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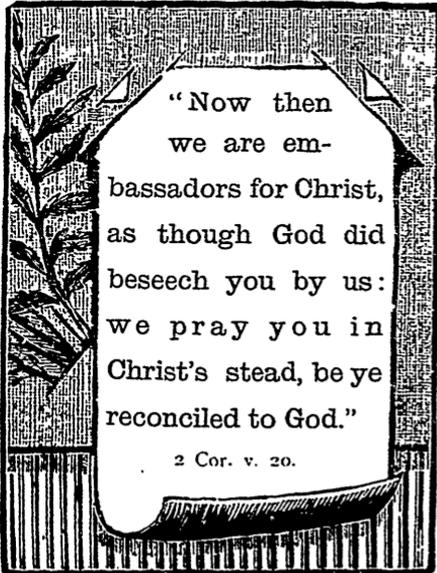
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"Now then
we are em-
bassadors for Christ,
as though God did
beseech you by us:
we pray you in
Christ's stead, be ye
reconciled to God."

2 Cor. v. 20.

BULLETIN FUND.

F. McK	\$1 00
Rev. C. C.	1 00
Workers	2 50
A Friend of the Cause.....	1 00

OUR READING ROOM.

At a recent meeting, the Board of Directors, with the sanction of the Finance Committee, voted a sum of money toward increasing the stock of reading matter in the Parlor and News Rooms. Mr. Douglass, the Librarian, has, with this grant, ordered the following magazines, &c.:

ENGLISH.

Christian World.....	Weekly.
English Mechanic.....	"
Illustrated News.....	"
All the Year Round	Monthly
Boys of England	"
Ch. of England Tem. Magazine.	"
Contemporary Magazine.....	"
Church Bells.....	"
Day of Rest.....	"
Evangelical Christendom.....	"
Illustrated Magazine.....	"
Every Boy's Magazine.....	"
Illustrated Missionary News..	"
Mission Field.....	"
Our Own Fireside.....	"
The Quiver.....	"

AMERICAN.

Art Interchange....	Weekly.
Frank Leslie's Illustrated..	"
Harper's Young People.....	"

There is **NONE** righteous, no, not one.
Rom. iii. 10.

For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.—Eccles. vii. 20.

Art Amateur..... Monthly
 Frank Leslie's Popular..... "
 " Sunday Magazine..... "
 Lippincott's Magazine..... "
 St. Nicholas..... "
 Century..... "

There are also some three or four others which we intend to secure, so that hereafter our Rooms will present greater attractions to the reading young men.

OUR NEW ASSISTANT.

MR. ALEX. SAUNDERS was led to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, in one of our meetings over twelve months ago. Since that time he has been an active worker with us, and since our last Annual Meeting, has been chairman of the Invitation Committee. He now enters the work as Assistant Secretary, and we trust that his intercourse with our young men may be increasingly profitable.

CAMP WORK.

A FEW years ago, it required much persistent effort to secure permission for the erection of a Y. M. C. A. Tent, even in the vicinity of a Brigade Camp, and then it was looked upon by many as an unnecessary adjunct. But patient continuance in well doing and wise management of the work, with an ever present and controlling desire to benefit the young men in camp, has, with God's blessing, entirely changed the whole aspect of the work, and now, with but few exceptions, the Y. M. C. A. workers are cordially welcomed. As to official appreciation, the following extracts from the annual report of the Department of Militia and Defence will bear testimony:—

Camp, Niagara, LT.-COL. DENISON, D. A. G., commanding—"The Young

Men's Christian Association tent from Toronto was erected within our lines. The religious services held in the tent were most acceptable, and no doubt had a good effect upon the conduct of the camp. The tent was provided with writing material, daily papers, &c., free to the men of the camp, which was a source of comfort to all ranks. This Association should have a welcome to all military camps, their property protected, and the feelings of those joining in these services respected." (1)

(1) I would suggest a contribution from Government to these excellent institutes.

Camp, Cobourg, LT.-COL. VILLIERS, D. A. G., commanding—"The presence of the Young Men's Christian Association (1) in camp was thoroughly appreciated, and Mr. Bickle (President) has again my thanks for all the trouble and expense incurred for the welfare of troops by this Association."

(1) These establishments deserve our hearty thanks

Camp, Brockville, Ontario, LT.-COL. MAUNSELL, D. A. G., commanding—"The agents of the Young Men's Christian Association have been as usual untiring in their efforts."

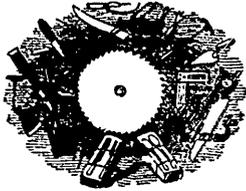
Camp, St. John's, Que., LT.-COL. VAN STRAUBENZEE, D. A. G., commanding—"The Young Men's Christian Association provided a tent, which was well patronized by the men, and a great boon to them."

We quote these references to the work, (1) knowing that they will cheer those who have supported the work, and (2) hoping that these Associations in localities where camps are to be formed this year may take up the work. We are pleased to say that repeatedly young men from country places have visited our Rooms for the purpose of meeting those brethren who labored in the camps. Brethren, "Let us sow beside all waters," and "Let us not be weary" in well doing.

Except ye be converted, and become as **LITTLE CHILDREN**, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of heaven.—Matt. xviii. 3.

As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
Romans viii. 14.

CONFUSION IN THE WORKSHOP.



YES, sad to relate there was confusion in the clerical workshops. Tools designed to work together in harmony were, instead grumbling and fault finding, if not, indeed, actually set by the ears. Bishop Blacksmith smote his forehead in despair, as he looked on his diocese, and heard the angry clatter of discussion concerning the great questions of the day; while all carpenterdom was engaged with equal violence upon the methods of individual labour.

"I contend," exclaimed the profound Rev. D. D. Augur, "that Brother Plane is superficial in his work. He makes a great flourish of shavings, but does not go beneath the surface! I have no patience with him! I believe in going to the depth of things!"

"Yes, you do bore me so," whispered a stupid little blockhead, with a yawn.

"I acknowledge," said the Rev. Forcible Hammer, "the depth of your wisdom, and I admire your penetration; but you must confess your powers of influence are limited to a very small circle."

"Stop, stop, Brother Hammer," cried Deacon Tenpenny Nail, "I grant you make a great noise in the world; but my experience is that your performance affects only the head after all."

Little Gimlet, a preacher of very small calibre, here put in a feeble protest against the surface work so sadly prevalent. He did not think that there was much heart-work accomplished by all this excitement and noise.

A couple of Old Saws put their heads

together ominously, while one mumbled to the other through his broken teeth:

"I have long been dissatisfied with the state of things in this workshop. In my day the motto was 'Slow and sure.' I went to work on a log of wood, not expecting to convert it in a minute into a pile of lumber. Back and forth, through and through, I tore away, until every fibre yielded, but it was tough work, and very slow. Now-a-days it seems to me, you just turn a crank, hear a shriek, see a puff, and the thing is done."

"Well now, Father Saw, we are not talking about old times," said pert bright Brother Chisel. "We have heard all you have to say on that subject over and over again. The question of to-day is, 'Which is the best mode of working?' or rather, 'What is it that is lacking in our most active instruments?' The Rev. Mr. Hammer has been severely criticised, but I have worked under his direction a great deal, and I must say that his style is powerful, and his arguments convincing. Every blow tells."

At this juncture, Horseshoe, a lay member of St. Anvil Church, stepped in, and entered into the contest:

"I have felt the full power of Mr. Hammer's arguments, but I acknowledge I have been more benefited by the influence of Brother Bellows. It is warmth that is required to melt the heart that will not yield to force. Where should I have been were it not for the fire and fervour which he brings to the work?"

There arose a general cry for Mr. Bellows, which puffed up that functionary considerably.

Forgetting where he was, and the inflammatory nature of his audience, he cried out with enthusiasm:

"Ah, yes! Could we but have a forge in every workshop, could the fire of zeal but spread, what might we not accomplish! Warmth, warmth, is all that is needed!"

Professor Grindstone, who had been

If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.
Romans viii. 9.

listening with a somewhat contemptuous expression, turned round slowly upon this, and addressed the company. He had been engaged in sharpening the intellects of a class of young Hatchets, of different grades of capacity. The dulness of some of these had exhausted his patience.

"Excuse me, gentlemen! Warmth is not all' If thoroughly effective work is to be done, more than mere fervour is required. I have had large experience, and have seen many sparks fly which did but light a little tinder. acuteness, polish, culture, in its widest sense, must contribute to the qualification of every truly competent instructor. The times demand culture."

Upon this, Brother Screw, a circuit rider, turned significantly upon Brother Vice, who was totally unpolished, but a faithful and successful worker.

"My plan," said Brother Vice, rather roughly, "is to get a good grip, and then hold fast. I seize upon everybody that comes in my way. As I draw them in, Brother Screw just turns round and keeps them from slipping away. We work together."

"Yes!"—eagerly broke in Brother Plane, who had been taken aback by the remarks of the Right Reverend at the beginning, and now saw an opportunity to say a word for himself—"Yes! We believe in co-operation. When I see a subject in the grip of Brother Vice, I know that it is *my* time to work. You must confess that in smoothing away difficulties, none of you excel me."

Friend Rule and Friend Compass, who had kept their places on the bench in silence hitherto, now expressed a concern that none in undue zeal should go beyond proper bounds. As far as their memory served them, there was no instance on record of work prospering that was not in the line of duty. It must be clearly marked out.

"I am sure," soliloquised Brother Hammer, "I have fastened a nail in a sure place many a time without any such restrictions."

He seemed to forget for the moment the hand of the Master Builder that had controlled him.

Just at at this juncture the "Carpenter's Son" entered His workshop. The talk among the tools ceased. No work had been going on during the discussion. But now, strange to say, the presence of

their Master brought vigorous and harmonious activity.

It was a model of a temple upon which He was engaged; and as it grew under His hand, each in turn, without remonstance, took his part in the work assigned him. Saw and Hammer, Plane and Chisel, Vice and Grindstone, dropped all distinctions, and yielded each to the other as his turn of service came. And thus, in time, under the skilful guiding and forming Hand, the temple grew in beauty and strength unto perfection.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

The Noonday meeting for the week will be conducted by **MR. SOLTAU**. Short addresses on the Lord's Prayer.

EVERY NIGHT
(Except Monday) during this week,

MR. SOLTAU

WILL CONDUCT

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

In Shaftesbury Hall.

Commencing each evening at 8 o'clock.

Ⓜ The Saturday evening meeting is for **YOUNG MEN ONLY**.

On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, at 4 o'clock, Bible Readings by **MR. SOLTAU**, in Shaftesbury Hall.

These meetings are under the auspices of the Canadian Evangelization Society. All invited. Come.

SATURDAY, May 3.

4 30 p.m.—Teacher's Bible Class. Hon. S. H. Blake.

SUNDAY, MAY 4.

3 30 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.

" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian Class.

8 30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. H. O'Brien. 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, MAY 6.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 4.

4 p.m.—Union Station. Jos. Greene and Rev. H. Melville.

4 p.m.—West End Branch (1620 Queen W.) For speakers, see West End notices below.

West End Branch.

G. F. POPE, Secretary.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29.

7 p.m.—G. L. S. C. Meeting.

8 p.m.—Bible Class. Mr. R. Awde.

SUNDAY, MAY 4.

4 p.m.—Gospel Meeting. S. R. Briggs and G. F. Pope.