

to be done for them? Something must be done to reach them. We have been trying, by organizing a boarding house committee and dividing the city into twenty districts, to reach them. Last year 15,000 visits were made to boarding houses, and nearly 3000 young men were spoken to personally about their souls during those visits. You see, brethren, there is a work you can do. We could have made the latter number 15,000, and the former 150,000 if the Christian young men of the city would help the work. We have more than a hundred Italian young men who meet together, and we want some one to tell them about Christ. Then we have Chinese, and we are trying to reach them. We are also trying to reach the deaf and dumb. In all departments of the work there is need of more help. You can do much to assist us by giving us your help and sympathy. I am here to plead for the Y. M. C. Association. I want the Christian men and women of Toronto to rise to a sense of their duty towards the young men. We want to save them. We want to win them that they may be jewels in our crown. Not that Mr. Moody or myself may glory in the Crown, but that in the last great day we may take the Crown with all its gems and cast it down at Christ's feet as we sing, "Crown Him Lord of all." May God help every Christian to realize his responsibility towards the young men and strive to save them and bring them to Jesus.

MR. W. H. HOWLAND—Every Christian man who endeavours to do anything for the souls of others is in need of this one thing, to keep from the fear of men. It seems strange, but in my experience I have never received a rebuff when I have boldly spoken to men about their souls. The trouble is that there seems to be always something of this fear of men, of which the Bible speaks, which prevents us speaking to sinners. When we go to the Central Prison on Sunday morning and speak through the bars at those hardened men we have not this fear. I do not think it is because they cannot get away but rather because we see under our eyes the consequences of sin, and we are given courage to speak with them. We want to remember that with those who are outside of God's kingdom there is a barrier placed as a consequence of sin, though we cannot see it. In second Timothy there is a verse we should remember—"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." If we remember those words we shall reach the souls of the unconverted. There are hundreds of men who would work for Christ if there was not difficulty in speaking to others; but Christ says to them "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and a sound mind." We do not think enough, as we speak to others, about the reality of Christ. If we kept such verses as are to be found in 24th chapter of Luke and last chapter of John in our minds, we would not fail in this regard. Let us keep Christ before us as a reality, and with the thought of Him as King and Master and our own dear Saviour, once in the flesh but now by the side of God the Father, we can go and speak of Christ to any one.

MAJOR WHITTLE—About our feeling responsibility. In Deuteronomy there is an injunction that if a dead man be found in a field, the distance from the body to the nearest city must be measured to show that the inhabitants were not guilty. God's measure line is being applied to our souls. There are many dead bodies, many unconverted young men. We are willing to take pleasure and follow selfish purposes while dead bodies are lying all around us. Whether you accept the responsibility or not, God holds you responsible for the souls of the young men. The other morning at Grand Rapids, a

young man thirty years of age was found dead in the room of his hotel. It is a brief history. He was a fine promising young man of Christian training, but he entered upon a life of dissipation; he ruined his business prospects. He wandered from one hotel to another and at length took a fatal dose of morphine. Every one had forsaken him except his mother, and she came to bury him. Did the Christians in that city do what they could to rescue that young man. If not, they are responsible. Let the Christians of this city strive earnestly to reach the young men, to be in sympathy with them, and in all practical ways seek to get hold of them. No people are so sensitive as young men from 17 to 23 or 24, and it is for that reason that they readily respond to any interest shown in their welfare. Looking back over my life, I often think of the efforts I made to keep hold of the boys in my mission school after they had grown up. I would meet with them, read with them interesting books, and have military drill. We read "Swiss Family Robinson" together, and I bought books to interest them. We would spend half an hour or so, and wind up with a few words from the Bible and a word of prayer. For four years I kept that up, and I got influence over them. I meet them now grown up men, and there is not one for whom I do not feel affection and love.

MR. MOODY.—I know a young business man in Chicago who is doing a great deal of good by inviting young men to come to church. His plan is to just take a pew, fill that; take another, fill that; and now he has about sixty or seventy young men whom he has invited to the church, and they go there regularly. He has a committee among them to introduce new comers to the members of the Church, and the result is that he has got a little club of young men formed in the Church. They are young business men he meets on 'Change. He is a graduate of a college, and a fine business man, and he has made it a point to carry on this work. There is not a man in the Church, except the minister, who has done so much for the Church as he has. He meets a man on 'Change and he says: "By the way where do you go to church?" "Well, I am ashamed to say I do not go anywhere." "I wish you would come up and hear our minister. Here is a pass to my pew." Men like a little attention like that. I just throw that out as a suggestion. That can be done in any of our churches. In the small country towns the young men need looking after as much as here, some think there cannot be much work done among the young men in these small towns. I remember time and again when we have been talking about these associations for young men in cities men would get up and say, "That kind of thing is well enough for cities; but the work cannot be carried on in small country towns." It has been my privilege to spend a few months in the summer in the small towns among the hills of New England, where I was born. There they have an association of about forty-five young men. A few years ago there was not a young man whose voice had ever been heard in a prayer meeting. But all that is changed. The superintendent of the Sunday School there is a young man, and he is one of the liveliest young men I know of. They have gone up into the mountains and down into the valleys to get their members; they have started a weekly meeting in the schoolhouse, and are doing a great work. Associations of that kind can be formed in country towns easier than in cities. There are none can reach young men like young men. Get the young men wakened up and they are a power. It is a great thing to win a young man to Christ at the age of twenty or so. If he lives the allotted time of man he