

SUMMER CONFERENCES

NORTHFIELD,
JUNE 30-JULY 10.

FOR

Executive
Committee

JOHN R. MOTT,
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GEO. L. LEONARD.

LAKE GENEVA,
JUNE 22-JULY 2.

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For Information Address
PERCY C. LESLIE,
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April 26, 1894.

My Honored and Dear Sir:-

I have been spending some weeks at the International offices of the Young Men's Christian Association, and will continue until the end of July, doing special work relative to the Summer Conference at Northfield.

I learned with deep pleasure through Mr. Mahaffy, the new General Secretary, of McGill, of your great kindness in offering such material assistance to our Association next year; I only trust that God will spare you many years for His service and glory. From the interest which was shown during the past year, I feel confident that the coming season will show very decided progress and that the Association will rise to occupy the possible field of usefulness to a far greater extent than it has done.

As I look out on the whole field and learn of the possibilities and of the work that is being done, I feel that we have but only touched the margins of the field and that my own work has been very inefficient in the home Association but look forward very favorably to the future.

There is one great service that I believe that you can render our Association, and while I have not mentioned it to others and do not write you officially in any respect, I would like to suggest that early next Fall we invite a representative of the International Committee, either Mr. John R. Mott, College Secretary, or Mr. L. D. Wishard, Foreign Secretary, who has completed a four years visit to mission lands and this experience was preceded by many years of service as College Secretary; either of these gentlemen would create a deeper interest among our students and could appear most acceptably before the Christian public of Montreal in the interests of our work; but in addition to this, if we could arrange for a parlor Conference of some of the Governors and other influential men connected with the University at your residence, and on your personal invitation, I believe that this would place our Association in a very favorable light and do much toward securing an Association building which is more and more being considered a necessity. I trust that this will not be asking too much of you and would be glad to hear how you would favor some such proposition.

The Executive Committee of the Summer Conferences have extended an invitation to Lord Aberdeen to be present at the Northfield gathering in July. If you feel that you have a sufficient acquaintance with the Governor General, would it be asking too much of you to write him a few lines relative to the significance of this gathering, of what it has been and how it might influence our Canadian institutions. Were it known well in advance that he was to be present, I am sure this would

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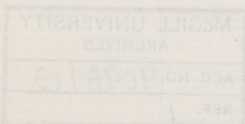
draw a large number of Canadians and he would thereby come in contact with this Christian movement among the colleges, and the colleges themselves would be more widely influenced by being so well represented. Already I have learned that McGill will have quite a number of men at the Conference and possibly the delegation will yet reach the numerical strength of at least 10 or 12 of our best students. The experience of last year when we had a delegation of four men ~~is~~ fully justifies making stronger efforts to secure as large a representation as possible, for I am sure that the work of the past year has felt the influence of those same four men.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours respectfully,

Sir J. William Dawson,

Montreal, Quebec.



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