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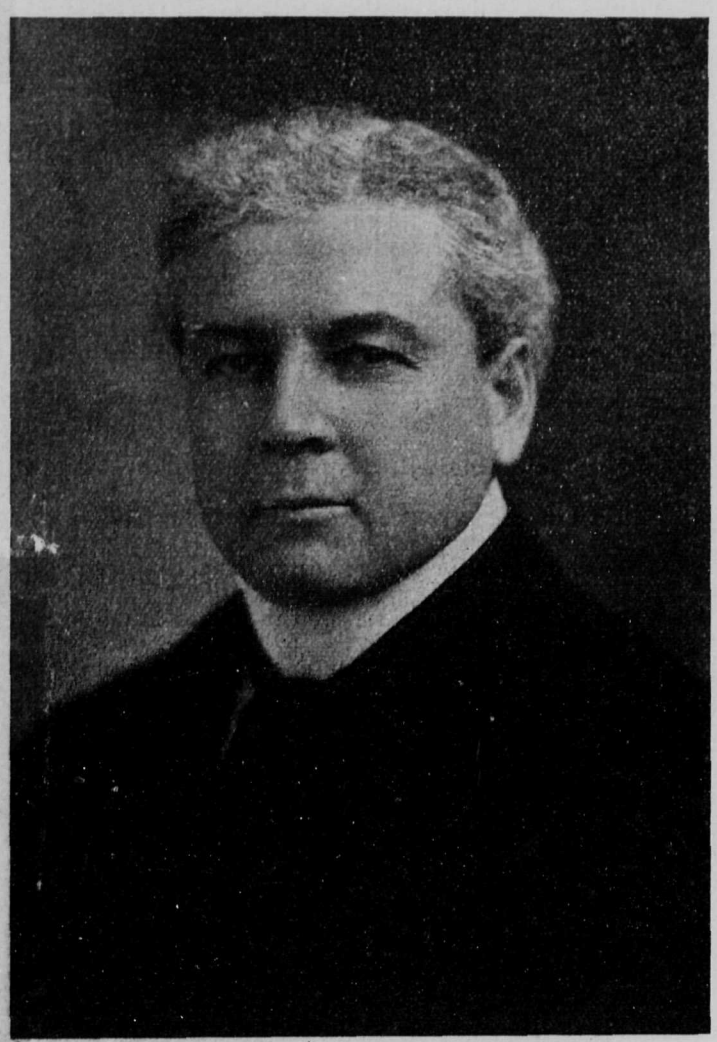


Hon. Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia

THE PREMIER'S KIND WORDS

Prime Minister's Office.

Dear Mr. Hicks:

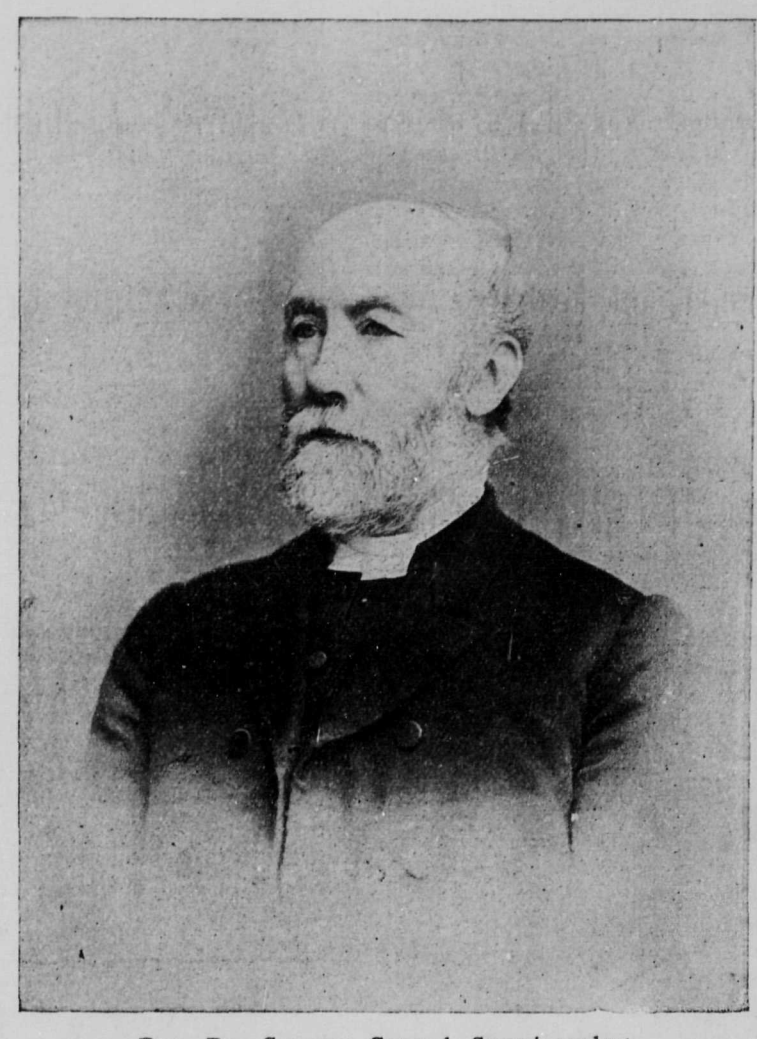
May I extend through you, as Editor of the "Conference Daily Bulletin," a most hearty welcome to British Columbia to the General Superintendent and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada.

We, in the far West, are deeply sensible of the great compliment paid our Province through the selection of Victoria as your quadrennial meeting place. May success in the fullest measure result from the deliberations of the Convention.

Most sincerely,

RICHARD McBRIDE.

August 12, 1910.



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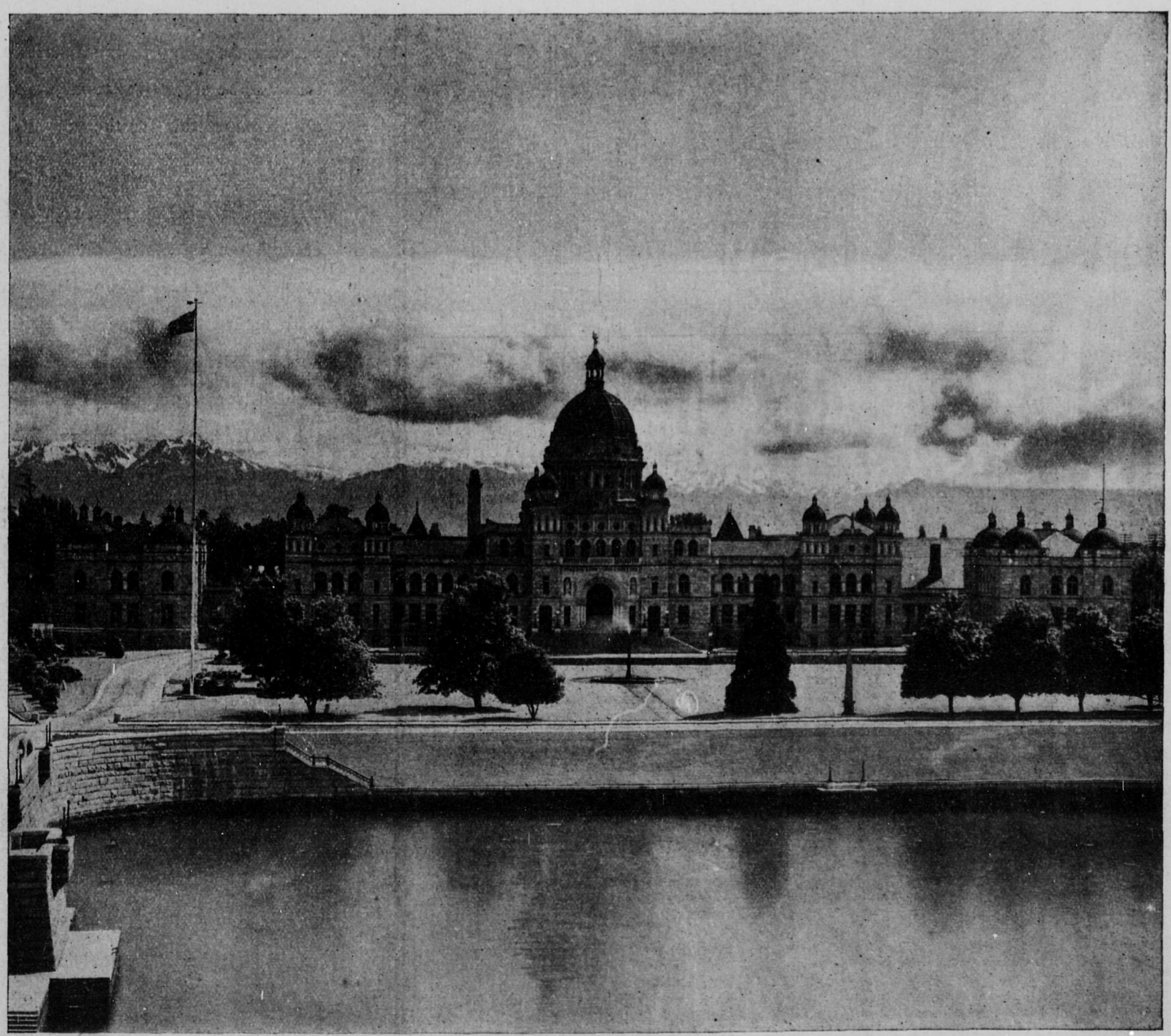

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JOHN P. HICKS - - Editor

Words of Welcome

The General Conference Daily Bulletin was undertaken as a special compliment to the General Conference in appreciation of its session being held for the first time in British Columbia, and its editors are anxious at once to extend the heartiest welcome to all our visitors. We have much in B. C. of which we are proud, both in natural scenery and material wealth and hope our guests may find time to take at least a hasty run round to many parts of the province. Vancouver Island is rich in natural resources and beauty and the mainland is equally so, offering most alluring inducements for residence and investment; it will be well worth while for a visitor to see as much as possible of all these things.

As to the "Bulletin" we understand we are history makers in being the pioneer of Methodist dailies, as far as Canada is concerned, even the General Conference never having had such a journal before. We are proud of this. We have not found it a light undertaking, but it is characteristic of the West to assume ambitious responsibilities and generally to make them succeed. The success of this venture financially is largely due to its hearty appreciation by our business men, who applauded it as "splendid Western enterprise" that would impress our visitors and call most favourable attention to the province. We are anxious now to learn what the delegates themselves think of us. We intend from day to day to follow closely the line of the Minutes in our reports, carefully condensing everything, so as to make the record as complete as possible for the entire session. The Bulletin will thus be a valued companion of the delegates, and a work of reference when the Conference has passed into history.

If this appeals to the reader as worthy of commendation and encouragement he will perhaps express his good-will by subscribing for the fourteen issues for himself and for some friend at home who would like to know how Conference is going. The subscription is only 50 cents, which includes postage to any address. Leave your subscription with our agent in constant attendance at the Church—at the Daily Bulletin and Methodist Recorder stall—and the pleasure will be mutual.

A PIONEER'S WELCOME

2535 Second Ave. West,
Vancouver, Aug. 9, 1910.

Dear Bro. Hicks:

As a pioneer of the pioneers I would extend to the members of the General Conference, one and all, a most hearty welcome to our glorious province of the West. I am glad I live to see the day of this great gathering which I feel sure will give a real and very special impetus to the work committed to us in this wonderful land.

My own mind goes back to the District Meeting long ago when I was ordained in the old Pandora St. Church by Dr. Punshon. What a benediction his visit and that of his associates in travel was to us in that early day! It is with joy and gratitude to the God of all grace that I recall the revivals of the intervening forty-nine years, as witnessed on the Chilliwack, in the erstwhile bar-room in Victoria, among the tribes of the North away up into Alaska and far in the Interior. Thousands of souls have been saved and hundreds are already safe in heaven, and I believe we are on the way to greater things yet. May Divine Wisdom direct this Conference in all things. Serious questions will be up—Church Union, the revision of our hymn book, the admission of our sisters to our higher church courts. I shall watch all these with prayerful interest. But above all in its far-reaching consequences will be the shaping of our plans for doing our part in evangelizing the world, in bringing back the lost to their Father's House.

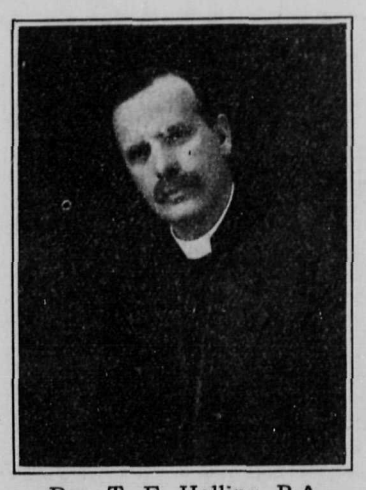
With kindly greetings to all.

Yours in Christ,
THOS. CROSBY.

THE PASTOR'S GREETING

As pastor of the General Conference Church it is a pleasure to welcome on behalf of our congregation the delegates and friends who have come, in many cases, great distances to attend the quadrennial parliament of the Methodist Church.

We feel honoured in receiving the representatives of Methodism to this the mother church of the province. We hope you will find our beautiful building convenient and comfortable. We extend to you the freedom of the Metropolitan Church. We pray that the divine presence and blessing may

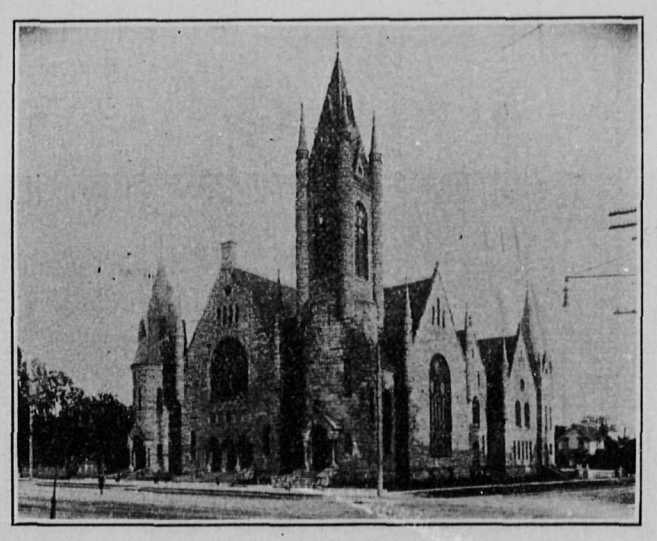


Rev. T. E. Holling, B.A.

richly rest upon the various services and meetings held here, and that a deepening of the spiritual life and a quickening of interest in the activities and enterprises of the whole Church may be the result of your coming together.

Although your time and attention will be largely taken up with the work of the Conference, we trust you will find the social life of our homes congenial, and that the fellowships there formed may be very pleasant and helpful to you and to us.

We hope you will reach your homes in safety, and that you will carry away memories of the General Conference in Victoria of the most pleasant character.



The Convention Church

SEEING THE CITY—AND SUBURBS

We all want our visitors to enjoy themselves and see what they can of the city. But a stranger is, of course handicapped, not knowing either what there is to see or how to get to see it. In view of this we offer a few suggestions,—"free, gratis and all for nothing."

First, you may obtain all kinds of literature respecting Victoria and Vancouver Island from The Vancouver Island Development League or from the Provincial Government Bureau of Information, at the Parliament Buildings, free of cost. The Provincial Government in this laudable direction have spent during the past few years tens of thousands of dollars in gathering, classifying, compiling and publishing such information, and whose officials are courtesy itself in their attention to visitors.

But apart from this, on "the short order plan," so to speak, you would be interested in a good many things or places which may be mentioned. For example:

(1) If you take the car at the corner of Government and Yates Street and run out to Esquimalt you may get a peep at the Drydock, possibly the Naval Yard and certain features of the fortifications, also a view of Esquimalt Harbour, one of the finest in the world and one destined to take, perhaps, in the not distant future, a foremost place in the affairs of the world. In making this trip and looking seaward you will see the entrance to Victoria Harbour, also the Work Point Barracks and some magnificent scenery beyond it.

(2) Returning from Esquimalt ask for a transfer to the Gorge Park and you will visit again a piece of lovely and enchanting scenery, and incidentally, be within a short distance of the old building—(now known as the Craigflower Schoolhouse, but formerly a Hudson Bay trading point)—where Dr. Ebenezer Robson, our beloved pioneer, preached his first sermon in British Columbia.

(3) Returning from the Gorge take your car to Oak Bay, a beautiful suburb, whence a fine view may on any clear day be had of famous Mt. Baker, and of San Juan Island, where the international boundary line strikes and the little spot which, through two men quarrelling about a pig, almost precipitated a war between Britain and the United States, about fifty years ago.

(4) Returning from here (you will hardly be able to do it all in one day, though), run out to Beacon Hill and see our exquisite little Park, and from there feast your aesthetic eyes on the glories well-nigh unqualled of the Olympic Range.

(5) We have, of course, in so young a country comparatively few public buildings of great interest, but we are at least proud of our Parliament Buildings and when seeing them be sure to take time to go through our Provincial Museum, when you will find more interesting things characteristic of this province than you are apt to expect.

(6) If you find time to run out of the city a few miles you may enjoy the most delightful auto ride you ever had, or you might be equally happy in taking the E. & N. train to points up the Island—Goldstream, Shawnigan, Duncans, Ladysmith, and Nanaimo. Or take the Victoria & Sidney line to Sidney and spend a day on a little steamer among the islands. There are numerous other places easily accessible that your hosts will be able to readily mention, a visit to any of which may add a little to the pleasure of your stay in our city.

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S STIRRING APPEAL TO B. C.

(Reprinted from the Jubilee Number of Western Methodist Recorder)

Lift up your heads, O ye majestic mountains, symbols of the wealth and power and glory of our noble Province of British Columbia. Let the mountain of the House of the Lord be established in the top of the mountains and exalted above the hills. Let your mighty seas roar and the fulness thereof. Let your floods clap their hands, and the hills be joyful together before the Lord. British Columbia is on the highway of the nations. It sits at the concourse of the people. Who in the latter days shall so well call to the tribes of men: "Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in his paths."

Mountains of wealth in the mines and the soil and the seas; mountains of political power in the incoming multitudes and the maintenance of just government by a lofty statesmanship in freedom and righteousness; mountains of social beauty and excellency in the purity of the people and the safety, strength and joy of the homes; mountains of industrial thrift and progress in the contentment and prosperity of the inhabitants, the growth of the cities and the stability of the nation; mountains of civil authority in parliaments and courts, in equal law and faithful administration; mountains of knowledge and widespread intelligence, of science and art; mountains of morality and religion in mighty churches, in blessed fraternities and philanthropies and faithful Christian service; what has Methodism in British Columbia done toward all this sublime attainment? What shall this JuJbilee of Methodism contribute to so triumphant and glorious an issue? Come, ye consecrated men and women of the

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VICTORIA, B.C., AUG. 15, 1910.

To the

Delegates and Friends

Methodist Conference

Gentlemen:

We wish to convey to the visiting delegates and friends of the Methodist Conference a very, very hearty welcome to Victoria City and Vancouver Island.

No doubt this will have been for many of you your first visit to our City and Province, and we believe that, while you may not have the privilege of visiting outside points on the Island and Mainland of British Columbia, that you will leave Victoria very much impressed with the future possibilities of the City as a tourist and residential City. Those of you who have seen something of the vastness of this Island must realize that the immense natural resources are greater than even the most sanguine could imagine. You will see that in order to take advantage of the immense timber growth, minerals, fisheries, etc., that capital is required, and it is our intention to endeavour to show in these columns from day to day a series of investments that will be of interest to anyone desirous of laying up a competency for the proverbial "rainy day."

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General Conference Opened

Impressive Services in Metropolitan Church Yesterday ---Sermons by Rev. Henry Haigh of England and Rev. Dr. Solomon Cleaver, Toronto

The opening services of the General Conference commenced in the Metropolitan Church with the Love Feast at 9.30, conducted by Rev. Principal Sparling, D.D., of Wesley College, Winnipeg. It was a service of great power and old-time spiritual fervor, and was participated in by numerous members of the Conference and Methodists of the city.

The service of public worship at 11 o'clock found every available seat occupied. Rev. A. Carman, D.D., the General Superintendent, was in charge and offered the opening prayer.

The choir sang the very appropriate anthem, "How Lovely are the Messengers." Rev. T. E. Holling, B.A., the pastor, announced the responsive reading, Ps. 8, and Rev. T. Albert Moore, D.D., Secretary of the General Conference, read the New Testament lesson, Mark 8: 22-38.

British Delegate's Sermon

Rev. Henry Haigh, the fraternal delegate from the British Wesleyan Conference, was the preacher. His discourse was a forceful, clear-cut, heart-to-heart discussion of the character and work of John the Baptist, a lucid and impressive delineating of and appeal for religious genuineness.

The text was Matt. 3: 12, "Biography is the Heart of History," said Mr. Haigh. "We will study briefly this morning the biography of John the Baptist." He retired into the wilderness, which act had a deep significance. It was a break from the popular and absorbing occupations. The religion of the day was ritualistic; was clothed with respectability, but was unclean and heartless. It meant the determined and rigorous effort to curb and master his own body, and to drink in the deep things to his soul. He went forth into the wilderness with a desire for God. It was a spiritual retreat.

"What came of it? He went into the wilderness a priest; he came out a prophet. A priest studies rules; a prophet demands a clean heart. He sought to have done with empty ceremonies, and to talk face to face with God. He came forth a man inspired. He was a strong, reverent, helpful man. He was a man who had been alone with God, and he feared none.

"Our study of this subject brings out three principal thoughts:

"1. Our Lord's interpretation of John. What did it mean? That John was not a man who pandered after popularity. He was no reed shaken with the wind. He was a pillar four square. He was not a man whose popularity depended upon any adventitious circumstances. Our Lord says he was a prophet, a forth teller, who had the power to tell the message, clear-eyed, pure souled, burning with desire to overthrow the evil that was in the world. Ordinary ambition had no place with him. His message to his age was all he thought of.

Put a man of that sort in the pulpit and you have a man whose whole being is thrilled with his message, one who will always have an audience. His soul is gripped by a great principle; he is fired with God and will always be listened to. They may snear; they may kill, but they cannot ignore him. We need men of that sort in our political life, whose truth and righteousness are paramount—men who have forgotten themselves because of the ardor of their message.

"2. What was his message? 'Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' The Jews wanted a kingdom in which the hated Roman rule would be at an end. They wanted a kingdom in which the Jews would be glorified, but John tells them the kingdom is a spiritual one, born in love, universal, democratic—aristocratic too—which no one can enter except by birth from above. All who take their place in this kingdom must be true servants of the Lord Jesus. Religious genuineness must be theirs. Repent ye! turn around, become men. There is no message greater today than religious genuineness.

"Every man among you," said the preacher, addressing the members of the Conference, "stands for a great principle. Is the thing I preach the thing I live by? Is the thing I support equal to truth's secret demands. We must train ourselves for public work by private prayer and meditation. The cry which should ring through this great dominion in this age is the cry for religious reality. Show what the Christ life is and men will follow.

"3. His own life was directed and shaped by his own teaching. He was trying to differentiate between conventional and traditional religions. That which may be historically false. According to all canons I am a Methodist, but have I a Methodist heart? Do I seek to have all true holiness of heart? But there is a larger name than Methodist. I am a Christian, which is to show and imitate the life of Christ. He lived a life of rapt communion with the Father. He was a man of self-denial, of sleepless philanthropy. What do we know of this qualification?

"John's life was in full accord with the principles he preached. He was a man of grand speech and glowing fire. Yesterday men followed him; now men are suddenly turning from him and following Christ. 'He must increase, I must decrease.'

"His genuineness was tested in the presence of Herod. With outrightness of unswerving integrity he went to Herod and charged hi[illegible] with his sin. Some say the res[illegible] was a failure. No! Was the work of Him who went to Calvary cross a failure? No! He was a victor and a victor's crown awaits his brow.

Let us look into our own hearts and listen to John the Baptist's cry when he said: 'Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' May we all be within what we seem to be without."

THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Any man with the slightest experience with similar undertakings will realize what a vast amount of work has been involved in the preparation of the "Agenda 1910" of the General Conference. It is a book of 235 pages packed full of classified information, and arranged so carefully that it must greatly expedite the business of the sessions. There are ten pages of Memorials (about 250 in all) which have been sorted out and referred to their proper place, beside endless tables, reports and suggestions. The work has been done almost entirely

Rev. T. Albert Moore

by the General Secretary, and the fact that he has accomplished it so well in the busy life he leads is no trifling demonstration of his unusual secretarial capacity, and of the good judgment of the last General Conference in electing him to office. He has method in everything and a cheery smile in it all—as well as a voice that is at least sufficient in any ordinary building. Who his mantle may fall on this time we have no idea, but one would hope his own "translation" is not yet imminent for it is doubtful whether his Elisha has yet been anointed.

Afternoon

In the afternoon an open session of the Sunday School was held when addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Hincks and Rev. J. C. Speer, a former pastor of the church and who still has hosts of warm friends in the city. Mr. Walter Staneland, superintendent of the school, took charge of the service.

Evening Service

As early as 6.30 people were wending their way again to the Conference Church and before the regular opening hour (7.30) the large edifice was crowded to the doors and hundreds were turned away. The organist gave a sacred recital which with its sympathy and impressiveness prepared the way for the great service which followed.

The General Superintendent opened the service and was assisted in the various exercises by Drs. Heartz, Sprague and others, and then followed an eloquent

Sermon by Dr. Solomon Cleaver.

Before announcing his text Dr. Cleaver spoke of his delight in meeting the Metropolitan congregation once more and of revisiting Victoria. He then choose for his text. Ezek. 47: 1, and preached a delightful and able discourse on the prophet's vision of the waters.

Following his well-known style the speaker first graphically described the vision and then turned to its significance. Some of the lessons intended were, he said, hard to understand, but many stood out clear and unmistakable. What was the significance of the stream? All interpreters agreed that it symbolized the kingdom of Christ or Christ Himself as the fountain of life. He is the water of life. We might gather the lessons by looking at the stream in its Origin, its Direction and its Destiny.

1. Its Origin—it issued from under the House of God, i.e., the ideas of strength and firmness. This is the foundation of the church. Men at times build on other foundations—on good music, good building, or good scholarship, but no church was God's church whose source was not the House of God. Another fact was that the water issued not from the back of the House or any part but the threshold of the door. So Christ was the door by which all must enter life. But in the midst of the stream was a swamp. Surely this was some mistake! No, it was there to mar the picture, but the very marring pointed an important truth. What was the cause of a swamp? It was the selfishness of the soil in trying to keep for itself alone the moisture it received. It was so in the church when men sought religion only for personal comfort and happiness there was a spiritual swamp. The speaker by apt and homely illustration illumined this point as well as all parts of his sermon and remarked that swamps could be cured. He then proceeded to speak of

(2) The Direction of the Stream and its Destiny. It went east. Why? Because that was desert when the water was needed. Thus Christ comes to those who need, and thus He sends us into the world. Perhaps there was another reason why it went eastward and not westward, because west meant Sunset and east meant Sunrise. Christianity looks always to a greater dawn and not to a closing day.

Speaking of the Destiny of the stream, Dr. Cleaver alluded to the measurements of a 1,000 cubits and said they might signify years. He then pointed to the small beginning of Christianity—only to the "ankles," but in a thousand years and much deeper, another thousand (our day) deeper still, and what in a 1,000 years more? Someday at any rate the kingdom of God will be universal and how glorious would be the moral and spiritual landscape when the Gospel had so covered the earth.

At the close of the service the Sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered, and all felt the day had been a gracious inauguration of the General Conference Session.

Y. M. C. A. EVENT

At 5.15 Tuesday the Y.M.C.A. will have the corner stone of their new building (corner of View and Blanchard streets) laid by the Hon. Richard McBride, Premier of the Province. Visitors from the east will be well repaid by attending and hearing an address from Mr. McBride, whose eloquence may have an increasing effect in days to come upon the political life of Canada.

GOVERNMENT RECEPTION

On Wednesday night the members of Conference are invited to attend the Government Reception tendered Sir Wilfrid Laurier, a royal time awaits them.

MRS. SPENCER'S RECEPTION

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THE MEN WHO DID THE WORK

Be it known to all men—at the General Conference—that while many have done valiantly in preparing for the great gathering, Rev. T. E. Holling and Rev. A. E. Roberts, and next to them Messrs. A. Lee and W. N. Mitchell "have excelled them all."

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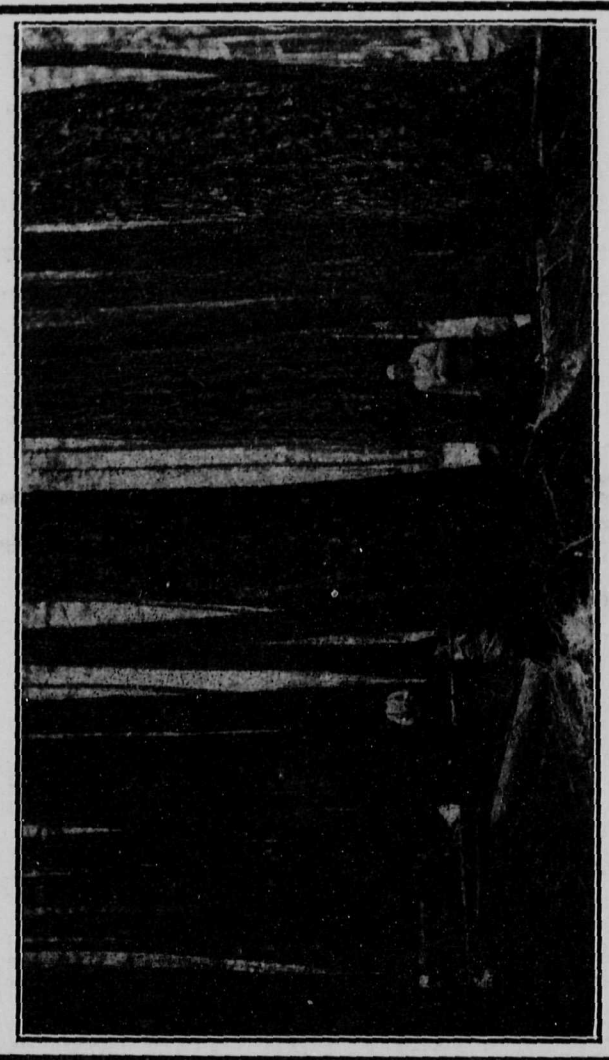

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AGENDA

THE FIRST WEEK

Lord's Day, Aug. 14, 1910

10 a.m.—Fellowship Service.
11 a.m.—Public Worship. Preacher—Rev. Henry Haigh, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Fraternal Delegate from British Wesleyan Conference.
7 p.m.—Public Worship. Preacher—Rev. Solomon Cleaver, B.A., D.D., Toronto.

Monday, Aug. 15th

9 a.m.—Opening exercises.
Roll-call.
Reserves.
Election of Secretary.
Report of Agenda Committee.
Fixing hours for meeting and adjournment.
Meeting of Committees for election of their officers.
Meeting of Committees for election of their officers. Fifteen minutes each to Groups A, B, C, D.

Monday Afternoon, Aug. 15th

Opening exercises.
Routine business as per Rules of Order.
Appointment of Association Secretaries.
Quadrennial Address of the General Superintendent.
Reading Minutes of Meetings of General Conference Special Committee. (Par. 104.)
Reports of our Fraternal Delegates to other Churches during the Quadrennium.
Distribution of Memorials and Notices of Motion to Chairmen of Committees.

Monday Evening, Aug. 15th

Meeting of Committees:
Group A, 8 to 9.
Group B, 9 to 10.

Tuesday Morning, Aug. 16th

Meeting of Committees:
Group A, 9 to 10.
Group B, 10 to 11.
Group C, 11 to 12.
Group D, 12 to 12.30.

Tuesday Afternoon, Aug. 16th

Opening exercises.
Routine business as per Rules of Order.
Reception of Deputation from Women's Christian Temperance Union.
Reception of Deputation from Women's Missionary Society.
Reports of Committees.
Miscellaneous.
Report of Business Committee.

Tuesday Evening, Aug. 16th

Reception of Fraternal Delegates:
Wesleyan Conference of Great Britain—Rev. Henry Haigh.
Irish Wesleyan Conference—Rev. Wm. A. Bracken.

Wednesday Morning, Aug. 17th

Meeting of Committees: Groups A, B, C, D.

Wednesday Afternoon, Aug. 17th

Opening exercises.
Routine Business as per Rules of Order.
Reception of Deputation from Bible Society.
Reception of Deputation from Lord's Day Alliance.
Reports of Committees.
Miscellaneous.
Report of Business Committee.

Wednesday Evening, Aug. 17th

The Conference, by invitation of the Government of British Columbia, to attend the Reception to the Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G.C.M.G., P.C., Premier of Canada.

Thursday Morning, Aug. 18th

Meeting of Committees: Groups A, B, C, D.

Thursday Afternoon, Aug. 18th

Opening exercises.
Routine Business.
Reports of Committees.
Miscellaneous.
Report of Business Committee.

Thursday Evening, Aug. 18th

Meeting of Committees:
Group A, 8 to 9.
Group B, 9 to 10.

Friday Afternoon, Aug. 19th

Opening exercises.
Routine Business.
Reports of Committees.
Miscellaneous.
Report of Business Committee.
4.30—Meeting of Eastern Conference Delegation re Supernumerary Fund. (Par. 486.)
4.30—Meeting of Western Conference Delegation re Superannuation Fund. (Par. 426.)

Friday Evening, Aug. 19th

Meeting of Committees:
Group A, 8 to 9.
Group B, 9 to 10.

Saturday Morning, Aug. 20th

Meeting of Committees:—Groups A, B, C, D.

Saturday Afternoon, Aug. 20th

Opening exercises.
Routine Business.
Reports of Committees.
Miscellaneous.
Report of Business Committee.

Recommendations of Agenda Committee

(Vide page 57, Agenda)

1. That all Reports of Boards, Committees, etc., together with the Memorials, Resolutions and Notices of Motions, as printed or tabulated in the Agenda, be referred to the Committees of the General Conference as herein indicated.

2. That a typewriter shall be under the direction of the Secretary of Conference. The Minutes and all Reports of Committees to be typed in quadruplicate.

3. That, instead of a written Journal, there shall be kept on file the Minutes of Sessions as confirmed, and reports of Committees as adopted. Also, the pages of the printed Journal shall be printed two to a page, on ledger paper, and these bound in a loose leaf ledger shall form the official and permanent journal of the Conference.

4. That Rules of Order (Appendix VI. of the Discipline) be amended:

(a) No. 4 be amended by adding the following: Unless otherwise directed, the Report of a Committee shall be read by its Secretary, and its adoption moved (unless he disagrees with it) by the Chairman, who shall also give such information regarding it as may be required.

(b) No. 34 be repealed.

(3) That the Rules of Order, as hereby amended, be the Rules of Order of the General Conference.

T. ALBERT MOORE, Secretary.
A. CARMAN, Chairman.

WHAT DR. DAWSON THINKS OF B. C.

(Reprinted from June Recorder)

I have been asked to write a brief message to the Methodists of British Columbia, and accept the kindly invitation. I had heard much of British Columbia in the last four years, but I must candidly confess that the most glowing pictures painted by my friends fell far short of the reality. What words can paint its scenic splendour? I have always been accustomed to consider Switzerland the perfect gem of all natural beauty, but I find to my astonishment that British Columbia greatly surpasses it. Its snow-clad heights, its glaciers, rivers, and immense forests, its numerous and almost unexplored lakes, its magnificent coast line, compose a picture in which all the most wonderful elements of physical beauty, from the most exquisite and lovely to the most magnificent and overwhelming, are combined. The time must surely and shortly come when the eyes of all lovers of beauty will be drawn toward this extraordinary country. But its destiny is much higher than to become the playground of the American continent. I see everywhere the marks of progress, the capitulation of Nature to man, the upbuilding of empire. That Vancouver must become a great metropolis is self-evident; but in the next decade a dozen other great cities will arise. It is no empty dream that those who have already passed midlife will live to see great mercantile fleets anchored in Vancouver, the inland waterways everywhere the busy roads of commerce, the fertile soil the home of a great mustitude of prosperous farmers and fruit-growers. And it is not alone the coast that will be the scene of this new empire. The great inland lakes, such as Kootenay, will be filled with prosperous communities, and cities like Nelson will also attain metropolitan proportions. All this I hold to be certain. The country is only in its infancy. It may almost be said that in the world at large its discovery has only just happened. In the next few years the great nomad army of men and women in search of lands that offer opportunity, must needs invade in multitudes this land which offers every possible attraction of scenery, climate, health, and reward the industry.

And here begins the moral problem. No new empire can be built on stable foundations without a high moral code, a dominant sense of public honour and integrity, an appetite for the intellectual elif, a reverence for duty and religion; for without these elements progress is but a false name for greed, extravagance, and sottish materialism.

No church is so well able to impregnate the general mind with these ideals as the Methodist. It has the power that comes from federal direction and organization, and it will be false to all its great historic traditions if it has not also moral fervour, and spiritual enthusiasm. But even with these great assets it cannot succeed without wise, practical statesmanship, and the spirit of adaptation. It must be free to grasp occassion and wise to adopt new methods—which after all is nothing more than Wesley himself did for his own generation. I would like to see in Vancouver, and in every large centre, an institutional church, wide enough in its programme to meet all the social and intellectual, as well as the directly spiritual demands of the people. If the Church has lost its hold, it is usually because it is working with antiquated machinery; if it will adapt itself to the real problems of the day, nothing can arrest its commanding influence.

My interest in British Columbia is not likely to be transient. I have received so much kindness from its people that I feel a certain oneness with them. That kindness has been especially welcome, coming as it did when the shadow of a great sorrow lay across my life. As I leave the province I do so with a profound belief in its glorious future, and with sincere prayer that the blessing of God may rest, in grace and wisdom, upon the Methodist Church, whose grateful guest I have been.

W. J. DAWSON.

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OUR OWN VETERANS

How our beloved pioneers—Robson, Crosby, Turner and Joseph Hall—would have felt yesterday could they have been present at the opening of the General Conference session in this beloved British Columbia, but enfeebled health keeps them away. This is the outcome of their early labours, of their heroism and their wisdom. We want the General Conference to know how British Columbia loves these men, and we want the veterans themselves to know that they are thought of and spoken of already a hundred times by the General Conference delegates.

We suggest the General Conference, by motion, make them corresponding members or honorary members so that their names may ultimately appear that way in the Journal.

THE G. O. M.

Methodism: Grand Old Man is still leading the host and still full of fire and energy and insight. Albert Carman has made a wonderful impress upon Canadian Methodism. What a different Methodism it would seem without his venerable presence. When many have been taken from us may he long be spared to point the way and inspire the church to her great destiny.

COMING EVENTS

Don't miss Tuesday night's meeting in Metropolitan Church when the fraternal delegates of British Methodism will dleiver their greetings. Rev. Henry Haigh, President-elect of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, and Rev. Dr. Bracken of the Irish Conference, are the speakers.

Anybody who has anything really good to offer for publication, provided it is not too long of course, is invited to send it along to the Editor.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale, discussing a rather finicky attack that had been made on certain recent statements, smiled and said:—

"But who or what is blameless? It is like the case of the Scottish hen.

"An old Scottish woman wished to sell a hen to a neighbor.

"'But tell me,' the neighbor said, 'is she a' thegither a guid bird? Has she got nae fauts, nae fauts at a'.'

"'Aweel, Margot,' the other old woman admitted, 'she has got one faut. She will lay on the Lord's day'."

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THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S STIRRING APPEAL TO B. C.

(Continued from Page 2)

past and in humility before God recount your sacrifices, your conflicts and your toils. Come, ye, in the prime of life, and in faith in God speak trustingly, firmly of your courage, vision and high resolve. Come, ye young men and maidens, leaping with generous aspiration and strong desire for country, truth and God. Come one, come all; the spirit and genius of the past, the splendid vantage ground of the present and the brightening, widening prospects of the future, and by the grace of God make this Jubilee the clock-stroke of a new era, the memorable hour of grander effort and loftier achievement.

Love of God and man can do it. Faith in Christ and in the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Scriptures can do it. Genuine godliness and personal devotion to the House of God can do it. So can we enlarge and invigorate our Evangelism; so can we multiply and vitalize our Christian agencies. So can we extend our missions and found and build our colleges. May this Jubilee be on earth and for heaven a crown of rejoicing.

INTRODUCTION AND BRIEF HISTORY OF TUBERCULOSIS

[The following article by Dr. Fagan, Provincial Health Officer, will be continued in installments daily and readers of the Bulletin are invited to give it special attention. —Ed.]

Consumption is no less a domestic problem in Canada than it is in other and less favoured lands. It is a problem with which all the civilized communities of the world are struggling today. It has at all times attracted attention because of its malignant influence upon the lives and well-being of the people.

Consumption is a peculiar disease. It is as secret as it is deadly, and gives no definite sign, until, too often, it has taken firm hold and got, to more or less extent, beyond control. It has moreover the assistance of the prevailing public ignorance, prejudice and superstition as to its nature, so much so that even at this day the true knowledge as to its cause and effect still remain obscured by the old-fashioned fictions of former years. In late years it has forced itself upon the notice of the authorities for the reason that we now know what its cause is and how it spreads; how it may be cured and how it can be prevented. This knowledge places power in our hands and the responsibility is ours if we neglect to use it.

With Pasteur's discovery of micro-organic life, the medical world entered upon a new epoch. Many mysteries were explained and certain diseases were brought within the control of man on a rational and exact basis.

In the year 1882 Koch discovered the cause of consumption, the bacillus tuberculosis. Heretofore we were led to believe it was hereditary; we now know that predisposition may come from our parents, but not the disease. We were also told that it came from the hand of Providence and was inevitable. What an insult to our Creator when we so frequently see indifference, ignorance and neglect of the common ordinary laws and cleanliness and sanitary reform contributing so largely to the spread of Consumption.

Koch has proved, and it is now accepted as an absolute fact, that the one and only cause of consumption is a germ, that is that the consumption germ has to enter and live and multiply in the body to start consumption. Here then is a fact of overwhelming importance,— it is the one fact around which all practical action revolves.

Since 1882 thousands of scientists have studied the life of the consumption germ, and as a result we know under what condition it lives and thrives, and how, under other conditions, it weakens and dies.

Sunlight is its greatest enemy, for five minutes exposure to direct rays will kill the germ. When it is deposited in clean, dry and well lighted quarters it will soon fade and die, whereas dark, moist and ill-ventilated places will hold the germ alive and active for lengthened periods.

(To be continued)

"Ugh!" spluttered Mr. Jones. "That nut had a worm in it."

"Here," urged a friend, offering him a glass of water, "drink this and wash it down."

"Wash it down!" growled Jones. "Why should I? Let him walk!"

The Scapegoat

Teacher—I shall not keep you after school, Johnnie. You may go home now.

Johnnie—I don't wan't ter go home. There's a baby just come to our house.

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