

WHITBY MISSIONARY CONFERENCE. July 2-9, 1925.

To those who have ever been at the Whitby Missionary Conference the announcement of another annual gathering will call up delightful and inspiring memories.

Those eight wonderful days of widening world-vision, of training for more effective Kingdom-service in our home congregations, of rare comradeship with missionaries, leaders and other delegates, and above all that deep sense of the Master's presence! And then those afternoons of play, the tournaments, the tennis, the sports day and the picnic at the lake! Eight days filled with a marvelous combination of profit and pleasure!

The Conference this year promises to be of very exceptional interest. The full list of leaders cannot at this date be given, but will include, in addition to outstanding representatives of our various churches, missionaries from India, China, Japan, Africa and the home land.

"Whitby" makes no apology for being distinctively missionary. That is the reason for its existence. That is what distinguishes it from all other Summer Schools. It aims to inspire and train leaders and prospective leaders in developing the missionary life in all departments of the congregation. In addition to a splendid list of graded courses in Missions and Bible Study and an inspiring series of addresses covering the various phases of Mission Work in many lands, special courses under expert leadership have been arranged for Sunday School workers, Young People, leaders in Junior organizations, Women's Societies and other groups.

The dates of the Conference are July 2-9. The rates are the same as last year—for entertainment for the entire period \$12, Registration Fee \$3.

Every Young People's Society, Sunday School, Young Women's Circle, Mission Circle, Mission Band, and other missionary organizations of the congregations should be represented. Applications for registrations and for further information should be sent to Rev. H. E. Stillwell, 223 Church St., Toronto.

VIEWS OF THE WASHINGTON CONVENTION

A Missionary's Impression—Christ at Washington

The great convention at Washington reminded me somewhat of a gathering of Shadhaliya dervishes which I once attended in Bagdad. They were seated in a large circle and seeking communion with God and absorption in His supreme greatness. They knelt and repeated incessantly in solemn chorus the Arabic pronoun, "He, He"—no other word, or sound, or thought—the weird reverence of Islamic mysticism.

The apostle, Paul, in the first chapter of Colossians, is so absorbed in contemplating the glory of Christ that he does not even mention His name but only uses the pronoun He.

The convention at Washington was Christo-centric. In its preparation, its personnel, its program, its addresses, its worship of prayer and praise from first to last, from President Coolidge to Robert E. Speer, Christ Jesus our Lord was not only prominent but He was pre-eminent. All topics on the program pointed to Christ. He was held up as the solution of the world's problems. He only has the message needed for the individual, for society and for nations. His name is already in India, the Name above every name. He is winning hearts in Africa among primitive peoples and in the provinces of China. The growing native churches find their center and pivot not in Western ecclesiastical systems but in the Universal Christ.

One of the most impressive things of the convention was the constant emphasis on what has been called "factual Christianity". Early in the sessions one speaker asserted, "The Bible gave us our Christ and Christ gave us our Bible." Who can forget the devotional hours, as when Dr. Douglas Mackenzie, of Hartford, referred to the facts of Calvary, with the phrase, "See from His head, His hands and feet, sorrow and love flow mingling down"—and asked the dramatic question, "whose sorrow and whose love?" One caught a new glimpse of the cost of the Atonement to the heart of God.

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