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EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Last month we called attention to the gracious work of the Spirit of God in St. John's. With much thankfulness we are now able to give more particulars. Night after night, for seven weeks, the Gospel services have been conducted by Messrs. Hutchinson and Bromley. The crowds that were present at every meeting testify how much their earnest, simple, and faithful preaching has been appreciated. But a much more satisfactory proof of their usefulness we have in the large numbers who have been saved from paths of sin and ruin. The word of truth and grace has reached every class in the community, the aged, the youth, the young men, and the young women, the victims of intemperance, and the slave of soul-destroying error, the cold formalist and the sneering sceptic, the proud self-righteous and the bold scoffer. From every denomination of professing Christians in the city they have won jewels for the crown of the King of Kings.

But the work has been more remarkable and more extensive among the young men. The Evangelists have, from the commencement, given special attention to them, and very soon the effects were manifested. Scores have come out, boldly declaring that they are saved from sin, and are on the Lord's side, now determined to devote their time and talents to the service of God. They have begun to work for God. This being the busy season in the stores, they were not able to meet before nine o'clock in the evening, at that hour hundreds have met, night after night, for prayers and religious conversation. It was a sight to gladden the heart of the servant of God to see these young men, the hope of our churches, our homes, and our country, standing up and relating how, by the Spirit and the Word of God, they were brought to a new life. One young man said, in substance, "I was sailing over the ocean of life very contented, well pleased with the pleasures of the world, never dreaming of danger, thinking it would be time enough to look after the concerns of my soul when I was old. But I was induced, by attending the Gospel services, to consult my chart (holding up a New Testament). I found I was drifting to destruction, that I knew not the hour when I might be on the breakers of death and be wrecked on the shores of damnation. I got into the life-boat, *Jesus Christ*, and now, glory to God! under His directions, I am sailing to the port of Glory. I know I am; I am saved; and I have more enjoyment in the service of God than ever I had in the world. I strongly advise all my companions to decide for Christ at once."

As a result of the awakening among the young men, preliminary steps are being taken to form a

"Young Men's Christian Association," and as soon as the early-closing season arrives, final arrangements will be made. In the mean time, our young men have banded themselves together to work for their Heavenly Master. We are sure that every encouragement and assistance that they may require will be given them by their friends.

On a future occasion we may note some of the special characteristics of the present great religious awakening. Just now we have only time to refer to the utter absence of excitement in the public services.

Everything that savours of fleshly energy was discountenanced, and the anxious inquirer was encouraged to build his hopes of eternal life on the infallible Word of God.

The evangelists have given prominence to two things in their services, namely—*ruin by sin; redemption by Christ*. It is gratifying to find the ministers so heartily engaged in co-operating with these devoted young men, the Methodist brethren, the Rev. Messrs. Harris, Dunn, Kendal, and Milligan, and the Presbyterian brethren, the Rev. Messrs. Harvey and Fitzpatrick. There has not been much opposition, except from quarters where we may always expect it. *Drunkards, blasphemers, and infidels* will find fault with God's people, and God's Word and work. But it is our duty to pray for those that despitefully use us, and to love our enemies. This we will do, God helping.

Next month we hope to be able to give our readers an account of the triumphs of the Cross in Conception Bay, where the evangelists have gone to labour for five or six weeks; after which they may be expected to spend a week or two in St. John's previous to their going to Halifax.

In the mean time, why should the work cease here? The great Head of the Church is with His people. The Spirit of God is powerfully working on the hearts of men.

There is a wonderful spirit of prayer upon our churches. Let the Christian workers be earnest and faithful, continue to address their fellow-men personally on the subject of their souls' salvation, and our gracious Saviour will continue to own and prosper their humble believing efforts.

OUR MEETINGS.—No. V.

BLANKET AND SHEET SOCIETY.

This can scarcely be classed as one of "Our Meetings," since there is no special meeting attached to it, but it certainly is one of our important societies. It originated with the secretary of the Infants' Friend Society, who felt that through it a large number of the poor could be greatly benefited during the winter,