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AS Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

JOHN iii. 14, 15.

WHAT THE ASSOCIATION IS AND DOES.

MANY mistaken ideas as to the true work of the Young Men's Christian Association prevail at the present time. To try to correct these we will from time to time print clear cut statements bearing on this important subject. This week we reprint what was so excellently ex-

pressed in the last annual report of the New York Association.

"A person unfamiliar with the Association might ask, in passing this building: 'For what object has it been erected?' Some of ample means have the impression that it is a place to which they can send destitute men, whom they would like to help, provided it cost them nothing. Others consider it an organization of young men without much physical or intellectual force, and easily imposed upon by any shrewd counsellor who comes along. The hobby rider thinks it is exactly the kind of society that will give him an opportunity to ride his hobby before the public. The unknown singer or lecturer desiring to be heard by a New York audience expects that, on the plea of a benefit for some benevolent object, the hall will be granted free of expense. These four classes generally go away disappointed. Another class of persons think we hold here a perpetual prayer meeting. Others think that nothing else should be done under this roof but the holding of religious services. Some think we are a bureau of information on every subject. One considers that the Association is only a library, another that it is exclusively a gymnasium, another calls it an evening college, or a club, or an employment agency. Others think it a place

Great are Thy tender mercies, O Lord.

Psalm cxix. 156.

God is not a man, that He should lie.
Numbers xxiii. 19.

of social enjoyment and good fellowship. The fact is, it is a little of all of these. Even the goodyish young man may be found here, just as he is found in nearly every social gathering and in every line of business. But also, among the young men composing the working force of the Association, will be found in much greater number those who are hard in muscle, firm in will, kind in heart, cheerful in spirit, quick in wit, and earnest in purpose. The Association was inaugurated by a body of young men touched by the spirit of Jesus Christ, and awakened to a sense of responsibility for the welfare of their fellows. It has sought to carry out this object with an increasing effectiveness year by year. Its mission has been chiefly to young men of ability and intelligence rather above the average, and it has done a work mainly of prevention, often of rescue. Many thousand places in this city stand open every day and evening, inviting young men to the ruin of their bodies and souls. The Association seeks to offer to such tempted young men attractive but wholesome places of resort."

STRANGERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

That the Rooms of the

Toronto Young Men's Christian
Association.

ARE IN ITS BUILDING,

SHAFTESBURY HALL

Corner Queen and James Sts.,

ONE BLOCK WEST OF YONGE STREET.

Rooms open daily from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m.

You will be cordially welcomed.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.
Conducted by General Secretary.
ALL INVITED.

WHEN IT'S NO USE PRAYING.

A YOUNG woman last year was in great concern about her soul, and I had frequently talked with her. I placed Christ before her very plainly, but she didn't seem to see it. One morning she came to me after service. "Dear sir, will you pray for me?" She was thunderstruck when I said "No." "But, sir, I am very anxious to be saved; won't you pray for me?" "No." "Oh, sir, you don't mean it." "I do. I have set Jesus Christ before you; if you won't have Him there's no use praying, you will be lost. There is no other way, and I don't want there should be any other way. Here I've been all my life learning that way, and if there be another it would be a queer job. Will you have Christ or will you not?" There was a pause; then she said, "Yes, I will, if I may." "May? He has put it, 'he that believeth shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned.' Surely you may have Him if there is such a dreadful threatening against unbelief." "Well, I will." "Then let us get down directly, and pray now—if you are willing to obey God's commandment, then we may pray." We did pray, and I am sure that young woman has never doubted she was saved from that hour. If you won't believe in Jesus all the praying between heaven and earth won't save you. But if you seek Him in simple faith, soon shall you say with rejoicing, "I have found Him whom my soul loveth," and I will never let Him go.—C.H. Spurgeon.

He hath visited and redeemed His people.
Luke i. 68.

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise.
2 Peter iii. 9.

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

Conducted by Mr. S. H. Blake,

EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

NO FEAR, NO HOPE.

MR. Robert Owen once visited a gentleman who was a believer. In walking out they came to the gentleman's family grave-yard. Owen addressing him said: "There is one advantage I have over Christians—I am not afraid to die; but if some of my business was settled, I should be perfectly willing to die at any moment."

"Well," said his companion, "you say you have no fear of death—have you any hope in death?"

After a solemn pause he replied, "No."

"Then," replied the gentleman, pointing to an ox standing near, "you are on a level with that brute. He has fed till he is satisfied, and stands in the shade, whisking off the flies, and has neither hope nor fear."—*Sword and Trowel.*

REMEMBER

THAT A

BOY'S MEETING

IS HELD

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING,

At 8 o'clock, in Parlor "B" Shaftesbury Hall.
ALL BOYS INVITED.

TRUST IN OUR FATHER.

"**J**OHNNY, don't you think you have got as much as you can carry?" said Frank to his brother, who was standing with open arms, receiving the bundles his father placed upon them. "You've got more than you can carry, now."

"Never mind," said Johnny, in a sweet, happy voice, "my father knows how much I can carry."

How long it takes many of us to learn the lesson little Johnny had by heart! "Father knows how much I can carry." No grumbling, no discontentment, but a sweet trust in our Father's love and care that we will not be overburdened. Our heavenly Father never lays a burden upon us that we cannot bear. So we will trust Him as little Johnny did his father.—*Selected.*

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every MONDAY Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

NOT AFRAID OF SATAN.

"**F**ATHER, is Satan bigger than I am," earnestly asked a little boy of his father.

"Yes my boy," said the father.

"Is he bigger than you, father?"
"Yes, my boy, he is bigger than your father."

The boy looked surprised, but thought again, and then asked, "Is he bigger than Jesus?"

"No, my boy," said the father; "Jesus is bigger than he is."

The little fellow as he turned away said with a smile, "Then I am not afraid of him."—*Selected.*

He calleth His own sheep by name.

John x. 3.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME

BE DECIDED.

A MAN of twenty-five years, with his wife and child, came to church. As he was tying his horse, an elder said to him, "Are you going to unite with the church to-day?" "I had not intended to." The elder had noticed his thoughtful attention at church, and had been with the pastor in "family visiting" at this man's house. "You had better decide *now* for Christ," said the elder. "I have decided: I *am* trusting Christ as my Saviour," said the man. "Then won't you go and tell the Consistory so?" said the elder. "Yes," said he; and he then united with the church, and for more than twenty years has been a constant earnest worker in the church and a consistent member thereof. To thoughtful, earnest persons not yet enjoying the Christian hope, this incident commends prompt action in giving the heart to Christ. The Scripture declaration is: "*now* is the accepted time, *now* is the day of salvation." And each clause of this verse begins with the interjection "Behold!" to call attention to the matter. There is no promise for to-morrow. There is also in this incident a lesson for Christians. This elder was watching for souls. It was just the time and the circumstances, and he knew his man. It was "a word fitly spoken."—*Evangelist*.

"THE Young Men's Christian Association has for thirty-five years vindicated its right to existence, and cut a clear way for itself into every civilized land on the Globe."—*Rev. Theodore Cuyler*.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL WELCOME.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, MAY 18.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. General Secretary.

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 19.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ's Sentence on Fruitless Professors. Mark xi. 12-14, 20; Matt. vii. 21-23. R. Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20.

12 to 12.45 noon.—How a Young Man may Succeed in Life. Prov. iii. 1-10; Joshua i. 8. S. R. Briggs.

THURSDAY, MAY 21.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ's Soldiers Volunteers. Ex. xxxii. 26-29; I Cor. ix. 17. R. Merryfield.

FRIDAY, MAY 22.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Am I making Light of God's Invitation? Matt. xxii. 1-10. J. Bousfield.
7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, MAY 23.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ our Friend. Prov. xviii. 24; John xv. 13-15. Assistant Secretary.
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee meets for Prayer.
8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. J. Johnstone.

SUNDAY, MAY 24.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class General Secretary.

" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. C. D. Massey. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

Railway Men's Meeting.

THURSDAY, MAY 21.

7.30 p.m., for one hour.—At York. Cottage Meeting at John Lee's; address by J. Gibb.

FRIDAY, MAY 22.

12.35 to 12.55 p.m.—Bible Reading at G.T.R Roundhouse, City. Robt. Hall.

SUNDAY, MAY 24.

GOSPEL MEETINGS.

3 p.m.—Union Station. R. Connors and W. Marks.

3.15 p.m.—At York. John Wood and J. P. Mill.