

The subjects discussed by the different leaders during the Institute Period were varied and practical, such as: "Christian Stewardship," by Mr. W. C. Senior; "The Mission Study Class, What Is It, and What Does It Do?" by Mr. J. Lovell Murray, and two most illuminating and convincing addresses on "Personal Work" by Dr. Hull of Toronto.

There was not a dull Institute Period during the entire week, and the impressions received must result in action on the part of those who listened.

And what can we say of the Bible Study Periods under Dr. G. C. Pidgeon of Toronto? What an exquisite gem Paul's letter to Philemon proved to be, as he read it to us and unfolded the inner truths! What a wealth of knowledge was brought to us, as day by day he expounded to us Paul's 1st Epistle to the Corinthians! How new and fresh and vital it all seemed, and how superficial and shallow became the former reading of our Bibles! One realized as never before how very little actual Bible Study is ever attempted. Yes, unquestionably, the Bible Study Period was one of the best of the Conference.

The programme stated that the afternoons would be given up to rest and recreation, but the latter proved so attractive that the former, for the most part, was conspicuous by its absence.

Tennis and baseball were the most popular forms of sport, but the spirit of play did not in any way hinder the deeper purpose of the Conference, for no matter where one looked one could see a missionary in earnest conversation with some questioning young student, or perhaps the centre of an animated group who listen intently to the ever-absorbing description of life in China, India, or Japan. Who can imagine the influence of these devoted men and women upon the hearts and lives of the young people who came within the sound of their voices?

Nothing has been said about the picnic to the Lake on July first, when everybody clamored to ride on the hayracks, after it had been announced that "The aged and infirm will be taken to the picnic by motor car." Oh, what a picnic it was!

Nor has mention been made of the four splendid pageants produced by the several Study Classes on Saturday afternoon, which proved to be pictures of conditions and needs that were vivid beyond description.

But we must not forget these wonderful twilight talks on the lawn each evening shortly after supper.

The note that was sounded again and again throughout the Conference was "Life Service." "What does God want me to do with my life?" was the question in the heart of each one, as we sat out there on the lawn in the hush of that hallowed twilight hour, and listened to leader and missionary as they told of avenues of service, and of how God had led them into their life work. Battles were fought and won, and decisions were made during that quiet evening hour that only eternity will reveal. It was the very best hour of the whole Conference!

How can we close without mentioning the splendid Platform Meetings each evening, when the missionaries, and there were sixteen of them, told us of the need, the possibility, and the wonderful opportunity in non-Christian lands to-day? A whole page could easily be written on these meetings alone, but there is only one thing to say,— "Go to Whitby next year and see for yourself if these things are true." The Presbyterians and Methodists were wise enough to send delegates in large numbers. What about the Baptists next year?

Yours for Whitby,

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N.B.—The Talbot St. Baptist Mission Band, London, Ont., sent two of its members to represent their Band at the Whitby Missionary Conference, paying all expenses.

CONVENTION NOTICES.

The Convention of the Home and Foreign Women's Societies of Ontario West will meet in the Bloor Street Baptist Church, Toronto, November 10th and 11th.

The Treasurer will close her books October 20th. Circle Treasurers should close theirs by October 15th, and send all Foreign Mission money at once to Mrs. Glenn H. Campbell, 113 Balmoral Avenue, Toronto.