

## NIAGARA CAMP.

The Y. M. C. A. tent at Niagara has proved of much service to the volunteers, and has been highly appreciated by both officers and men. Hundreds of letters have been written, and the reading matter and meetings have without doubt, done much towards keeping the young men from visiting the canteens or the liquor saloons. If nothing else had been accomplished, this would be a cause for gratitude; but we have reason to believe that at the Evangelistic meetings, conducted by Bros. Crombie and Fatt, seed has been sown which shall bring forth much fruit. The camp broke up on Friday last. We are yet open for contributions towards defraying the expense incurred during the work.

## THE KING'S PENKNIFE.

**W**HEN Baruch, the amanuensis of Jeremiah, read in the ears of the princes the prophecies which God had given, they told the words to the king of Judah. "So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king. Now the king sat in the winter-house, in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before Him. And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth." (Jer. xxxvi. 21-23).

Jehoiakim seemed to imagine that the Word of God was of little account, that it might be read, refused, or burned according to his pleasure; and though some that stood by made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll, he refused to hear them. But when the sacrilegious act was done, "The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, Take thee again another roll, and write in it *all the former words* that were in the *first roll*, which Jehoiakim king of Judah hath burned. And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah,

Thus saith the Lord: Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast? Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire, and there *were added besides unto them many like words*" (Jer. xxxvi. 27-32).

No man has liberty to cast God's Word behind his back, and the man who thinks to escape punishment by cutting out portions of the Word of God and burning the book that contains the threatenings of God's law, makes a terrible mistake. He Who gave the Word is pledged to see it accomplished, and those who destroy the words that He has spoken find that other words more dreadful still are added. Those who fear God need fear nothing else; while those who will not fear the Lord will find at last their souls oppressed by fears which shall yet be more fearful, and from which they have no way to escape. Beware of the king's penknife. Explaining away threatenings, or burning up prophecies, will never save us from impending wrath. "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Rev. xxii. 18, 19.)

## FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH.

**T**HE engineer of a train near Montreal saw a large dog on the track. He was barking furiously. The engineer blew the whistle at him, but he did not stir, and crouching low, he was struck by the locomotive and killed. There was a bit of white muslin on the locomotive, and it attracted the attention of the engineer, who stopped the train and went back. There lay the dead dog