

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness.—2 Pet. iii. 6.

THE TRUE OBJECT OF OUR ASSOCIATION.

AHE following article, copied from the *Philadelphia Y. M. C. A. News*, so fully expresses our own views as to the true object of our Association, that we reprint it:—

“Let it always be borne in mind by our members, and never lost sight of, that the one great object of the Young Men's Christian Association is the *conversion* of young men. We are in danger of forgetting this, or at least of failing to keep it definitely in view and working to that one end. We are not organized to furnish amusement, nor opportunities of mental or physical culture, nor reading-rooms, nor the finding employment, nor for any similar objects, except as they shall aid our efforts for the *salvation* of young men. These may be valuable means to an end, but only valuable as they serve that end; they are useful in bringing young men within our reach and influence, but if, after drawing them in, we fail to lead them to Christ, then is our mission altogether a failure.

“We are apt to think we are doing good work when by providing beneficial and harmless attractions we induce numbers of young men to pass an evening in our rooms, who might else have been led into the dens of vice which so abound; and it is a good work. But in its relation to the true aim of Association work it bears no more importance than does time to eternity. We are successful in our work only when a soul is born again and a sinner saved from death. There is no partial success in our work. We may not claim to have met with a measure of success because we have protected some young man from the grosser vices which beset him, and helped him maintain an outwardly moral life. The only test of success or failure in our work is *saved* or *lost*.

“We are not underrating any of the means enumerated above which afford innocent pleasure and profit to young

men; God forbid that we should undervalue or discourage any kindly act by which some poor brother is helped along and his path made smoother even in this world. But we do desire to write, high up and far above all these things, where every member may read, *The true object of our Association is to win souls for Christ, to save young men from eternal death.*

Dear brethren will you not awaken to a realization of this? The Association opens to you grand opportunities for saving young men, and these opportunities impose solemn responsibilities. Will you accept them? There is work for all—and if all work, what a grand harvest we shall reap.”



LET us remember that our Salvation depends now upon our consent to look, and not upon God. He has already provided all that is needed for our Salvation, and is waiting for us to come; our part is not to stand crying to Him to save us; He has made all necessary provisions for that, and our part is to come. What would you think of the man who, standing on a sinking ship, continued to cry unto those in the Life-boat to save him. He had but to leap and he would be safe. So also the sinner—he has but to come and is safe. May the Lord give you grace to come now.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

ALL INVITED.

But is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish.

2 Pet. iii. 9.