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The Association.

We have reached too late a date in the history of the world-wide work of the Young Men's Christian Association; it is here as a permanent institution.

We have dissolve of no ground for adverse criticism, and the best criticism of a friendly character is its own helpful, instructive, scriptural, soul-saving work.

With reference to the Truro Association, while unable to speak as authoritatively as I would wish, owing to my recent arrival in this town, from its relation to the parent Society, from its equipment in a well situated and well planned building, from the efficiency and spirit of its Secretary, I should expect it to be an object of public interest and would mark it out as an institution deserving the sympathy and help of all Christians.

Wishing it God speed, I am its friend and helper.

—W. M. ANLEY.

Pastor of the Methodist Church.

God Wants Our Best.

Dr. Talnage says in the New York Observer:

"God wants us to offer him our very best physical condition. Why did Paul write for his cloak at Troas? Why should such a great man as Paul be anxious about a thing so insignificant as an overcoat? It is because he knew that Paul, with pneumonia and rheumatism, would not be worth half as much to God and to the Church as Paul with respiration easy and foot free. An intelligent Christian man would consider it absurdity to kneel down at night and say his prayers and ask God's protection, while at the same time he kept the windows of his bed room tight shut against fresh air. He would just as soon think of going out on the bridge between New York and Brooklyn, leaping off and then praying God to keep him from getting hurt. As long as you defer this whole subject of physical health to the realm of whimsicality or to the pantry cook, or to the butcher, or the baker, or the peddler, or the clothier, you are no Christian. The care of all our physical forces—nervous, muscular, bone, brain, cellular tissue—for all this, you must be brought into requisition when the world is on fire. Smoking your nervous system into idleness, burning out the working of your stomach with wine, log-wooded and poisoned, walking through snow banks with thin shoes to make your feet look delicate, pinched at the waist till you are tight cut in two, and neither part worth anything, granting

about sick-headache and palpitation of the heart, which you think come from God when they come from the devil. You are no Christian, and never will be until you cease to deface the temple of the Holy Ghost."

The General Sec'y can be seen at the Association Rooms daily, and will be glad to advise with young men about obtaining employment, or boarding houses or upon any other matter, and to render any service in his power.

We hope to swell our membership to 100 by the first of next year. During the next month shall we not have 50 new members? It is possible for each member to secure a new one, and what a lift that would be to our Association, and how much greater privileges would we be able to offer with such membership.

I do not feel all sugar, or the world will sink you down; but do not let all vinegar or the world will spit you out.

INTELLIGENCE.—"I can't come comfortably since you came together here to work," said a man to one of the consistent active members who had been placed near him in a printing office.

WORK FOR THE TRURO YOUNG MEN.—The friends in Yarmouth say they want a must have a Y. M. C. A. in the town—ought to have had one long ago.

There are in Ireland about 430,000 protestant young men between the age of 12 and 30, of whom 7,246 are connected with the Y. M. C. A.

A lawyer in New York willed money to churches, benevolent institutions, etc. locked up his safe and went to bed. In the night he began to think that these institutions would be better off if he were dead. In the morning he began writing checks, and using his money while he lived.

SELF SEEKING HAS NO ADVISERS.—The first person to drop out of mind after his death is one who was selfish; and if we give the matter but a little thought we will find that those who are least esteemed are those who are most devoted to themselves; while everyone who is highly regarded, the very ones you wish to associate with, these you care to make trusted friends, are those who serve others.

TOPICS FOR YOUNG MEN'S MEETINGS.

- JANUARY.
- 18—A Kindly Invitation. Num. 8, 29. ALEX. ROSS.
- 25—Testimony Meeting. Rom. 1, 16. J. D. MACKAY.
- FEBRUARY.
- 1—Promise Meeting. J. F. PURNELL.
- 8—Ben Mac. 1 KINGS, 16: 24; 1 Cor. xxi, 12. JOHN M. WADE.
- 15—Special Prayer. John, xxi, 23-24. RICHARD CRAB.
- 22—Starved on Hooks. Luke, xv, 16-21. THOS. McLEOD.

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