

## Y. M. C. A. WORK AMONG THE VOLUNTEERS



RIENDS of the cause will be pleased to read the following account of the work carried on at the Ottawa camp, by the Y.

M. C. A. of that city.

"You will be pleased to know how our camp work is getting on. We hold gospel meetings each evening, a local Evangelist having charge of them. Last night President Topley showed stereopticon views of Manitoba and some of the military celebrities in Canada, etc. It was a change and attracted many who do not come to the meetings. We hold the meetings in the open air, there are possibly two or three hundred each evening, and I have never attended religious meetings where such attention and apparent good results follow. There are only 1200 men here. The government have kindly placed at our disposal 7 of a house (in which the Post Office is) and a marquee In the building we have every facility for writing, (stationery free); also various games, (harmless). In the tent we have the leading dailies, (10); Illustrated Magazines, (7); and newspapers from all the districts represented by the men, and also religious newspapers. Behind the tent are Dumb-bells, clubs, horizontal and parallel bars. As to the patronage, there have been about 900 letters written, and there can not be less than 500 visits to our building daily. The Reading tent, when the men are not drilling, has between 20 and 30 in it reading all the time. We find the organ a big attraction to the men, it attracts quiet a little crowd by itself, there being many who can pla Sankey and Bliss Hyms. The officers speak in the highest terms of the work."

Outside of the regular work at our Association Rooms, we look upon this camp work as the most important in which we can engage. In these camps we have from 5,000 to 10,000 young men annually assembled at different points. The several Volunteer Corps are made up of the finest of our young men. Many are these occasions absent from their homes for the first time. The emissaries of Satan are on the alert for them. The canteen is open at all hours. Is it not therefore our duty to step in, and by every possible means seek to throw a protecting arm around these precious fellow young men? That this work is appreciated by right thinking men is evident in the fact that the Commanding officers have in more than one instance requested that the work be taken up, and now again at Ottawa, the Militia authorities have supplied the accommodation needed, so that the whole expense of the work at Ottawa will not exceed \$40. We trust that next season every camp in Canada will be visited—God willing, Toronto will do its share towards visiting all within reasonable distance.

## MUSICAL.



EW Associations in America have such cause for gratitude to God, for supply of workers in this department. He has sent

us Lady friends who for years have been in attendance at our noon meetings, and we would be delighted if each worker would act as they have ever done—that is, when taking their holiday tour they have previously arranged for the services of friends, so that with one exception (then unavoidable) we have always been favored with an Organist.