

the organization. Membership is forfeited by absence from the Sunday Bible Class for four consecutive Sundays, without a good reason.

The Club had its first session one bright Sunday afternoon in June, 1898, on the doorstep of the Elizabeth Street Public School. The raw material out of which it was formed consisted of three boys about fifteen or sixteen years of age just ejected from the Mission School next door, as "in-corrigibles", one lad having refused to stand during the opening prayer. Since then, almost eleven years have passed, and, at the last regular Sunday meeting previous to this writing, the chairman called on one of the members to offer the opening prayer, and a young man, with the same name as when he was obstinate "raw material", but now a new man in Christ Jesus, responded.

The Baraca Club has been nurtured by the Central Presbyterian Church, in its Elizabeth Street Mission, and afterwards under the shadow of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who freely allowed, for the use of the work, an unused carriage house and stable on their premises. Truly it was not much of a beginning, but as the mother of one of the boys said, "If a stable was good enough for the Lord to be born in, a stable is good enough for the Baracas."

This building was remodeled, much of the work being done by the members of the Club, and consists of a parlor at the back, in which the Sunday Bible Class and other meetings are held, and a gymnasium in front, in which games of basket ball and handball are played

in the winter. In the summer, the members are enthusiastic in baseball, football, etc. The baseball team this year is entered in the Senior Presbyterian League.

The Baraca Club of Toronto endeavors to enter into the lives of its members, to furnish healthful recreation, to provide Christian companionship and environment, and to stimulate all its members to attain to the highest type of Christian manhood, expressed in loyalty to God, and service for humanity.

One absent member writes, "I do certainly miss you all on Sunday afternoons." Another said, before leaving us, "I never studied my Bible in my life before, as I have done since you got hold of me." He writes from his New Ontario home, "I think when our shanty is finished, you will feel proud of it. I would like you to think of it, as a Baraca Boys' Home, and when I get settled down, I would like to invite any of our lads who are getting over an illness. This is a fine healthy spot, and I would make them as comfortable as possible."

The Baraca Club became incorporated, April 1st, 1907, in order to give permanence to the work, and to permit of its holding property, as the members looked forward to some day "having a home of their own". This prospect is about to be realized; a building has been planned, which, with the lot, will cost about \$10,000. The Treasurer has in the bank \$2,800, and in promises about \$2,000 more, or \$4,800 in all. The members have now entered on a campaign to raise the balance required, so that they may be in their own home by the autumn.—Toronto

Lesson Calendar: Third Quarter

1. July 4. Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Antioch to Philippi. Acts 16 : 6-15.
2. July 11. Paul's Second Missionary Journey—The Philippian Jailer. Acts 16 : 25-40.
3. July 18. Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Thessalonica and Berea. Acts 17 : 1-15.
4. July 25. Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Athens. Acts 17 : 22-34.
5. August 1. Close of Paul's Second Missionary Journey. Acts 18 : 1-11.
6. August 8. Paul's Instructions to the Thessalonians. 1 Thessalonians 5 : 12-24.
7. August 15. Paul's Third Missionary Journey—Ephesus. Acts 19 : 8-20.
8. August 22. Paul's Third Missionary Journey—The Riot in Ephesus. Acts 19 : 23-30, 35-41.
9. August 29. Paul on Christian Love. 1 Corinthians 13 : 1-13.
10. September 5. Paul's Third Missionary Journey—Farewells. Acts 20 : 17-35.
11. September 12. Close of Paul's Third Missionary Journey. Acts 21 : 1-17.
12. September 19. REVIEW.
13. September 26. Temperance Lesson. 1 Corinthians 10 : 23-33.