

General Conference, to that of the latter. We heartily congratulate those Conferences upon their choice, and our honoured brethren upon the distinction conferred upon them.

THE INTERNATIONAL CAMP MEETING.

The first camp meeting on Wells Island began July 21, and continued fourteen days. It appears to have been an occasion of both pleasure and profit, realising in some good degree the conception of its projectors in combining innocent and healthful recreation with religious improvement. The object aimed at by the association which has this enterprise in hand, is to secure to Christian families the opportunity of enjoying all the advantages of a first-rate watering-place, free from the evil and danger which are commonly associated with such places, and at the same time supplying them with religious services calculated to promote spirituality and devotion, so that they may return to their homes spiritually as well as physically invigorated—better prepared for the ordinary business of life, and better prepared to work for God. The conception is a noble one, and if it can be realised, what has been long felt to be a *desideratum* will be secured. To thousands of people in the large towns and cities, a few weeks of relaxation in circumstances which will allow them to get their lungs inflated with pure air, to bathe in the sunshine, and at the same time straighten their limbs and appropriately exercise their muscles, is not only a boon but a necessity. To many it involves nothing less than a new lease of life. And if all this can be secured not only without spiritual deterioration, but with positive spiritual advantage, the blessing will be immeasurably increased. This is what is aimed at in this enterprise, and all good people will pray that it may be crowned with the most complete success. The association deserves credit for the admirable arrangements which have been made for the comfort of persons attending these meetings, and also for the measures which have been adopted to secure order, and to exclude everything which would be inconsistent with the object which is sought to be obtained. The meeting itself, under the presidency of the Rev. Dr. Haven of the Syracuse University, appears to have been in the highest and best sense—as a means of religious instruction and spiritual edification—a success. The association is to be congratulated on the success which has attended its labours thus far, and many will unite with us in praying that their most sanguine expectations may be more than realised in the future.
