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"Whosoever,
therefore, shall
confess me before men, him
will I confess also before my
Father which is in heaven.
But whosoever shall deny me
before men, him will I also
deny before my Father which
is in heaven."

Matt. x. 32, 33.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

A RECENT issue of the Harrisburg (Pa.) Bulletin says:

"It is not too much to say that the members of the Young Men's Bible Class have, on the whole, developed more in grace and knowledge the past year than have any others of our members. It is significant that of 35 young men belonging to the class all are active workers on ten different committees, including the chairmen of Young Men's Meeting, Young Men's Bible Class, Boys' Prayer Meeting, and Daily Morning Meeting committees. Within two months there have gone out from this class the General Secretary of an Association far up in New England and the Assistant Secretary of one of the largest Associations in our own State. Each of them will become a leader of similar classes, and thus the circles of good influence are widening."

We rejoice at reading the above testimony, and we trust that the day is not

far distant when the Bible Classes of our Associations will be multiplied an hundred fold. The article says "developed more in grace and knowledge than any others of our members." Of course they did, and they have developed in the line calculated to fit them to fight the devil. Strong Young Men with the Word of God abiding in them. All the muscle ever developed in all the gymnasiums of all the Associations *would not fit a man to fight Satan*. But the development resulting from Bible Class training will fit for fight, for counsel, for guidance, for stability, for glory. Lyceums, Socials, Gymnasiums, Lectures (good under certain conditions) all combined could never produce such results. Let us stand by our colors as Christians and hold to "the Word." We are thankful, that there is a marked improvement in the attendance at our Young Men's Bible Class. It is true that we can not speak of crowded meetings, but we can speak of seasons of much spiritual blessing, and oft times has our heart burned within us as *He* talked with us, and opened to us the Scripture. We want the Young Men to join with us every Monday evening at 8 o'clock for one hour.

WE have just returned from the Truro Convention, having visited Associations on our homeward trip. In our next issue (D.V.) we will give a few notes on points of interest.

WHAT IS IT?

THE most peculiar ideas prevail among those who have never taken the trouble to investigate the matter in regard to the character and aims of the Young Men's Christian Association. Is it a