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SAFETY AND SUPPLY.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.—Ps. xxxiv. 8-10.

WORK.

A very pleasant social gathering of our workers was held on Monday last. After tea, the brethren adjourned to the parlor, when the religious work, or we might properly say *the legitimate* work, of our Association was discussed. The work specially taken up was that of boarding house visitation.

The cry has ever been, "How shall we reach young men?" This of itself implies that the young men do not of their own accord come to us. If, therefore, they are to be reached, there is but one course to be adopted, "*We must go to them.*" But the question arises, "Where shall we find the greater number of the young men?" The answer is, "In boarding houses."

With this conviction pressed home upon us, we have determined in the strength of the Lord to go after them.

A regular system of visitation has been organized; the city having been divided into districts, to each of which has been assigned two or more workers who have prayerfully considered the importance of the work, and have pledged themselves to visit at least once in each month every boarding house in their respective districts. They will

commence at once, devoting their first visit toward securing (as far as possible) permission to hang in a conspicuous place in each house, a neatly printed card, extending an invitation to all young men to visit our rooms.

22 young men have been assigned to this work, and 2 have been led of God to devote their time to regular visits to fire and police stations.

There are two facts which seem to be partially if not entirely ignored. First, that as a rule, men wait for an invitation before they visit either a family or association. Second, they never go back if they are not cordially received upon their first visit.

We purpose that our work shall be carried on with these facts foremost in our minds, therefore we have organized this system of visitation to meet one point, and are now aiming at a thorough organization of our Reception Committee, and trust ere long to report this, as well as all other Committees in perfect working order.

We do not wish any one of our readers to mistake our motives in thus referring to our plans and work. We are quite willing to work on quietly and unostentatiously in the field assigned us by the Lord, but at the same time we recognise the duty we owe to our many friends and contributors to give from time to time an account of the modes adopted for efficiently carrying on the work they have so liberally supported. We thank them for their support, and are determined, God helping us, not to leave untried any feasible plan which might enable us to win the dear young men of Toronto for our Lord Jesus Christ, and as we thus labour we desire at each failure to acknowledge that ours is the blame, and at each success to echo the words of the Psalmist, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory."