

church? No. It has no creed, unless it be a simple "Good will toward men." Is it a rival of the church? How can it be, when the church membership is a pre-requisite to active membership in the Association? As a matter of fact, the best workers in the Association and the best workers (among the young men at least) in the various churches will almost invariably prove on investigation to be the same individuals. Is it a charity? No. It will never turn a deaf ear to a tale of suffering, but it does not intend to trespass upon the province of the poor commissioner, the Home of the Friendless, or private benevolence. Is it a temperance society? Not distinctively, though it always heartily supports any work which promises to be effective in reforming men. What, then, is the Young Men's Christian Association? It is an organization whose object is to seek out young men, to extend to them sympathy in discouragement; to lend a helping hand, if needed; to surround them with good influence; to draw them out of bad, and into good company, out of the saloon and into the house of God; and finally to win them to Christ. It will not do to omit or slur over this last point. The word "Christian" is an essential part of our title, and we are not yet sufficiently "advanced" to be ashamed of it. Do you like the platform? If so, will you not give it your support?—*Dubuque Y. M. C. A. Bulletin.*

"Be it known unto you, therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

—Acts xiii. 38, 39.

REV. Geo. H. Hall, State Secretary of New York, says, "Boys' work should be CHRISTIAN BOYS banded together for work for other boys."

So Associations *should* always be CHRISTIAN Young Men banded together to work for other Young Men. We say *should be*, because there are some instances where unconverted men hold office. This is a mistake—nay more, it is a gross injustice both to the man himself and also to the work. If blind lead the blind both shall fall into the ditch. No man can lead another to a point, the whereabouts of which he himself has no knowledge.—[ED.]

We take the following from a recent number of the Oakland (California) Y. M. C. A. Bulletin.

SIX weeks ago, our Visiting Committee found a young man, in the Newland House, in a destitute condition, dying with consumption, and without a hope beyond this world. The committee had him removed to the Hospital, where he was taken care of by the institution, the committee furnishing watchers, and such extras as the hospital did not supply. After some conversation in reference to his soul's salvation, he became anxious, and finally gave himself into the hands of his Saviour, and bore his severe sufferings with wonderful patience, and would repeatedly say, "Jesus is with me." We were called to his bedside at half past 2 o'clock, on the afternoon of June 27th, to witness his departure for the world above. His last words were, "Say amen," signifying that the end was near and he was ready. The funeral services were held in our hall, Wednesday afternoon, June 28th, at 2 o'clock. A large number were present, many bringing floral offerings.

As is well-known in Oakland, the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association used to be a billiard and bar-room; and strange to relate, this young man was the bar-keeper, on the very floor where his remains were laid during the brief services preceding the burial.

Such a case of the reclamation and peaceful end of a young man, all alone in the world, is an encouragement to every friend of Association work.