

LAKE GENEVA.

How Days are Spent There. Scenes and Attractions on the Lake Side.

As a piece of scenery, Lake Geneva is one of the most beautiful of our country. Perhaps the best view is to be had from the dome of Yerkes' observatory, which is situated on an elevation near the lake. It was this view that impressed us most deeply one afternoon last summer. Below us as we stood on this place, was a woods-covered declivity sloping abruptly eastward to the lake shore. The green border of trees made a pretty frame for the blue waters of the lake. Far to the eastward extended one sheet of placid water, flanked beyond by the deeply wooded hills. These rose steep and rugged from the water's edge, forming a natural basin secluded from the outside world. Down near the shore the roofs of a few summer cottages could be seen here and there peeping through the trees. Out in the middle of the lake a low-lying steam launch was slowly, puffing along, while in close to our shores several row-boats ripped the water and making it flash in the sun.

However, it is not my purpose to describe Lake Geneva, but rather the annual conference of Y. M. C. A. men held there. The gathering there last summer was a fair type of what the annual conference stands for. Some three hundred college men were assembled there for the ten days' ses-

sion, and they brought an abundant amount of college spirit with them. They were men that, as a rule, stood high in their home colleges, in their respective fraternities, societies and athletic teams.

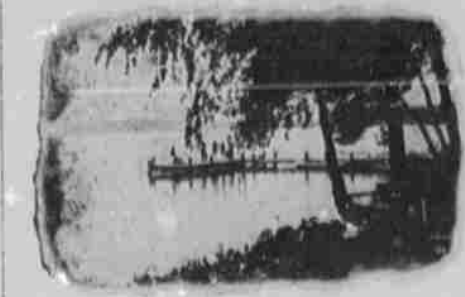


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But just a word here about the athletics of Lake Geneva, for this was what every afternoon was given over to entirely. Almost every phase of college athletics was well represented. A good ball ground and race track is situated at a distance of a five minutes' walk from the camp on the lake shore. These grounds are also provided with a grand stand for the crowd of enthusiastic spectators and here matches, games of ball were played, the colleges of one state meeting another. Ohio and Illinois put up the best games last year.

Foot racing was also a common feature, and tennis was far from being neglected. But the lake itself offered the greatest part of the sport. In the warm afternoons we would divide into companies of two or three and go out for a boat ride, for plenty of boats were furnished us free of charge. Pebbles and shells could be seen on the lake bottom to a great depth, so remarkably clear is the water. Some of the boys were always looking for specimens, and so we would row up to some cozy nook along the beach and here disembark to gather shells and wild flowers.

Bathing in the lake was a regular afternoon pastime. This was an amusement participated in by all. Those best in diving had opportunity to display their skill, and many interesting feats were shown. In the evening the boys were occupied in various ways. When no special conference or tent meetings were to be held they generally went out in little groups or delegations, serenading



A Lake View.

opportunities of the various professions were discussed by those most competent. The evening stillness and the quiet lake seemed to add to the impressiveness and significance of these meetings. It was in this quiet hour that many a young man received new conceptions of his life duties and the sphere of his future activities.

On the whole, a few days' stay at Lake Geneva is a landmark in a man's life. Secluded from the outside world, commingling with enthusiastic, consecrated young men, living, as it were, face to face with God, these things are all potent factors influencing the life of him who goes there.

JAMES E. BOYLE.

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school and did good, faithful work until the latter part of February, when Arsen Fauquet assumed charge. A report from this branch of the mission work shows that Sunday schools has been held every Sunday, but two (measles then preventing) with an average attendance of fifty-seven and a collection of 32½ cents.

The evening gospel services were maintained till some time in November, when by an action of the school board refusing the further use of the building for evening services the meetings were discontinued. The Sunday evening meetings were carried on wholly by the young men, while the Sabbath school was run in conjunction with the Y. W. C. A. They are fifteen officers and teachers in the Sunday school. It has been almost self-supporting, financially speaking.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

The social committee, under the leadership of Charley Wray, has done very efficient work along social lines. A gathering of some kind has been arranged for every month, usually attended by large numbers of young men. The committee has also done some work on Sunday afternoon in getting new men acquainted.

The report of the entire work in brief, is as follows:

September: Joint reception to faculty and students; 300 present.

October: Reception to new men in the association parlors; 20 present.

November: Apple "feed," by the "blues" in the association parlors; 200 present.

December: Annual committeeman's dinner; conservatory of music; 60 present.

January: Reception to the law school, at Mrs. F. M. Hall's; 200 present.

February: Joint reception to Miss Effie K. Pierce, at the Lincoln hotel; 300 present.

March: Formal opening of the association parlors; 200 present.

CALLING AND RELIEF.

This department has not been in the hands of any particular committee, but considerable work has been done in calling on new students and waiting on the sick. In several instances students were found down in their rooms, sick with no one to attend them. Nurses, medicines, flowers and attendants have been furnished to as large extent as means would allow. In this work the association has felt the great need existing for a university infirmary.

MUSIC.

The music committee, under the direction of A. T. Hubbell, has provided music on all special occasions, as well as looked after the singing at the regular Sunday devotional meeting. This department has aided materially in making the services of the association attractive. John Dougherty, Clark Oberlies and the Telyn quartette are deserving of mention for special service rendered the association through this department.

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.

The association has done rather extensive advertising this year and found it to have been of great benefit to the work. Some wherein the regain of \$25 has been expended in programs, invitations, announcements and dodgers. Besides this, quite a little work has been done on the typewriter and mimeograph. W. G. Hiltner has looked after this part of the advertising. The efficiency of this department has been much increased by the use of a large blackboard. In fact this form of advertising has become so popular that the board has been in constant demand by other university organizations. J. P. Stoltz has done good faithful work along this line.

EMPLOYMENT.

This is just a new department in the association, but already its possibilities for usefulness to the student body in general has been demonstrated. A fuller account of this work appears elsewhere in this number.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

It was not without a good deal of hesitation and forethought that the association decided to take the advance step of securing a general secretary to superintend its work. The need for some one to devote his time, giving more than the president or any member could and also carry his regular school work, was plainly evident. The preliminary plans of the cabinet were brought to some degree of definiteness at the visit of C. C. Michener last May, and a little later the association voted unanimously to employ a general secretary. John S. Moore was secured for this office. While the new feature is still pretty much of an experiment, yet there is not the slightest doubt existing but that it has been a most pronounced success and money well expended. The growth attained through the labors and faithful work of Mr. Moore has placed the association among the most successful of any in the leading colleges and universities in the land.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

For the first time in the history of the association it has secured a board of directors to oversee the entire work. The board consists of students, members of the faculty and citizens of Lincoln. At present the following gentlemen, besides the regular association officers: Boose, Marsh, Boyle, and Allen are serving; Dr. Henry Ward and William W. Hastings of the faculty, and Clark Oberlies and Dr. B. L. Paine, citizens. Board meetings are held once a month.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report we feel it but justice to the association to state, that its work would undoubtedly have been greater and farther-reaching had it not suffered greatly the loss of some of its staunchest workers and truest friends by enlistment in the United States army. It is with pride and gratification, however, that we note the prominent part "our soldiers" have taken in Christian work in the army camps. We have all labored faithfully and earnestly, and God has blessed our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN H. BOOSE.

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Reception Hall.

among the tents of their friends, or down by the water where their college songs reverberated with such melody over the surface of the lake. But when the bell sounded "taps" all was hushed and quiet in camp.

The foregoing is to give some idea of the recreations at the conference. This part was not only pleasant, but necessary, following as it did the close application and work of the forenoon.

The conference was essentially and thoroughly a religious gathering, in