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Progress of Christianity Among the Indians.

Attention is called from time to time to the spread of the Christian religion among the Indians through the publication in newspapers of accounts of great religious gatherings on the reservations. These accounts are usually somewhat sensational, and appear under such headlines as, "Indians Turning From Sun Dance to Camp Meeting," or "Indians Chant Glory Song." The facts reported will be somewhat as follows, these citations being taken at random from several newspapers:

1. "One of the biggest and most unique religious meetings ever held among the red men of the Northwest has recently been conducted on the Umatilla reservation. Thirty converts were made, while the Indians chanted their glory song without ever waiting to take breath."

2. "A great religious convention of Indians from all parts of the United States is to be held at the Devil's Lake reservation in October. * * The meetings will be held under an immense canvas tent, and there will be a great

feast. It will be exclusively Indian and the most unique affair ever conducted. About 1,500 will attend."

3. "Ten thousand Christian Sioux are camped on the Santee reservation in attendance upon the annual convocation of the Nebraska Deanery of the Episcopal church. It is the largest number of Christian Indians ever gathered together."

4. "The Christian Indian Convocation of the Niobrara Deanery of the Episcopal church of South Dakota, which has been held on Antelope Creek for the last five days, closed Tuesday evening after one of the most remarkable Indian meetings ever held in the Northwest. Fully 2,500 Indians broke camp on Wednesday morning and set off for home, a journey of five or six days for some of them."

The big camp meetings are significant as surely indicating a considerable growth and spread of Christianity among the Indians. Probably they are not to be taken at quite their face value as reported. In significance, some allowance must be made, as in the case of camp meetings everywhere, for the ap-

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