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THE LORD'S BOOK.

Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.

And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.—Mal. iii. 16, 17.

Y. M. C. A. WORK IN COLLEGES.

The following facts are gleaned from the reports of College Associations collected by the Secretary at the close of last college year.

1. Associations now exist in 96 Colleges, 43 of which were organized during the past year.
2. These Associations contain a membership of 4,268 students.
3. 81 Associations conduct devotional meetings for Prayer and Conference.
4. 33 have Bible Classes.
5. 26 held regular Missionary Meetings by which a sentiment in behalf of Foreign and Home Missions is developed among the students.
6. A large number are engaged in College neighborhood work.
7. A majority of the Associations have adopted the Constitution drawn up by the International College Conference at Baltimore. By this means a uniformity of method is being secured which greatly facilitates the work of the International Committee in its effort to aid individual Associations.

8. 60 Associations observed the Day of Prayer for Colleges, January 29, and a number engaged at that time in personal work among the unconverted, and as a result revivals of religion occurred in various Colleges.
9. The great result of all the effort put forth for which we most anxiously looked was the seal of the Spirit upon this work in the conversion of students. The reports of the Collège Associations indicate that during last year nearly 700 students professed conversion.

The College Association work is steadily growing in favor with students and faculties, and with the ministry. Over one quarter of the Collèges of America have tried and found Association work practical and useful.

The LORD hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.—Ps. cxxvi. 3.

TAKE CARE OF THE BUDS.

A Sunday school teacher was trying to make his class of boys understand the dependence of the branches on the vine, "Jesus is the vine: we are the branches. We derive all our life and happiness from Him." And he then asked, "Do you see it?" "Yes," said a little fellow, "Jesus is the vine; grown up people are the branches; and we are the buds."

Dear friends, if the buds be destroyed, there can be no fruit. Shall we not be careful of the buds? In other words, shall we not labor to save the boys? Locke has written: "Children are travellers newly arrived in a strange country; we should therefore make conscience not to mislead them." The man who refuses to give right directions