

SOCIAL.



ON Tuesday last the Board of Directors with the Workers met in the Parlor of the Association to spend a few hours in a social manner with this retiring Secretary. After tea, the chair was taken by Mr. Blake, who spoke of the regret felt by all that Mr. Sandham had decided to withdraw from active Association work. He also bore testimony to the work performed. Mr. Caldecott, Vice-President and Chairman of the Finance Committee, spoke of his nearly 20 years work with the retiring Secretary in Montreal and Toronto.

Mr. Peake then came forward and read the following address:—

To MR. ALF. SANDHAM,
General Secretary, Toronto Young
Men's Christian Association,

Dear Brother,—On the occasion of your retirement from the position of General Secretary of this Association, which you have for nearly five years filled with acceptance to us, and honor to yourself, it is but fitting that we should in some tangible manner express to you our profound sense of the loss we are about to suffer.

We glorify God in your behalf for the talents with which He has endowed you, as well as the grace given unto you, to use them unsparingly for His Glory and the benefit of those among whom you labour.

We gladly recognize the fact that at no previous time in the history of the Association, has there been more spiritual activity manifested in our work among young men, than at present, and this we feel justified in attributing largely to the careful oversight you have exercised in the work as a whole, and the wise counsels you have given to the various committees, in their distinctive duties. It is a source of un-

feigned satisfaction and pleasure to us to believe that although the tie which has so long bound you to the Association as General Secretary is about to be severed, we shall still have the benefit of your wise and godly counsel in the work of "the improvement of the spiritual, intellectual, and social condition of young men and the promotion of Christian work in the city."

We ask your acceptance of the accompanying token of our Christian regard for you, and beg to assure you that our prayers will ascend to the Throne of Grace in your behalf, that the grace which has guided and sustained you in the work of the Young men's Christian Association may still be vouchsafed unto you in your new sphere, and that even greater blessings may crown your future labors.

Signed in behalf of the Association.

S. H. BLAKE, President.

The address, which was beautifully illuminated and bound in album style, was also signed by all the Directors and Workers.

With the address, Mr. E. Rogers, Treasurer of the Presentation Committee, handed to the retiring Secretary a purse containing \$512 50 in gold.

The Secretary thanked the brethren for these tokens of their goodwill, and spoke of the unmixed pleasure he had experienced during the years of labor in Toronto. There had never been a jarring word, but "great peace" had ruled.

Several workers took part in the meeting, which closed at 10 o'clock.

"NOT UNTO US."

When men, broke out in admiration of Mozart he burst into tears exclaiming. "Not mine! Not mine! It has been given me!" So every earnest Christian says, with humble adoration. "Not my own, but all of Grace! Not the work of man, 'but the gift of God!'"