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OUR PLATFORM.

"The Young Men's Christian Associations seek to unite those young men, who, regarding Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour, according to the Holy Scriptures, desire to be His disciples, in their doctrine and in their life, and to associate their efforts for the extension of His kingdom among young men."

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THE ANNUAL MEETING.



ONE of the most important meetings ever held in the history of our Association will be that of Tuesday evening, 13th inst. In addition to the presentation of our annual reports, the selection of office-bearers for the ensuing year will take place. It is most gratifying to announce that our beloved President has consented to remain in office another year, and this is all the more pleasing when we remember the great demands which are made upon his time not only in his profession, but in extensive Sabbath school and church work.

Some changes will take place on the Board and it will be all the better fitted through the addition of several younger men, to meet and settle the vital questions upon which rests the wellbeing of the Association and the best interests of the 20,000 young men in our city. The names of the several gentlemen nominated for office are hanging up in the parlor, and we trust that every member will scan them closely, ponder well, and wisely choose those who will best advance their interests and build up upon a broader basis the principles which should actuate us in reaching the vast numbers of young men in our city who, as yet, have not been touched.

Create in me a clean heart.
Psalm li. 10.

The Triumphing of the wicked is short.

Job xx. 5.

MR. F. SCHIVEREA

THE Devotional Committee have arranged for the return of Mr. Schiverera and during the month of November he will conduct a series of evangelistic meetings every evening in the parlor. Those who were privileged to hear and meet him last year will, we are sure, be glad to welcome him back to labor amongst us for a short time, and we earnestly trust that, as before, great blessing may attend his visit. Let us each one pray and work for this end, then there will be no fear of the results.

TRAINING CLASS.

THE Training Class which meets every Thursday from 8 to 9 o'clock affords an excellent opportunity to our members to acquire Scriptural knowledge, and proficiency in practical Christian work. The first half hour is taken up in studying the Word; the second is most profitably used in applying the Word in our work.

The evenings in October will be spent in analysing Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers, and in finding Scripture suitable to meet the excuses of those who say, "I will some day but not now," "I couldn't hold out," "I'm not deeply enough convicted," "I must prepare myself first."

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.

ARRANGEMENTS have been completed and classes will be organized in the following subjects on Friday evening, October 17th: Latin, French and German will be taught by Mr. M. L. Rouse, a member of two British Universities, and long resident on the Continent of Europe. Freehand ornamental and landscape drawing by Mr.

J. Loxton Rawbone, artist. Book-keeping by Mr. Peter McIntyre, and Phonography by Mr. Archibald McIntyre.

From the well known ability of the teachers we are sure a large number of our young men will avail themselves of this excellent opportunity of acquiring knowledge which will be of great service in their business.

The book-keeping and phonography are free to our members; for the other classes a small fee will be charged. Remember the 17th at 8 o'clock.

THE EXHIBITION AND CAMP WORK.

SPACE will not permit to-day to give a detailed account of the interesting meetings held under canvas both at the Exhibition and at the Camp at Niagara.

At the Exhibition one of the meetings lasted for three and a half hours so great was the interest manifested, many bore testimony to the good received in former years through these services. Frequently throughout the day the tent was crowded with readers and others resting. One gentleman, a stranger, whose heart the Lord touched, handed \$20 to Rev. Mr. Gay; another who had been blessed gave \$4. The good seed sown will, we are sure, as in former years, be carried into all parts of the surrounding country, and in the great harvest day of many it will be said "this and that man was born there."

At the Camp we only had about a week this year, but the volunteers were rejoiced to see the Y. M. C. A. tent erected. In large numbers they took advantage of the privileges offered. 456 letters were written and posted, as many as 200 were present at some of the meetings and both officers and men testified to blessings received in former years, and to the good that was being done through the tent services.

We cannot close this brief account

He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

1 John iii. 14.

Wait on the Lord, and He shall save thee.
Proverbs xx. 22.

without referring to the earnest and self-denying labors of Rev. John Salmon, Rev. A. Gay, Mrs. Cornell and the faithful services of our Assistant Secretary, Mr. A. Saunders, who had charge of the tent in both places.

ASSOCIATION NOTES.

MEMBERSHIP fee's for the ensuing year are now due.

THE Schubert Quartette have arranged to give two concerts under the auspices of our Association, on the 26th and 27th of November.

THE General Secretary will be glad to meet young men desiring friendly advice or information, and cheerfully serve them when able to do so.

THE lecture of Archdeacon Farrar was much appreciated by nearly all who heard him, while to the Association Treasury it brought a substantial sum.

THE Training and Bible Classes will be given up during November, in order to enable us, to concentrate all our energy and strength on the evangelistic services conducted by F. Schiverea, the well known evangelist from Brooklyn.

A CORDIAL invitation is extended to young men to attend the class which meets every Sunday afternoon, in the Parlor, from 3 to 4 o'clock. The subject taken up is the International Sunday School Lesson. Come and bring strangers with you.

A FRIEND of our work who does not desire his name known has generously placed at the disposal of the Secretary \$5.00 per month to be used in purchasing tracts and printed matter for distribution in our Boarding House work. May many more do likewise.

THE Toronto Young Men's Christian Association are arranging to give the medical students in the city a social reception. The evening chosen is the 22nd inst. Short addresses from several of the city pastors, members of the Faculty, and Association workers, together with instrumental and vocal music, and refreshments will constitute the programme.

THE Young Men's Christian Association building in Brooklyn was opened on the 30th of September. This is the finest and most complete Association building in the world, costing about \$350,000. Mr. Thos. J. Wilkie, so long and favorably known in connection with the work in Toronto, is to be congratulated on the success which has crowned his efforts. We shall look for grand results in the uplifting of the young men of Brooklyn, through the efficient and varied agencies which are at work in the new building.

THE PROVINCIAL WORK.

THE Provincial Executive Committee held the first meeting for this season on Tuesday, 29th Sept. The Travelling Secretary stated that since his return from England he had received reports from Brantford, Forrest, Guelph, Gananogue, Hamilton, Kingston, London, London East, Montreal, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Port Hope, Perth, Quebec, Ridgetown, St. Thomas, Seaforth, Sherbrooke, Winnipeg, Watford. With but one exception, these reports were most encouraging, and as letter after letter was read, the Committee "thanked God and took courage." The following District Conferences were proposed:—London, Oct. 29th and 30th; Port Hope, Nov. 5th and 6th; Ottawa, Nov. 12th and 13th. It is not so much the intention of the promoters of these Conferences to make the few hours workers shall spend together, oc-

Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.
Romans x. 11.

casions for public gatherings, as it is to make the gathering of a few workers in each place a time for conferring together on the furtherance of our work among young men. The Provincial Convention will (D. V.) be held at Hamilton about the 17th February next. Arrangements will at once be made for the presentation of papers by leading Association men, upon topics needing our earnest attention.

The Travelling Secretary purposely hastened his return from England, hoping thereby to give the entire month of September to a special work undertaken by the Committee. He was disappointed in this, by a severe attack of bronchitis, which quite prostrated him, and grave doubts were entertained whether he would be able to resume work this winter. Indeed, acting under medical advice, he did seek release from the work, feeling that in its present stage great energy and robust health are needed for all the calls made upon him. The Committee, however, were desirous that he should continue at his post, and expressed their willingness to accept such services as Mr. Cole's health would permit him to render, rather than place a new man in the field at this juncture.

We are glad to report that for now nearly two weeks past there has been great improvement in the health of our Travelling Secretary, and trust he will by God's blessing be fully restored, so that he may continue in the work he loves. Let the brethren of the Associations remember our Travelling Secretary in prayer, and by every means in their power help him in this trying and oftentimes discouraging work.

AN IMPORTANT INCIDENT.

N an obscure corner of an humble chapel there sat, one Sunday morning, a young man burdened with a sense of sin. His heart was longing for rest and peace. The preacher rose in the pulpit. He was a feeble old man, a Methodist, I believe. He was not learned, not eloquent, not famous. With a trembling voice he announced his text:—"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else." He exalted Christ as the

sinner's only refuge. As Moses lifted up the serpent so he displayed Christ. The congregation was small. The eyes of the preacher seemed to rest upon the young man. Raising his voice he shouted, "Young man! look, look now!" It was the birth-moment of the new life. The young man looked and lived. With the look of faith came life. The burden fell from his heart. Joy filled his soul. He left the house justified. The humble preacher knew not, but God did, what glorious work was done that morning. That young man is known throughout the entire world as one of the greatest preachers since Paul's translation. His name—need I say it?—is Charles H. Spurgeon.
—*Dr. MacArthur.*

NOON PRAYER MEETING.

THE noon prayer meeting is held daily from 12 to 12-45. Instead of announcing the subject as formerly, we will make the following definite objects matter for special prayer each day:

MONDAY—Praise and thanksgiving.

TUESDAY—For Y. M. C. A. workers throughout the world.

WEDNESDAY—Families.

THURSDAY—Colleges and schools.

FRIDAY—Missions.

SATURDAY—For blessing on the Sunday services.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

THE Gospel Service for young men held on Saturday evening has been well attended during September. The average being 75. With the return of the Winter we anticipate a very much larger number present. Several incidents during the month were full of interest and encouragement, and we trust our members will endeavour to make this meeting not only profitable spiritually, but also seek to welcome the strangers who come in and make them feel at home in our midst.

The following subjects have been selected for October:—

OCT. 17.—Young Man, have you ever been Converted? Matt. xviii. 3. E. Evans.

“ 24—A young man true to God. Dan. vi. 10. J. J. Bolton.

“ 31.—Young Man where are your sins? Isa. xxxviii. 17. R. Kilgour.

NOV. 7. Three things young men need worse than Money. Prov. iii. 19-26. F Schiverea.