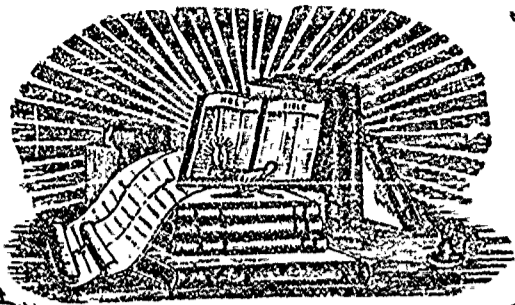


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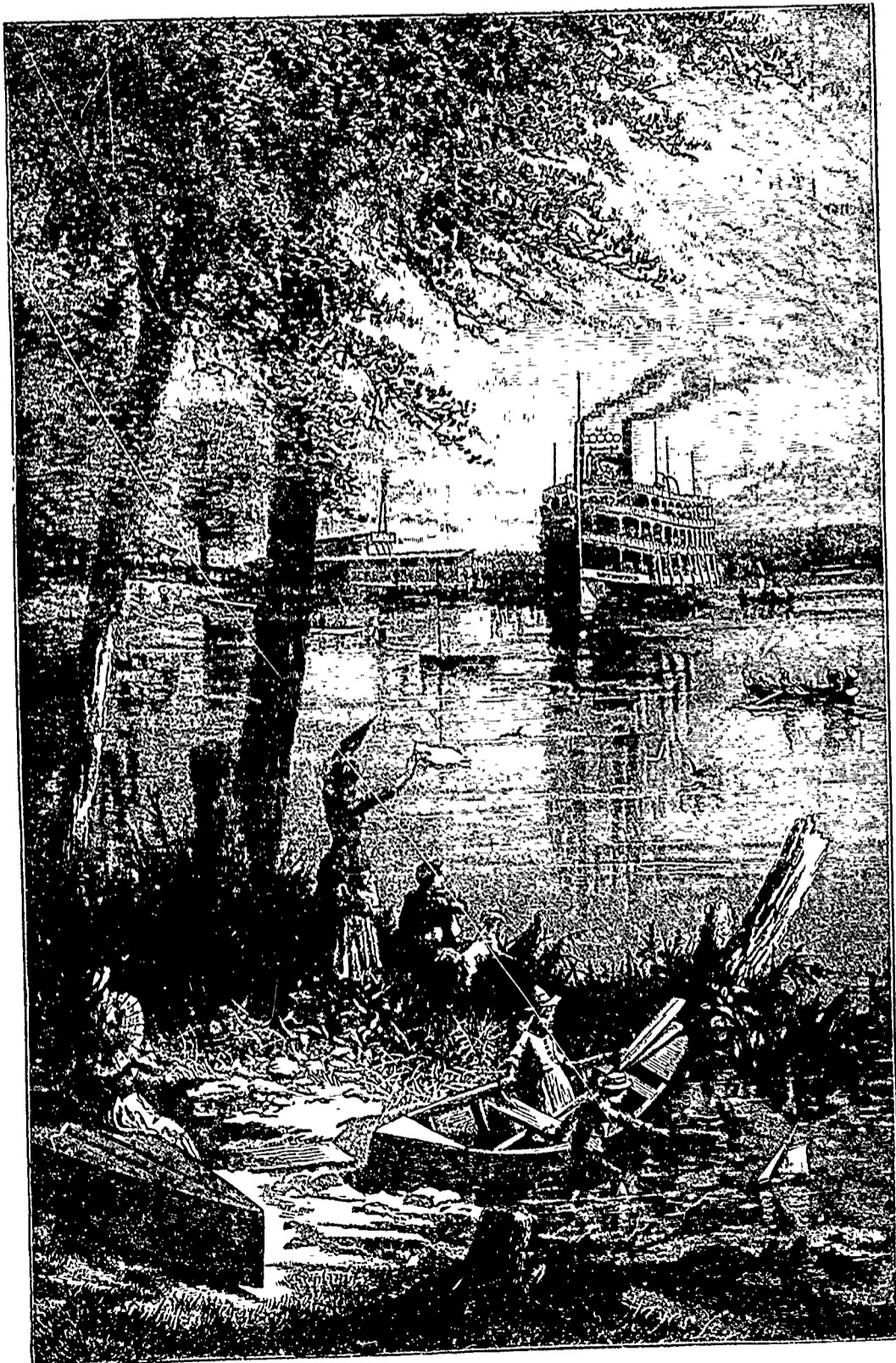
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Chautauqua.

THE beautiful picture on this page gives a view of the busy scene at the steam-boat landing at Chautauqua, the seat of the famous Sunday-school Assembly. The steamer is one of the very few four-decked passenger boats in the world. It can carry two thousand passengers. How well everything is shown, even to the light and shadow on the standing figure in the foreground, and on the Japanese parasol of the lady sitting on the boat. This is a specimen of some eight or ten pictures of Chautauqua which will appear in an early number of the *Canadian Methodist Magazine*, in the handsomest illustrated article which has ever appeared on this subject in any magazine in any country. We are indebted to Dr. Vincent and to John N. Abbott, Esq., of the Erie Railway, for the use of these elegant cuts. From all points east and west this great summer assembly can be easily reached by the Erie and its connections. Our friend Lewis O Peake, Secretary of the Canadian Branch of the O. L. S. C., has written the following sketch of the scope of this great assembly:

"The Sunday-school is the centre around which Chautauqua revolves, and toward which everything connected with it converges. The Alumni of the Normal department now number upwards of two thousand; the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle numbers nearly a hundred thousand members, of whom over five thousand have given evidence of having completed the four years' course of study, and are enrolled as members of the 'Society of the Hall in the Grove.' Where is there another place upon this planet, where for three weeks together, audiences of from three to six thousand can be brought out three times a day to listen



FAIRPOINT LANDING, CHAUTAUQUA.
(On the line of the Erie Railway.)

to lectures of the very highest order? and how is it that it can be seen here? It must be that the thousands who throng the avenues of this city in the woods are drawn here by something stronger than the desire for rest or amusement. One common bond unites them, they are mostly Christians and Sunday-school teachers; one common motive animates them, a desire to do more and better work for the Master; they realize that to be a successful Sunday-school teacher it is not necessary to be ignorant or unlearned; they believe that a little knowledge of history, art, science, with a great deal of Bible knowledge, does not lessen their zeal for souls, but on the contrary gives them an immense advantage in their personal hand to hand contact with the members of their classes. The development of this spirit is the 'What' of Chautauqua.

"When Lewis Miller and Dr. Vincent laid the foundation of the Chautauqua Sunday-school Assembly in 1874, they built better than they knew. But with such a wise counsellor and generous patron as the former, and such a consummate architect and builder as the latter, both thoroughly consecrated to God in heart, head, and pocket, nothing is too wonderful to expect in the future. Take the outlook from the present standpoint:

"What of the two thousand Alumni of the Normal department? Does it not mean that two thousand teachers have been sent to their classes better qualified than before for their work? Nor is this all. Think of the vast army of teachers who have been benefitted through the same course of instruction at home, by those who were thus sent back as missionaries; and this process is going on, and will, repeat itself *ad infinitum*.