

In God we boast all the day long.  
Psalm xli. 8.

## GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL WELCOME.

### WHAT NEXT ?

**W**E think we hear some of our readers uttering these words when they hear that at a recent meeting of the Board, it was decided to sell, if possible, the present building owned by our Association, and to erect another smaller in proportions, but better laid out for the work.

There will, no doubt, be wide difference of opinion as to the advisability of such a course, but it is certain that no final steps will be taken till a full expression of opinion has been secured from the members and friends of the work. There are some things which may be urged in favor of the step, there are many more also against it. Certainly we can never expect to secure a site better adapted to the needs of the class of young men who must require the advantages we offer. We are now in the heart of the Boarding House locality, and for the Young men away from home, we *must* care if we are to expect the sympathy and co-operation of the Christian Public. Ours is not a work designed to draw young men out of their homes, nor is it likely to attract large numbers of those who can afford luxurious lodgings, but we *can* offer attractions to those who have to labor hard, for comparatively low wages, and therefore cannot afford to pay for just such comforts and pleasures as we can offer. We feel assured that the committee to whom the work of selling is entrusted will bear this in mind in their negotiations.

## THE VOLUNTEERS.

**I**N common with other cities of our Dominion, Toronto has been much stirred by the news of the trouble in the North West. Our volunteer force left here on Monday last at noon, but previous to leaving, our Association was enabled (through the liberality of its President Hon. S. H. Blake) to give to each member of the force a package of reading matter. How these were appreciated is clearly shown by the following extract from the despatch of the special reporter of one of our City papers.

"PETERBOROUGH, March 30.—I need not relate to you the incidents which occurred on leaving the Union. We reached Toronto Junction in a few minutes and after a pause of a minute or so we started towards the East amid the cheers of the West Toronto Junction people. We were then ordered to relieve ourselves of our packs and other accoutrements, and after everything had been snugly packed away we partook of part of the 24 hours' rations we were ordered to take with us. After that, well after that, the little packages the Young Men's Christian Association had given us just before our departure from the Drill Shed, were opened, and we found a copy of

### MOODY AND SANKEY HYMNS

in each. Hymn No. 3, "I am so glad that our Father in Heaven" was sung with a will, then No. 49, "Only an Armour Bearer." We reached Claremont a little before 2 p.m. We did not stop there long. Various songs were then sung, religious and otherwise."

May the Lord bless the singing of those hymns to some unconverted young volunteer, and may the tracts and other papers be equally blessed. The Association is indebted to Rev. John Salmon and Mr. Henry O'Brien for the thoughtful suggestion that such packages be distributed. It is well to be *thinking* how to advance God's work. We are then ready to be *doing* something.

All these things shall be added unto you.

Luke xii. 31.