

plied with. Although we cannot claim for all our young men freedom from immoral tendencies, and although the Y. M. C. A. cannot keep a young man from going wrong if he will, yet it holds out a hand of encouragement to help him to go right.

The Association does not attempt to encroach on the Church's work, and it must be from her of course that it draws its life, yet having received good material, practical hands fashion it into more useful vessels for the Master's service, returning it better qualified to do Church work. The Y. M. C. A. is merely a training school, and although it makes use of the energy of many of our Christian workers (some think drawing them away from the Church) yet its wish is merely to use the *surplus* energy, the duty to one's Church *always preceding* that due to the Association.

Therefore as candidates-in-training for the sacred Ministry, we should lay aside our prejudices, and examine more closely methods, which have proved successful in reaching young men, and unite with other members of that Church Catholic in which we profess to believe, in endeavouring to reach that important class of whom too few are Church members.

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A VISIT TO THE SHANTIES.

The following is a brief account of a visit I made in February, to the Lumber Shanties of Messrs. Gilmour & Hughson, and Gillets Bros., on the Upper Ottawa.

I may say at the outset, that owing to the poor condition of the Lumber Market for the last three or four years, work in that direction was practically at a stand still, and many of the people in this locality, who are forced to look to the woods for their support, felt the loss in consequence most keenly. This year, however, the tide has turned, and the enterprising firms mentioned above, are prosecuting the work with great vigor, and thereby giving much needed employment to those whom I may call the bone and sinew of the country. I was anxious, therefore, to go and see these people (cut off as they were from the comforts and conveniences of home) and try and make them feel *that* tho' absent, they were not forgotten; and for a still higher purpose, viz :—to tell them something of "Jesus and His love." I communicated this wish to Mr. Dagg, my Church-warden, who immediately put himself and his team at my disposal. Mr. Dagg, I may say, is indefatigable in all his efforts in helping on the church's work, or in assisting the clergyman in doing so.

On our arrival at the shanty (which was in all cases a little time before the men came in from their daily work), we were generally met by the