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First Canadian Y.W.C.A. Summer Conference.

“There’s a place called Elgin House,
By a shining lake,
And we will hold it ever dear
For old time’s sake.
Elgin House,
On thy silver sea,
Some other day we’d like to sail
Back again to thee!”

THE Y.W.C.A. conference, last summer, at the Elgin House, was the first of its kind to be held in Canada, and from this more or less small beginning, we hope for great results. For a first conference it was a great success, both in the way it was managed, and in the numbers attending; for altogether, we had two hundred delegates, about a hundred of whom were from the colleges and universities of eastern Canada. Situated at the lower end of Lake Joseph, the Elgin House, a comfortable summer hotel with beautiful grounds, commands a beautiful view over the lake, to the wooded hills beyond, and here every afternoon were rowboats full of happy college girls, while the beach was dotted with bright robed mermaids. And the evenings! perfect moonlight nights all the time of the conference, and every evening before and after chapel, every boat was in demand and the different college songs challenged and replied across the moonlit waters. A more perfect spot could not have been chosen to unite the highest influences of nature with the best man has to give.

The journey there seemed twice as long as the journey home again; for on the way up the delegates kept, more or less, to themselves and everyone was anxious to arrive and see what it was like, and as it was about 10 p.m. when we did arrive, everyone’s nerves were, more or less, in evidence and there certainly was a wild time getting registered, finding rooms, baggage, etc. By Sunday morning, however, things were rather calmed down, and we proceeded to get acquainted and prepare for the week ahead of us, which seemed, after all, such a short time for all we wanted to learn. The purpose of the conference was,—“First of all to lead young women into the knowledge of God and the doing of His will as the one satisfying mission in life; and in the second place, to consider the best methods by which the Association may