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**God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John iii. 16.**

### Editorial.

After much prayer for guidance, and due deliberation as to the best method to be adopted toward reaching the General Public, we have concluded to issue a weekly Bulletin, in which will appear Incidents from our own work—Notes of our Meetings—Extracts from records of other Associations—and brief, pointed articles upon the all important subject of Man's ruin, and God's plan of Redemption.

We are impressed with the need for such a paper as this, by the fact that almost daily, we meet with those who ask "What are Y. M. C. Associations?" or, "What is your Association doing?" These questions are not prompted by the thought that we are *inactive*, but from a desire to know the nature and extent of the work. We shall therefore endeavour to make the BULLETIN a clear exponent of our aims, object, needs, success, yea our failures also, so that our friends who have hitherto so liberally supported us, may know that in so doing they have acted wisely and well; and that those who, through ignorance of Association work have looked askance at us, may be led to throw in their influence, and cheer us with their presence. But above and beyond all, we pray that these pages may be richly blessed in carrying the Gospel to the Young Men of Toronto. Brethren pray for us, and for this paper.

Young men desirous of personal conversation or advice, bearing upon their *spiritual* or *temporal* interests will be gladly welcomed by the Secretary. Our desire is that Young Men, either residents in Toronto, or strangers, should be impressed with this fact, that the *advancement of their interests* is the one object we have before us. While we shall gladly welcome those who feel desirous

of connecting themselves with the Association, we shall just as cordially extend the word of cheer and encouragement to all others. The Secretary will be in his office, Shaftesbury Hall, daily from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m., and every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. During his absence, the Assistant Secretary will be in attendance to give information, advice, or welcome. Come and visit us.

Mr. Moody never spake the truth more clearly than when he said "A good warm grasp of the hand, a kind word and a smile, will do more for a young man who comes for the first time into a large city, than ten thousand of the most eloquent sermons ever heard." We believe this most sincerely, and the Toronto Y. M. C. A. will seek to preach just such sermons to every young man who may visit the Rooms.

### Selections.

#### WHAT IS SAID OF THE Y. M. C. A.

"These excellent societies have done a vast amount of good by the care they have exercised over the young men, especially those who come from the country, and are particularly liable to be dazzled and led away by the temptations of city life."—*Harper's Weekly*.

"If I never again should be permitted to speak in this world, I could not use my voice for the last time better than in words of encouragement to this Association. I like it because in this work all creeds and denominations unite, and strive for a common end. I like it above all, because its greatest object is to save men. It follows Christ, who, while he dispensed temporal blessing, made it his great work to seek and save the lost."—*Rev. Dr. Taylor, Providence*.

# ETERNITY:

Where will you spend it, reader?