernest Hall'as President. The Missionary Department has been organized with 15 pledged to pray for and give to missions.

The Victoria West Church is in a flourishing condition, and the friends are preparing to pay another instalment on their debt. Bro, Knox is exceedingly popular with his people.

The young people of the James Bay Church are enthusiastic workers, and are loyal always to their pastor. Rev. G. F. Swimmerton, B. A., was much beloved by them, and they, with others in the church, felt that they could not bid him farewell without some token of their esteem and affection, and consequently a farewell social was held and a delight'ul programme with refresh ments provided, and at its close Mr. Jus-

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tin Gibert, on behalf of the Church and League, presented Mr. Swinnerton with a purse of \$50 in gold. The Rev. Robt. Hughes arrived on June 4th, and this week they tendered to him as hearty a welcome as they had previously accorded a farewell to the retiring pastor.

Bro. Chris, Spencer has been elected

Recording Steward of the newly organized James Bay Quarterly Official Board.

Rev. Robt. Hughes' address is 129

Michigan street.

The mission which has been conducted since last October in the Indian mission church on Herald street, by a special committee working with Rev. W. II. Barraclough, B.A., is becoming increasingly successful. The movement has for its object to reach the population in the cabins in the vicinity of the church. Help has been given in cases of necessity and a general sociological spirit onters into the work.

The Metropolitian Senior League, Mr. 11. Siddall, President, has decided to continue its meetings all summer, looking to the needs of the many strangers who, coming to our city, need a church home. The League will always extend loving sympathy and a cordial welcome

to all strangers.

The Centennial Church gave special attention to Columbian College Sunday with encouraging results. Following this was held the annual flower Sunday. when the church was a perfect picture, with potted plants and hanging baskets and hoquets of flowers. Fourteen little yellow songsters in cages joined the songs of praise and thanksgiving. Hev. J. C. Speer preached in the morning and ; the pastor addressed in the evening one of the largest audiences ever seen in the building.

Mr. H. Boorman has been elected Secretary of the James Bay League in place of Mr. R. Lindsay, who has removed to Vancouver, Mr. D. Sprinkling was elected Treasurer. A prayer meet-ing, prior to the Surday evening service, has been started, from 6.30 to 7 Members and friends please note.

His many friends are very glad to know that Bro. Brownlee, who has been ! in the Jubilee Hospital for some time. having had to undergo an operation, is able to get out again. Bro B, is a Vice-President of the Metropolitan League and a faithful worker.

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ESQUIMALT.

Rev. J. P. Hicks, Pastor.

Just at present we have one of our "quiet spells" in the navy work. There are two ships south, one at Comox, one on the way to Honolulu, and the others, save one, for a few days are at Vancouver for the holidays. Of course they will soon be back again and will make things lively. We have to do our work by taking advantage, as far as possible, of "the times of season."

Through the winter months we held several tea meetings and concerts, while through the summer these are substituted by pienies. Both have proved exceedingly interesting to both "service" men and civilians, for the "lads" go into it with a will. This success, however must be chiefly credited to our small but valuable Ladies' Committee, who have surprised us all by their tircless energy and courage. The first of our picuies for the year was held a couple of weeks ago and was much enjoyed.

NANAIMO CITY.

Wallace St. Church, Rev. T. W. Hall. Pastor.

Haliburton St. Church, Rev. W. W.

Baer, Pastor, Wallace Street Church has settled down to work for another year. A feeling of loneliness was manifest after conference through the departure of so many of the brethren, but an inspiration for renewed activity was received. and on every hand and in every line of work there are the marks of prosperity

Two more classes have been organized since conference under good leaders. Some have started in the Christian life and an aggressive policy is being adopted generally.

Rev. W. W. Baer, who has been lately appointed to the Haliburton Street Church, arrived from the east on Saturday, June 10. Mr. Baer is entering on a second term in Nanaimo, having been pastor of the Wallace Street Church before the formation of the new circuit. Mr. Baer has a host of friends in the Diamond City, and we bespeak for him a successful year,

A much needed coat of paint has been placed on the Wallace Street Church. It was the intention to have had this improvement made prior to Conference, but the continued bad weather prevented it.

Our local J. P.'s are proving them-selves to be a "terror to evil doers," and in this we wish to assure them always of the support and sympathy of the Methodist Church,

Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B. A., of Victoria, paid a visit to our Epworth League in the interests of the Missionary Department, and organized the Department with 32 pledged members. Nanaimo is prepared to do its share in raising the proposed \$600 for our Conference League Missionary,

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WELLINGTON.

Rev. C. H. M. Sutherland, Pastor, At the May district meeting the re-sponsibility of opening and developing our work in the new mining region of Alexandria and Extension was laid upon the Wellington Church. Visits were made to Extension during the past year, but no public services were held as there was no place suitable for the purpose. Now, however, the conditions are more favorable, for, thanks to the active efforts of Mr. James Haggart, a small, plain building was creeted and finished shortly after the close of Conference. The Church will accommedate about one hundred, and is comfortable and sufficient for the needs of the place for some time. At the opening, which took place on the Sunday evening following Conference, the building was well filled by an interested congregation. At the close of the service the first fellowship meeting was held, in which several took part, one encouraging feature of which was that the voices of strangers as well as of pioneer members of our church in this district were heard, praising God for the privilege of joining once more in His worship,

Since the opening of our work in Extension a weekly evening service has been established through the willing and efficient aid of the local preachers of Nanaimo, brethren whose abilty is only equalled by their zeal.

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tendent. There are about thirty names already on the roll, with the prospect of a stendy increase. A prayer meeting has also been begun, which will be no doubt a weekly onsis in the journey of

This new field gives promise of extensive development, and the probability is that in the near future it will be vselfsustaining circuit.

CUMBERLAND.

Rev. Wm. Hicks, Pastor.

As this is our first report perhaps it would not be out of place to give a few figures showing our present standing.
The total membership is 62; total num-

ber enrolled in Sunday school about 150; Epworth Leage 30; Ladies' Aid 14.

We have been making plans of work for this Conference year, and among other things it is decided to hold a monthly prayer meeting in the Sunday school, with the special object of lead-ing the children to Christ.

DUNCANS-COWICHAN CIRCUIT. Revs. G. Howard Osborne and C.

W. Nelson, Pastors.

A reception was tendered the new pas-tors at the Mill Bay appointment, many members and friends joining in wishing us success for the year.

We have five appointments on this circuit and expect to start another or two

before long.

A very enjoyable picnic was held at Maple Bay on the old camp ground of years gone by. The gathering was swelled by many friends from a distance and the surroundings called up old memcries to the older ones, and we could not help joining them in praise to God for the men of the past.

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Homer St., Rev. E. E. Scott, Pas-

Princess St., Rev. R. Whittington, M.

A., Pastor, Mt. Pleasant, Rev. A. E. Green, Pas-

Members of the congregation and friends of the Homer Street Church welcomed their new pastor, Rev. E. E. Scott, in a reception in the school-room of the church G. W. Phipps, the recording stewart, presided over the gathering He read a resolution forwarded from the Toronto board concerning the pas-tor and his wife. The resolution was passed upon the departure of Rev. Mr. Scott for his new charge in the West, and it expresses gratitude and appreciation of the services of Rev. and Mrs. Scott in their work for the cause of the church. Mr. H. Harris welcomed the pastor on behalf of the congregation. For the Ladies' Aid Miss Bowes spoke a few words of welcome.

On Monday evening, June 12, the Official Board of the Homer Street Church put itself on record by unanimous resolution, as being in favor of one strong Methodist Church for the West End of

the city at present.

Rev. D. Davies-Moore, M. A., B. D., has just arrived in Vancouver from Singapore. Formerly he was a member of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, but went out by invitation of the M. E. Church to Singapore as a missionary to the Straits Settlements in 1890. For a time he was pastor of the English Church and chaplam of the troops, Then he went to the city of Penang to pioneer a new mission. After laboring there for four years he returned to America for a year's furlough, Again returning to Singapore he was engaged for a year in evangelistic work among the higher classes of Chinese. He ther went to Swatow, China, to open school. At the end of a year he was invited to become Principal of the Queen's Jubilee College in Amoy. The climate here was to severe for himself and The climate family, and after founding the college he returned home.

It is not improbable that Mr. Moore may be put in charge of our Chinese work in British Columbia.

Mrs. Moore is the adopted child of the Rev. Robert Lechler, of the Basel Mission, who last year celebrated his missionary jubilee in China. She is a thorough Chinese scholar, having studied and passed the government curriculum in Chinese language and classics at Hongkong

The Ministerial Association is moving out on aggressive lines. We clip the following from the daily press, which

speaks for itself:
"The license commissioners held their annual meeting in the mayor's office. City Hall, on Monday. Before the ques-tion of individual applications for licenses was taken up, the Revs. J. Reid and E. E. Scott, on behalf of the Ministerial Association, addressed the board on the license question generally. Mr. Reid spoke strongly on the gambling question and also dwelt upon the acknowledged fact that the Sunday closing law was broken every week. He made an ur-gent appeal for the license laws to be more stringently enforced, and declared that travellers had told him that Van-conver was the most 'wide-open' city on the ceast. The ministerial delegation usked that the saloons be closed every night at 11 o'clock and not be allowed to be open again until 6 o'clock in the

Rev. R. Whittington, President of Conference, supplies the following items, with some others which have preceded:

Rev. Pres. Rigsby. London Conference, writes: "Rev. J. P. Westman transferred. Transfer to take effect June 7th after his ordination. He is a good man and I hope he will enjoy his new .elation."

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Rev. Pres. Sparling, Manitoba Conference, also reports the transfer of Rev. A. E. Roberts, and speaks of him in the highest terms. We extend to these brethren a cordial and generous welcome to the British Columbia Conference. ence.

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EBURNE—RICHMOND CIRCUIT.
Rev. A. N. Miller, Pastor.
Considerable work was done on the
South Vancouver Church last winter, a part of the cost of which was raised by subscription. To raise the balance, the ladies at that appointment set energetically to work and for many weeks met as a sewing circle. On Wednesday, June 14th, they held a bazaar in the

afternoon and entertainment in the evening, the proceeds of which more than meets our present liabilities. Our church is not yet finished, but the peoD. S. CURTIS & CO.

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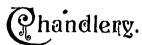
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MAPLE RIDGE.

Rev. A. K. Sharpe, Pastor.

The congregations on the Sabbath are good and the prospects for the year are encouraging.

The pastor has commenced a series of sermons on the subject of "Home," It is hoped these sermons will prove both 11 interesting and edifying to all who may hear them.

A new organ has ben purchased by the people of Westminster Junction. This will greatly aid the singing of the Sunday School and services at this appointment.

Improvements are being made in the interior of the parsonage.

NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.

New Westminster City. Central, Rev. J. F. Betts, Pastor. West End and Sapperton, Rev. J. P.

Bowell, Pastor.

The Central Church is rapidly recovering from the effects of the disastrous fire which destroyed its church, home and the homes of a number of its leading members. The corner stone of the new church was laid on the 28th of June,

1899, by the President of the Conference. The new church will be three blocks further up the hill than the old one, being now on the corner of Queen's avenue and Sixth street. Ample necommodation is being provided for the various departments of the church, the Sunday school being provided with a semi-oetagonal annex, which will give superior facilities for successful Sunday school and League work. It is expected to open this church free of debt. The Sunday school has increased both numerically and financially, and although under difficulties it has been able to maintain its high standard. The League ; has been doing good work, and its devotional meetings are very helpful, It is proposed to start a vigorous campaign in League work as soon as the new quarters in the church are ready.

There is a talk of changing the name of Central to Queen's Avenue Methodist Church.

Principal and Miss Sipprell have left for the east, going via Kootenay and the Crow's Nest Pass, and returning in Sep-tember. Rev. W. A. Sipprell, a brother of the Principal, who has just completed his university causes in the University his university course in the University of Manitoba, winning the Governor-General's medal, will accompany the party

from Winnipeg to Ontario.

Rev. W. D. Misener, formerly of Ladners, has become settled in Winnipeg in

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Mr. and Mrs. Tong Chue Thom are doing noble work in the Chinese Mis-Each evening in the week they teach the Chinamen who are willing to learn, and now have twenty-three in attendance, who are rapidly learning to read the Bible and commit portions of services are held, which are well attended. Mr. Thom's Mission rooms are rather too near to the other Chinese houses to be convenient for best results, since the incessant noise made by those in adjoining buildings who take no interest in the work, causes more or less disturbance.

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Rev. E. Manuel, Pastor, writes:

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the same interest in spiritual as in tempotal things, we shall see something accomplished for the Master. We labor,

pray and hope for this.

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CHILLIWACK. Rev. J. H. White, Pastor.

The annual camp meeting, the date of which was changed from May to June, has been held with good results. Rev. Thos. Crosbey, Chairman of the Bella Bella district, had charge of the Indian part, and Rev. Jos. Hall, Chairman of the Westminster district, for the whites. Rev. E. E. Scott, of Homer street, Van-conver, and Rev. J. P. Bowell, of New Westminster, rendered able assistance. The Carman Sunday School set the initiative, and arrangements were made for a Union Sunday School picuic on Dominion Day at the camp grounds. The invitation was responded to by the other schools of the valley, and a very enjoyable time was spent.
The King's Daughters were very suc-

cessful in their sale of work.

Rev. Thos. Crosby and family are settled in the Mission House Sardis, and contrary to the prophet of woe, who corresponds for the "Columbian," they have found a hearty welcome from the Indians, many of whom remember Mr. Crosby's early relationship to the mission and have a warm attachment for him.

The Methodist Missionary Society has arranged to purchase about 65 acres of land contiguous to the 20 acres now occupied by the Connelected Institute, The purchase is made from Messrs, A. C. Wells and H, Webb, and will give the Institute about 85 acres of very choice land. This will enable the staff to materially increase the efficiency of the school.

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Rev. W. G. Mahon, Pastor, Many people from the circuit attended the camp meeting at Chilliwack this scason,

Rosedale loses a patriotic Methodist and a conservative worker in the person of Miss Maggie Coverdale, who goes to Vancouver after having conducted both the Sunday school and Young Peo-ple's Society of that place during the past season. That God's richest bless-ing may follow Miss Coverdale is our earnest prayer.

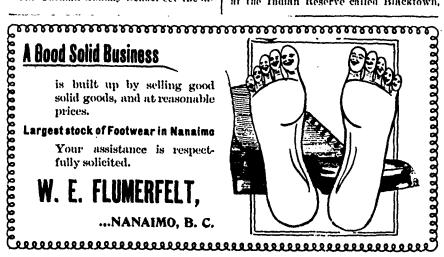
The paster will organize a Young Peo-

ple's Bible Club for the benefit of his young people, who desire to study Biblical history and kindred subjects. The club will meet weekly at the church and elub win messall are welcome.

VERNON.

Rev. E. Robson, Pastor.

On account of so many leaving town for summer employment, the Epworth League has combined with the church prayer meeting, the League having charge of each alternate meeting. A Sunday afternoon service is now regularly held at Goldstream Ranch, and another has been undertaken at another has been undertaken at Okanagan Landing, the southern termin-us of the S. &. O. Railway. This will make three out stations in connection with Vernon. Service, was held recently at Woods, 20 miles south, and another at the Indian Reserve called Blacktown,



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on the west side of Okanagan Lake. We were favored with two sermons and a lecture from our esteemed Chairman in connection with our Church anniversary on 28th ult. They were highly apprecion 28th uff. They were nighty appreciated. Mr. Ladner also met the Quarterly Official Board and conferred about parsonage building. Rev. W. E. Moody spent a S-inday (4th) with us preaching at Coldstream Ranch and Vernon, and holding a "Penticostal" meeting on the Proceedings.

Tuesday following.

Mrs. Spalding and daughter have returned from a nine months visit to Ontario. We missed her much from our church services. The Union Chinese Mission School, begun six weeks ago, is prospering. Some of the pupils are enquiring of the way of life.

The many friends of Rev. J. P. Bowell

New Worthinston our highly exteem-

of New Westminster, our highly esteemed Secretary of Conference, will be sorry to learn that he is at present incapacitated for work by a slight temporary mental trouble. It is hoped by his medical attendants that he will shortly be restored to full vigor by taking a thorough rest, as for some time Bro. Bowell has been under a very heavy mental strain, which is doubtless the cause of his trouble. Since the above was written we learn of considerable improvement in his condition.

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Rev. R. N. Powell, Pastor.

We clip the following from the local newspaper:

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they expect to go shortly,
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Hey. J. P. Westman, Pastor. Rev. Mr. Cropp, the pastor of last year, was presented with a purse containing \$30 by the mem bers of his congregation in Golden, with their best wishes for his future success. The presentation was made just before the train left for the East.
Rev. Mr. Westman, who has lately

been transferred from the London conference, has been appointed to the charge here.

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From it we gather the following facts, which may be of interest to our readers: Raised for all purposes during

the year Paid as salary to the pastor ... \$ 900.00 Razised and expended by the Ep-

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crease of 25 over last year, which must

be gratifying to all concerned.

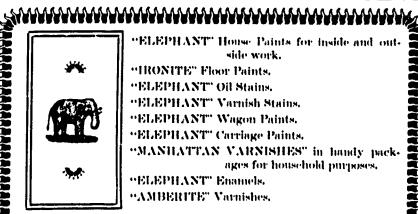
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NELSON.

Por John Lohner B. Poster

Rev. John Robson, B. A., Pastor. We have been favored with a visit from our esteemed missionary secretary. Dr. Sutherland, who spent a week here on his way from Conference to recruit before going on to Manitoba. The congregation were delighted to listen to him on Sabbath of May 28th. Youth and vigor seem loth to bid the Dr. fare-

well.
June 4th was our Children's Flower Sunday. The church was tastefully decorated with a profusion of flowers, The children, who occupied the front seats, were in good spirits and led the singing, which, especially in the duets, was very



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inspiring. The pastor addressed them on the subject of "The Heart," Prov. iv., 23. A number of children were also baptized at the service.

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Rev. J. A. Wood, Pastor.

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gratifying evidences of advancement.

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2nd Vice—Miss D. Rickers
3rd Vice Miss Mary Goodwin,

tth Vice—Grace Sweet.
Secretary Mr. Otto Coy.
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YMIR.

Rev. Jas Hicks, Pastor. Notwithstanding dulness in the work of the mines of this district, our Methodist work is a litle more hopeful than at this time inst year. Services, since Conference, have been fairly well attend-Ymir is somewhat crowded with services at present; no less than four

denominations holding forth in a camp of about 400 ahabands, Salmo, an other appointment, is promising, sever (tammies reside here, and a good number of men are passing through to the mines. There is also a sawmill here, employing from 20 to 30 men.

Strong faith in God is required in or der to persevere in such work as we have

to do.
White Swan Soap is becoming more

BELLA BELLA.

Rev. R. W. Large, M. D., Missionary. The Indians, at the time of writing, are nearly all out at Goose Island, about 20 miles away, bunting the fur seal. From present appearances they make a good catch this year, for whi 's we are grateful, as it will help to meet the expenses of moving to the new town-site, three miles away. They expect to come home about June 20th, and leave at once for River's Inlet. The missionary goes to Steveston, Fraser River, for the fishing senson. We are looking for-ward to our fall work with much inter-

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Rev. J. C. Spencer, M.D., writes under date of June 4th: "We had a pleasant trip up Sound, everything in good slape. Not many people around yet; busy time begins about 20th.

Expect Miss Lawrence and sister today, who will be our nurses in the hospital. Bro. Nicholas passed up to the head of the Inlet yesterday

For two months and a half during the

summer this whole. Inlet is thronged with people. Among them are those who would enjoy reading and good magazines during what little spare time they have. Any friend having such and forwarding the same to us, we shall see that they are well placed.

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HOWSON.—In Revelstoke, May 30th, 1800, to Robt. and Fanny Howson, a daughter.

RNOTT.—At 18 Caledonia ave., Victoria, on Saturday, June 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. II. P. Kuott, a son.

MARRIAGES.

WESCOTT-HANDYSIDE.--Op June 7th, at the residence of the groom's brother, North Chatham street, Victoria, by Rev. J. C. Speer, Mr. E. E. Westcott, of Westcott Bros. Douglas street, Victoria, to Miss Handyside, of Chatham, Ontario.

LEWIS-PARFITT.—On the 14th of June, at 102 North Chatham street, Victoria, by Rev. J. C. Speer, Mr. B. Lewis, to Miss Evelyn II. Parfitt, both of Victoria.

BUKER-CLARK.—In Revelstoke, at the residence of J. C. Wright, by Rev. S. J. Thompson, April 27, 1899, Mr. Fayette Buker, Insurance and Elanacial Agent, to Miss Agnes 7th, at the residence of the groom's

Mr. Fayette Buker, Insurance and Financial Agent, to Miss Agnes Mary Clark, daughter of Mr. John Clark, of St. Stephen, N. B.

HUMBER-HAOKETT.—In the Centennial Methodist Church, Victoria, on June 1st, 1800, by Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B. A., Arthur A. Humber, D. D. S., son of Ex-Alderman Humber, to Miss Gertrudo Hackett, eldest daughter of Capt. Chas, Hackett.

DIOKMAN-YEE.—In the Chinese Mission Church, Victoria, on June 0th. 1800, by Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B. A., assisted by Rev. Chan Sing Kai, Mr. Fong Dickman, Chinese Missionary of Nanalmo, to Miss A. Yee, of Canton, China.

Missionary of Nanaimo, to Miss A. Yee, of Canton, China.
CHU-TAL.—In the Chinese Mission Church, Victoria, on June 9th, 1899, by Rev. W. H. Barraciough, B. A., assisted by Rev. Chan Sing Kai, Mr. Chu Kong, merchant of Victoria, to Miss Lum Tai, of Hong Kong.
TITE-Anderson.—On June 21st, 1809, by Rev. W. H. Barraciough, B. A., Mr. Geo. D. Tite to Miss Nellie Anderson, only daughter of Mr. Davio

son, only daughter of Mr. David Anderson, of Gorge Road Churen,

Victoria. BALDERSTONE-BENNETT. Monday evening, June 5th, at the residence of the bride's mother, Siocan City, by Rev. A. M. Sanford, of Sandon, Mr. A. R. Balderstone to Miss M. L. Bennett, both of Slocan. BOOTH-BENNETT.—On June 21st, in Nansimo, by Rev. T. W. Hall, Mr. Thes. B. Booth to Miss Annie Bennet, both of Nangimo.

LARGE-GEDDES .- On Monday, May 22nd, in Vancouver, by Rev. L. Norman Tucker, M. A., Rev. R. W. Large, M. D., C. M., Medical Missionary of Belle Bella, to Miss Bella M. Geddes, F. T. C. M., daughter of Capt. Geddes, of Toronto.

BULLAMY-REECH,-At the residence of the bride's father, Chilliwack, on , by Rev. J. II. White, Mr. James Bellamy to Miss Flo. Reece, both of Chilliwack .

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