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So then, after
the Lord had spoken
unto them,
He was received
up into heaven,
and sat on the
right hand of God.

MARK XVI. 19.

FACTS.

SOME people have an idea that the Young Men's Christian Association is a superfluous organization; that there is no special work for it to do. The following facts settle the question conclusively:

Peoria, Ill., has 6,000 young men. Only 330 are found in the membership of the seven largest Protestant churches in that city. Last year 300 young men were arrested and brought before one

of the three police magistrates. Of the 216 confined in the county jail, 170 were young men.

On a recent Saturday evening 406 young men entered six saloons in that city within two hours, and 209 entered another saloon with a theater attached, in a single hour. There were 128 saloons then open, and they are open day and evening through the week.

On the following Sunday morning only 302 young men were in attendance at eight of the largest Protestant churches.

Last month at Nashville, Tenn., \$25,000 was pledged in one evening, for a building for the Young Men's Christian Association. Since then it has been increased to \$36,000. They want \$50,000.

John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, says in regard to the value of the Association building in Philadelphia: "I am free to say that a city like Philadelphia, with its hundred thousand young men, could get on better without its street railroads than without its fine, commodious building of the Young Men's Christian Association. No better investment has ever been made in this city by its merchants and business men than the gymnasium, library, reading room, and halls that they have made for its young men. I consider it of great importance that every city should have

Ask in faith, nothing wavering.

James i. 6.