

How is it that ye have no faith ?

Mark iv. 40.

Young Men, it shows that the Association possesses an elasticity which enables it to stretch out its arms toward any case of need. A man had come to Toronto from England, bringing with him three children aged respectively 16-12 and 9 years. He proposed finding a home and then to bring out his wife and remaining little ones. He secured work but in a few weeks his health failed, and he had to be admitted to the Hospital, where he died. Our Assistant Secretary had repeatedly visited him. Before his death he urged his lads to take advice from the officers of the Association. Word was therefore sent to the Rooms, and enquiry being made we ascertained that the wife (now the widow) was to sail from Liverpool in three days. It would be down-right cruelty to allow her to come here, if it could be prevented. At once we cabled to the friends in England, the facts of the death, and to stop the family. It reached them in time, and thereby much suffering was doubtless prevented. In the meantime through the kind help of one of our Board the youngest child was admitted to one of the city charities until arrangements were made by the friends at home to have him sent back. The other lads are in situations and we hope yet to be used of God for their welfare.

We might multiply cases but these may serve to show that God has a place for our work in this city, and we desire to so do that work as ever to realize that his blessing is with us. That blessing which maketh rich, and to which he addeth no sorrow.

We also remind our readers that they can help us in many ways to more effectually do this work.

You can help with your means, your presence, your prayers, and in many instances with all three combined.

Will you do so ?

We may be often in difficult circumstances, but Christ ever knows how to speak to us in them.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The following article appeared as an Editorial in the columns of the *Milwaukee Sentinel*, during the recent International Convention held in that city:—

The international convention now in session in this city represents an extraordinary social force which the world does not fully appreciate. As an instance of the influence of harmonious organization it is striking enough to demand the serious study of social scientists, which it has not received. It is the latest and the most remarkable development of the Christian religion. Statistics can convey but a faint idea of the enormous influence in our social life of the Young Men's Christian Association. The greater part of its work cannot be represented by figures, and the organization is too busy doing its work to talk much about it. It is the ideal Christian organization—unconcerned as to doctrines, holding only as to central truths of Christianity, and working by practical and unselfish methods for the promotion of purity and the eradication of crime and distress. In respect of harmony it is perhaps the most extraordinary body in the world. It has one clear purpose—the rescue of men, and particularly of young men, from idleness, intemperance and immorality in general. It works towards this purpose with good sense, patience and amazing earnestness. It concerns itself not at all about the doctrinal points which have divided former Christian workers into almost innumerable sects and which have so often overshadowed the chief purpose.

The Association embraces in its active membership thousands of the keenest business men in the world. Clear-headed, practical men, who direct its affairs as they do their own. These practical business men, who live in the world, who associate freely with men and know what men are, have come together to do for civilization what the

When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth ?

Luke viii. 8.