

THE TRUE RING.

WE utter a hearty and prolonged AMEN to the following expressions of our brother Minehart, editor of the *Monthly Gleaner*, published in the interests of the Y. M. C. A. of Columbus, Ohio, and our earnest prayer is that the day may speedily come in which our fellow workers in the Y. M. C. A. cause may fully recognize the force of the truth therein taught.

"Many means are used by the Young Men's Christian Association by which the object of their organization may be attained, but the most potent agency yet discovered is a *thoroughly devout Christian young man himself*. One who is consistent, persistent, resistant, and assistant in the sphere of his daily calling. One who has push, piety, power, patience, pluck and perseverance. One who has consecrated his all to Christ, and seeks to consecrate all his energies to promote his glory.

Such a young man will accomplish an hundred fold more in the same length of time among his fellow young men than *all the Rambling Clubs, Concerts, Entertainments, Debating Societies and Gymnasiums in the universe combined*.

We take no stock in the modern idea of trying to conquer the devil with his own weapons. Jesus said, I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me. It is our work to lift up Jesus; it is his to draw men. May God endue every young man in the Association with power to lift up Jesus, and handle the sword of the Spirit; then, there will be no necessity for compromise with the enemy."

The Association in Columbus is evidently determined to be CHRISTIAN. Christ-like. In Acts i. 1 we read, "Jesus began both to DO and TEACH." Precept unaccompanied by practice will have little weight. Jesus DID—therefore he could TEACH others to do. The Columbus Association is DOING, for they have organized special services designed for young men, and by out-door singing, as they march and counter-march through the city, they gather the crowds and then deliver the "Story of JESUS and His love."

It is estimated that in Columbus out of 10,000 young men between the ages of sixteen and forty about 8,000

seldom or never attend church. There is no doubt but that a census of our young men in Toronto would reveal a truth equally sad. Now, what can be done to save such? As the *Columbus Bulletin* adds:—

"Saloons, theatres, billiard halls, and places of worse repute—the very hotbeds of iniquity, crime, and social corruption—are fitted up with a special view to attract young men; and are patronized largely by them. The devil spares no time, money, nor patience to blast the character, ruin the health, mar the reputation, and destroy the happiness of these young men. He never remains on the defensive merely, but is always on the aggressive, ever seeking new plans and methods to successfully carry on his soul destroying work. The great problem that stares the Young Men's Christian Association in the face to-day is, "How shall we reach these masses of young men who throng the streets of our city?" To bring the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into contact with these young men, is the legitimate and specific work of the Association; it is compelled to do this work, or die. It has been organized for this work. For this purpose the people contribute their money for its support. Not to please, amuse, or entertain, but to save by bringing them into direct contact with the Lord Jesus Christ. If we drift away into formalism and worldliness, and allow secular agencies to supersede genuine spiritual activity, it will not be long until *Ichabod*, "thy glory is departed," will be written upon our doors and windows."

May God by his mighty Spirit arouse us, and may the Christian young men of Toronto be filled with zeal and be led to cast aside all thought of the fear and favor of man—to realize as did Paul, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel."

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

ALL INVITED.