

## About the Bay of Quinte Conference Summer School

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The Summer School was born in prayer, has been carried on in faith, and its results are beyond summary. In the winter of 1902 the Rev. S. F. Dixon of Wooler, president of Brighton District E. L., negotiated with Campbellford District Executive for a union of the Districts in Forward Movement work. This was nappily accomplished, and soon resulted in a new missionary, Dr. Lawford, in the West. But more, Mr. Dixon proposed a Summer School for the Districts of the Bay of Quinte country. Twelve o'clock Park was an ideal place for a school; park, water, trees, hotel, cottages, pavilion; needing only prayer, faith, work, students, teachers and funds. The Holy Spirit was present and guidance clearly granted at that little prayer meeting of five souls in the basement of Campbellford Church. The Lord pointed forward and we decided to go. Sford Dixon secured the park, arranged the programme, rallied the four districts included, provided the funds, and gave us the Summer School in 1903. It was not without opposition, but it proved itself a blessing, and has continued its good work until the present time.

In 1906, the Conference Epworth League at the Bowmanville Convention

back, with his yard or more of pigtail to speak of life in China; Dr. Will Adams: our own lamented Emberson, tall, thin and tired, but at Chemong for old Quinte Conference's sake when he should have been in bed; J. S. Stewart, with happy smile and sure of victory. Such men were good company for us all in those precious weeks.

It was found that some sixty mission study classes had been formed in the Conference after the 1907 Chemong School. Three youths, with the secretary, wrestled at Twelve o'clock Park until near midnight, for surrender and guidance. Both were given. One youth received his call on the last great day of the school, accepted it while Dr. Bishop was speaking, and went home with joy unspeakable. Four years after he wrote to his father from his mission in Alberta, saying, "When I came here last summer there was not a person to lead in prayer, but last night, at the end of our month's meetings, forty spoke in testimony, and, oh, father, I wish you could hear them sing." At the first Chemong school fourteen confessed that they were face to face with a call to Christian work of some kind. At one of these precious "knoll talks," the writer as leader asked all who were

## Junior Topics

JAN. 28.—JOHN G. PATON. Ps. 27: 1-5.

This is your monthly missionary meeting, and if the thrilling story of this remarkable man be prepared in sections, and so recounted by the Juniors themselves as a continued story, it ought to be of great interest. Manifestly, no detailed account of his life and labors can possibly be given in the short space at our command here. Let every Superintendent who does not already possess the book, send 25 cents to Dr. Briggs, Methodist Book Room, Toronto, for a copy of the "Story of John G. Paton," written especially for the young folk by his brother James. This book contains upwards of 500 pages, and is, therefore, much too extensive to be covered in one evening; but half a dozen Juniors might be chosen to give some brief account of Paton's family and childhood days as treated in the first three chapters; his school days, early struggles, and first public work to his call to the Foreign Field, up to chapter nine; his early work among the cannibals, as described in the succeeding nine chapters; some account of the dangers met and overcome in the progress of his labors, as given in almost any of the



THE BAY OF QUINTE SUMMER SCHOOL, AT WELLINGTON, ONT., 1911.  
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took up Summer School work, and the Twelve o'clock Park School was amalgamated and came under the Conference Epworth League Missionary Department. In 1906 two schools were held, one at the old stand and a second at Bobcaygeon. These two merged into one in 1907, and met at Chemong Park, near Peterboro, for three successive years. The last two schools have been held at the beautiful village of Wellington, in Prince Edward County.

It would require a book to contain the Summer School story. Four objects are steadily kept in view, the study of the Bible, missions, methods of work, and life problems. Professor McLaughlin of Victoria College has led in Bible study in six different years. His fine sympathetic spiritual leadership has become a part of the very life of our school. With him in the early days Dr. Eber Crummy, Dr. E. N. Baker and Rev. J. P. Berry, led us bylines. Some missionary was always present. Rev. A. C. Huffman, appointed to China; Dr. Smith, one of the pioneers in Sz-Schuan, with his loving enthusiasm; Dr. Ewan, with his hospital in his heart; the Victoria College band, five men, ready to speak or sing or pray; Dan Norman, so like he used to be in college; Mr. Quirm-

settled in life's work and satisfied it was God's place for them, to show it, and only thirty could respond. Some of the school's best work has been to help the unsettled ones solve life's problems.

It was all work, but some play. What happy memories and inward smiles as we recollect the fat man's race on the Saturday afternoon, with Dr. Crews first and Prof. McLaughlin a good second, or when the fine team of Brighton District girls pulled Campbellford team in 1903 in the tug-of-war, or the music of an impromptu quartette with the auto-harp accompaniment floating across the still water at night and unwittingly entrancing the listeners on the shore with weird melody never so sublime—for God was everywhere. Who could go through such a week, in such company and in the presence of such resolves, and live the old life afterwards?

The attendance at the schools has varied from one hundred to two hundred. The Rev. A. H. Foster has for three or four years past been the business manager of the school, and building on a good past, has by his genial energy and consecrated solid push, made it a potent influence in the Conference Epworth League.

next ten to twenty chapters; the story of the well as found in chapter sixty-six; the printing of the first book in Aniva, or some other equally interesting story found in succeeding chapters. None of these chapters are long, all are fascinating, they are easily retold, and it will not only be greatly entertaining to the boys and girls to read the book; but a splendid exercise for them to tell their part of the story in their own words. No more beautiful or helpful missionary book for Juniors can be found.

Thought for February—Christ's teaching about Service.

FEB. 4.—THE SPIRIT OF JESUS. Luke 23: 24-27.

Read together the verses of our lesson, also Mark 9: 33-41. The Superintendent should tell the story leading up to this lesson, of the journey of Jesus and His disciples to Capernaum, and of the growing opposition of the people to Jesus, so that instead of travelling along the old familiar roads of Galilee and Judea, He sought the side-roads and retreats among the hills. Lead up to the conversation among the disciples, disputing among themselves as to "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Hea-