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## *"Echoes from Muskoka."*

WHEN the Dominion Council of the Young Women's Christian Association chose Elgin House, Lake Joseph, as the home of its summer conference the choice was surely a happy one. In June, Lake Joseph, with its numerous thickly-wooded islands, dotted with picturesque summer homes is ideal. So thought the two hundred or more delegates who came to the conference from all parts of Eastern Ontario. The first meeting, held in June, 1909, had been a great success. From delegates who attended that year had come rumors of many wonderful things awaiting us.

On June 29th, the staid Grand Trunk officials finally managed to settle the excited crowd, gathered on the platform at Toronto, where our fourteen Queen's delegates joined the main body. At Muskoka wharf we took the boat for Elgin House. After the heat and excitement, the water trip was delightful. On board we met girls from Mt. Allison and the other colleges, also heading for the conference. A jolly crowd welcomed us at the wharf and soon there was wild confusion everywhere. Then came a welcome meal in the long, cool dining hall, after which we hastened to register, find our trunks and our rooms. Queen's was very lucky. We had a corridor all to ourselves and our windows commanded a beautiful view of the lake.

The Elgin House is a large, comfortable summer hotel, before whose wide verandahs a delightfully green lawn stretches in terraces to the water's edge. This year, in addition to the hotel itself, the west cottage and the new annex were at the disposal of the delegates. To the right, overlooking the lake is the conference chapel, a beautiful little open-air meeting house where morning and evening prayers were said and hymns sung as possibly none had ever been before. Nature herself seemed to breathe a benediction on us all.

On Thursday morning our work began in earnest. The aims of the conference were:—1st, "to lead all young women into the knowledge of God and the doing of His will as the one satisfying attainment in life"; 2nd, "to consider the best methods by which the Association may accomplish this end." Certainly no pains were spared to make this conference a real success.

The morning was devoted to study. At 8 o'clock the presidents met to discuss Y.W.C.A. problems. At 8.45 morning prayer was said in the chapel. The Bible Study Class met at 9 o'clock and at each our delegation was represented. The subjects were:—"The Life of Christ," Canon O'Meara (Wycliffe); "Studies in the Acts," Prof. Reynolds (Guelph); "Work and Teaching of the Earlier Prophets," Prof. Gilmour (McMaster); "Women of the Bible," Miss Blodgett. At