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“Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings.”

Jer. iii. 22.

TRAVELLING SECRETARY.

MR. W. P. Crombie has been re-appointed Travelling Secretary for the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and enters upon his duties on the 1st August.

CHINESE CLASS.

A CHINESE class has been organized and meets in one of our class rooms every Sabbath afternoon.

CAMP FUND.

CONTRIBUTIONS toward this fund are still in order. We have received since our last issue the following sums: J. O. A., \$2, W. M. M., \$7.50. We still require about \$30.

SONG SERVICE.

WE expect to have with us at the Service to be held on Sunday, 24th inst., some Christian workers from Belfast, Ireland, who will be passing through Toronto on their way to Mr. Moody's Conference at Northfield. We also expect to secure a Service by Rev. Dr. Andrew Bonar.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

AMONG our recent exchanges is an Association Bulletin, having a very neat heading representing a Locomotive with a head-light bearing the name JESUS, and the text. “This is the way walk ye in it.” So far all is good, but the balance of the page is occupied with the programme of an entertainment given by the association. The programme is headed, “TWO HOURS OF SOLID COMFORT,” and the show line of the whole programme informs us that the entertainment will conclude with a *Roaring farce*, entitled “Handy Andy,” by some members of a Dramatic Association. Now in the name of the Lord, and of the Y.M.C.A. we must enter our protest against such absurdities. No wonder the cause of Christ suffers when He is receiving such wounds in the house of His friends. Brethren if you want to carry out such programmes, pray do not head it with a falsehood. *Solid comfort*. Whence is the comfort to be derived. Where is the solidity. We call it,—and God calls it—VANITY. A certain man was called “Thou fool,” for asking his soul to feed upon the world, to take *solid comfort* out of farms, barns, etc. What think you is God's opinion of such an entertainment as that referred to.

I also notice that on each side of the “Cowcatcher” on the Locomotive are scripture references Matt. xii. 30; Luke xi. 23, “He that is not with me is against me.” Grand texts!—but how do they bear upon the programme? Dear Brethren let us be careful. Don't bring discredit on the cause. Don't think that souls are to be won in this manner.

Let “Jesus only” be our head light.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS.