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A HELPING HAND.

THE recent snow fall has caused our streets to resound with the music of the sleigh bells. It has also given great delight to the little boys, who avail themselves of the many opportunities for securing the luxury of a surreptitious sleigh drive, although at times at the risk of a stroke from the driver's whip. The other day, passing down Queen Street, I noticed two boys, evidently brothers, in hot (?) pursuit of an express sleigh. At last the elder one laid hold of the tail-board, and secured his position; but, alas, the younger one was still many inches short of the coveted prize, and evidently his running powers were nearly exhausted. At that moment the elder lad took in the position, and, like a noble-hearted fellow, he laid firmly hold of the tail-board with one hand, and reaching out the other, he grasped the almost exhausted little one by the hand, and drew him toward the sleigh, and in a moment both were enjoying the ride. In part of that action I saw an illustration of the work of a Y.M.C.A.

What is this Association but a company of young men, who by the grace of God have been placed in a position where they realize there is joy, comfort, and satisfaction; and yet they do not desire to selfishly enjoy it. They would extend a helping hand to their many anxious and less favored fellow young men, and draw them to a position by their side. This is what our great Master himself did, and we would be like-minded. We thank God that many a weary one has been reached by the outstretched hand, and still we extend it to one and all.

REV. Geo. Cochrane, of Queen St. Methodist Church, delivered the second of our course of Free Lectures, in Shaftesbury Hall, on Tuesday evening last. The subject chosen was, "The Shingaku Preachers of Japan." Judging from the lecturer's remarks, we should say that Japan and America are alike in one respect: *they each produce eccentric preachers.* The quaint and oftentimes humorous anecdotes with which Japanese sermons abound, lost none of their force in their translation and presentation by the Lecturer. At the close, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

NEXT Tuesday, a musical and literary evening will be provided for our members and friends. Admission will be by ticket, which the members can secure at the Rooms. A programme, consisting of a choice selection of music and readings, is in course of preparation. To enhance the pleasure and profit of the evening, Rev. S. J. Hunter, of Elm St. Methodist Church, has kindly consented to deliver a brief address.