

Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
Gal. vi. 7.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

DURING the past few weeks we have received special tokens of God's blessing upon the Gospel truths contained in our BULLETIN. Men have been aroused to a sense of danger, and Christians have been quickened. We publish the following extracts from one of these letters:—

"I wish to give my testimony in favor of the little paper issued by your Association. I have more than once been moved to tears while taking a hurried look over its pages here in business hours. It has been a silent messenger from God to my soul. I hope it may be the means in God's hands in doing great good."

At a recent noon meeting, the chairman stated that through the BULLETIN, with its article, "Learning to Float," he had been enabled to reach a fellow traveller on the train, and had been used of God in cheering the young man, who was but a young Christian.

One of our Workers is a young man who was led to see the folly of his course by reading the article entitled, "A Losing Game."

These are but a few of many instances which have come under our notice.

Will our friends pray for the further success of the work. In our determination to carry it on in simple faith upon God for its financial support, we have not been disappointed. There have been times when we have been in need, but these needs have been met. Even at the present moment there is a deficiency, but if the work is the Lord's, and there is a mission for the paper, the needed funds will come. If it is not His will that it should continue, He will speedily shew us now to act. In the meantime, "pray for us."

NEW MEMBERS.

At the last meeting of our Board, 17 new members were elected,—8 of these being from the West End Branch.

CHROMO CHRISTIANITY.

DEALERS in tea, coffee and crockery coax customers with chromos. Newspapers have done the same, but the whole thing is getting into disfavor. An editorial in the *Baptist Weekly* says also that "Chromo Christianity is not a success. The work and worship of a church should constitute its most potent attractions." Entertainments, oyster suppers, fairs, shooting galleries and theatricals, are no more signs of real life in a society than are the ghastly contortions of a corpse when galvanized into motion. There is significance in the sneer of the novelist, Howells, who tells of the town Equity, where religion had ceased as a spiritual experience, and the salvation of the soul came to be regarded as "too depressing a theme" for young folks to consider. As a result they tried to draw them in by other attractions than those of religion. But as chromo subscribers do not stick, so our contemporary says, the results of these religious devices are disappointing. Men are not to be coddled and cajoled. Religion is worth all it costs. Eternal life and eternal death are tremendous realities. Sin is not to be cast out by sweetmeats, nor are revivals the result of tea parties. The social element of a church is best developed in the line of its legitimate work. Warm prayer-meetings, earnest Sunday-school and mission work, hearty congregational rehearsals or song-services, and other church fellowships, will infuse a permanent and cohesive life that no temporary schemes can create.—*The Church Union*.

We are sorry to say that there are many Associations doing a large business in the "chromo" line. We hope the day may soon come when they will carry on the work upon its own merits and let tea stores, newspapers and such churches as like that plan carry on the chromo business.

Let our motto be "As for our Association we will serve the Lord."

Be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Eph. v. 17.