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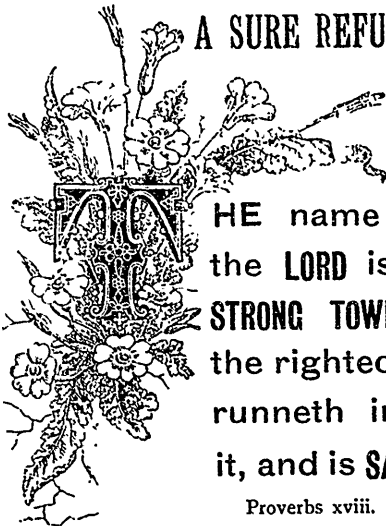


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## A SURE REFUGE.



HE name of  
the LORD is a  
STRONG TOWER :  
the righteous  
runneth into  
it, and is SAFE.

Proverbs xviii. 10.

## TO Y.M.C.A. WORKERS.

### The Position of General Secretary

Of the Toronto Young Men's Christian Association is vacant. Applications for the position, stating age and experience in the work, may be sent with references, at once, to LEWIS C. PEAKE, Secretary Executive Committee, Drawer 2559, Toronto.

## SEARCHING FOR A MAN.

THIS heading has no reference whatever to our advertisement for a Secretary. It is the title chosen by our President for his exceedingly interesting and profitable Lecture, delivered in our Parlor last Tuesday evening.

The attendance was large; in fact, the Room was, as we expected it would be, crowded, and the closest attention was given while for an hour the lecturer, by apt illustrations, enforced the precepts of Scripture. A hearty vote of thanks was moved, and unanimously carried by the delighted audience.

## MUSICAL.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made with Mr. Bishop to take charge of the Musical Department of our work. It is intended to organize at once a male choir. Any Christian young man whether member of the Association or not will be welcomed to the Ranks.

A class in Vocal Music is now open, and meets every Sunday at 7 p.m. As the lessons will be progressive, it is desirable that those who purpose joining should do so *at once*.

My soul followeth hard after Thee.

Psalms lxiii. 8.

That which I see not teach Thou me.

Job. xxxiv. 32.

## GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL WELCOME.

### THE WORK.

The following reports were presented at the Board meeting held Friday, 30th ult.:-

#### ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Young men directed to Boarding Houses.....	31
Young men signed pledge..	8
"    obtained temporary employment.....	3
"    obtained permanent employment.....	1
Invitation cards issued to strangers.	4

#### RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

This work has been faithfully carried on during the last month, and only on two evenings was there no member of the Committee in attendance at the Rooms, and on those evenings the member whose duty it was to be there was sick.

A number of strangers have been spoken to and welcomed, and throughout the month the Members' Parlor has been closed every night with prayer.

#### VISITING COMMITTEE.

Visits to Enquirers.....	12
"    Sick young men in hospital.....	1
"    Sick young men in boarding houses.....	2
"    Young men who signed the pledge in Rooms....	3
General visits to hospital, distributing papers and tracts....	9
<b>Total number of visits.....</b>	<b>27</b>

#### BOARDING HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Visits to Boarding Houses.....	1157
"    Hotels.....	70
"    Fire Halls.....	32
"    Police Stations.....	16
"    Car and Livery Stables..	24
"    Public Library (West)...	4

Young Men spoken to.....	76
BULLETINS distributed.....	3710
New Year's Packages distributed..	1800
Tracts, &c., distributed.....	3600

On New Year's morning the workers met at 9 o'clock, and after a season of prayer and praise, visited their respective districts and distributed our New Year's package.

#### DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

No. of Meetings.	Name of Meeting.	Total Atten	Avg. Atten
30	Noonday Prayer. . . . .	642...	21
5	Teacher's Bible Classes (Sat. aft.).....	800...	160
5	Evangelistic Bible Classes (Sun. aft.).....	160...	32
5	Young Men's Bible Classes (Mon. evg.).....	160...	32
5	Young Men's Meetings (Sat. evg.).....	390...	78
5	Gospel and Song Services (Sun. evg.).....	3100...	620
1	Consecration Meeting, New Year's Day.....	30	

#### RAILWAY SECRETARY.

Visits to Engines.....	129
"    Cabooses.....	86
"    Round-houses.....	11
"    Switch-houses.....	25
"    Offices.....	32
"    Yards.....	2
"    Sick and injured.....	2
"    R. R. Reading Rooms and Bunk Rooms.....	20

Total..... 307

	Meetings held.	Attendance.
Union Depot.....	4	161
Papers, Books, &c., distributed....		1041
RAILWAY SPECIALS ".....		1000

Total..... 2042

With us is the Lord our God to help us.

2 Chr. xxxii. 8.

What would ye that I should do for you?  
Mark x. 36.

INVITATION COMMITTEE.

5 Young Men's Meetings (Saturday).

Total No. of Workers.	Average Workers.	Invit. Dist.	Average Dist.
26	5	2600	620

5 Bible Classes (Monday).

30	6	3000	600
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Very favourable reports were also received from the Employment, Deaf Mute and Lecture Committees.

DON'T.

**D**ON'T swear. Don't desecrate the Lord's day. Don't slander your neighbour. Don't act the hypocrite. Don't be self-righteous. Don't be stingy. Don't read novels. Don't lie. Don't drink. Don't forget your Creator. Don't forget your Bible. Don't think the church will die when you leave it. Don't think you know everything. Don't forget that other people have rights as well as you. Don't forget you may die. Don't forget that character is worth more than money. Don't get weary in well-doing. Don't be idle. Don't "walk in the counsel of the ungodly." Don't "stand in the way of sinners." Don't sit in the seat of the scornful."

YOUNG MEN'S

BIBLE CLASS

Every MONDAY Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

EVANGELISTIC

BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by MR. H. B. GORDON,

Chairman of Devotional Committee.

ALL INVITED.

A MUDDY stream flowing into one clear and sparkling for a time rolls along by itself. A little farther down they unite, and the whole is impure. So youth, untouched by sin, may for a short time keep its purity in foul company; but a little later and they mingle.

It is a touching story told of a poor Norwegian mother whose baby died in her arms on the train, that unable to speak, she pointed Bishop Whipple to the one word in the Lutheran Prayer-book which expressed volumes—"Jesus' "Wherefore, comfort one another with these words." Unspeakably blessed is the faith in one who is touched with our sorrows and acquainted with our griefs.

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

Conducted by Mr. S. H. Blake,


EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Who gave Himself a ransom for all.  
1 Tim. ii. 6.

## "DINNER TO-MORROW FOR NOTHING."

 AN Italian town a working man entered an eating-house, where he saw in the window some tempting viands, and his attention was arrested by a notice on the wall, written in large characters:—

"DINNER TO-MORROW FOR NOTHING."

Next day, the man came, seated himself at the table, and ordered a substantial repast. Having fed himself to the full, he took up his hat, and was walking off, when, lo, the landlord tapped him on the shoulder, and demanded payment.

"What!" said the man, pointing to the notice. "is it not written, 'Dinner to-morrow for nothing?'"

"Certainly," replied the host, "but this is not to-morrow; this is to-day. You must pay to-day, but to-morrow you may dine free."

"Well, but," said the man, "I have no money, and would not have had so expensive a meal, only I read the notice yesterday, and came to-day for a free dinner."

"My friend," insisted the host, "the notice is still there, read it, 'Dinner to-morrow for nothing;' now this is *to-day*, not *to-morrow*."

Remonstrances were useless; the unfortunate man was handed over to the police until he could pay for his dinner.

Thus, you see, my reader, to-morrow never comes; it is always to-day. You are offered salvation to-day, not to-morrow. "*to-day*, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Now (not to-morrow) is the accepted time; now (not to-morrow) is the day of salvation." Christ proclaims "*to-day*;" the tempter whispers, "To-morrow;" but don't let him befool you. Christ's to-day is the day of mercy; the devil's to-morrow is the day of doom.

## YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME

## BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Bible Class at 3 p.m., and Gospel and Song Service at 8, followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9. All invited.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. W. C. Jex.  
8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.  
9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

12 to 12.45 noon.—In the Way of Sinners. Ps. i. 1; Jud. xvi. 18-21; 1 Cor. x. 12. Rev. J. Salmon.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Three Great Temptations to every Young Man. 1 John ii. 15-17. S. R. Briggs.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Private Prayer. *Where?* Matt. vi. 6; *When?* Ps. lv. 17; 1 Thess. v. 17; *Example.* Mark i. 35. R. Hall.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Miracle now wrought Daily. Matt. ix. 2-8; 1 Cor. vi. 9-11. W. Marks.  
7.30 p.m.—BOYS' MEETING.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ our Light. John viii. 12; 2 Cor. iv. 3-6. Assistant Secretary.  
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.  
8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. J. J. Bolton.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class H. B. Gordon.  
" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.  
" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.  
" Italian Class.  
8.00 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 Meeting.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

3 p.m.—Union Station. J. Gibb and R. Connors.