

could be more satisfactory than attending a lecture where the matter is delivered in a clear voice carefully regulated as to speed of utterance. Similarly nothing could be more unsatisfactory than endeavoring to take notes in a lecture which is delivered indistinctly and rapidly, especially if the matter is particularly good. We feel that this should be brought to the notice of our lecturers as at present many of them are doing themselves and students an injustice. Rapid speaking makes it almost impossible for a student to obtain notes of any value, and very often causes the lecturer to be unpopular when his course of lectures should be most valuable and entertaining. While the undergraduate cannot expect to have all his tastes catered to by the staff, this is surely a point which is deserving of consideration.

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### Lakeside Conference

Where is Lakeside? and who attend the Conference? are the two questions that suggest themselves.

Lakeside is a summer resort near Sandusky, Ohio, on the south shore of Lake Erie. It is situated on a small peninsula, which is covered with beautiful maples and a generous mantle of green grass. The eastern side of the peninsula is elevated and rocky, sloping gradually to the western shore. Nestled at the water's edge is the little summer village of Lakeside. Here last June gathered about three hundred professors and students from the universities of Canada and the north middle States to attend the second annual Lakeside Conference. Five of these gatherings are held annually in America, under the direction of the World's Christian Student Federation. Lakeside is an ideal place for such a conference. A commodious hotel is chartered for the accommodation of the students, the rooms are allotted in college groups, and so complete are the arrangements that the ten days are full of comfort, hearty interest and pleasure.

Early to bed, early to rise is one of the mottos of the hour. Breakfast at 6 o'clock, lights out at 9.30. The program for each day divides naturally into three parts. From 7 a.m. to 11.45 a.m., lectures and addresses; 1 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., athletics, swimming, etc.; 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., lectures and addresses. The program is thus, broadly speaking, athletic and educational. The athletics are an exceedingly popular part of the ten days' proceedings. Baseball and tennis tournaments, water events and field day sports, fill in the afternoons, and wondrous are the exhibitions of skill, and the lack of it. Last summer Toronto had just enough men for a baseball team—nine, and a spare man. It took some time to decide who was to be the spare man, but some one had to look on and the game began. Percy Campbell pitched, he could not make the ball do the wondrous curve act, but he doubled up his arm and made up for it in speed. Angus Cameron tramped around in the neighborhood of second base, and tried to look as if he were used to it. On one occasion Angie had his hands in the air, and a ball from Michigan's mighty bat hit his big left pan so hard that he could not let go. He pulled down his hand to see if the fingers

were off, and found the ball, and he began to realize that he was famous. It was a great stop. Jack McPherson was a good bat, but he was too fat to run. A well-known Toronto sprinter did the act for him. To make a long story short the score was seventeen-six in favor of Michigan, and we ground our teeth, and waited for the day of water events. When it came the Union Jack won out in the two rowing events, the single scull coming to Breckon of the O.A.C. and the double to Breckon and Cameron. The same team beat all comers in the tilting contest, but the sun could not be prevailed upon to wait until the last pair were played off. Toronto claims the wreath. In the morning and evening men like Hotchkiss of Africa, Carter of India, Brockman of China, Dr. Howard Agnew Johnson of New York, Prof. Bosworth of Oberlin, Bishop McDowell, John R. Mott, and Robert Speer addressed the students. Nothing that could be said here, would give any fair conception of the power and influence of these men.

Much emphasis was laid upon the group class, as the unit in the Bible Study movement. Each morning model classes were conducted in all the prescribed courses by experienced leaders. The men thus gained a practical knowledge of the best methods of individual Bible study, and of leading a growing class.

Perhaps the most important meetings of the whole conference was each evening from 6.30 to 7.30. After supper, the men gathered in the open air, among the trees, and listened to lifework addresses by Speer, Bishop McDowell and others. As the sun sank into the western waves, men whose lives were already dedicated to foreign service, stood up and told the simple, earnest story of the development of their purpose, to spend their days in heathen lands.

The Lakeside Conference does three things: First it allows a man to see his utter uselessness and helplessness, second it shows him the possibilities of his life, and third, it lays before him practical plans for the realization of those possibilities.



The sun arises, promising and fair,  
From couch of rosy drap'ry, beaming bright  
On all the waking world before him there,  
Then marches upward toward the airy height.  
Clears away; afar the shades of night,  
And swift he mounts, while from his eye there  
glows

The fire of hope, which e'er-increasing grows,  
Until well-nigh insupportable the light.  
But lo, the tempest's scowling face appears!

The brilliant orb is shadowed by its form,  
The beauty of the morn, which ever cheers,  
How quickly changes to a day of storm.

Even so, how oft our soaring hopes do fall,  
While o'er them Disappointment throws a pall.

—R. F.



Marriage is a gamble, but no more so than singleness.—Smart Set.