

LAKE GENEVA.

One of the prettiest summer resorts in this country is Lake Geneva in Wisconsin. The lake which is about ten miles in length is a clear, sparkling body of water: The appearance of the skiffs as they bob up and down on the waves is a most attractive sight. All along the shores among the trees are the summer residences, cottages, and tents of the pleasure seekers. The large cities along Lake Michigan furnish the vacation visitors, who annually come here to rest up. The magnificence of some of the residences bespeaks the immense wealth which has been lavishly spent for the pleasure of the visitor. A small strip of land along the west shore of the lake has been purchased by the Young Men's Christian Associations. Here they have located their Training School. The session lasts for ten days. Last summer there were nearly five hundred students in attendance. The idea of these gatherings originated with Mr. Moody in his great conference which is held every summer at Northfield, Mass. Now there are four such gatherings in the country, the one just mentioned, Asheville, N. C., Pacific Grove, California, and Lake Geneva.

The location of the camp is all but ideal. The accommodations for the students are large tents. There are a few frame buildings and an auditorium on the campus. On the hill just behind the camp is located the Yerkes Observatory, a part of the University of Chicago. Near the Observatory is the athletic field, running track, and tennis courts. But the purpose for which this gathering is held is the deepening of the spiritual life of college men, to train them to become leaders in Christian work, and to lay before them the fields of Christian service which are open to them after graduation. Not only are many quiet conferences held but there are great assemblies, in which speakers of great worth and reputation present to the men the needs and duties of the hour. Missionary institutes, personal interviews and life work conferences are some of the important features of the conference. Topics of vital interest to all association men are discussed and those most experienced are present to give advice. Last year there were men present from a larger number of colleges than ever before and the reports show that this gathering has greatly increased the effectiveness of the western associations. All of the time of the student is not taken up in attending meetings for the entire afternoon is devoted to recreation. There are excursions to the hatcheries or to the Observatory, boating, swimming, water-polo, and field day sports to be enjoyed. Those who were members of the delegation from our own university association can speak from experience of the good times which they enjoyed there last year.

The program for this summer's gathering will be as strong as other years. Those who attend can not fail to enjoy a rich treat. No man can go to such a place among such associations, breath the spiritual atmosphere of deep consecration, and not come away more fully determined to seek to do the Master's will.

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