

Apply thine ears to the words of knowledge.

Prov. xxiii. 12.

tions in the building, there is a sum of \$9,000 on our subscription list. It is confidently expected that this year will see the debt paid and the building thoroughly renovated. The suggestion to sell the present building and erect another, has been wisely abandoned.

THE BULLETIN.

 HIS is the closing number under the present *editorial* management. The General Secretary will take charge next week. The present editor offers no apology for anything he has written in the past. What has been said, was said from a sense of duty and for the welfare of Young Men, and the work on their behalf. He lays down his pen, realizing that there have been many failures to *uphold* the truth, at the same time he expresses his gratitude to God, who has *upheld* him by His truth. May the future of the BULLETIN be one of great usefulness to the work.

THE COMPETITION.

 OUR issue of February 28th, under the caption "A new branch of work" we referred to the unchristian like methods adopted by some associations in their work. In that special instance the objectionable feature was a challenge to the ladies to compete in preparing an entertainment &c. The young men of the Association referred to have given their entertainment, and it has been reported in the local press. The notices seen by us do not say whether the gathering was opened with prayer or not. We leave our readers to judge how fitting such an opening would be to such an entertainment. After speaking of a ridiculous discussion upon womans' work and ability, the report adds, "All the speeches were very humorous. The

chairman decided in favor of the affirmative, they having the "Jokes."

Then follows a report of the musical part of *the farce*. But now for the *finale*.

"The entertainment was concluded by a scene "The Southern Fair of 1884." A side show and tent was erected on the stage with all the accompaniments of glowing canvas pictures of fat women, boa constrictors etc. Outside two fakirs had taken up their stand and peddled their wares to an interested crowd of boys eating pea nuts most vociferously. As a quack medicine man, Mr. — was excellent, the audience being kept in a continual roar of laughter whilst he held forth. The scene concluded with the showman (Mr. —) the great gift fakir (Mr. —) and the medicine man in active rivalry, whilst a hurdy gurdy from the inmost recesses of the tent lifted up its voice on high. The entertainment was capital."

This report speaks for itself. How any person professing to be a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, or any Association claiming the right to assume this name could endorse such arrant nonsense is more than we can understand. The only satisfaction we can take from it is that the Ladies will do better, for lower they certainly cannot go. We can easily understand the feelings of the Japanese gentleman who, when on a visit to England, saw an advertisement announcing an amateur performance in aid of the funds of a Church, wrote to his friends: "A strange people! they must have something for their money—they must pass their gifts through a strainer in the form of a fancy fair, a lottery, or a theatrical performance, at immense cost of time and labour to themselves, and they must make a crutch of the devil to support them in their labours for God." The Devil is not to be relied on even as a crutch, and it does not require very keen view to see serious flaws in such a crutch as that used on the occasion referred to by us.

Friends, either change your name or change your methods of work.

The harvest of the earth is ripe.

Rev. xiv. 15.