

In response to Mr. Reed's request, F. K. Sanders, editor of the *Intercollegian*, spoke of the work of the different assemblies. He thinks that Chautauqua and Lake Geneva will not take away from the world-character of Northfield. We go to Northfield to hear great men,—not for the purpose of doing hard work in any line of study. Chautauqua looks to the special, systematic study of the Bible. A college would do well to send some of its delegates to Northfield and others to Chautauqua.

Mr. Reed made an appeal to the colleges to send more delegates to these places the coming summer. Choose the men who will get the most good from the meetings and who are best able to impart to others what they have learned.

#### PARLOR CONFERENCES.

At the conclusion of the exercises in the chapel, the Association officers adjourned to the Delta Kappa Epsilon house, where a parlor conference was held. D. C. Torrey of Harvard presided. He said he wished to emphasize the importance of engaging in personal work and living consistent lives. He alluded to the case of Lynn, where, out of 10,000 young men, only about 100 are allied with the Association; he desired to urge upon all their responsibility as Christians, and especially upon Association officers.

The first topic of the conference, "How we Select Our Committeemen," was then discussed. G. W. Clark of Williams spoke of the progress made since Mr. Mott's suggestions relative to committeemen had been adopted. He enumerated the committees which are annually appointed, and described the basis upon which they are selected. He thought that four qualifications were requisite for a committee man: He must be a consecrated Christian man; popular and respected; energetic; and adapted to the work for which he has been appointed.

The second paper on this subject was then read by F. S. Goodrich of Wesleyan.

The Conference was of an informal nature, and here several questions were asked relative to term of office and of dropping men. The question was also raised as to whether men identified with other college interests make good committeemen. Mr. Torrey and others said the result of their experience was, that Christian men who are most busy about college do the most work, and the most thorough work in the Association.

Mr. Reed stated that the hardest problem at

some colleges is to know whom to take in at first. Some men are willing to join, and are enrolled, but after being in college some time, lead such lives as to make their names rather of a disgrace to the Association.

Mr. Mott expressed his opinion that you should get men so close to you that you can kindle them. He alluded to Dr. Harper, who last year devoted Sunday evenings to calling upon unconverted students.

The second topic for consideration was "How we keep Our Committees at Work." In the absence of James Q. Dealey, Brown, his paper was read by J. M. Thomas of Middlebury. The points of the paper were as follows: That it is not always possible to choose the right man at first; that he was not averse to transferring men to another committee for which they were better fitted; that the president must be a man that can organize, and he must be a popular man.

Mr. Thomas emphasized these points and said that if we get proper men in the proper place we have the question solved. One feature of the Association at Middlebury is a workers' meeting, which amounts to an informal talk over the affairs of the Association. Mr. Thomas thought the president should master every point about the Association; that much trouble lies in the fact that presidents do not make their suggestions definite enough. The president must look over the Association and endeavor to remedy each defect. The speaker cautioned the conference about overdoing this matter, for the president who is continually finding fault soon loses his influence. Continuing, Mr. Thomas thought that we look too much for ability in the selection of our committees, rather than a Christian spirit.

Mr. Torrey—"Is it best to appoint a man and give him all responsibility over the work, or to keep nagging him?"

Mr. Thomas—"It is best to strike the golden mean between the two."

This discussion naturally led up to the third topic of "Association Records," which was discussed by C. H. Lee, Corresponding Secretary, International Committee Young Men's Christian Associations. In reply to the question, "Shall we or shall we not keep Association records?" Mr. Lee thought that the burden of proof was with the negative. It is one of the fundamental principles of the Association that it is to be conducted on business principles. He then