

Cape Breton Summer School, Nova Scotia Conference

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The Cape Breton Summer School of last year was held at New Campbellton, Cape Breton, Aug. 9-16. Though it was the first of its kind in the District, it was an unqualified success, and in every way justified the expectations of its promoters. New Campbellton is one of the beauty spots on the far-famed Bras d'Or Lakes, and the location of the school left nothing to be desired in point of scenic attractions.

The school was held on the extensive

4. Medical Missions; text-book, "Heal the Sick;" teacher, Dr. May Austen, medical missionary to China.

In addition to the above a class for boys and girls was conducted by Mrs. Dr. Stephenson, based on "The White Man of Uganda."

The order of the day was much the same as at all summer schools, the morning being devoted to study, the afternoon left free for recreation.

In addition to the mission study

summer. It is too soon to announce definite plans, but it is hoped to have a class in city missions and social service, in addition to the regular lines of missionary study. The president and secretary of the school have visited most of the churches in the district, giving addresses on the work of the school, illustrated with lantern pictures of the last year's gathering. In all places visited much interest has been aroused, and it is felt that last year's attendance of 63 will be at least doubled the coming year.

Wiarnton District

For the purpose of assisting the local Leagues in their work, and promoting a closer relationship between neighboring Leagues, as well as spreading good workable plans, in Wiarnton District, successful visitation has been carried on. Letters have been sent out by President and Secretary, appealing the local Leagues of the name and address of the district officer or visitor, requesting the local League to make final arrangements with the speaker named. A "Target" was also sent out with the request that the aim be for a bull's eye of perfection, a report made at the Annual Convention concerning the following points:—

1. Ten per cent. increase in membership.

2. An average attendance equal to the membership.

3. Twenty-five per cent. of the members subscribers to the CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA. If there are two or more Epworth League members in a home where the ERA is taken, each may be considered a subscriber.

4. A topic prepared and provided for every meeting, and every meeting to begin on time.

5. Some definite aid given your church or Sunday School (such as providing hymn books, light, fuel, etc.).

6. A business meeting of the Executive Committee every month.

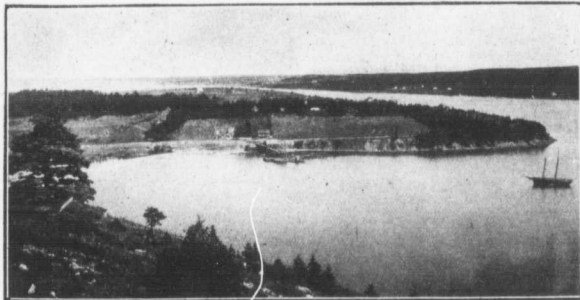
7. A business meeting of each department once in three months.

8. At least one meeting of special evangelistic nature by pastor or other qualified person.

9. Ten per cent. increase in missionary givings.

10. Flowers provided for the pulpit every Sabbath.

11. Some definite work in citizenship department.



CAPE BRETON SUMMER SCHOOL. VIEW FROM THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

and beautiful grounds of Mr. Jas. T. Burchell, who spared no trouble nor expense in accommodating the gathering. A church on the grounds afforded a splendid place for the evening sessions, and a beautiful open-air meeting-place was afforded in a grove near by. The seventeen cottage tents which housed the delegates were pitched on a hillside looking down the Bras d'Or Lake, and with the waters of the lake lapping the shores below, and the heights of the mountain facing them across a narrow valley, the camping-ground left nothing to be desired. A large house on the grounds was used as a cook-house and dining-room, and also for the accommodation of such of the delegates as preferred a roof over their heads to sleeping under canvas.

The school was under the joint direction of a committee appointed from the Sydney District and the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions, and the arrangement worked admirably. At the opening meeting Dr. Stephenson stated the objects of the school to be:—

1. To receive a definite course of training and instruction for missionary work.

2. To receive an inspiration that would set the delegates to work, and cause them to use the knowledge acquired.

3. To receive an empowerment for service.

Four different courses of study were provided, with teacher and text-books as follows:—

1. Home Missions; text-book, "Strangers Within our Gates;" teacher, Rev. Thomas Marshall, superintendent Home Missions, Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland.

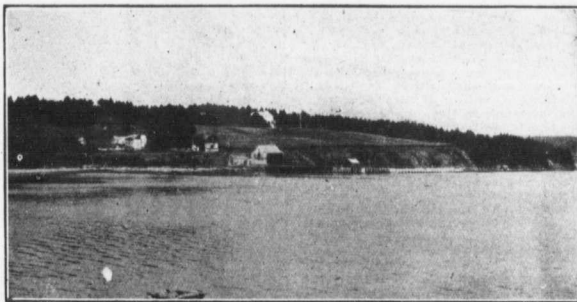
2. Chinese Missions; text-book, "Our Share in China;" teacher, Rev. R. S. Longley, missionary to China, representing the Sunday Schools of the Nova Scotia Conference.

3. Japanese Missions; text-book, "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom;" teacher, Rev. E. C. Hennigar, missionary to Japan.

classes, conducted simultaneously every morning, there was a short period for Bible study, and two open parlaments of methods. One of these was conducted by Dr. Stephenson, and dealt with methods of missionary education in church and League and Sunday School.

The other was in the hands of Rev. J. K. Curtis, B.A., Field Secretary of the General Board of Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, and dealt with the essential principles and practical methods of general Sunday School and Epworth League work.

The first part of each evening was devoted to twilight talks on life service, which proved very helpful to those



VIEW FROM THE MOUNTAIN, NEW CAMPBELLTON.

attending, and the regular evening service took the form of a platform meeting addressed by one of the visiting missionaries on some phase of the home or foreign mission work.

The school will be held in the same place under the same management next

The League at Keene, Ont., was canvassed recently and ten new subscriptions obtained for the ERA. They have the Departments well organized and are doing good work. This year they anticipate increasing their missionary givings.