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THE PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE

An International Interdenominational Meeting

The Pacific Coast Theological Conference has come to stay. That was the feeling of all who were at Bainbridge Island, Chataqua Grounds, Seattle, where the second meeting occurred.

Representatives were present from the Anglican, Baptist, Congregational, Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, from both sides of the International Boundary, and the general feeling was that in the highest experiences, all these distinctions are forgotten and we are one in Christ. This international interdenominational good fellowship is one of the most valuable features of the Conference, and many will look back with pleasure to the grassy hillsides and the broad verandah where the intervals between sessions gave opportunity for informal chats.

The program, while thoroughly good and solid enough to be of value to the student, was yet eminently practical and most helpful.

Its two outstanding features were the series of lectures on "Epochs of the Church," by Rev. Prof. A. R. McEwen, D.D., of New College, Edinburgh, and on the "Church and Social Problems," by Rev. Prof. Graham Taylor, D.D., of Chicago. Dr. McEwen's course was a revelation of the amount of inspiration and education for the modern man there is in periods of church life long since past. Prof. Graham Taylor brought home to the hearts of all who heard him the mag-

nitude of the problems confronting our civilization and the hopefulness of solving them through the Gospel of Christ.

The first day was largely devoted to the problems of paganism at home and abroad, the discussions being introduced by strong papers by Rev. Geo. Hartwell, B.D., Supt. of Foreign Missions for the Methodist church in Vancouver, and Rev. E. T. Ford of Tacoma.

Rev. Dr. Leonard of Seattle gave a rousing address at the evening session on "Our Mission Problems."

"Inspiration" was the theme for the second afternoon, the morning of each day being given up to the courses by Drs. Taylor and McEwen. Prof. Trumppour of Latimer Hall read a very thoughtful and scholarly paper on "Inspiration" as seen by the Fathers, and Prof. McEwen presided over the questionnaire and discussion which followed and proved to be one of the most interesting sessions of the Conference.

Dr. H. Francis Perry, D.D. of Vancouver was the speaker at the evening meeting and his presentation of "The Bible and Life" was most helpful.

"The Church and Modern Error," the general subject for the third afternoon brought out three first rate papers by Principal Hetherington of Columbian College, New Westminster, Rev. Vincent Shaler and Rev. E. L. Benedict, D.D., of Seattle; but no time was left for discussion as many of the