

made by which these evil spirits were to become members of his religion and in return were to be worshipped and fed. So the very foundation of their religion is a form of demon worship. Having arisen triumphant in the conquest, he next instituted the order of Lamas to keep the demons in their place lest they should become unruly. Their priests are called Lamas, and in a family of five boys three at least are supposed to be set apart for the priesthood. Thus over 60 per cent. of the male population are priests. These boys are set apart for the order very early in life, at the same age, perhaps, as parents here consecrate their children to God. They wear certain colored garments, yellow or bright red, and as you ride over the plains in Mongolia you can tell whether a man is a priest or a layman before you meet him. They have a ceremony to set the boys apart for the priesthood, and select the brightest and most intelligent. They are dedicated to the order and in due time sent away to the temples that are dotted here and there throughout the country."

Mr. and Mrs. Hindle are not supported by any denomination, neither have they at their back any missionary organization. Eight years ago they felt the call to preach the gospel to the neglected Mongols and consecrated themselves to the work, trusting God to supply them with all necessary means. Their testimony is that God has never failed them, and they still live this life of faith. They brought with them to this country a little Mongol girl, a bright little child of three and a half years of age, who by her parents had been left to die.

Recently Mr. Hindle, in the Turner Institute, told the story of his work,

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and this was his last public service before returning to Mongolia.

THE B. C. METHODIST CONFERENCE

The thirty-second session of the British Columbia Conference of the Methodist Church will be held in Wesley Church, Vancouver, commencing May 15th, with President Rev. R. Wilkinson in the chair. As this is the session immediately preceding the quadrennial meeting of the General Conference, there will be many interesting debates regarding suggested changes in the discipline of the church. The question of the removal of the time limit will be one of these; then a proposal will be made for a thorough survey of the work of the church throughout the province, looking to increased efficiency in the work and the better covering of all phases of work for the extension of the Kingdom of God in every city, town and settlement. Other questions of vital importance will be brought forward, and members of Conference are looking forward with a good deal of interest to the gathering.

Rev. R. J. McIntyre, of New Westminster, is the secretary of Conference, and he has been working hard to complete the arrangements for the meetings so that everything will work smoothly. The all-important Stationing Committee meets on Monday, May 13th, and all other Conference committees are called to meet for organization early in the week, so that there may be no delay when the session opens.

Among the visitors from the east will be Rev. J. H. Arnup, the associate secretary for Foreign Missions, and possibly Rev. Dr. Moore, of the Social Service department.

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