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AS Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

JOHN iii. 14, 15.

WHAT THE ASSOCIATION IS AND DOES.

MANY mistaken ideas as to the true work of the Young Men's Christian Association prevail at the present time. To try to correct these we will from time to time print clear cut statements bearing on this important subject. This week we reprint what was so excellently ex-

pressed in the last annual report of the New York Association.

"A person unfamiliar with the Association might ask, in passing this building: 'For what object has it been erected?' Some of ample means have the impression that it is a place to which they can send destitute men, whom they would like to help, provided it cost them nothing. Others consider it an organization of young men without much physical or intellectual force, and easily imposed upon by any shrewd counsellor who comes along. The hobby rider thinks it is exactly the kind of society that will give him an opportunity to ride his hobby before the public. The unknown singer or lecturer desiring to be heard by a New York audience expects that, on the plea of a benefit for some benevolent object, the hall will be granted free of expense. These four classes generally go away disappointed. Another class of persons think we hold here a perpetual prayer meeting. Others think that nothing else should be done under this roof but the holding of religious services. Some think we are a bureau of information on every subject. One considers that the Association is only a library, another that it is exclusively a gymnasium, another calls it an evening college, or a club, or an employment agency. Others think it a place

Great are Thy tender mercies, O Lord.
Psalm cxix. 156.