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THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The call to united prayer issued by the Evangelical Alliance was responded to in St. John's by the Evangelical churches. The ministers and office-bearers came together night after night to find crowded congregations waiting to join in praise and prayer to the gracious Giver of all our blessings. Year after year these services appear to be more thoroughly appreciated, and no doubt very many are cheered and encouraged to resume the battle of life for another year in humble dependence for help on the Hearer of prayer.

A noon prayer-meeting was this year conducted in the Temperance Hall, when the same subjects were presented before the Throne of Grace.

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The young men whose hearts the Spirit of God has enlightened have banded themselves together and formed an association. In order to bring their claims fairly before the various churches an enthusiastic meeting was held in Gower street Methodist Church on the 2nd of January. The chair was occupied by James Goodfellow, Esq., and the speakers were the Revs. M. Harvey, T. Harris, T. Hall-Fitzpatrick, S. Dunn, Messrs. Hon. J. J. Rogerson, McDougal, Seymour, Bromley, Hutchinson, and Deakins. The following evening the young men met and elected their officers and adopted their constitution. The following gentlemen were unanimously elected to office:—James Goodfellow, Esq., president; L. T. Chancey, J. O. Fraser, J. E. Peters, and J. R. Templeton, Esqs., vice-presidents; Alex. Parsons, Esq., secretary; and J. Mews, Esq., treasurer; A. Martin, Esq., corresponding secretary.

EVANGELISTIC WORK IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

The evangelists, Messrs. Hutchinson and Bromley, have been conducting special services in Blackhead and Carbonar. The same blessed results have been witnessed in these places that we reported respecting St. John's, a deepening of the Spirit's work in believers, and the conversion of numbers of souls to God. Early

last month Mr. Deakins, another evangelist from London, arrived in St. John's, and proceeded to Trinity Bay, where he has been conducting services during the month; with what results we are not able to say, but we hope to give our readers some information on these important matters in future numbers.

We have much cause for rejoicing and thankfulness that the Great Head of the Church has been pleased to visit this country with showers of spiritual blessing. There has not been such a spirit of prayer and of inquiry among us for many years. May the work be only begun. We need a revival more than anything else. Let the people of God work and pray, and expect, and "the Lord will do great things for us."

OUR MEETINGS.

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THE WOMEN'S FREE LIBRARY.

This, like the Blanket and Sheet Society, originated entirely with the secretary of the Infants' Friend Society, who felt it desirable that the poor women attending the mothers' meetings, and those relieved by the Infants' Friend Society, should have a higher class of reading provided for them than the common newspapers and other trashy and vicious publications which they provided for themselves, the articles in which so frequently formed the topics of conversation when they met, and induced an unhealthy desire for their perusal.

After pondering the subject for some time, and waiting till the Blanket Society was not only launched but firmly established, she determined to make an appeal to the friends in the Chapel Manual, published in Jan., 1877, and while it was in the press called a meeting of the committee of the Infants' Friend Society, to lay before them her plans, prepare them for the forthcoming appeal, and invite their cordial co-operation.

After speaking of the unlooked for great success of the Blanket Society, she says: "We would now give expression to another great wish of our heart.—the establishment of a library for the poor women connected with all our societies—a library of pure, healthy, moral, and religious literature, not too dry, nor above their heads, but such works as can be obtained from the Religious Tract Society; and they must be chiefly tales and periodicals, such as the *Leisure Hour*, *Sun-*