

# Our Epworth League Excursion

## Seattle Convention and Exposition

**I**F you desire full information of the splendid trip we have arranged, send your name and address to this office, and we will be very pleased to mail you free, our illustrated and comprehensive folder, containing detailed particulars of the Excursion. And if you have friends who are contemplating a trip to the West this summer, send us their addresses also. We have prepared an attractive booklet which gives a complete outline of the tour from Toronto to the Pacific Coast, and return. It will cost you nothing but a post card. SEND FOR IT! READ IT! STUDY IT! And you will be convinced that you cannot spend a more pleasant or profitable holiday anywhere else this summer, at as comparatively small cost, than we have provided for you in this Excursion.

### THE CONVENTION AND EXPOSITION CITY!

When Seattle was selected as the city in which to hold the Eighth International Epworth League Convention, there was



SNOQUALMIE FALLS

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little, if any, dissatisfaction in the ranks of Epworth Leaguers on account of the great distance to travel.

A trip to Seattle brings one face to face with the mighty works of nature; the magnificent sweep of lofty mountain chains; the endless flow of powerful rivers; the ceaseless rush and ebb of the Pacific tide, which speaks most potently of all of the resistless Power which rules over the forces of nature. To one who can read the lessons which God has pictured out in the primeval landscapes, much of spiritual profit can be gained by the trip to Seattle, through the medium of seeing eyes and receptive intellect.

The city itself speaks eloquently of the power of God directed to the uses of man. Seattle is becoming known because of its great public works, accomplished by methods unknown and untried anywhere else. It is still at work sluicing down the great hills which have stood in the way of its growth and development of its commerce; it is still engaged in covering vacant spaces with handsome skyscrapers and comfortable homes; heeding no financial depression and recognizing only the necessity of everlasting effort to keep up with its growth.

Seattle has a population in the neighborhood of 300,000. It is reached directly or indirectly by seven transcontinental railroads. It has nearly 150 miles of street railway lines, and connects with other Pacific ports, Alaska and the Orient

by steamship lines operating on regular schedules. It is an inland sea port, handling an immense commerce; a cosmopolitan city on the verge of a wilderness.

Puget Sound, on which the port of Seattle is situated, is becoming known as one of the most beautiful bodies of water in the world. It is a long, narrow arm of the Pacific Ocean, winding in and out between precipitous shores, from the Straits of Juan de Fuca for many miles to the southward. Radiating from the main body of the Sound are numerous other narrow arms of water, one of them, Hood's canal, reaching to the very base of the Olympic mountains, a precipitous and snow-capped range which lies between the Sound and the Pacific Ocean on the west; the backbone of the famous Olympic peninsula.

To the southward from Seattle, Mount Rainier rises, beautifully distinct in the bright light of a clear day, and to the northward is seen Mount Baker, another noted peak. The winding arms of the Sound cut off numerous islands from the mainland, and a cruise on the Sound enables one to view a beautiful panorama of sparkling water set with green islands and precipitous shores from which the hills roll back to the distant mountain ranges.

Several beautiful Sound trips can be taken from Seattle in a day's time. One is to Victoria, the capital of British Columbia. It is but a few hours' ride from Seattle, down the Sound and across the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Although one of the most beautiful day's trips in the country, the fare is but fifty cents for the round trip.

Hood's canal is another favorite visiting place on the Sound. This is an offshoot of the Sound which reaches to the very base of the Olympic range, and in a day's trip, one cruises for eighty miles along the precipitous shore. The scenery is similar to that of the inside passage to Alaska.

A cruise through the San Juan Islands is another good trip. A shorter trip, offering practically the same scenic advantages, is the trip around Bainbridge Island. An interesting half-day trip is that to Bremerton, where the government navy yard is located and the greatest drydock in the world is building. War vessels are always to be seen there, being repaired or cleaned for ocean voyages.

Among the land trips of great beauty is that to the Paradise Valley, on the slope of Mt. Rainier. It brings one into close touch with the beautiful mountain scenery from the flower-strewn glades near the base of the mountain to the glaciers which creep down from its summit. A visit to Paradise Park requires at least three days, but it is worth the while. Going and coming, one passes through the famous Washington forests of mammoth trees.

Snoqualmie Falls, but a short ride from Seattle by train, is a famous beauty spot. The Snoqualmie, a large stream which rises far back in the Cascade mountains, makes a precipitous leap of nearly 300 feet with a resultant waterfall, which people gladly travel miles to see. A trip to Snoqualmie Falls and return by automobile is one never to be forgotten.

There are many attractions not enumerated about Seattle and the Sound country, to add to the enjoyment of those who attend the convention. All who go can depend upon a warm welcome, a comfortable stopping place, and the opportunity of rare enjoyment both spiritual and material.

### HOW WE TRAVEL!

On Wednesday morning, June 30th, at eight o'clock, we hope to find our happy and expectant party ready at the Union Station, Toronto, to make the start. "Westward Ho!" From as far east as Newfoundland and Halifax we hope to see our Canadian delegation assemble. Comfortable and commodious tourist sleepers will be provided, and from Toronto westward we expect to gather up our friends—welcome additions to our Canadian contingent. Over the G.T.R. to Chicago we shall peel away through well known scenes. From Chicago the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul will convey us to Omaha. By the Union Pacific we shall proceed to Denver. There our journey over the Grand Scenic Denver and Rio Grande Railway to Ogden. The Oregon Short Line and Oregon Railway and Navigation Co. will carry us on to Portland, and from there we shall run over the Northern Pacific to Seattle, the Convention and Exposition city already described.

The convention exercises will afford our Epworth League members and friends a splendid opportunity of seeing and hearing the leaders in Methodist Young People's Work in all North America. Men whose names are famous throughout the three great churches represented in the Convention will be on the programme. This we expect to print in full in our next number.

The great Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition will present many features never before seen, because never before possible. The educative influences of this Exposition will truly be great.

Ample time will be provided for sight-seeing, and when the excursionists are ready to return, the route may be from