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## GOING ?

Morell Smith Tells About Life at the Northfield Conference.

The close of the college year brings with it the desire for a real vacation. If you would enjoy an inexpensive trip on the water and among the mountains of New England, if you have a fondness for out-door life, if you would care to hear practical talks by men who are leaders in the world's work, if you would like to associate with representative college men, in short, if you wish to live "the life worth living"—go to Northfield.

The Northfield Student Conference will be held at East Northfield, Mass., from Friday evening, July 2, to Sunday, July 11. At the conference in 1908, some 200 colleges in Canada and in the middle Atlantic and New England states sent about 1000 representatives. Yale sent a delegation of 200 men; Harvard, 175. Although State had only 9 representatives at the last conference, it seems quite probable that at least 40 men will attend this year as the trip will not conflict with summer school.

An outlay of \$25 will cover the entire expense from New York City and return. The Association has a loan fund for those who would not otherwise be able to consider Northfield.

One of the best routes from New York would be to take the evening boat up Long Island Sound and thence through the Berkshires to Northfield by rail—after seeing the Harvard-Yale boat race at New London on July 2. After the 10 day's stay at Northfield, the return

trip down the Hudson would be picturesque.

Excellent accommodations may be obtained on the conference grounds. State has a fine camp site at the edge of the woods and near a large spring. One lives in well equipped wall tents and boards at the dining hall. The table board is entirely satisfactory and zest is given to the meals by the enthusiastic exchange of college yells.

One's attention and interest never flags. In the morning one has the opportunity of attending classes of religious nature. For technical students, special courses in labor problems are offered by men prominent in the industrial world. It is a great privilege to hear men of the stamp of Stelze, Mott, Stone, Spear, and Grenfel. In the evenings, at sunset, meetings are held on Round Top a hill which overlooks the valley of the Connecticut river—where one realizes as never before the necessity of living the efficient life. The atmosphere of the conference is absolutely informal and its tone rings true.

The afternoon is given over entirely to one's own pleasure. The mountains are covered with beautiful walks and the river affords excellent boating and swimming. Intercollegiate contests for the baseball and for the tennis championship promote friendly rivalry.

The spirit of the place is even more democratic than at State and all are on a plane of good fellowship. For those who admire the finest types of American manhood, for those who are preparing to live by living—go to Northfield, the clearing house for the college men of the East.

## THE PAST YEAR

A Review of the Association Work of the Past Year by A. A. Borland.

As we take a backward look at the work of the Association during the college year, many things appear which we should like to have accomplished, yet at the same time we cannot but be grateful for the material advancement in all the different phases of Association work and for the sphere of usefulness, broader than ever before, which the Association now occupies.

Thirteen men attended the summer conferences at Niagara and at Northfield and it is to the inspiration and the world wide vision there gained that much of the success of the Association may be attributed.

At the opening of the college year a general secretary could not be secured and the full responsibility of the work fell upon the shoulders of the officers and members of the Association. Never in the history of the institution did men rally to the work with more hearty good will and a readiness to do hard work and plenty of it. A splendid spirit of harmony has prevailed in the Association throughout the entire year and it is due above everything else to this loyal support and active co operation of officers, committeemen and members that the work of the year has gone forward with gratifying results.

The year has been marked not only by an increased attendance and interest in the regular Sunday evening and midweek services but also by a largely increased enrollment in Bible study, Mission study and