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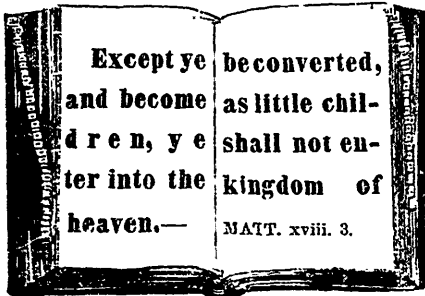
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BOYS' WORK.

WE are prayerfully looking for guidance in connection with our proposed extension of this desirable feature of Y. M. C. A. work.

Just at present we are not prepared to announce any definite programme, but it is probable that Monday evenings will be devoted to talks on Scientific subjects, and on Friday evening as usual, a religious service. We want a good selection of papers and books for the Reading Room. If the work is of the Lord, the material help needed will come in. Remember the work in your prayers.

OUR GYMNASIUM.

AT a recent special meeting of the Board of Directors, it was decided to curtail this department. While all agreed that recreation is needed, still, the generally expressed opinion was adverse to making a gymnasium a specialty. Some in fact, doubted the advisability of carrying on the work at all. The great majority felt that less at-

tention paid to the gymnasium, and more to the work among boys would result in greater practical benefit, and to the advancement of *spiritual life* in the Association. It was therefore unanimously decided that from October 1st the gymnasium be closed at 6 p.m., and that during the evening it be used as a reading room for the boys. We are inclined to the belief that this is a move in the right direction. The step has not been taken hurriedly. For many months it has occupied thought, and been the subject of prayer by the brethren composing the Board.

LECTURES.

IN a week or two we expect to announce a course of Lectures which cannot fail to interest our Members and the public generally. The membership fee for 1881-82, will include one free ticket to each lecture. Non-members will be charged the usual rates for admission.

GOOD.

THIS year the Exhibition was opened with religious exercises, in which Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. W. S. Rainsford and Rev. J. M. King, officiated. This is a step in the right direction.

GRANTED there are dark places in the Bible; you need not stay in them. There are dark caves in the earth, and some people have been foolish enough to live in them; but that is no reason for questioning the brightness or the beauty of the sun." Dr Gibson.