

All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof fadeth away; but the word of the Lord endureth for ever.—1 Peter i. 24.

has abundantly owned the labors of our staff, and has given us perfect harmony in every department. We thank Him for it, and desire to show our gratitude by increased efforts to save others.

### FLYING VISITS.

**W**E frequently receive Bulletins, pamphlets, &c., edited by friends who have paid what they call "flying visits" to Associations. Now, *flying* is not conducive to the work of examination; and without proper examination or enquiry, the published statements are apt to be erroneous.

For instance, one Brother visited us for a couple of days, and then went home and gave a lecture, which was afterward printed, in which scarcely a single item was *strictly true*. It is all right to give *impressions* of the country or the work, but when we make statements, we should see that they are founded on *fact*. We have been led into this line of thought by reading a column in the Bangor, Me., Association *Bulletin*. The Secretary visited our Rooms and staid a few minutes (so we are informed, for it was not our pleasure to meet Bro. G.), yet in that visit he gathered material for the following:—

"TORONTO.—This Association has been the means of great blessing to the young men of that beautiful city, and the hundreds of strangers constantly arriving from Europe. They own a large and handsome building, which in some particulars sadly needs refitting, the interior does not look as inviting as it should. They do much public Evangelistic work, rather than a *definite* one for young men."

Now, does this not contain a contradiction? How could the Association have been a *means of great blessing to the young men of Toronto, and to hundreds of strangers*, without doing a *definite* work for young men? If the flying visitor understands by *definite* work, a

gymnasium, a rowing club, checkers, chess, popping corn, &c., his visit was lengthy enough to convince him that our work is not *definite*; and what is more, we pray God that we may continue upon *indefinite* lines for some time longer. As to doing *much public evangelistic work*, we have no desire to belittle such work, but a stay of about two minutes longer in our Rooms would have shewn that Toronto Association maintains no outside work whatever, but confines itself almost *exclusively* to work among Young Men. The only exception being a Public Gospel Meeting on Sunday evening, and throwing open its Sunday afternoon Bible Class to ladies; whereas, in the *Bulletin* to which we refer, we find a similar Public Gospel Meeting, and in addition two outside Gospel services. We wish the brethren in Bangor and elsewhere the richest blessing of God upon their work, whether it be in the Rooms or out of the Rooms, and our only reason for noticing the article is to remove false impressions from the minds of other Secretaries who may not be able to do any "flying," and therefore will not visit us. Brethren, if you do fly this way, please settle down long enough to look around. As to our Rooms, we say, "You are right. Our Rooms do need refitting; but next year, when you come this way, we shall (D.V.) have put on a new dress, for our citizens, appreciating our *indefinite* work, have liberally given us some \$25,000 wherewith to pay off our debts and procure a new suit of clothes. Our last suit was worn out in the service of the *young men of our beautiful city and the hundreds of strangers constantly arriving from Europe*." Thank God for having used us.

## TRAINING CLASS

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

In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.—Eccles. xi. 6.