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Foreword

This volume presents a report of the Seminar in Association methods conducted at the second Summer School of employed officers of the Student Young Men's Christian Association of North America, held at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois, July 29 to August 27, 1911. There were in attendance 103 secretaries, including local, State and International, seven speakers and thirty-two guests, making a total of 142.

The method of the Seminar was this: For each topic a commission of three men was appointed by the chair. Then a paper on the topic was read and discussed by those present. The commission summed up the discussion in the form of recommendations for alterations in certain parts of the presentation or additions thereto. In this book the papers are printed practically as read or as revised by the writer under the recommendation of the commission for that particular topic. In some cases it was found convenient to append the recommendations in the form of footnotes. These notes were added by the editorial committee.

Five courses of study were offered at the Summer School this year, of which each student was permitted to select two.

1. Early Church History. Prof. O. E. Brown, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

2. The Ethics of Paul. Professor Brown.

3. Outlines of Metaphysics. Prof. James Elliott, Wesley College, Winnipeg, Man.

4. The Life of Christ. Rev. Gaius Glenn Atkins, D. D., Providence, R. I.

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5. Modern Religious Problems. Doctor Atkins.



The Christian Students of the World United

John R. Mott

General Socretary, World's Student Christian Federation

Disraeli said that it is a holy sight to see a state saved by its youth. Is it not more inspiring to see the future leadership of the nations, so far as that leadership is to be Christian, bound together for the conquest of the world for Jesus Christ our Lord? Within a few hours, we separate from these associated studies, these investigations, these resolutions. We go to face the stern realities, the tragedy of the struggles and the wrong ambitions of the young men in our universities and colleges. Days of discouragement await some of us. It is well that we remind ourselves that we belong to a vast army which is operating on a world-wide field; and the memory of this should become more and more vivid, so that when times of stress and strain do come, when there are temptations to lose the flush of our enthusiasm and to weaken the strength of our dominating conviction, this vision coming back to us will inspire us to fight with fresh enthusiasm.

Would it not be highly significant, if the Christian students of the world were actually one—one in objective, one in spirit, one in solemn determination to be true to their Lord in the realization of His purposes? This unity would be in line with the policy of every agency in every department of our present-day human life. Last year there met in Brussels a Congress where reports were brought forward from 160 organizations, international in character. I studied the list and noticed many omissions and I estimate that there are over 200 international or world organizations. There were probably less than thirty at the beginning of this generation, so this is largely a modern phenomenon. Every great idea seeks to incarnate itself in a world organization.

If the Christian students of the world were united, it would likewise be true to the genius of Christianity, for this is the only religion which claims the whole earth; it is the only religion ade-