

WORLD'S STUDENT CONFERENCE AT NORTHFIELD.

We are asked to say something of the World's Student Conference, held at Northfield, Mass., last July, and which it was our privilege to attend. Northfield, it will be remembered, is the home of Mr. D. L. Moody, and the Girls' Seminary in which the conference was held, is one of the many monuments of his consecration, zeal, and love for humanity. In another place we have given details of the conference. We shall therefore simply give the readers of the 'Journal' a few 'nuggets' gathered from the addresses of some of those who took part. We give these because of their intrinsic value, and also that more interest may perhaps be aroused in the annual summer conferences held at Northfield, viz.:—The Women's Student Conference, in June; the Men's Student Conference, in July; and the general conference for Christian workers, in August. And those who wish reports in full of last summer's conferences may obtain them by writing for 'Northfield Echoes,' East Northfield, Mass., a verbatim report in magazine form in four parts, each costing thirty cents, or all four for a dollar. The following excerpts made much impression on my mind when they were delivered, and I now take them from the July number of 'Echoes,' and thus extend the audience of the speakers.

In the opening address, Mr. Moody called our attention to the character of Nehemiah. After referring to his burning zeal for the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem, and the opposition raised by Tobiah and Sanballat, he proceeded as follows:—

'By and by the men wrote a friendly letter and wanted Nehemiah to go down on the plain of Ono and have a friendly discussion. It is a masterpiece of the

devil to get men into friendly discussions. I don't know whether Nehemiah had a typewriter in those days or not, but he always sent back the same reply. "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down." Look at the great Presbyterian Church—turned aside for years to discuss "higher criticism," and they have neglected the salvation of the world because they must go down to the "plain of Ono" and have a friendly discussion. How many good works in your colleges have been wrecked because you have had a friendly discussion on the "plain of Ono?" Nehemiah struck a good keynote—"I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down." If God has sent you to build the walls of Jerusalem, you go and do it. . . . There is no work like lifting up Christ before a lost world. If the Church would only keep right on and build the walls of Jerusalem, they would soon be built.'

Another very popular speaker was the Rev. A. McKenzie, D.D., of Cambridge, Mass. In an address on 'Imagination,' he referred to the relation of the imagination to religion in the following strain:—

'I will not go so far as to say that religion without imagination is impossible, but I will say that religion without imagination is always poor. Religion of any high character must be impossible without imagination, because religion is in the first place recognition of the invisible, which only can be seen with the eyes of the mind and heart. . . . There is little that we can discover relating to religion or the religious life, except as this faculty of imagination has indulgence leading to great accomplishments. . . . Men have tried to solve the atonement by the