

## A WORD OF EXPLANATION.



OUR space is too valuable to allow the insertion of articles other than those calculated to benefit Young Men and therefore we have on more than one occasion declined answering communications through our columns. We make an exception on this occasion, in order that our friends in other cities may receive our answer to a question which in the mind of the editor of the Y. M. C. A. Watchman is an important one, but which could have been answered by a Postal Card if the same course had been adopted in asking it. The last issue of that Paper among its "Briefs" asks, "What does the Toronto Association mean to do with the Association's new building at Thousand Island Park? It is falling down and gives but a poor idea of the Young Men's Christian Association to the thousands who visit the Park every summer."

As to the Building which the Watchman calls "The Association's Building" we wish to say that the Toronto Y. M. C. A. is not - has not been - nor is it likely that it ever will be - officially connected with the Building referred to, and therefore on the principle that it is always "best to mind our own business," this Association does not intend interfering with the business of those who own the building.

The building scheme originated with our late Secretary, who, in his desire to provide a summer resting place for Members of Y. M. C. A.'s generally, conceived a plan which was not officially endorsed by the Association, but at the same time was approved of by many of the workers, and as a result Bro. Wilkie had but little difficulty in forming a Joint Stock Company. Many of the stockholders reside in other parts of Canada and some we believe in the United States. With these facts before our friends they will clearly understand that the Watchman article contains statements which are erroneous, and calculated to lead to the belief that the Toronto Association has been remiss in duty. The only building the Toronto Association is responsible for, is Shaftesbury Hall, corner of Queen and James Streets, Toronto, and we cordially invite our friends who may be visiting the City, and all Young Men in the City to

call and see for themselves whether it is calculated to give a poor idea of the Y. M. C. A.

We hope the Watchman will give this explanation as wide a circulation as has been given to the question which called for it.

## ANNUAL MEETING.



THE 18th Annual Meeting of the Association was held on Tuesday evening last when our Parlors were well filled. The meeting was of much interest, and the annual reports read were very encouraging. In fact we think we are warranted in saying that the record of genuine Y. M. C. A. work, that is - Christian work for, and by Young Men has not been more encouraging during any past year. When we say that the Boarding House Committee reported that 270 Boarding Houses (with an average of nearly 3000 Young Men as Boarders therein) had been visited every week, many of those young men being spoken to personally, and all receiving a printed invitation to come to our Rooms, we must admit that the work is assuming a practical shape. In our next issue we will give a statistical table of the work, and when the report is published we trust that our friends will peruse it, and while so doing may find therein cause for gratitude to God who has permitted us to do a little for Him.



T. PAUL, whether taking advantage of the altar, he saw near Mar's Hill, or of the visitors who came to him at Rome, his motto seemed to be, "In season, out of season," "If by any means I may save some!" But Paul never descended to any doubtful platform upon which to work. It was not by lowering the standard that he hoped to gain men. When he "became all things to all men," it is not to be understood that he did that which other men did, or said that which other men said. He might by this have pleased men. He does not, however, say that I may please some, but that I may save some, and adds, Gal. 1: 10, "for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."

## GOD IS LOVE.