

meetings during the second week, many hundreds were brought beneath the sound of the Gospel, and we know that good has been accomplished. In addition to the two meetings held daily, we distributed at the entrance to the grounds 10,000 copies of our 8 page Exhibition *Bulletin*; 7,000 Gospel slips, bearing invitations to the meetings, and 500 copies of the penny edition of the New Testament. The expense attending this distribution was provided for by friends of the cause, so that our Association funds were not taxed one cent. About 150 letters were written in the Tent, and hundreds of wearied ones found within its canvas walls, a resting place. We desire to thank the following friends for contributions of papers, &c. *Montreal Witness*, 6 copies daily; *Montreal Gazette*, 2 copies daily; *Toronto Globe, Telegram, Mail, World* and *London Advertiser*, each 1 copy daily; Messrs. Hunter & Rose, a number of papers and magazines daily; John McDonald, Esq., John Young, Esq., (Tract Society), Rev. W. Briggs, (Methodist Book Room), and S. R. Briggs, Esq., (Willard Tract Depository), for papers and periodicals, also to the pastors of the city for their cheerfully rendered aid at the afternoon meetings, and especially do we thank our Bro. A. G. Pearson, for his self-denying and gratuitous services as organizer. A daily journey to the Grounds, in addition to his other pressing duties, was no light task, and was warmly appreciated by us.

#### THE COMING CONVENTION.

The thirteenth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Ontario and Quebec, will be held at Ingersoll, on the 30th September, and three following days. This meeting promises to be one of the most interesting gatherings yet held in connection with the Y. M. C. A. work. The following gentlemen well known as actively engaged in Christian work, will be present:

T. K. Cree and G. W. Watkins, Travelling Secretaries, International Committee, New York; Hon. Vice Chancellor Blake, W. H. Howland, Esq. Chairman, ex-Committee of Ontario & Quebec; D. A. Sinclair, Gen. Sec. Dayton, Ohio; C. E. Dyer, Gen. Sec. Detroit, Mich; Rev. H. M. Parsons and

Mr. W. P. Crombie of Toronto.

Arrangements have been made with the various railroad and steamboat lines for reduced fares to Ingersoll from 28th September to 15th October inclusive. The Convention will meet for organization in Erskine Presbyterian Church, on Thursday, September 30th, at 3 o'clock p.m. and the inaugural public meeting in the King-st. Methodist Church the same evening at 8 o'clock. The delegates will be met at the railway stations, and conducted to the homes provided for them; and the Christian people of Ingersoll extend a hearty welcome to all delegates and others who may attend the Convention. Circulars have already been sent out giving full information about arrangements, and all who desire these circulars, railroad certificates, or any information about the Convention, will please address the Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Ingersoll.

#### OUR LECTURE COURSE.

Arrangements are now completed, and the committee presents to our patrons an array of talent which cannot fail to be appreciated. The course will consist, as usual, of seven evenings: one musical by Remenyi and his company; one; readings and music, by Miss Nellie F. Brown and others; and five lectures as follows: John B. Gough, two; Rev. J. Haisted Carroll, D.D., Dr. Peck, and Dr. Willetts, one lecture each.

#### SIN IS HARD.

Young man, read the following testimony to the truthfulness of God's word, when He says, "The Way of transgressors is hard. This letter is dated from a prison in Ontario, and was sent to us by a Christian man who labours among prisoners:

PRISON, July, 1880.

Dear Sir,

\* \* \* The other evening a paper was loaned me by a fellow prisoner, and in looking over its columns I came across \_\_\_\_\_ notes. Feeling an interest in that locality, I began to read, and I was fearfully shocked by the following local: \_\_\_\_\_ an old and respected resident, died at his residence, \_\_\_\_\_, on Saturday. His wife, who has long been an invalid, now lies at the point of death." Oh sir, I cannot express my feelings as I read that. I was almost demented. I thought my heart would break. *I, a prisoner—my dear father dead, my poor mother dying, and I an outcast from home, family and friends, all brought on by my own wickedness. Dear sir the way of transgressors is hard.* I am finding it to be hard. Oh dear sir, if the young man just entering life only knew and realized what I am suffering they would not hesitate at once to choose the better part. Had I only taken Jesus for my guide and Saviour years ago, what a different