

patriotic demonstration all praise is due Bro. Williamson, whose genial countenance and portly frame are shown in our snapshot picture of him. He is a splendid cornetist, and though the chorus of applause from the audience might sometimes rather mar the harmonies of our songs, Williamson's ringing cornet notes kept us in time and made up for what otherwise might have



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sounded somewhat discordant. The group picture of the Canadians when forming for their patriotic demonstration will show you that we had no occasion to apologize either for our good looks or for the quality that composed the personnel of our party. In fact, we voted ourselves "all right." And the crowd voted our demonstration "ditto." So everybody was happy and contented.

To give a detailed report of all the Summer Schools held at various points throughout the connexion during the past month, would be a lengthy task and make great demands on our space. From Newfoundland to British Columbia such gatherings for a week's study and recreation have been held. As far as we can learn, these schools have all been more or less after the one general form. Perhaps the following extract from a report sent in by Rev. W. S. Daniels, of the first Hamilton Conference Summer School, held at Elora, July 3 to 10, will in main outline describe all. He says: "Each forenoon was spent in continuous study, each afternoon in recreation and sight-seeing, while the evening was taken up with listening to inspiring addresses. The day's work opened at 8.30 with Bible study. Then followed four mission study classes. The third period was the Institute hour, and the morning programme was concluded with a short address by a returned or an outgoing missionary. In the evening addresses on life problems were given, followed by other addresses by widely known speakers." Just what actual results accrue from those schools no one can tabulate. But much good must certainly follow. Miss Hall reports that at the Bay of Quinte Summer School at Wellington, "twenty-six declared their

intention of offering their lives for service in deaconship work, the Christian ministry, foreign or home missionary work, or teaching in the great West. Seventy promised to keep the morning watch, try during the year to lead some one to a knowledge of Christ, form mission study or teacher training classes." What measure of spiritual harvest may result from all this in the actual work of the Church from East to West during the year, no one can measure. That the Summer Schools ought to be centres of great inspirational influence is certain. A larger number of young men in attendance is very desirable, and a strong effort should be made to induce them to attend. The great majority of delegates are young women, and if the preachers were left out of the calculation very few males would be found. This we must all try to improve. We want the young women, we need the preachers; but, most of all, young men are indispensable if the work is to be sustained and the obligation God has given us is to be met.

The activities of the Church are all more or less interrupted by the vacation season. This is the inactive month in a great many places and with a large number of people. But while there may be sound reasons why Christian workers must rest and recuperate, there is no good reason why they should not, even in the holidays, both plan and pray for renewed energy and a larger measure of success during the approaching autumn and winter months. Every League, or Class, or Club President, every Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher, should be making provision for the coming term. It is the one who returns to his loved work with both restored vitality and well-laid plans that will get the best start when the business is resumed once more. Especially thoughtful should all our League officers be during this lazy month of August. In a few weeks the young people will be in their accustomed places again. If the President is alert he will see that they do not come back to a league bill of fare that is either "hash" or "scraps," but to one that is both wholesome and attractive. Plan now for your first Fall meeting. If your executive members are likewise thoughtful you will have no trouble in making a splendid start for another season. But if your League is completely out of your thoughts you will find it impossible to "catch up" later on, and the very haste you then

make will mean superficial and consequently unsatisfactory preparation. The truly successful League officer must have his work so much at heart that he will be thinking of it and planning for it all the time. Such officers alone can truly lead their members on to larger enterprises and unquestionable success.

The prospects for our Teacher Training Department are excellent. The statistics for the Conference year show that some two thousand persons are taking the course. This is the first year in which this work has been so reported. We have hardly got going yet, and inasmuch as the Department was only ordered less than a year ago by the General Conference in Victoria, B.C., we think the figures must be pleasing to all interested in the progress of the Sunday school. There is little need to argue the necessity of better trained teachers, or to plead with teachers and intending teachers to prepare themselves as well as possible for their work. Nearly everybody admits the need and feels more or less desire for personal fitness for the teaching office. But the difficulties have been common enough and sufficiently numerous in most cases to discourage a number from the formation of Teacher Training classes. Of course a class is desirable; but it is by no means necessary. It is quite practicable to take the course alone. The Canadian First Standard series of lessons provides a way whereby in easy stages the individual student may go on step by step to a diploma. Any young person can master the prescribed lessons without trouble, and as soon as any one section of the book is covered, an examination may be written on it and credit for the work done be obtained. If a class seems impracticable in your school, enroll yourself as an individual student, and as much attention will be paid to you as if you were one of a class of twenty. Our next issue will contain some excellent Teacher training articles that should lead to the formation of a number of classes. But you need not wait. Write to the General Secretary if all is not clear, and he will gladly advise you. Remember that from first to last there are no charges for either examinations, certificates or diploma. The privilege is freely extended to all who desire to take it, and every young person would greatly profit by taking up the First or Elementary course during the coming winter months. Now is your opportunity.



THE HAMILTON CONFERENCE SUMMER SCHOOL AT ELORA.

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