

a very "embryonic condition." A great part of his time is devoted to the work of the Sunday school. The attendance numbers about 100. He says, "Many of these are children of laboring men who are non-church goers. One of the first things to be done is to visit their homes and get at the hearts of the parents." Mr. Watt is agitating for an addition to the building, which, he says, is too small for the requirements of the work. From Lanark, Mr. R. S. Watt, who is filling a business situation and at the same time engaging actively in church-work, reports a growing interest in the Sunday morning prayer-meeting for young men. The writer has many happy recollections of that meeting when it was first started, some six years ago. Mr. Watt reports four new additions to the church. Mr. John L. Brown, Franklin Centre, Que., welcomes the C. L. as "a ray of sunshine bringing gladness and cheer." His report is of a very cheerful nature. He was looking forward with pleasure to attending the C. E. Convention at Montreal. Mr. George Extence, writing from Kingsport, N. S., reports plenty of work to keep him busy. He says, "No preacher will become lazy for want of work, if he is faithful." Two have recently professed faith in Christ at one of his prayer-meetings. From Liverpool, N. S., Mr. Ball reports good results. He says the prayer-meetings are some of the best he has ever attended. The young people are taking a great interest in the C. E. work. At Moose Harbor—an out-station—a hall, capable of accommodating 150 people, is to be opened in August. Mr. Ball has all the boating, bathing and fishing he wants. Lucky man, George! Mr. Jackson, in his large parish at Maitland, N. S., preaches three times every Sunday, and conducts four prayer-meetings a week. Not long ago he filled the pulpit at Economy. When he wrote, he was looking forward to attending the Union meetings at Truro. At Granby, Mr. Day now has the work in full charge, Dr. Hindley having preached his farewell sermon on July 9th, and left for his future field of labor in Forest. Twelve members of the C. E. Society attended the Convention, and have returned with new enthusiasm for their work. There is a splendid opening here for some good man. We hope such may be forthcoming shortly.

The great Northfield Conference is over, and four hundred students have returned to their homes, carrying with them a new zeal for their active work for Christ, both at home and in their college life. We wish we could describe this wonderful gathering, and convey to our readers some idea of the great influence that this and similar gatherings for years past have had upon the religious life of the colleges of the United States and Canada. But words fail us. One must be there to understand. Northfield itself is

a perfect paradise. No other word can describe it. The buildings of the Girl's Seminary, in which the meetings were held, and where we found a comfortable home, are situated on a gently-rising slope overlooking the valley of the Connecticut River, and surrounded on all sides by the Green Mountains. Here, in this beautiful spot, so lavishly endowed by nature, for twelve days we sat at the feet of such men as D. L. Moody, Prof. Henry Drummond, Dr. Monod, of Paris, and many other leading Christian workers of America. There was a wonderful inspiration in itself, in coming in personal contact with so many young men whose aims in life were not selfish, but who had come there to gain strength and knowledge for the work of trying to uplift their fellow-men. Our mornings and evenings were entirely devoted to the meetings proper of the Conference, Bible study, missionary meetings, college conferences, platform meetings, etc.; the afternoons being given up to athletics and recreation. Mr. Moody was the chief centre of interest during the time he was present. He gave a series of "talks" on the work of the Holy Spirit, which stirred the members of the Conference in a most wonderful manner, and led many to seek for themselves the baptism of the Spirit for service. We had often wondered where lay the secret of Moody's power over men, but we wonder no longer. It is not in the man himself that the power lies, but only as he is filled with the Holy Spirit, and allows Him to speak through him, is he able to stir the hearts of his listeners, and send the word home with convicting and converting power. After having been with us six days, Mr. Moody left to continue his wonderful work in Chicago. Much as we missed his presence we could not but wish him God-speed, for all felt fully convinced that God was calling him to do a mighty work in that great city, where he is now reaching every day from thirty to forty thousand people. The parting scene on the lawn, in front of the residence, we shall never forget. And so we lost our leader; but the interest did not in the least flag. The next day Prof. Henry Drummond came amongst us, and as we felt the influence of his strong true life, we gained further inspiration. His words formed a fitting complement to all that Mr. Moody had said. Dr. Drummond has a charming personality, and is a delightful restful speaker to listen to. He must be an ideal college lecturer. In all his addresses he laid special emphasis upon the everyday life of the Christian, and the influence that can be exerted by personal contact with men. Bible study received a great deal of attention during the Conference, not only being dealt with theoretically, but likewise practically; two central classes being conducted, one by Mr. Robert E. Speer, and another by Mr. Jas. McConaughy.