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Still I must climb, if I would rest ;  
The bird soars upward to its nest ;  
The young leaf, on the tree-top high,  
Cradles itself against the sky.

The streams that seem to hasten down,  
Return in clouds the hills to crown ;  
The plant arises from its root,  
To rock aloft its flower and fruit.

I cannot in the valley stay ;  
The great horizons stretch away ;  
The very cliffs that wall me round  
Are ladders unto higher ground.

To work, to rest, for each a time ;  
I toil, but I must also climb ;  
What soul was ever quite at ease  
Shut in by earthly boundaries ?

—Lucy Larcom



## The Twentieth Century Club

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The Twentieth Century Club is the young men's club of Alma Street Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas. The name is due to the organizing of the Club at the opening of the Twentieth Century. It originated with a class of stirring, restless, energetic, fun-loving boys, to whom Sabbath School attendance was becoming irksome and distasteful. The problem that pressed for solution was, How can these boys be retained in the Sabbath School, and their interest in the study of the Bible maintained? The Club has been the solution.

The object of the Club is to promote gentlemanly behaviour, regularity of attendance, and interest in the church and

Sabbath School, knowledge of parliamentary practice, development of literary and debating talents, and the choice of such amusements as are consistent with Christian character." One of the main conditions of membership is attendance upon the Bible Class. The Club has a motto, colors, "yell", and an attractive initiation ceremony.

The meetings of the Club are opened with prayer, but otherwise are purely literary and social. There is a monthly paper edited by two or three of the members, elected, as are the other officers. Their superintendent is their teacher, and their meeting place is her dining room. The pastor usually meets with them, and unobtrusively directs their meetings. The charter membership consisted of seventeen boys, all under sixteen years of age. Nearly one hundred young men have been members during the past eight years.

The main aim of the Club has been attained. The Senior Boy's Class is now the organized Brightlook Bible Class, of which any lad over fourteen years of age may become a member. By means of the Club, not only have the boys, but also the young men, been retained in the Sabbath School and to the church as active workers. Some of them are Sabbath School officers and teachers, others are in the choir, and all of them are members of the Presbyterian Guild, and out of this Club have been obtained courteous ushers for the public services.

The Club has its trophies. It has given anniversary concerts which have been a credit to the church and to the members. For two successive years it has been awarded the debating championship in the St. Thomas