

Summer Schools in the West

Two years ago an effort was made in the different districts in British Columbia Conference to form an organization with the object of holding a Summer School dealing with four phases of our work, namely, Bible study, educational methods, social reform and missions. The four districts in the upper country were organized, and at the coast it was decided to hold a Union School. The different denominations were to send two representatives to act on the committees. After British Columbia had been organized the work was attempted in Alberta.

The Conferences expressed themselves in the following motion:—"Believing that the best results in Sunday School work can be obtained only under efficient leadership, we recommend that the Summer Schools be followed by a series of Circuit Schools, to be conducted by leaders in the different departments of Sunday School and church work, for the

enthused and convinced of the usefulness of the work carried on, and were so much in earnest, that upon reaching home they at once began some missionary work, with the result that they persuaded eight people to travel three hundred miles in order to get to another school.

Mr. Westman has been personally supervising all arrangements for the schools this year, and while the task has entailed much labor and thought, he has been loyally supported by pastors and workers all along the line. While successes were attained last year, the committees in charge are looking for greater achievements this year. Plan to attend one of the schools. Pray for the workers and committees who have the arrangements in hand that blessing may attend their efforts. Have a share yourself in the gain and inspiration of being present. A delightful holiday is in store for you, as ample recreation is combined with

Summer Schools in Saskatchewan Conference

Two Summer Schools will be held in Saskatchewan Conference this year, one at Oxbow, the date of which is not yet settled, and the other at Lumsden Beach. The former school will give the usual attention to the study of the Bible and of missions, and one of its special features will be evangelistic work, on account of the large numbers who attend the evening and Sunday sessions. Much good was accomplished in this line of special work last year, and many definite conversions were recorded. It also gave an impetus to the later evangelistic work in the several districts during the year.

The other school at Lumsden Beach will be held from August 4 to 12. From July 28 to August 4, a Boys' Camp is being arranged for, and following the Summer School, from August 12 to 18, a Girls' Camp will be held. These Camps are to be in charge of Rev. F. H. Langford, of Regina, and Rev. Ernest Thomas, of



Mission Study Class, East Kootenay.
Kamloops District School.

West Kootenay District School.
Preparing for the bonfire.

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purpose of organizing and inspiring workers."

The endeavors have been productive of much fruit, and believing that the good work should continue, our Western Field Secretary, Rev. J. P. Westman, with the help of the brethren, has planned this year for five Methodist Summer Schools in British Columbia and two Union Schools in Alberta, the object being to train and educate leaders in the different departments. The following course is to be followed:—1. Bible Study. 2. Missions. 3. Social Service. 4. Christian Education. There will also be a camp for boys at each school, and another for girls. The importance of gripping the life of the boys and girls in the adolescent period, and of implanting high ideals is deemed most important by our Western workers, for these children are to be the citizens of to-morrow. The value of the camp in connection with the Summer Schools cannot be overestimated. A number of delegates last year at one school became so

study. The following schools will be held in British Columbia:—

1. Ocean Park (all Coast Districts), July 8-17.

2. Kelowna (Okanagan District), July 15-24.

3. Tappen Grove (Kamloops District), July 22-Aug. 1.

4. Moyle Lake (East Kootenay), Aug. 13-20.

In Alberta:—

1. Edmonton (Wabamun Lake), July 14-26.

2. Banff (Banff Park), July 30-Aug. 10.

The Summer Schools in the West are proving that the League and Sunday School are renewing themselves, and have promoted to the larger and wider work of the church a multitude of trained and eager Christians.

"Youth fades; love droops; the leaves of friendship fall; a mother's secret hope outlives them all!"—Holmes.

Indian Head, and will be carried on according to the plan of our Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. It is anticipated that at least fifty will attend each Camp.

The Summer School promises to be the best yet held at Lumsden Beach. The Roundtop Meeting from 7 to 7.30, which has been a great blessing in the past, will be taken by Rev. John A. Doyle. Bible Study will be in charge of Rev. Prof. Bland, of Wesley College, Winnipeg. Studies in Social Service will be conducted by Rev. Ernest Thomas. Sunday School and Epworth League work will be well cared for in the hands of Rev. F. H. Langford, Field Secretary for Saskatchewan Conference. Prof. Dosses and Prof. Bates will have charge of Mission Study Classes. The Deaconesses resident in the Conference will attend the school and help in connection with the work among the girls.

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