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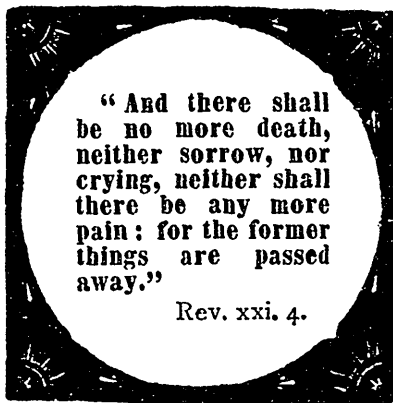
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THE SECOND DOMINION CONVENTION OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

**T**HIS Convention was held at Truro, Nova Scotia, Aug. 10th to 13th, and was the best Convention we ever attended, (excepting the Second International Convention of Railway Young Men's Christian Associations, held in Altoona, Pa., in September, 1879.) I do not know how to give a better general idea of the gather-

ing than by quoting the opinion of the *Halifax Morning Herald*, a purely secular daily paper.

The Y.M.C.A. Convention, at Truro, was pronounced the most interesting, instructive and successful ever held in the Dominion. There was a large attendance of the picked members of the Associations throughout the Dominion. The very best speakers and workers connected with the organization appear to have been sent as delegates to the Convention. The Truro people did their part nobly. They excelled even their proverbial hospitality in entertaining. The interest awakened was simply wonderful. New life seemed to be infused into the people. The meetings were crowded—from the early morning prayer meeting to the closing gatherings at night. There was not a jar, not an unkind or unpleasant word in the Conventions during the four days of their sessions.

THE UNANIMOUS EXCLAMATION

of all those privileged to attend was “It is good for us to be here.” Meetings were held in the various churches, but the principal business sessions were held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall—the largest, by the way, and probably the best, in the Maritime Provinces. It seats 500 people. It was decorated with festoons, plants, flowers, flags, etc. The large platform presented a very attractive

appearance. Surrounding it was a handsome collection of plants and flowers; behind it were the Canadian, British and United States flags, over which, in bold, striking letters, were the words:

“JESUS ONLY.”

and over all a large crown.

The energy and personal magnetism of the speakers greatly assisted in arousing interest in the great work, and the whole Convention manifested the greatest enthusiasm and hearty appreciation. The question as to the manner of getting into the confidence of railway employees and the best way to prosecute the work was presented by the Toronto Railway Secretary, and much interest appeared to be taken in this very important department of the work.

#### THE RAILWAY WORK AT THE CONVENTION.



ABOUT the most interesting portion of the *convention* was that devoted to the Railway Work. Everybody was most deeply interested in it. Its *magnitude* and *need* left *no more spirit* in them; but when they heard its *history* and *success*, all praised the Lord, and took courage, and we have every reason to bless the Lord for having opened so many ears and hearts to the story of what He has done amongst us. All the newspapers were outspoken upon it and even published the paper which was read in full, so that upon the subject there is not the blank darkness that until very recently existed. For one line the secular papers devoted to the other departments of the work, 50 has been devoted to this.

A speculative knowledge is like that of the Queen of Sheba at a distance; an experimental is like her sight of the order and glory of Solomon's court, that left no spirit in her.—*Charnock 1828-80.*

The Scriptures of Truth say to you—

“Behold

# NOW

is the accepted time,  
behold NOW is the day  
of Salvation.”

“Christ died for the ungodly.”

#### THE PROSPECTS IN TORONTO.



WE are pleased to be able to report that the prospects are, that at no distant date we shall have here every accommodation to carry on our work. The mountains which once stood in our way and seemed to be impassable are now disappearing, and by the grace which has thus far sustained, we will have all and abound.

#### PRIVILEGE & RESPONSIBILITY.

Born of the Word. 1 Pet. i. 23.	Hold forth the Word. Ph. ii. 16.
Christ our Life. Col. iii. 4.	Live Christ. Phil. ii. 21.
Received Christ. Col. ii. 6.	Walk in Him. Col. ii. 6.
Live in the Spirit. Gal. v. 25.	Walk in the Spirit. Gal. v. 25.
Light in the Lord. Eph. v. 8.	Walk as Children of light. Eph. v. 8.
Have the light of Life. John viii. 12.	Let your light shine. Matt. v. 16.
Well of Water in us. John iv. 14.	Rivers of water shall flow. John vii. 38.
God worketh in us. Phil. ii. 13.	Work out Salvation. Ph. ii. 12.
God abounds to us. 2 Cor. ix. 8.	Abound to every good work. 2 Cor. ix. 8.
Have Bread of Life. John vi. 51.	Feed my sheep and lambs. John xxi. 16.
Comforted of God. 2 Cor. i. 4.	Comfort others. 2 Cor. i. 4.
Complete in Him. Col. ii. 10.	Stand complete. Col. iv. 12.
Freely ye have received. Matt. x. 8.	Freely give. Matt. x. 8.

—Selected.

## GOD'S BLOTTING PAPER.



DEAR FRIENDS :

As I had so large a share in your "SPECIAL" last month, I cannot venture to take up much room this time. I will therefore just copy a few verses for you, which, I think, the railway men of Canada will value as being the production of a comrade in the Old Country. George Benfield has been for a long time in the service of the Midland Railway Company, and is well known around Derby for his unceasing energy in the cause of God, and his labours of love in behalf of his fellow-employees. He was formerly an engine-driver, but has lately received a well-deserved promotion as yard inspector. George Benfield's own life is a daily practical sermon on the words: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and the widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."—James ii. 37.

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### AN EVENING PRAYER.

I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own name's sake, and will not remember thy sins."—Isaiah xliii. 25.

Another page of life  
Is now about to close;  
I come to lay it at Thy feet,  
Before I seek repose.

If lowly acts of love,  
Upon its page may shine;  
With humble prayer and tuneful praise,  
The copy, Lord, was thine.

But there are many stains,  
I cannot wash with tears;  
Unholy doubts and plotted sins,  
And base, unloving fears

And many blots so foul,  
That, Lord, I blush with shame,  
To think this page was clean and white  
When from Thy hands it came.

Then on this page, my Lord,  
The blotting paper lay,  
Of Thine own blood from Calvary,  
And take each stain away.

And, lest my life should close,  
And God my volume claim,  
Oh, write in blood, on every page,  
Thine ever blessed name!

Then, guard me while I sleep,  
And sweet will be my rest;  
For with my Saviour ever near,  
I shall be doubly blest.

And, when in death I sleep,  
Oh, let me wake in Thee!  
And, with life's history washed in blood,  
I shall Thy glory see.

GEORGE BENFIELD,  
*Midland Railway, Derby, England.*

### "TO EVERY MAN HIS WORK."



AN old negro preaching in a Maine town recently condemned the general tendency of men to wish they had other opportunities to do good, and asked: "What would de hummin' bird do wid de eagle's wings? And what could de eagle do wid de hummin' bird's wings? Bredren, use de wings of faith God has gibben you, and God will care for both the eagle's and de hummin' bird's flight." Many periods of greater pretension contain not half the beauty of this.—*Baptist Teacher.*

### THREE THINGS.

1. Degrees of sin cannot affect the natural state of man before God. It is not a question of DOING, as Luther puts it, that is, of *state and nature*.

2. No amount of external reformation can lighten the condemnation, or change the condition.

3. Man is utterly powerless, in any, and in all respects, to effect his own salvation. Left to himself, unaided from above, he must perish.

God stamps us all with one word—  
"GUILTY."

He places us all under one name—  
"SINNER."

On every brow is written, "COME SHORT."

There is, of course,

A difference as to *offences*, but no difference as to *guilt*,

No degrees as to *the fact of guilt*.

No difference as to *where we stand* before God.

"He that offends in *one* point is guilty of all."—*Selected.*

REMEMBER THE

RAILWAY

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AT THE UNION DEPOT,

ON THE

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Lord's Day, Sep. 3 . . . . . Gospel Temperance Meeting. Addresses by  
JOS. GREENE and others.  
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" " " 17 . . . . . A. MUNRO and REV. JOHN SALMON.  
" " " 24 . . . . . JOHN GORDON and JOHN GILLESPIE.

Noon Meeting every Wednesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in Toronto, Grey and Bruce Workshops.

## COTTAGE MEETINGS.

EVERY TUESDAY, at 8 p.m., 87 Esther Street.  
" THURSDAY, " 80 Stafford Street.  
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