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"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

1 John v. 13.

A FLYING TRIP.

DURING the past two weeks the writer has visited a few Associations in the United States and also that at Winnipeg. The Brethren of the latter Association have been somewhat hindered in their work, owing to the fire referred to in a former number of our Bulletin. They are, however, once more in the "old quarters" and have a great work before them, as large numbers of the unemployed men to be found there constantly avail themselves of the privileges offered. Winnipeg does not present all the attractions of other cities, and the stranger soon tires of walking the same streets and looking at the same scenes, therefore we should judge that visits now paid to the rooms will be largely increased as the number of strangers is being daily added to.

While in Winnipeg, we received strong confirmation of the truth of God's Word, where it says "they that

WILL be rich FALL into temptation and a snare." Certainly temptation has been presented and many have fallen into it, and some will find the snare difficult to escape from. We hope that the Association at Winnipeg may be used to lead young men to seek the true treasure, and secure a title to that estate, the value of which never fluctuates, and the title to which is ever sure.

At Chicago the Association is doing a good work, and the heart of Bro. Hemingway (the General Secretary), is greatly cheered at the prospect of a speedy occupation of the whole of their building for downright solid work for Young Men. The Association at Minneapolis appears to be comfortably located in the Market Building. Our stay was too brief to afford us the pleasure of meeting the Secretary. The testimony received concerning the work was cheering.

It was with pleasure we completed our 3,000 miles of Railway travel, and disembarked at Union Station with the conviction, that *perhaps* there are more desirable fields of labor than that assigned to us in Toronto, but if so, we failed to find them on this trip.

AN INVASION.

THE first detachment of the "Salvation Army" has reached Toronto. So we learn from a handbill calling a muster of the 1st Royal Canadian Regiment. The Lord can use all classes of men and every form of organization, if He so chooses. If this be one of the acceptable forms of service we shall rejoice at any success attending the work.

WELL SPENT.



HE Young Men's Christian Association of Hamilton invited the members of the different associations located between Toronto and London to meet them in conference on the Queen's Birthday and to spend the holiday in practical discussion of the different phases of the work connected with the organizations. Many places were represented, including Toronto, Paris, Brantford and London. The choir of Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, conducted by Mr. Geo. Manton, was present, and assisted materially in making the gathering a success.

The Conference assembled in the morning at 10 o'clock in the parlor of Wesley Church, and were then welcomed by the President, Rev. Dr. Burns, and after devotional exercises the Rev. Robert Cameron, of Brantford, gave a Bible reading on "The Work of the Holy Spirit."

At 2:30 the conference opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mr. J. Alex. Mackenzie, and at 3 o'clock the topic of "How can we attract young men to our rooms and interest them in our work?" was opened in a paper by F. H. Fatt, General Secretary of the London Association.

The discussion was sharp and brisk no man being allowed to speak over three minutes. At 4:30 work among the railroad men was taken up, and several gentlemen who were present at the Convention just closed at St. Thomas, gave reports of that gathering.

After the close of this session the delegates were entertained at tea in the church, by the ladies, and at 7 the closing session was held, and the topic "what are the qualifications most necessary for success in Christian work?" was discussed. At 8 a testimony meeting was held, and short one minute testimonies were given as to the work of the association upon individual cases, and at 8:30 the audience clasping hands joined in one unbroken circle around the room and united in singing "Blest be the tie that binds." The Conference was then declared closed, and all went away stirred and inspired with new life and energy for their work.

THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH.

A PARABLE.



FRIEND has sent us the following article, cut from a Canadian newspaper, of which the name has not been furnished us, otherwise credit would be given. The correspondence is certainly novel, but never was the truth regarding the "diabolical" nature of the liquor traffic more clearly presented.

"We are asked to publish the following correspondence between the rum-seller and the devil. It is, we must confess, somewhat new to see his majesty addressed as dear sir:

To His Satanic Majesty:

DEAR SIR,--I have opened apartments, fitted up with all the enticements of luxury, for the sale of rum, gin, brandy, beer, and all their compounds. Our objects, though different, can be best attained by united action. I therefore propose a co-partnership. All I want of men is their money—all the rest shall be yours.

Bring me the most industrious, the respectable, the sober, and I will return them to you drunkards, paupers, and beggars.

Bring me the child, and I will dash to earth the dearest hopes of the father and mother.

Bring me the father and mother, and I will plant discord between them, and make them a curse; and reproach to their children.

Bring me the young man, and I will ruin his character, destroy his health, shorten his life, and blot out the highest and purest hopes of youth.

Bring me the young woman, and I will destroy her virtue, and return her to you a blasted and withered thing, and an instrument to lead others to destruction.

Bring me the mechanic and the laborer, and his own money--the hard earned fruit of toil--shall be made to plant poverty, vice and ignorance in his once happy home.

Bring me the professed follower of Christ, and I will blight and wither every devotional feeling of his heart, and send him forth to plant infidelity and crime among men.

Bring me the Minister of the Gospel, and I will defile the purity of the Church and make the name of religion to stink in the land.

Bring me the Lawyer and the Judge, and I will pervert justice, break up the integrity of our civil institutions, and the name of Law shall become a hissing and a by-word in the streets.

Awaiting your reply, I am, yours truly,

A RUMSELLER.

REPLY.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—I address you by this endearing appellation because of the congeniality of our spirits, and of the great work we are both engaged in.

I most cordially accept your proposals.

For five thousand years I sought in vain for a man so fully after my own heart to do my work among men. I ransacked the lowest depths of Hell for spirits who could do for me the whole work of destruction. But little success attended their efforts.

I sent the demon Murder, and he slew a few thousands, most generally the helpless and the innocent. But his mission was a failure.

I bade my servant Lust go forth. He led innocent youths and beautiful maidens in chains, destroying virtue, wrecking happiness, blasting character, and causing untimely deaths and dishonoured graves. But even then many of the victims escaped through the power of God, my enemy.

I sent out Avarice, and in his golden chains some were bound, but men soon learned to hate him for his meanness, and comparatively few fell by him.

The twin brothers Pestilence and War went forth, and Famine stole behind them, but these slew indiscriminately the old and the young, men, women and children, the good as well as the bad, and Heaven gained as many accessions as Hell.

In sadness my Satanic heart mourned over the probable loss of my crown and kingdom, as I contemplated the tremendous strides which the Gospel of Christ was making in saving from my clutches. But when I received

your welcome letter I shouted till the welkin of Hell rang again, "Eureka! eureka!! I have found him!!!! I have found him!!!!!"

My dear friend, I could have embraced you a thousand times, and I have given orders to reserve for you a place nearest my person, the most honorable seat in my kingdom. In you are combined all the qualifications of just such a friend and partner as I have long wished for, and in your business are all the elements of success. Now shall my throne be established for ever. Only carry out your designs and you shall have money, though it be wrung from the broken hearts of helpless women, and from the mouths of innocent, perishing children. Though you fill the jails, workhouses and poor-houses, though you crowd the insane asylums, though you make murder, incest and arson to abound, and erect scaffolds and gallows in every village, town and city, you shall have money.

I will harden your heart so that your conscience will not trouble you. You shall think yourself a gentleman, though men and women, your victims, shall call you a demon. You shall be devoid of the fear of God, the horrors of the grave and the solemnities of eternity; and when you come to me your works shall produce you a reward forever.

Yours to the very last,

LUCIFER.

YOUNG MAN !

BEAR IN MIND

THAT **YOU** ARE

INVITED

TO COME TO THE ROOMS OF THIS
ASSOCIATION,

Whenever you like, and that
you will be cordially wel-
comed, whether you are
a member or not.

**GOSPEL AND SONG
SERVICE,**

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

Good Singing, with Y.M.C.A. Orchestra
accompanying.

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 June 5, 1882.

MONDAY.....	June 5....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. John Currie.
			8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 6....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. A test of discip- ship. John xiii. 13; ii. 23-25. John Currie.
WEDNESDAY.	" 7....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Gives sin no quar- ter. Num. xxxiii. 50-56; 1 Thess. v. 22. Rev. H. Melville.
THURSDAY...	" 8....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. A confidence equal to every emergency. Phil. iv. 11-13, 19. S. R. Briggs.
FRIDAY	" 9....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. A Christian's duty to a weaker brother. Gal. vi. 1, 2, 10; 1 Cor. viii. 9-13. H. B. Gordon.
			8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY..	" 10....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Possibilities of faith. Mark ix. 21-24. W. E. Burford.
			4.50 P.M.	TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake.
			8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. The best light for life's pathway. Ps. cxix. 105; John viii. 12. J. J. Gartshore.
SUNDAY ...	" 11....	3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S.R. Briggs.
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, June 11, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meetings at Union Station and at
Nipissing Station.