

d'against a decision of the Presbytery of Auchterarder, disapproving of his introduction of an organ without consulting that court. He grounds his action on the constitutional rights of Kirk-sessions. An article appears in the Home Record of our Church highly favorable to the union lately effected in New South Wales. An affiliation of religious bodies in education exists there, in principles the same as Dalhousie College, but far more extensive.

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## HALIFAX YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

### To Ministers, Parents and Guardians.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Halifax, have among their standing committees, one called "The Strangers and Employment Committee," whose special object is the attention to the interests of strangers in the city, whether with the intention of residing or passing through in the course of business or pleasure. Visitors to the city may pass an agreeable hour in the Association Rooms, which are both commodious and conveniently situated in Hollis Street, opposite the Province Building, where they will have the opportunity of meeting with christian friends, whose society may add materially to their enjoyment.

In the case of young men coming from the country to reside in the city, the Association offers peculiar advantages, and the committee would take this opportunity of bringing to the notice of Ministers, Parents and Guardians, the desirableness of introducing young men, exchanging a rural for a city life, to the Association, where, by precept and example, they may be secured against the allurements which stand in the way of the youthful and inexperienced. It is felt that many go aside from the straight path of rectitude, not so much from a desire for what is wrong, as from want of proper associates and the extension of due sympathy, they are driven of necessity, (since society is indispensable) to mix with those who have lost caste, and lowered themselves in the social scale. "The Strangers and Employment Committee," composed of members of all evangelical churches, will be found a valuable means of introduction, not only to the members of the association who frequent the comfortable and well provided Reading Room and Library, but to others whose position and influence will be found of the greatest benefit.

The committee would not recommend as a rule the sending of young men to the city in search of situations, yet in the case of those who come recommended to their notice and have not obtained employment, they will exert themselves as far as possible on their behalf.

The Reading Room is provided with the city and foreign newspapers, and the leading periodicals of the day, while the Library Catalogue contains a judicious selection of religious, moral, scientific, and useful books. The frequent Prayer Meetings and Bible Classes and the course of Lectures during the Winter months, add to the usefulness and increase the importance of the Association, the benefits of a connection with which the Committee would impress upon Ministers, Parents, and Guardians, are of the highest value. The whole of the above privileges can be obtained for 5s. per annum.

Communications, with an application to Henry Theakston, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, Hollis Street, will receive the strictest attention.

## SELECTIONS.

### THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.

One Sunday morning, an old gentleman was going to church. He was a happy, cheerful Christian, who had a very great respect for the Sabbath. He was, however, somewhat singular in his manner of giving reproof. As he was going along, he met a man driving a heavily-loaded team through the town.

When the old gentleman came opposite the cart, he suddenly stopped, and, lifting up both hands, as if in alarm, he exclaimed, as he gazed under the cart: "There, there, you are going over it; you have gone right over it."

The driver was frightened, and instantly cried out, "Whoa, whoa," and brought his horse to a stand. He then looked under the wheels, and, seeing nothing, he looked at the gentleman, and asked, "What have I gone over, sir?"

"Over the fourth commandment," was the reply: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

### DAILY DUTY.

We may consider the year as a desk containing 365 letters addressed to us, one for every day, announcing its trials, and prescribing its employments; with an order to open daily no letter but the letter for the day. Now, we may be strongly tempted to unseal beforehand some of the remainder; but this would only serve to embarrass us, while we should violate thereby the rule our owner and master has laid down for us: "Take, therefore, no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself."—*Jay*.

### RELIGION IN DAILY LIFE.

He is a most worthy disciple of Christ who, like Palissy, or Baxton, or Budgett, or