

## Y. W. C. A. Conference at Seaside

The fourth annual conference of the Young Women's Christian Associations was held at Seaside, June 19 to 29, 1908. Despite the inclement weather and other adverse conditions, it most successfully fulfilled its mission and proved to be the best conference yet held in the Northwest.

The rain was pouring in torrents, as the train, with its crowd of girls and suit-cases, pulled in at the little Seaside station. The waiting-room—in this case most appropriately named—was quickly thronged with jolly groups of girls, awaiting the second, third or fourth return of the one hotel bus. Arrived at Seaside House, a steaming hot dinner was immediately served and disposed of, and then the girls were assigned to their rooms, either in the hotel or in the cottages about the grounds.

Owing to the efficient generalship of Miss Delta Watson, business manager of the conference, everything went smoothly from the very first minute. There was no confusion and delay and the rain dampened no one's spirits. New acquaintances were quickly made, and those made on the journey thither, renewed.

In the evening the leaders gathered the girls about the fire in the parlor, and after a short devotional service, each leader gave, in a few words, her plans and hopes for the conference. On the second day, the regular routine of the conference began. The delegates assembled in the big tent, where the meetings were held when the weather permitted, and further announcements were made by the leaders. Each college delegation was called upon and its members were introduced to the conference.

Classes began the next day—a study of the Psalms, led by the Rev. Brooks, of Oakland, Cal.; the Gospel of St. John, by Miss Southmayde, of Seattle; a study of Japan, led by Mr. La Flamme; and "The Challenge of the Cities." Class work ended at eleven o'clock each day, and the next hour was given up to student and city conferences.

The afternoons were devoted to rest and recreation—sea-bathing, athletics, excursions to Gearhart, Tillamook Head and logging-camps, boating parties, as the weather permitted.