

MEETINGS.

THE attendance at our Meetings has been very encouraging, not only in point of numbers, but in the fact that young men are being attracted. It is comparatively easy to attract a mixed audience, but meetings specially for young men are more difficult to maintain. Our Saturday evening Meeting is steadily on the increase, and the Sunday evening Gospel and Song Service attracts a large audience. Last Sunday the Hall was well filled. Practical gospel addresses were given by Judge Ardagh, of Barrie, and Mr. H. O'Brien, the Chairman.

LECTURES.

DR. Lord's course of Lectures attracts a good audience of the more thoughtful and studious members of the Association, and citizens generally. Our regular Course of Lectures opens on Tuesday next, with a Lecture by the well-known and popular gentleman, Rev. Canon Carmichael, M.A., of Hamilton. To hear him once is to arouse a desire to hear more. The subject he has chosen is one well calculated to instruct, and the fact that his Lecture will be illustrated will lend additional interest. His subject is "Some lessons from early forms of life." We expect a large audience, as already a number of seats have been secured.

Members are entitled to a reserved seat free. Our Committee has placed the price of Course Tickets at \$1.50, reserved; \$1.00, unreserved. The plan is now open at the Hall.

DONATIONS.

WE are indebted to a lady friend for an addition of 5 volumes to our library; also to a gentleman for Volumes III. and IV. of McCarthy's "History of our own times," thus completing our set to date. The library will be re-opened to members on the 21st inst.

THE FATAL BAR.

Young Man! beware of that ominous word the—**Bar!**

It is rightly named—a **Bar!**

It is:—

A **Bar** to Honour.

A **Bar** to Success.

A **Bar** to Respectability.

A **Bar** to Happiness.

A **Bar** to Domestic Peace.

A **Bar** to Every Blessing.

A **Bar** to Heaven.

Young Man! Beware!

Avoid it! pass not by it!

Turn from it! and pass by it!

Decatur, Ill., "Bulletin."

"BEHOLD, HE KEEPETH THE SHEEP."

1 SAM. xvi. 11.

BEHOLD, he (David) keepeth the sheep." "Moses kept the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law." "Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress." "Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers"

Such are the Bible words describing the occupations from which God called five of His servants to do more direct and public work for Him. In these and other similar instances, it is striking to notice that it was when His children were in the midst of their ordinary duties that their Lord's command came to them. Probably day after day they had gone through "the daily round," and nothing had disturbed its ordinary routine. But one day when they would begin their duties as usual, before evening the call had come to each to do far different work. In each case they had been "faithful over a few things," before their Royal Master called them to be "rulers over many things."—*Selected.*