

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.



NE who has never been privileged to attend such a gathering, can scarcely understand the uplift and inspiration that come from meeting with a company of young people seeking to learn all they can of the spiritual need of the world, and definitely purposing to do all that lies in their power to meet that need.

In sight of the blue waters of Lake Ontario, situated on a gentle elevation, commanding a lovely view of the surrounding fields and groves, encircled by its own shady lawns, and admirably suited for the accommodation of a goodly number of guests, Trafalgar Castle, near Whitby, otherwise known as the Ontario Ladies' College, is certainly an ideal home for the Canadian Conference of the Young Peoples' Missionary Movement.

The 4th Annual Conference has had the largest attendance, as there were some 240 registered delegates. In numbers the Methodists took the lead, then in order came the Presbyterians, the Anglicans and the Baptists, while there were a few representatives from other Christian bodies; but the best of it all was that one could not tell in talking with them, who were Methodists, Presbyterians, Anglicans or Baptists, because motive, and aim, and spirit were so beautifully one.

Most of the delegates were young women, and though one could not but long for a larger representation of the young men, one could not forget that it is upon the women of heathendom, the greatest burden of the world's woe and misery falls, and that it is only the hand of woman that can lift the burden and set them free. Is it not the duty of Christian women to

pass on their blessings and privileges to those less favored?

From 7.10 in the morning (with an interval for breakfast) until 12.45, and from 7 in the evening till 9.30 or 10 o'clock, meetings were held. The afternoons were kept free for recreation; tennis, croquet, basket-ball and other out-door games were heartily indulged in; then there was the novel experience of riding in hayracks to picnic at the Lake. From one such expedition the young people came back, shouting the Conference yell:

China, India, Africa!

North and South America!

Korea, and the Islands of the Sea!

Palestine, Arabia!

Best of all is Canada!

Missionary Conference!

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The weather throughout was perfect. The meetings began on the evening of July 2nd, with an exhortation based on the Master's wonderful prayer, a foundation most fitting for the fabric of spiritual enthusiasm that was reared upon it. Until the evening of July 9th, devotional meetings, Bible expositions, Mission Study Classes, meetings for the consideration of Institute work, Life-work Conferences, and Platform Meetings, went on with increasing and deepening interest.

With heart felt earnestness, men and women, filled with the power that comes from personal knowledge, voiced the cry for help from the dark places of the earth; the voice of need, and the voice of opportunity. Our own land with its hosts of incoming foreigners, its promising mission fields, its mining and logging camps, its magnificent possibilities; South America, with its neglected hordes of savages, its civilized Republics in bondage to a spurious Christianity; the Christless millions of Africa, India and China; the wonderful progress and promise of the Gospel in insig-