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PRAYER.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

And he prayed again, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.--Jas. v. 16-18,

WE ARE ONE.

During the visit of our President to England, he had frequent opportunities of meeting with that Christian nobleman whose name is so familiar throughout the world—Earl Shaftesbury. On one occasion, Vice-Chancellor Blake suggested that a word from him to the Christians of Canada would be prized. The next day this letter was received.

2 Grosvenor Square. July 10, 1880.

DEAR SIR,—

Our meeting on the Thames Embankment for the "Unveiling" of Raikes' Statue was a very happy and successful one. It gave me great pleasure to see you there. When you return to Canada, will you express to all the friends I have in that Country my deep sympathy and interest in their home and welfare.

Heartily do I pray that Canada and Great Britain may never be disunited, but they may labor and flourish together in every good word and work for man's good and God's glory.



"KEEP ON SOWING"

The following is part of a letter received a few days ago. The writer is now residing near Montreal. The

meetings to which he refers are the Daily Noon Meetings, and the Evangelistic services held in our hall during the Exhibition weeks:—

Sept. 15th, 1880.

DEAR SIR,—

If by the blessing of God, I have it in my power I intend to send a small sum to your Institution before long, and never shall I forget the help of many of you to me a stranger in a foreign land, both temporal and spiritual, the spiritual especially, which is of far the greatest importance, I intend to write very soon of the good I received by the Ministry of the Word of God, and also by the singing of one or two beautiful Hymns which stirred my feelings to deep contrition, before my Saviour and my God. Whether ladies or gentlemen, let me think in whatever way they take part in the service of God in your place of worship that their labours are in vain to us who are strangers. I can speak for myself, I have been led at your place of worship, to the atoning blood of Jesus, which gives peace to my soul. I bless and praise God for his infinite mercy, my prayer is:

"Saviour bind me to thy cross,
Let thy love possess my heart,"
with love to you all as a Christian Community.
I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

WANTED.

"A GENERAL OUTDOOR SERVANT; one willing to make himself useful."

How often do we read this form of advertisement in our daily papers. A man answers it and enters upon his duties, only to find how impossible it is for one pair of hands, feet, and eyes to do, run, and see all that the master thinks should be accomplished by one servant, and so he gives up in despair. Now just what that advertiser wanted, the public is in need of,—a general servant,—and in looking round for a suitable one they appear to have selected the Y. M. C. A. If any of our friends doubt this, just read the following list of services required of us by the public, and remember that these are only selections from multitudes of similar letters:

No. 1. A mother in England wishes to find out what her boy is doing in Toronto.

No. 2. Please let me know where I can buy a Dominion flag.

No. 3. I want to secure a good blacksmith.