

## North-Western Manitoba Summer School

We herewith present our readers with a photograph of the North-Western Manitoba Summer School, representing Portage la Prairie, Neepawa and Birtle Districts, and held at Sandy Lake from July 17th to the 24th. Seven years ago the first Summer School for Northern Manitoba was held at Neepawa. Since that time each school has presented a marked increase on the preceding one until the last, which exceeded all others in location, attendance and interest. There were 102 registered delegates, showing an increase of 17 over last year. Sandy Lake lends its name both to a little village on the C. N. R., 40 miles north-west of Neepawa, and also to a little lake, on the shores of which the village is situated. The lake abounds in fish. Rowboats are obtainable at reasonable rates, and a gasoline launch is available for pleasure cruises. Raspberries and strawberries were brought in abundance to the camp by the Gaiicians. The programme was of the highest order. The Bible Readings, conducted by Dr. Bland of Wesley College, were highly appreciated, and the Epistle to the Hebrews will be a different book to all who listened to the lecturer's interesting unfolding of its authorship, plan and contents. Rev. W. E. Sibley, B.A., of West China, presented the claims of China upon the Christian world in such a light that China was brought

was the common opinion that this Summer School was the "Best yet," and those who had tasted its varied pleasures returned with a determination to augment the attendance next year.

(Rev.) W. E. Egan.

## Alma College Summer School

The Fifth<sup>th</sup> Missionary Summer School of the Epworth Leagues and other Young People's Societies of Western Ontario was held in Alma College, St. Thomas, July 15-22.

Lack of space forbids any detailed account, so we briefly mention a few notable features:

Total registration, 170, or 25 per cent in advance of any former year.

The large percentage of delegates who were in attendance from the opening to the closing session.

An increased attendance of young men.

The use of a souvenir badge and autograph album in getting members acquainted.

Absence of overcrowding in programmes.

A short intermission in open air at close of each period.

Daily meeting of officers and staff for consultation and prayer.

Voluntary prayer circles among the members.

Mrs. F. C. Stephenson and Rev. Principal and Mrs. Riddell.

Principal Riddell preached in the College chapel on Sunday evening.

The closing meeting on Monday night was devoted to brief farewell messages from the officers and staff and inspiring testimonies from members of the school.

It is a standing vote the following Rallying Cry for next year was adopted:

"Alma! Alma! give a cheer for Alma! Alma! Alma! pass the word along. Alma! Alma! come next year to Alma. Love your best to bring a friend along."

Plans are being laid for next year's session. Address all inquiries to Rev. J. W. Baird, Mitchell, President, or Rev. A. E. Jones, Edmont, Secretary.

The Girls' Club at Edmont, an organization open to all girls of thirteen years of age or over, meets every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. They have a membership of 35—6 Anglicans, 16 Methodists, 7 Presbyterians, 3 Lutherans, and since re-opening last fall the average attendance has been twenty-five. The meetings from which the girls have received the greatest and most lasting benefits have been those which were closed to outsiders. At these meetings the various phases of life are discussed, formally and informally, under the following heads:—

1. A girl's attitude towards God
2. A girl's attitude towards boys



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neener to us, and some of the young men and women volunteered for the foreign mission field.

Rev. Jas. Woodworth's excellent book, "My Neighbor," was the textbook for the study of civic problems, and created great interest and lively discussions. Rev. E. Chambers, who recently spent two years in Austria, was able to convey first-hand much knowledge on Ruthenian life. Miss M. Curtis, Deaconess of All Peoples' Mission, gave an interesting account of work being done among foreigners in Winnipeg. Rev. and Mrs. W. Wright, of Russell, had charge of the musical exercises of the school. At a special meeting called to discuss business in connection with the Summer School, it was unanimously decided to return to Sandy Lake for 1913.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Rev. W. A. McKim Young, Hamiota, President.

Rev. J. H. Ridd, Franklin, Vice-Pres.

Rev. G. H. Peacock, Newdale, Sec. Treas.

Additional members—Messrs. R. Dennison, Newdale; G. Johnson, Foxwarren; F. G. Spackman, Minnedosa, and Mr. Forman, Arden.

A unanimous expression of appreciation was extended to all members of the staff for their generous and excellent service, and also to Rev. H. W. Allison, former Sec. Treas. of the School, and to whose untiring energy the success of the enterprise from its inception is largely due. It

Inspiring song services led by Rev. W. Millon.

Introduction of lantern lecture.

Enthusiastic games on the campus.

An afternoon excursion by trolley to Port Stanley.

Exceptionally choice meals in College dining-hall.

Uplifting intercourse in a social, soul-stirring atmosphere.

The following persons composed the staff of leaders, teachers and speakers in connection with the various departments indicated.

Prayer and Life Talks—Rev. D. N. McChamus.

Bible Studies—Rev. C. P. Wells, B.D.

Mission Study Class Teachers—Revs. J. S. Woodworth, B.D., and W. W. Prudham.

Mr. C. P. Westaway, Miss Cora Sifton and Miss German.

Returned Missionaries—Rev. C. R. Carleton, Mr. C. P. Westaway, Miss C. Wellwood and Miss Switzer, of China, and Rev. A. T. Wilkinson, of Japan.

Addresses were also given by Rev. J. S. Woodworth, of Winnipeg, and Mr. J. H. Waite, Sec. of Pocket Testament League, and a lantern lecture by Rev. W. H. Barracough, B.A.

The Vesper Service addresses were given by Revs. W. L. Hiles, B.D., and W. H. Barracough, B.A.

The school was also favored toward the close with the presence of Rev. Dr. and

3. A girl's attitude towards her own nature.

An Exercise Department has proven very interesting. Each girl takes at least one-half hour's exercise in the open air after school hours. The three forms of exercise advised were walking in the country, basket ball and gardening.

Centennial League, London, Ont., instead of taking up the book "My Neighbor" in a small study class, have taken it up in the regular monthly meeting with much success.

Ray S. Baker, the author, in an argument on immigration at Lawrence, cited the marvellous speed wherewith the immigrated family, be it German or French, or what not, becomes assimilated into the national life.

An instance of this assimilation occurs to me," he said. "I know a worthy Neapolitan, one Paolo Centi, who came to this country three years ago. Paolo's little son, Francesco, an American citizen of seven, looked up from his school books the other evening to ask:

"Say, pa, what year was it you Italians discovered us in?"—New York Times.