

As the Father knoweth Me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down My life for the sheep.—John x. 15.

**C**AME ALMOST THE WHOLE CITY TOGETHER TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. (Acts xiii. 44.) It is easier to get a thousand men to hear the word of God than to induce one man to follow its teachings. The work of the preacher is by no means done when he has gathered a great many hearers. If he has well-nigh a whole city to listen to him, that fact does not, in itself, prove that he is a winner of souls. If, on the other hand, he has only a very few to hear him, he may be doing a great work for God's cause. When, as our Lord preached the Gospel, "there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another," in their desire to hear Him, there were, as we have reason to think, smaller immediate results in the conversion of souls than when He had only one listener by the well of Samaria. It is not in the numbers who listen to us, but in the blessing which God gives to our labours, that the secret of our success is found.

**I**T is a crowning glory of the religion of the Bible—the one true religion—that it opens the possibility of a *friendship* with God. Other religions—all the false religions—teach men to *fear* the gods, and even show the possibility of *servng* the gods; but only the religion of the Bible gives the conception of God as the Friend of those who are brought into trustful communion with Him.

## TRAINING CLASS

For Christian Workers,  
EVERY THURSDAY, at 8 P.M.

Conducted by the Secretary.

All Christian Workers Invited.

## STRANGERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

That the Rooms of the  
TORONTO YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN  
ASSOCIATION,

ARE IN ITS BUILDING,  
**SHAFTESBURY HALL**  
Corner Queen and James Sts.,  
ONE BLOCK WEST OF YONGE STREET.

Rooms open daily from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m.  
You will be cordially welcomed.

### "ABLE TO KEEP."

**A** SWEDISH officer was speaking to me in Stockholm about four years ago. He had been very fond of the world, and was not a man of strong character. He said to me: "I know it's all right; but I do not like to begin, because I do not think I have the power to keep at it." I said, "I am quite sure you have not the power." Taking out my pencil, and placing it in my hand, I said, "Look at this pencil; why does it not fall?" "Because you hold it up." "If I did not hold it up, what would happen?" "It would fall." "Now then, it is not any power in the pencil, but a power outside the pencil, that keeps it from falling. When God undertook to save man, He was going to be the power that was to hold up for ever and ever the poor sinner who should trust Him. Therefore, God pledges Himself that He will bring the weakest believer in the universe safe to glory."

## EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every Sunday Afternoon,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

I am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger.  
John vi. 35.