

## Pacific Northwest Student Conference.

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To those interested in the Young Men's Christian Association the inauguration of the Pacific Northwest Student Conference is of more than ordinary significance. The establishment of this Conference has been deemed not only advisable but urgent because of the great distance of the Pacific Northwest Schools and Colleges from the Pacific Coast Conference, held annually at Pacific Grove, California. The location of the Northwest Conference makes it possible for every institution in these States to be well represented. The Conference will be held for ten days at Gearhart, Ore., beginning Friday evening, May 29th, and closing Sunday evening, June 7th. The Conference includes all institutions in the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Each institution which has an association is urgently requested to send a delegation and those institutions without associations are cordially invited to participate.

The forenoons of the Conference will be devoted to the discussion of association work, to Bible Study classes and to public addresses by able men. On the program will be H. B. Sherman of Chicago University, Prof. E. I. Bosworth of Oberlin College, Ohio, Arthur Rugh, Travelling Secretary for the Student Volunteer Movement, E. T. Colton, Secretary of the International Committee, W. M. Ladd, of Portland, E. C. Bronaugh, of Portland, A. S. Allen, General Secretary of the Association at Seattle, Rev. E. L. House, of Portland, H. W. Stone, State Secretary for Oregon and Idaho, and Reno Hutchinson, Religious Work Director of the Portland Association.

The afternoon will be given up to recreation. Gearhart is well situated and adopted to this purpose. There ample facilities for tennis, baseball, and golf, boating on the river near by and surf bathing will afford amusement to those interested in these sports. Delightful tramps may be taken along the beach and to Tillamook Head, a rocky promontory a few miles to the south, and to the mountains to the east. Baseball games and athletic

contests will be arranged between the different delegations.

Beginning at seven in the evening an hour will be devoted to addresses by prominent men, upon the various professions and occupations such as most of the men at the conference will be interested in. In these addresses will be presented the advantages, the needs, and the opportunities of the different professions and occupations.

Following these addresses and closing the day will be the meeting of the delegates at which the work of the day will be summarized and applied to the local fields. Each delegate will be charged a program fee of five dollars. This money goes to defray the expenses of the Conference. During the Conference the delegates will be lodged in the Gearhart Hotel, at the reduced rate of eighty cents per day. One and one-third fare on all railroads has been secured.

The expense of delegates from Chemawa will be as follows: Program fee, five dollars, board and lodging for ten days, eight dollars, car fare, six dollars, sundries, one dollar. Total twenty dollars. While a large delegation may not be secured yet it is important that the local Associations be represented in some way if by only one or two men.

The benefits gained by sending a delegation are many. Among the most important are, the gaining by the men sent, of a better knowledge of association work and methods. Second, a personal benefit to the man gained by the ten days association with picked men from the different schools and colleges of the Northwest. Third a representation of this school as one of the Northwest educational institutions. Fourth, a trip to the ocean beach and to one of Oregon's most fashionable resorts. Fifth, the acquaintance of strong leaders present such as Colton, Rugh, Bosworth, Sherman and others whom to know is indeed a privilege.

Inasmuch as this is the first conference of the kind held in the Northwest it will be unique and important and will undoubtedly mark an epoch in the development of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association in our institutions of learning in the Pacific Northwest.