

other places faith, having no external influences to cheer her, looked simply into the future and believed and *rejoiced in hope* that the seed sown would, in God's good time, yield fruit and come to God's blessed harvest.

For these varied experiences I humbly and heartily thank our Heavenly Father who permitted me to be engaged in work for Him and for His Son Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Redeemer. I have visited over thirty two Associations and some of these two or three times, during the eight months I have been in office—thirteen of these were in the Maritime Provinces. I have also visited five other places, where no Association existed, for the purpose of enlisting sympathy in our work and for holding special services for the benefit of young men. I have also held special Evangelistic services in seven places, spending from two to three weeks and in some only one week, making in all about three months spent in this way, holding on an average two meetings a day. These meetings, with the exception of the ones in Port Hope, where we had very large and interesting gatherings, were not very successful in point of numbers—but were sufficiently so to cheer and encourage us—and of marked general interest except Sundays, but afterwards letters were received telling us that good fruit had manifested itself, that souls had been converted and that the Association had been much benefitted, members quickened into greater activity and kindlier feelings awakened in the public mind towards the Young Men's Christian Association.

I have great faith in these special efforts. If properly undertaken they cannot help but be beneficial in every sense of the word to the Young Men's Christian Association, both in quickening Christian young men, converting the souls of others, and in awakening a deeper interest in the public mind in the work in which we are engaged. Both Mr. Budge and Mr. Cole, Secretaries of Montreal and Quebec respectively, gave their valuable aid in three of these places, viz: Three Rivers, Sherbrooke and Ottawa, all of which acknowledged having received a great blessing by the special efforts put forth.

In all my visits to the Associations I have laid great stress upon the necessity of encouraging Bible study among our members. I have made every effort to encourage those who had Bible classes by getting the young men together for the purpose of having a conference on the matter and by urging them to study the Word more and more. In other places where no such classes existed, I have been enabled, by God's blessing, to establish them, and I am very glad to say I have received most encouraging signs of the good work these classes are accomplishing, and here let me say that every Association ought to have a Bible