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"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

—Proverbs xvi. 25.

BULLETIN FUND.

The following amounts have been received during the past week :—

S. H. B.....	\$10 00
W. R.....	3 00
W. J. McL.....	1 00
Jehovah Nissi.....	1 00
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	\$15 00

THE LIBRARY.

WE are indebted to James Leslie, Esq., of Eglinton, for a donation of six volumes of recently published books.

NIAGARA CAMP.

THE work at the Camp has been much owned of God, and has found greater favor with the men than during any previous year. In the next number we shall give some details taken from the reports of those who have been in charge.

ANNUAL MEETING.

MEMBERS will please bear in mind that the annual business meeting for reception of reports, &c., will be held next Tuesday evening. A full attendance is desired.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS SHOULD BE:

MUCH in Prayer, Luke xviii. 1.
MUCH in the Word, Joshua i. 8.
MUCH in the Work, 1 Cor. xv. 58.

UNANSWERABLE.

LET me press that solemn question, a question which we cannot answer, which the devil cannot answer, which the angels in heaven cannot answer, which even God Himself cannot answer, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

ANNUAL MEETING

FOR THE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

AND

RECEPTION OF REPORTS,

Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 8 P.M.

IN THE

Members' Parlor, Shaftesbury Hall.

Every member is urged to be present. Young men who may not be members are also invited to attend and hear what has been done for the Master during the past year.

THE TRUE RING.

WE utter a hearty and prolonged AMEN to the following expressions of our brother Minehart, editor of the *Monthly Gleaner*, published in the interests of the Y. M. C. A. of Columbus, Ohio, and our earnest prayer is that the day may speedily come in which our fellow workers in the Y. M. C. A. cause may fully recognize the force of the truth therein taught.

"Many means are used by the Young Men's Christian Association by which the object of their organization may be attained, but the most potent agency yet discovered is a *thoroughly devout Christian young man himself*. One who is consistent, persistent, resistant, and assistant in the sphere of his daily calling. One who has push, piety, power, patience, pluck and perseverance. One who has consecrated his all to Christ, and seeks to consecrate all his energies to promote his glory.

Such a young man will accomplish an hundred fold more in the same length of time among his fellow young men than *all the Rambling Clubs, Concerts, Entertainments, Debating Societies and Gymnasiums in the universe combined*.

We take no stock in the modern idea of trying to conquer the devil with his own weapons. Jesus said, I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me. It is our work to lift up Jesus; it is his to draw men. May God endue every young man in the Association with power to lift up Jesus, and handle the sword of the Spirit; then, there will be no necessity for compromise with the enemy."

The Association in Columbus is evidently determined to be CHRISTIAN. Christ-like. In Acts i. 1 we read, "Jesus began both to DO and TEACH." Precept unaccompanied by practice will have little weight. Jesus DID—therefore he could TEACH others to do. The Columbus Association is DOING, for they have organized special services designed for young men, and by out-door singing, as they march and counter-march through the city, they gather the crowds and then deliver the "Story of JESUS and His love."

It is estimated that in Columbus out of 10,000 young men between the ages of sixteen and forty about 8,000

seldom or never attend church. There is no doubt but that a census of our young men in Toronto would reveal a truth equally sad. Now, what can be done to save such? As the *Columbus Bulletin* adds:—

"Saloons, theatres, billiard halls, and places of worse repute—the very hotbeds of iniquity, crime, and social corruption—are fitted up with a special view to attract young men; and are patronized largely by them. The devil spares no time, money, nor patience to blast the character, ruin the health, mar the reputation, and destroy the happiness of these young men. He never remains on the defensive merely, but is always on the aggressive, ever seeking new plans and methods to successfully carry on his soul destroying work. The great problem that stares the Young Men's Christian Association in the face to-day is, "How shall we reach these masses of young men who throng the streets of our city?" To bring the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into contact with these young men, is the legitimate and specific work of the Association; it is compelled to do this work, or die. It has been organized for this work. For this purpose the people contribute their money for its support. Not to please, amuse, or entertain, but to save by bringing them into direct contact with the Lord Jesus Christ. If we drift away into formalism and worldliness, and allow secular agencies to supersede genuine spiritual activity, it will not be long until *Ichabod*, "thy glory is departed," will be written upon our doors and windows."

May God by his mighty Spirit arouse us, and may the Christian young men of Toronto be filled with zeal and be led to cast aside all thought of the fear and favor of man—to realize as did Paul, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel."

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

ALL INVITED.

DON'T FORGET

THAT WE

EXTEND

TO

Every Young Man

IN

TORONTO,

HEARTY WELCOME

TO

OUR ROOMS.

COME!

THE YOUNG MEN.

MANY of these young men are lonely. They have come down to us; they have come from little islets by the sea; they have come from inland towns, where the grand old elms shade the silent streets; they have come pouring into our city, into the marts of trade. A sense of loneliness comes over them; in the midst of the crowd they feel more solitary than ever they did on the top of the distant hill, or in the thicket far away from human habitation. This young man is lonely as he comes to the city, and now all this is intensified by the intensity of city life; and there are thousands of places open to that young man that offer him society—that offer him pleasure—that offer him a thousand things that his heart longs after; and he is exposed to such a fire of temptation that all the counsel of man and all the grace of eternal God are necessary to save him from ruin. Many of them have already taken the first steps. Now, to meet that young man; now, to go down after that young man; now, to put its Christian, tender arm around that young man,—for that purpose this Association was organized. That is its grand work,—to go out through the

streets of this city and find these young men, and stand by them as a friend, and be to them a guide, to lead them and strengthen them for this hour of temptation. There can be no grander work than that—there can be no more Christly work than that. And this Christian Association is doing this work in our midst. [Rev. E. Meredith's address before the Boston Association.]

God hath appointed **A DAY** in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man (**JESUS.**) Acts xviii. 31.

IT WILL COME.

SINNER!

You may delay the work of repentance, and think the future far off—

BUT IT WILL COME!

Your last call from Heaven far off—

BUT IT WILL COME!

Your last effort to repent far off—

BUT IT WILL COME!

The death-struggle, the shroud, the funeral, far off—

BUT IT WILL COME!

The day of judgment, the day of reckoning, far off—

BUT IT WILL COME!

Eternal banishment from the presence of the Lord, weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth, far off—

BUT IT WILL COME!

NOW (God) commandeth all men every where to repent.

Acts xvii. 30.

**GOSPEL AND SONG
SERVICE,**

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.

COME!

REMEMBER

—THE—

Young Men's Meeting,

HELD

EVERY SATURDAY EVENING.

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME!

Bulletin for Week Commencing Oct. 2, 1882.

MONDAY.....	Oct. 2....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. W. N. Macfarlane.
			8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	"	3....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. S. R. Briggs.
WEDNESDAY	"	4....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. R. Merryfield.
THURSDAY...	"	5....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY	"	6....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. E. Burford.
			8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING.
SATURDAY ..	"	7....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Alf. Sandham.
			8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. H. B. Gordon.
SUNDAY.....	"	8....	3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS.
			8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. J. McGregor.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETING.

SUNDAY, Oct. 8, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meeting at Union Station.