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**Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.—Isaiah i. 18.**

### Editorial.

We have received the July number of "The Thousand Island Park" publication, from which we learn that the managers have made arrangements for the summer work at that popular resort for Christian workers, upon a scale equal to, if not surpassing, the programme of former years. The meetings announced are the Sixth Annual Camp Meeting July 11th to 18th; Scientific and Esthetic Conference, July 21st to 27th; International Christian Temperance Camp Meeting, July 28th to Aug. 1st; Sunday School Parliament, Aug. 4th to 16th; the International Society for Investigating and Promoting the Science of Teaching, Aug. 16th to 21st; Christian Summer Training College for Lay Workers, Aug. 22nd to 25th; Course of Lectures on Social Science, Aug. 26th to 31st. The Summer Training College for Lay Workers promises to be of special interest to Y. M. C. A. workers. The express object of this gathering is the discussion of such topics and methods as will be most helpful to lay workers and evangelists in our churches, and various other Christian organizations.

"Some of the most eminent Christian workers in America will be present. No effort will be spared to make this four days' meeting most helpful to all lay workers, both men and women, in the church.

"Earnest workers of the Y. M. C. A. from various points, but chiefly from Toronto, Canada, have purchased three lots at the Park, and erected thereon a commodious building, which contains lodging rooms, a large reading room, and public hall."

Friends desiring to arrange for the use of rooms in the building will receive information,

as to terms, by addressing Mr. Geo. B. Meadows, Kingston.

During the past week we have been favored with a visit from Mr. E. D. Ingersoll, Railroad Secretary of the International Executive Committee. He visited this city partly in the interest of our railroad work, and during his stay met with our Executive and the Railway Committee, and it is hoped the result of the interview may prove beneficial to the work.

The number of young men applying at our rooms for employment is very large: and any employer needing workmen, of any class, would be performing an act of charity by leaving their address with the Secretary.

The Gospel Service on Sabbath last was well attended, and the interest was maintained throughout. These meetings have been blessed to the conversion of souls. Christian friends, we ask your prayers that the success may be still more marked.

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#### A LESSON TAUGHT BY A SPIDER.

One summer evening while in my study, my attention was attracted by the operations of a spider which had built its web across one corner