

object of this day was to bring together the delegates from the different colleges, in order that they might meet each other in a social and informal way. The principal colleges represented were Smith, Wellesley, Bryn Mahr, Radcliffe, Vassar, Mount Holyoke and Brown. The different delegations arranged themselves on the large back campus, where they could be seen grouped together, all showing by some form of dress to what college they belonged. For instance, the girls of Smith wore white caps, while the Canadians wore maple leaves and Union Jacks. When they were arranged each group in turn sang its own college song which was responded to by other colleges. From such a gathering it could be seen what college spirit really was.

Not very long ago the name of Northfield was no more suggestive of college life than the name of any other attractive New England town. To-day it is rarely separated in thought from student life. But this relation has not risen simply because of the unique situation of this beautiful hill-town of Northern Massachusetts, where, annually, for a number of years, hundreds of college women have assembled in the month of July. There has been a deeper charm than even the broad Connecticut, or the encircling hills to draw so many people to this spot year after year. Here there has been that touch of life with life which has caused girls to see in broader vision the possibilities of their own lines. Northfield is exerting a definite and visible influence upon the college life in this country, first, by introducing into colleges systematic Bible study. From the time of the first Northfield conference in 1886, when Mr. Moody invited students of the world to meet at Mount Hermon to engage in a special season of Bible study, Northfield has stood pre-eminently for this indispensable accompaniment of christian growth. At that time the great majority of our colleges and schools had no organized Bible study whatever, many of them not having a single Bible class. Now there is hardly an institution of any importance that has not, at least, one Bible class. The influence of Northfield is seen, in the second place, in methods of work. Conferences occupying an hour each morning were held for the study of special problems that confront workers. The missionary and students conferences were especially interesting, improved methods were thus brought before the association.

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