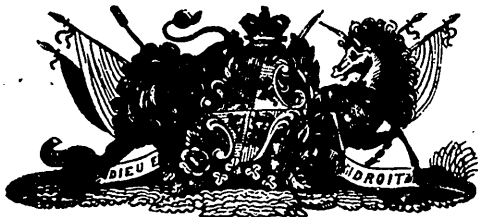


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Something about Young Men's Christian Associations.

It is probable that some of our readers will be astonished to learn that there is no part of the world which has not its Young Men's Christian Association—the chain now extends around the entire globe, embracing within its Christian bond, people of every clime and tongue. In each Province of our Dominion—in Newfoundland—in the United States—in priest ridden Mexico—in old England—bonnie Scotland—the Emerald Isle—in catholic France and Spain—amid the mountains of Switzerland—in Denmark and Norway—among the sturdy natives of Prussia—in Rome itself—in the land of the Czar—in the Celestial Empire—in Japan so long bolted and barred—along Indian's coral strand—in far off Kafir Land—in the land of the Pharaohs—in Mahomedan Turkey—in the islands of the Pacific—aye—and in that land where Christian-

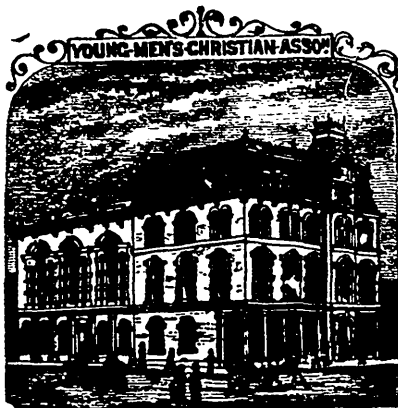
ity first saw light, even in the town of Nazareth itself this organization has effected a footing and entered upon the work.

The number of associations of all countries as reported is now 2,671.

The primary object had in view by these 2,671 associations is the salvation of souls. With this object in view all

legitimate means are used, such as Reading Rooms, Lectures, Educational classes. The Associations which have been most successful in winning souls are those which have kept close to decided Christian work and Bible teaching.

The Associations in America have an aggregate membership of about 100,000. The value of property owned being nearly \$2,500,000, while there is over \$500,000 additional paid in as building funds. Over 10,000 situations were secured last year for young strangers, while in the Reading Rooms of the land there has been an average daily attendance of over 15,000 young men.



Wherewithal shall a
young man cleanse
his way? by taking
heed thereto accord-
ing to thy word.

Psa. cxix. 9.

CHARACTER BUILDING.

HAVE you ever watched the icicle as it formed? Have you noticed how it froze, one drop at a time, until it was a foot long or more? If the water was clean, the icicle remained clear, and sparkled brightly in the sun; but if the water was slightly muddy, the icicle looked foul, and its beauty was spoiled. Just so our characters are formed. One little thought or feeling at a time adds to its influence. If each thought be pure and right, the soul will be lovely, and will sparkle with happiness; but if impure and wrong, there will be deformity and wretchedness.

CONSIDER.

SATAN gives Eve an apple, and takes away Paradise. Therefore, in all temptations, let us consider not what is offered, but what we shall lose.

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

—1 Peter i. 23.

YOUNG MAN, HOLD ON.

Hold on to your tongue when you are just ready to take God's name in vain.

Hold on to your hand when it is about to place that to your lips which brings misery and death.

Hold on to your feet when they are about to take you into places of sin.

Hold on to your heart when evil-associates seek your company and invite you to join their revelry.

Hold on to your good name, for it is of more value than gold.

Hold on to the truth, for it will serve you well in time and eternity.

Hold on to virtue. It is above all price to you at all times and places.

Hold on to your good character, for it is and ever will be your best wealth.

—*Ex.*

VOLUNTEERS, ATTENTION!

BEAR IN MIND

THAT **YOU** ARE

INVITED

TO

FALL IN

AT THE

Rooms of the Association,

Cor. Queen and James Streets,

TORONTO.

Whenever you may be in the City, and that you will be cordially welcomed.

DON'T FORGET

THAT WE

GIVE YOU

A STANDING ORDER

TO THAT EFFECT, AND THAT YOU ARE DESIRED TO

Pass it along the lines

AMONG YOUR

COMPANIONS

WHEN YOU REACH

HOME

THE GOSPEL.

God so loved the world that He gave His
 Only begotten
 Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not
 Perish but have
 Everlasting
 Life.

JOHN III. 16.

THE Christian is not to be a worse tradesman because of his religion, but a better; he is not to be a less skilled mechanic, but he is to be all the more careful in the work. It were a pity, indeed, if Paul's tents were the worst in the store, and Lydia's purple of the poorest dye.—(Selected.)

OUR grand business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.

GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!

YOU MAY BE SAVED AS YOU READ
 THESE LINES.

Why? . . . Because Christ died for you.
 How? . . . Believe on Jesus Christ.
 When? . . . Now, or it may be never.
 Where? . . . Just as you sit or stand.
 Who? . . . You, however vile or guilty.
 From what? From Hell.
 To what? . . . To endless joy in heaven.

THERE is only one door, into heaven, and that is *Christ*. If you know Him as the door down here, He will not disown you yonder.

JESUS ONLY.

“He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.”

Psalm ciii. 10 12.

THE Greatest Exhibition

THE WORLD

EVER WITNESSED

—IS—

DESCRIBED

IN THE

Following Extracts :



“In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.”—1 John iv. 9.

“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.”

“For scarcely for a righteous man will one die, yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.”

“But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”—Rom. v. 6-8.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

“For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.—John iii. 16-17”.

Dear friend, have you enquired concerning these things?

LESSONS BY THE WAY.

By the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A.



TAKE A DRINK AND WELCOME.



ON Dominion Day (July 1, 1881), I accompanied "OUR BOYS" to their Annual Picnic at High Park. Finding it necessary

to be in the City at an early hour in the evening, I left the grounds and walked into Toronto by Queen Street. The weather was exceedingly hot, the roads were dusty, and of course I was very thirsty. As I journeyed on I came to a cottage. At the gate leading into it, and occupying the space between the edge of the footpath and the gate post, stood a chair; on the chair was a bucket of water, and by the side of the pail a tin dipper. What a pleasant sight! But, what business had I to touch it? Perhaps the owner would be offended. As I drew nearer, I again looked and saw above the chair, tacked to the post, a piece of paper with these words, "Take a drink and welcome." All my doubts vanished, I took in the whole plan. That kind-hearted man knew that hundreds of tired, thirsty people would pass by his door that day. He knew that water is the best liquid, in fact the only thirst-satisfying liquid. He knew that his own well was amply sufficient to furnish a supply; but he also knew that few, if any, would be likely to call and ask for water, so in this manner

he furnished a plentiful supply without cost; and he did all within his power to lead them to accept his kindness. He placed that chair so close to the path, that a lady's dress would touch—that the eye of the weary passer-by must rest upon it—and still more—lest any should have doubts as to the object he had in view, he placed that card, "Take a drink and welcome." Every person—whosoever, man, woman, child,—to every thirsty person the notice said,—It is for you, take it. As I looked at that card and that pail of water, I thought, Oh, how this illustrates the glorious Gospel. God, in His infinite love, remembered the thirsty millions in this world. He knew that in His storehouse there was that which would satisfy that thirst, and He made ample provision to meet the needs of the whole world. He sent Jesus. Yes, He has brought that Gospel very close to us. "The word is nigh thee." And then, lest poor thirsty sinners should say, "Oh yes, that is just what I want, but perhaps it is not intended for me." God has put up the Gospel label,— "Whosoever will," "If any man thirst, let him come," "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye," in other words, "Take a drink and welcome."

Now what would you think of a person, who being very thirsty should come to that cottage gate and see all that I have spoken of, and yet should pass on without taking a drink. Would you not say he was foolish. Well that is just what the writer of this article did. He saw it all. Learned a gospel lesson from it—yet did not drink, and passed on thirsty as ever, but only to learn another lesson. About five minutes after he reached a store,—passed in,—paid for a glass of soda water, and came out, only to find himself in a minute or two, more thirsty than he was before, and as he wiped the perspiration from his face and thought of the pail of water he had passed by, there came before his mind those words of the Prophet Isaiah, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not."

Oh, young man don't act so foolish. Jesus is now offered. The gospel is pressed home. Drink, Drink, Drink and live. Don't think the things of this world will quench your soul. Thirst. Only the Living water can do that. Thirsty soul stoop down and drink.