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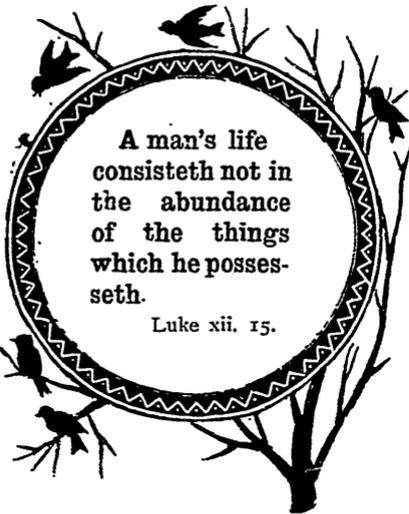
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A man's life  
consisteth not in  
the abundance  
of the things  
which he posses-  
seth.

Luke xii. 15.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

**W**E acknowledge the kindness of Mr. S. R. Briggs in loaning the cut, "Learning to Float," which appeared in our last issue. He has recently reprinted the tract, from which our brief selection was made.

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### OUR MEETINGS.

**T**HE attendance at our meetings still continues to increase. This is specially noticeable in our Young Men's Meeting, Noon Meeting, and the Sunday Evening Meeting.

## PARLOR LECTURE

ON

*TUESDAY, MARCH 11th*

AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M., BY

**J. L. HUGHES, Esq.,**

(Inspector of Schools),

SUBJECT :

**'PHYSICAL MANHOOD.'**

All invited. As this lecture is specially connected with the C. L. S. C., the members of City Circles are urged to attend. Admission free.

**They that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.**

He that...hardeneth his neck shall suddenly  
be destroyed.—Prov. xxix. 1.

## YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

GONE ASTRAY.

SEVERAL of our brother Secretaries have received a letter from an anxious mother who wishes to secure information concerning her son. We know of no better way to help than by publishing the letter and we ask those brethren who publish Bulletins to find a place in the same, for the letter. We may be used in this way toward securing the desired end. While the mother names Canada, it is possible that this young man may be somewhere in the United States.

"A mother who for three years has heard no tidings of her son, whom she supposes to be in Canada, earnestly begs the young men of this Association that if they meet with one Francis Kroeber (a. e. 28, an Englishman by birth, but speaking German fluently), they would kindly beg him to write to his family; or if they have heard of anyone of this name would they, for Christ's sake, send word to 73 Kremlin Drive, Stoneycroft, Liverpool, England."

## EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

GRATEFUL.

THE following letter from the Committee of the Deaf Mute Class will speak for itself:—

"Dear Sir,—As you are aware there is a small collection taken up every Sunday after our meeting, and as we have as yet done nothing with the money thus accumulated during the last few years, it was unanimously agreed at a recent meeting of the deaf mutes, to offer the sum of forty dollars (\$40.00), the greatest part of our fund, as a donation to the Y.-M. C. A., as a small acknowledgment of many kindnesses received from the Society in the use of their room and in admission to their lectures. We desire at the same time that you will convey to the Committee our sincere thanks for all the advantages we have enjoyed."

Yours faithfully,

PHILIP FRASER,

ROBT. GREEN,

THOMAS JOHNSON.

R. SLATER,

A. W. MASON,

Toronto, 1884.

THE MAN AND THE ARK.

IN Manchester Mr. Moody was speaking to a group of listeners. A man came and stood on the outskirts of the group, and he didn't seem much impressed.

Mr. Moody asked, "Are you a Christian?" "No, I'm not; but I'd like to be." "Well, I'll speak to you, and the rest will hear, and perhaps be helped." He spoke, and quoted a number of passages, but no light came. At last he asked "What's the trouble?" and found it was the old thing, "I can't feel." "Oh, look here, was Noah safe in the ark?" "Yes, of course." "Well, then, what saved him—his feelings or the ark?" "What!" cried the man, "that's it; what a fool I've been?" Away he went, and Mr. Moody didn't see him for some time. However, he saw him a week or two after. "Do

He hath appointed a day in the which He will  
judge the world.—Acts xvii. 31.

## How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation ?

Hebrews ii. 3.

you remember me ?" "I know your face, but I can't think where I've seen you." "Don't you remember the man and the ark ?" "Are you the man ?" "Yes." "How's it now ?" "Ah! the ark has done it. It was the ark saved Noah, not his feelings. I'm trusting the Ark. Why don't you preach that oftener ?" "It's not feelings, but Christ—not feelings, but trusting to the word of the living God.

### TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 4:30 O'CLOCK,

CONDUCTED BY REV. PROF. McVICAR.

#### DISTRICT CONFERENCE.



ON Tuesday, Feb. 26, the District Conference of Central Ontario Y. M. C. Associations assembled in our Parlor. Delegates were present from Hamilton, St. Thomas, Brantford, Orillia, Port Hope, Newmarket, Davenport, Eglinton, Guelph, Whitby, and Parkdale. The Conference was also favoured with the presence and invaluable aid of Messrs. E. D. Ingersoll and J. T. Bowne, International Secretaries; also of Mr. A. Munro, Railway Secretary at Troy, N. Y.

The Conference opened at 2.30 p.m. with a devotional meeting, after which the topic, "What work can Associations successfully prosecute without a General Secretary?" was opened by Mr. Craig, of Port Hope. His remarks were based principally on his experience in the Association at Port Hope, which was organized seventeen years ago, and with which he had been identified since its inception. The Association first carried on a Sunday morning meeting for prayer, which was found to be very helpful. A Bible Class for young men was also found to be essential; also, tract distribution and cottage meetings.

Mr. Baldwin (of Toronto) spoke of experience in early days with an Association in connection with the St. James' Cathedral, showing that a good work can be done even without a Secretary. With them it was the custom for one member to attend each night at the Reading Room. The worker went early, cleaned up the place and arranged the papers, after which he was ready to receive the callers and do work for the Master.

Mr. Cole dwelt upon the good which could be done by members in this way.

Mr. H. B. Gordon spoke of the additional advantage to be gained by having one member to go out to invite, while the other staid in to receive.

Over an hour was spent in the further discussion of this subject, and the final decision was, that while there are certain fields of labor which can be occupied without a Secretary, yet in any towns of 3000 and upward there should be a man employed to give at least part of his time to the work.

The topic, "Have Young Men's Christian Associations been successfully carried on in villages of from 500 to 1,000, and in towns of from 3,000 to 5,000 population?" was then taken up for discussion.

The topic was opened by Mr. W. H. Howland. He said that Y. M. C. Associations, as generally understood, had not as a rule, proved successful in small places. The failure he attributed to "too much machinery." They had adopted all the plans of some city Associations, with its Board of Directors, its standing committees, &c., and they had broken down under the weight of such a burden. The life had not been sufficient to carry the heavy body. But this does not argue against successful work for young men, and there is no reason why, in every village, a work should not be done. Even though there be but two or three Christians who would agree to meet and pray for guidance, and then, when light was given, to go out and

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish.

Acts xiii. 41.

work, there would surely be blessing. A small band of praying men, with a definite object, would effect great results. The Association at Eglinton, about three miles from Toronto, is an evidence of the truth of this statement.

Mr. Gartshore, of Eglinton Y. M. C. A., told of the success which had attended the work in that place during the past four or five years. Eglinton has a scattered population of about 500. The Association has rented a building, which has been altered to suit the work. A reading room was sustained for two years, but latterly it was deemed advisable to discontinue this. A meeting is held weekly, with much success. The country in the immediate neighbourhood has been visited, and district meetings held, with blessing resulting therefrom. Special services have been held from time to time, and many young men have been won for Christ.

Mr. Murray, of Orillia, spoke of the work in that town. They had experienced difficulty at times, but he believed that they had now passed the most trying times, and that with God's blessing good work may yet be done.

Mr. Cole, Travelling Secretary, spoke of a number of Associations in smaller towns or villages in the Maritime Provinces which for years had been carried on very successfully, but the life of these Associations (humanly speaking) had been the interest taken in them by members of city Associations, who had visited them at intervals and aided in directing the work.

Mr. J. T. Bowne, of New York, gave some valuable suggestions as to work in small towns, shewing that in the State of New York several places having two to five thousand inhabitants now support a General Secretary, and are doing a good work.

The Conference adjourned at 5.30 to allow the delegates the privilege of attending a lecture to be delivered to the Toronto Y. M. C. A. members by Rev. Prof. Burwash, of Cobourg. Sub-

ject, "Bricks and the Bible." The members of the Conference attended in full force, and were amply repaid for the break in the business discussions, as the lecture was one calculated to help any Christian worker.

Wednesday, after the devotional exercises, Mr. E. D. Ingersoll opened the topic, "Our work a definite work for young men, and why." He said that those Associations which have come down to first principles are now the most successful. The time was when the question was oft put, "Why should such Associations exist?" but now it is acknowledged that there is a need for such organizations, and that they should be liberally supported. Of course the work and methods of work are at times severely criticised, and so they should be, and if the work being done by an Association will not stand honest criticism, it is time such a body should be disbanded. Our work should be definite. The time was when it was thought that a Y. M. C. A. should be a little of everything,—Educational, Charitable, Temperance, Amusement, City Mission, in fact anything short of a sewing circle; but definiteness is now the aim. This is correct. The young men of the land need to be reached, and are the most difficult to reach. Statistics shew that our church membership is not largely composed of young men. Nor do they as a rule predominate in the church audiences. But go to our saloons, theatres, billiard halls, and even lower dens of vice, and there they are found in large numbers. In fact if we could withdraw from these places the patronage of young men, three quarters of these dens would be closed in six months. Out in Ohio it cost \$5,000 to convict a young man of murder. He had been left without home and friends. No one had taken interest in him, and he had drifted down till the felon's doom was his. But once convicted, then he became an object of interest to many. If half that

Be sure your sin will find you out.

Numbers xxii. 23

If ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins.

John viii. 24.

interest had been shown before, he might have been saved. The Y. M. C. A. is organized to reach and save young men. The question is not "Does it save all, but does it save some?" We answer, it does; but outside of this fact lies the preventative work accomplished, and who will dare to measure it. Let it be ever remembered that the work is to *save Young Men*, nothing less; and if we fail in this, we cannot claim to be a success. This being our work, it necessarily follows that we should as far as possible cut off all outside efforts, good though they may be, and confine ourselves to this one object. In many of the large Associations this is being done. Mixed meetings are not, as a rule, a success. True, the audiences may be larger, but the results are not so satisfactory. Many Associations have moved for years in a special rut, and it is hard to get out of it; but when the experiment of holding meetings for Young Men only, has been tried, it has proved eminently successful. Ever bear in mind that Y. M. C. A.'s were raised up by God to meet a need, and only as we prove faithful, will be blessed. Let our motto be, *Young Men exclusively*. Then the work will overflow. Workers will be raised up and will be led into lines which will reach outside.

In reply to questions asked, Mr. Ingersoll gave following replies:—

Young men will be more likely to remain to an after meeting if not accompanied by females.

It is theory and not fact, that young men will stay away if the meetings are not open to women.

Most successful meetings held in larger Associations are strictly for young men.

The most successful Association in the United States is one in which there is not a single *mixed* gathering held in their building.

Many of the principal Associations are now making changes with a view to discontinuance of mixed meetings.

Perhaps it would be well, under pecu-

liar circumstances, to hold one general meeting monthly.

Mr. Craig, of Port Hope, and Mr. Lonsdale, of Hamilton, spoke in support of the ground taken by Mr. Ingersoll.

The General Secretary of the Toronto Y. M. C. A. opened the topic, "The Bible in our work, especially with a view to preparation for public service," after which Mr. A. H. Munro, of Troy, N. Y., opened the topic, "Importance of Association work among Railroad Men, and how best conducted."

The importance of the work can not be questioned. A Christian man, all things being equal, is the safest and best man to be entrusted with a station, an engine, a train, a switch, or a baggage room. Some may ask, why single out railway men, or make a speciality of work among them? Does not the Devil make special efforts to ruin them. What mean the signs, "*Railroad Inn*," "*Railway Man's Rest*"? &c. Simply that the Devil is singling out these men; and therefore efforts must be made to thwart his designs. It is true that mistakes have been made, but experience is enabling the Associations to wisely direct their efforts; and now, even railway managers who are not Christians, admit that it pays to support these Associations.

Mr. Orr, of St. Thomas, endorsed these remarks, and added that it needs *railway men* to do a successful work among *railway men*. There is always a fellow feeling between such which never exists when the Secretary or person in charge of the work is an outsider. His experience had led him to this conclusion. He referred to the good work which had been accomplished at St. Thomas, by the Hospital for wounded and sick railway men; also by their Library, which is available by men at all points of the line, the books being forwarded on receipt of Library check.

Mr. Ingersoll wished to correct a somewhat prevalent idea, that the Y. M. C. A. had singled out railway men as persons needing special care. The fact

Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Galatians vi. 7.

## God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ.

Romans ii. 16.

is, the railway work was instituted by railway men themselves, and they had requested the Y. M. C. A. to take the work in charge. He endorsed the words, "that none can reach a *railroad man* better than a *railroad man*."

The following suggestions were elicited by questions:—

As a rule, new organizations result from the visits of Christian railway men to points where the work is in operation.

The work should be carried on with a view to the needs of *train men*. Employees stationed at any point, or mechanics in the employ of the companies, have, as a rule, regular hours, and can avail themselves of church privileges.

Wherever a Company has provided a reading room, an effort should be made to secure the privilege of holding stated religious meetings therein.

Cottage meetings in the homes of railway men are desirable, but should never be conducted as Bible Lectures. They should be as informal as possible, and be held where the greatest number of train hands are likely to be secured.

Mixed meetings are more allowable in this work, but believe that "men's meetings only" are the most satisfactory. Men will drop in in their working clothes if it be a men's meeting.

The men are best reached by personal work.

Sleeping rooms in connection with the work have not been a success, and the success of lunch rooms is doubtful.

Some Associations do make use of games, but these require a strong hand to keep in check, and might at best be looked upon as one of the lower steps in the work of reaching outsiders.

Topic—"Importance and claims of the Executive Committee on Associations," was taken up. Mr. Cole, Travelling Secretary, read the report of the Committee's work. [This report has been printed in pamphlet form, and may be procured by addressing Mr. Cole, 219 Spadina Avenue, Toronto.] The report is very satisfactory in every particular, save in finances, there being a balance of \$117.67 due the Treasurer.

Mr. R. Baldwin addressed the Conference upon the importance of the work entrusted to the Committee, and urged the members to use their efforts toward arousing greater interest among the members of their respective Associations.

Mr. Lonsdale, in response to a request, gave an account of the methods adopted in England for District Visitation, which had in that land proved a success.

Thursday morning was spent in the discussion of the different branches of work usually carried on by Associations.

In the afternoon, Mr. C. Edwards opened the subject of "Work among Boys." The discussion of this subject elicited much interest. Mr. Edwards dwelt specially upon the importance of making this work a religious work. He said that in Toronto, in the earlier stages of the work, efforts had been made to *entertain*, but the success had been very small. During latter years the work had been thoroughly religious, and as a result, fruit is being gathered; and at a recent meeting, five of the lads professed faith in Jesus Christ.

Messrs. Findlay (Toronto), Orr (St. Thomas), Lonsdale (Hamilton), and Cole, Travelling Secretary, took part in the discussion.

Perhaps the most practical session of the Conference was that held on Thursday afternoon, when the topic, "Work in Colleges," was opened by the Rev. G. M. Wrong, of Wycliffe Hall, ex-President of the University Y. M. C. A. He said: The students of to-day are to be leaders of men; it is therefore of the utmost importance that underlying all the studies should be the solid foundation of Christian principle. In his address he dwelt upon three points:

1st. The men to do the work. They must be *men*—true men. If there is anything a student dislikes, and readily detects, it is a sham. But they like a true man. So a true Christian man, one sincere, faithful, humble, will never fail to secure a hearing.

2nd. Men to work upon. These are thoughtful men, and when men are

The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness.

Romans i. 18.

## Many sorrows shall be to the wicked.

Psalm xxxii. 10.

such, it must be that at times their thoughts will be directed to spiritual things, and if the Gospel be lived up to, and presented by the workers, it will command the attention of the student. This shows how much responsibility rests upon the Christian student, living among those who look to them to see what Christianity is.

3rd. How to do the work. Not necessarily by public meetings, but specially by personal contact with the fellow student. In this work much tact and judgment is needed, and if an earnest and honest approach be made, it will seldom fail to secure a response, if not hearty it will be at least respectful. Meetings, however, should be held from time to time, and should be lively. A dry meeting, where the leader delivers his message in the form of a theological treatise, or a doctrinal essay, will never commend itself even to Christian students, how much less so to the unconverted man. All addresses should be brief, pointed, suggestive.

To these meetings invitations should be freely extended, and backed up by members accompanying a fellow student. If these suggestions are carried out, and if the members of the College Associations make the work a subject of prayer, there must be blessing.

Mr McKenzie, President of the University Association, spoke of the success which had attended the work. The meetings have an attendance of from 50 to 80. In addition to meetings in the University, classes are conducted on three evenings of each week in the Boy's Home, and are closed with a brief religious service. Hospital visitation is also carried on by some of the members. Efforts had been made to open a Mission meeting, but the way had been so hedged up that they had accepted it as a token that the Lord would have them devote their energies among the students.

Mr Garside spoke of the work carried on in Woodstock Literary Institute. This Association was organized about a year ago. Work was at once entered upon, and as a result of Mission meet-

ings, some 56 persons were led to Christ.

Mr. D. McLaren, a graduate of the University, gave his experience of work in past years, and also of visits paid by him to Associations in Queen's College, Kingston, Albert College, Belleville, and Victoria College, Cobourg. In some of these, specially at Kingston, much had been accomplished among the students and in the city. He also referred to his experience at the University at Edinburgh, and at Bonn, Germany. He referred to the deadness in spiritual matters, especially in the latter country. The University to which he was attached was the only one in all the empire in which a prayer meeting is regularly held, and yet even there, at a prayer meeting, out of 1,100 students, only 12 were present.

Mr. E. D. Ingersoll spoke of the great advance made in University Association work in the United States. As an illustration he stated that at the recent Convention of the Association of Michigan, there were 110 college delegates present; and added to this is the blessed fact that during the past year revivals have taken place, and over 1,300 conversions have been reported.

Some time was then spent in prayer and song, after which the meeting adjourned to take part in a social tea, provided by the Toronto Y. M. C. A.

After tea, Mr. Gartshore took the chair in the Parlour, when addresses were delivered by Hon. D. Cutcheon, President of the Detroit Association; Rev. Dr. Thomas, Mr. Cole, and Rev. H. M. Parsons. Mr. Parsons' address was listened to with much interest. The subject was "The Bible in our work for personal growth."

This closed the sessions of the third District Conference, and the brethren after singing "Blest be the tie that binds," separated, to proceed to their homes and special fields of labor. The Conference cannot fail to prove beneficial. Its tone was intensely practical, and the one great object, the glory of God in the conversion of young men, was kept in view at all times.

He that believeth not the Son shall not see life.

John iii. 36.

# REMEMBER

—THE—

## YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

HELD

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

STOP BEFORE YOU BEGIN.

**S**UCCESS depends as much on not doing as upon doing: in other words, "Stop before you begin," has saved many a boy from ruin. When quite a young lad I came very near losing my own life and that of my mother, by the horse I was driving running violently down a steep hill and over a delapidated bridge at its foot.

As the boards of the old bridge flew up behind us, it seemed almost miraculous that we were not precipitated into the stream beneath and drowned. Arriving home, and relating our narrow escape to my father, he sternly said to me, "Another time hold in your horse before he starts."

How many young men would have been saved if early in life they had said, when invited to take the first step in wrong-doing, "No, I thank you."

Tampering with evil is always dangerous.

"Avoid the beginning of evil," is an excellent motto for every boy starting out in life.

O how many young men have endeavoured, when half-way down the hill of wrong-doing, to stop, but have not been able!

## GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES

COME.

## BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, MARCH 10.

12 noon.—Thanksgiving and Praise Meeting. The Secretary.

8 p.m.—Young Men's Bible Class, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.

7 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11.

12 to 12.45 noon.—"I Girded Thee, Though Thou Hast not Known Me." Isa. xiv. 1-5; Rom. v. 8. Rev. T. Woodward.

8.00 p.m.—Lecture by J. L. Hughes, Esq. Subject, "Physical Manhood."

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Am I Keeping His Words? John xiv. 21-24. H. E. Gordon.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ Unmoved by Opposition in His Work of Healing. Luke xiv. 1-6. Rev. H. M. Parsons.

8 p.m.—Worker's Meeting for Prayer and Mutual Edification.

FRIDAY MARCH 14.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Words of Warning. Matt. xxiv. 36-39; 2 Peter iii. 10-14. Rev. J. Salmon.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Soul Poverty. Luke xii. 15-21 Rev. iii. 17, 18. Rev. C. O. Johnson.

4.30 p.m.—Teacher's Bible Class. Rev. Prof. Mc-Vicar.

7.30 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer. 8.00 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. J. W. Walker.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon. Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian Class. A. E. Hines. 8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. S. Caldecott. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Sec'y.

## Railway Men's Meetings.

W. C. JEX, Railway Secretary.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11.

12.30 to 12.55 noon.—In G. T. R. Roundhouse, Reading Room. Rev. J. Salmon, B.D.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16.

3 p.m.—Union Station. W. Marks and A. E. Hines.

4 p.m.—West End Branch (1020 Queen W.) For speakers, see West End notices below.

## West End Branch.

G. F. POPE, Secretary.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11.

7 p.m.—C. L. S. C. Meeting. 8 p.m.—Bible Class. Mr. R. Awde.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15.

8 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. G. F. Pope.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16.

4 p.m.—Gospel Meeting. Rev. A. Duff and W. C. Jex.