

Draw nigh to God; He will draw nigh to you.

James iv. 8.

Through all the years of his absence from home that son felt it and was followed by it.

Young man! have you never felt the pressure of a loving mother's hand? Have you forgotten the parting words? How would that mother feel, were she to know how her son is spending his nights in Toronto. Think of these things, and turn toward that Friend who has promised to receive you and care for you.

TRUE SUCCESS.



We hear much in the present day of successful Associations. and at times we are struck with the fact that much of the so-called success consists in well-attended Lecture Courses, "highly enjoyable" evenings of entertainment, a large number in attendance at the Gymnasium, etc. We may be looked upon as "heterodox" on this subject, but we must candidly state that we can see no more connection between these and "true success" than there is between a *well patronized* theatre and the moral elevation of the masses. We cannot present our standard of success better than by reprinting the following extracts from an address delivered at the Y.M.C.A. Conference held at Liverpool last autumn:—

"God is pleased to vouchsafe us indications of His presence and of success in our work even while engaged in it.

"When the individual members of the Association are men filled with the Holy Ghost, and when their testimony has a pungency that affects the consciences and ease of their companions in business, leading them also to feel their need of and seek the Saviour:

"When the prayer meetings of the Association are lively and interesting, and attended by the members, and especially by the members of the Committee:

"When there is brotherly union and

co-operation in prosecuting the great aim in view between the members and the Committee:

"When God's holy Word is read in our meetings with becoming reverence and awe:

"When the truths of God enunciated, whether by Bible classes or addresses, are carried home with convincing and converting power to the hearts of the unsaved present:

"When the Association awakens prayerful interest in the welfare of young men at large, leading to special efforts in their behalf:

"When upon the young men of a town or neighbourhood through its instrumentality there is brought to bear a testimony to Divine Grace and its sufficiency to save them:

"When the Association is holding its legitimate place in relation to the churches of Christ, encouraging the members in the proper observance and acknowledgment of Divinely-appointed institutions and ordinances:

"When God gives the work favour in the eyes of those who have means to help it:

"When consistently with the maintenance of its principles; more, when, because of the maintenance of its principles, men of public spirit and enterprise come forward with a noble generosity, as they have done in many large cities, to enlarge its opportunities, by placing suitable and commanding premises at its disposal with a view to the increase and extension of its usefulness:

"Then we need not hesitate to say, *'The work is successful.'*"

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Every Saturday Afternoon.

AT 4.30 O'CLOCK,

Conducted by Hon. S. H. BLAKE, Q.C.

The Lord hath done great things for us.

Psalms cxxvi. 3.