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EBENEZER

Hitherto, hath the Lord
helped us.—1 Sam. vii. 12.

**JEHOVAH
JIREH.**

The Lord will provide.
—Gen. xxii. 14

DOUBLE NUMBER.

We publish this special double number of the Bulletin for circulation at our 17th anniversary.

HOME AGAIN.

ACORDIAL welcome is extended to our worthy Vice President, John Macdonald, Esq., on his return from a visit to the Old Land, and we hope that at some early date we shall have the pleasure of hearing from him as to Christian and other work witnessed during his visit.

HISTORICAL.

IN briefly reviewing the history of Association work, we cannot but be impressed with the marvellous growth and prosperity which is everywhere evident. We are so prone to limit our thoughts concerning any work, to the narrow sphere in which we ourselves labor, that but few take ground sufficiently elevated to furnish a broad outlook, and wide range of vision. This is perhaps too often the case with Association workers. They look simply at their own Association and its work. If all seems to be prosperous—at once they decide that Y. M. C. Associations are a great success; if, on the other hand, difficulties beset the path, opposition is encountered, apathy and almost deadness marks the membership, at once the cry is, "Associations are a failure." Let us, however, get to a position where we can view the progress of Associations generally, and we must be convinced that the blessing of God assuredly attends this branch of the Church's work. We say the Church's work, and we mean it. We are not an organization independent of the Church; and we believe that an Association, which would declare itself to be so, would speedily lose every right thinking Christian man from its membership. The almost universal recognition of this relationship is one of the principal causes which under God have led to such grand results.

It is probable that some of our readers will be astonished to learn that there is no part of the world which has not its Young Men's Christian Association—that the chain now extends around the entire globe, embracing within its Christian bond, people of every clime and tongue. In each Province of our Dominion—in Newfoundland—in the United States—in priest ridden Mexico—