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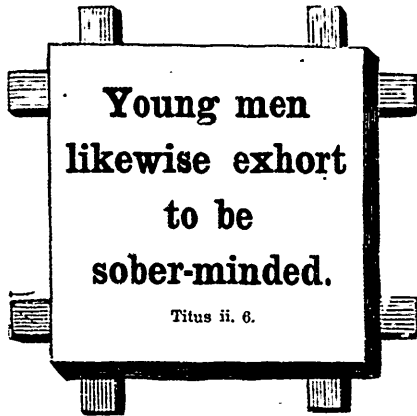
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OUR WORKERS.

ONE of the most pleasing and profitable gatherings of the season was held last Monday evening, when our Workers assembled for prayer and conference. Our Bible Parlor was filled with earnest, bright faced and willing workers in the vineyard. After tea, about two hours were spent in talking over the work. There was an utter absence of that stiff formality which so often marks such gatherings. Every brother felt that he was at home, talking over family matters; that his Father's business needed wise planning and vigorous prosecution, and that for this purpose they had gathered together. Not a word was spoken to cause any feeling other than love, and we feel assured that the results flowing from that gathering will be far-reaching. The one absorbing theme was God's glory in the salvation of young men. The questions asked, and answers given, were all to the point of "How shall

we reach, hold, and benefit,—eternally benefit, the young men of Toronto?" A vigorous campaign was resolved upon, and boarding houses were marked as the chief points of attack. A thoroughly earnest, practical committee on boarding houses was chosen, and it is their determination, as far as possible, to reach the young men and invite them to our rooms and meetings. It is, however, well known that the majority of young men in every city of our land have a wrong idea as to our work and our rooms. They look upon our building as they would upon a club room,—a place where only the members are welcome; and even when an invitation is given in the BULLETIN or the papers, it seems to miss many of them, in fact it is too general. To meet this, to some extent at least, we are preparing cards as follows:

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To ALF. SANDHAM,
Gen. Sec. Y. M. C. A.,

This will introduce

Mr.....

Residing at.....

Any kindness shown him will confer a favor.

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Members of the committee will be supplied with these, and when they meet a young man who seems to hesitate accepting a general invitation, this card of introduction, signed by the member, is given. In

this way we hope to induce some to visit us. It is also intended to secure, whenever practicable, the names of young men boarding at the houses, and then to send cards of invitation addressed to them personally, or at times tickets to our evening social gatherings.

But another important point is the reception they meet with at the rooms. A christian brother, (Robinson, of Sarnia), in addressing a Provincial Convention, said, "As a rule, men never come to your house unless invited, and never return unless welcomed on their first visit." Recognizing this, our Reception committee has been carefully re-organized with an efficient staff for each evening; and added to this, the Directors at the last Board meeting agreed to be in attendance, one each evening, during the month.

Still another step must be taken. Thus far we have planned to reach, and to welcome, but the all-important work is yet before us, to SAVE. How are they to be won for Jesus. Our devotional committee took up this part of the meeting, and the gospel services and Bible classes, were thoroughly discussed, with a view to their greater efficiency. But after all, the "best concerted schemes are vain, except the Lord conduct the plan," therefore, much of the time of the meeting was spent in prayer, and we believe that He whose "ears are ever open" has heard these petitions, and that we shall have those things we then desired of Him. Amen. Let all our praying members and friends say, *Amen*. Let our fellow workers in other Associations say, *Amen*.

TRUTH.

LECTURES should not be regarded merely as entertainments, nor can they be relied on as expedients for raising funds; and there is the disadvantage attaching to them that, while the popular taste demands the free discussion of the most difficult questions, the Association may easily be compromised by the unguarded utterances of a Lecturer, and so its usefulness as well as its peace become endangered.—*Selected*.

PLEASING.

BY the last English mail a letter was brought us, from a christian gentleman in England, a man whose heart has been heavy, and whose grief has been sore, on account of the waywardness of a son now in the western part of the United States. For nearly two years the only word they have received of his whereabouts, and his actions, has been through our Association, as he corresponds with us occasionally. Part of the letter reads as follows:

"Mrs. P. encloses a P. O. Order for one pound sterling, which she begs of you to accept as a small contribution to your most excellent Association."

We do not feel at liberty to refer at any length to this case. It is one of extreme sadness. A highly educated young man, son of a clergyman; a young man who might have been a honour to home, to society, to the church; but—(ah that BUT,) a wreck, a slave to the Devil's most powerful helper, *Strong Drink*. Now a wanderer and outcast on this continent, leaving at home a father whose love has been so tried that "he can no longer bear," and a mother whose love, deeper than a father's, still clings to the erring one, and when she cannot lavish her affection on him, she expresses her love for him in "tokens of gratitude to those who helped him."

WHAT WE SHOULD WATCH.

WORDS.
ACTIONS.
THOUGHTS.
COMPANY.
HEART.

BE CONSISTENT.

THE prayer of faith will prevail: but when a man prays for temperance and votes for whisky, he doesn't pray in faith, he only mocks God and he must never expect an answer.

**"A BRUISED REED
SHALL HE NOT BREAK,
AND THE SMOKING
FLAX SHALL HE NOT
QUENCH."**

Isaiah xlii. 3.

Take your Bible, and read, after praying for God's blessing, the following Scriptures—

God's command to you. Acts xvii. 30.

God's invitation to you. Matt. xi. 28.

God's warning to you. Heb. xii. 25.

TRUST AND TOIL



ARE well represented in their proper relations by the Christian Indian who is reported in the *American Missionary* as writing to his brother of his new life, "I pray every day, and hoe onions." There are so many who expect to get a crop in this life by praying without hoeing, and so many more who think that hoeing will do the business without prayer, that it is refreshing now and then to find the gospel of faith and works preached and illustrated in its entirety. "I pray every day, and hoe onions." That is a very good modern response to the Cromwellian injunction, "Trust in God, and keep your powder dry."—*American S. S. Times.*

Bulletin for Week Commencing October 31, 1881.

MONDAY	Oct. 31	...12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING Rev. R. Cade. 8.00 P.M. WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY.....	Nov. 1	....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. God's Word in revivals. Neh. viii. Alf. Sandham. 4.00 P.M. MEETING FOR CONSECRATION & PRAYER.
WEDNESDAY. . .	" 2	....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Personal responsibility. Matt. xxv. 14-29; Rom. xii. 6-8. Rev. Dr. Hamilton.
THURSDAY.....	" 3	....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Bridling the tongue. Jas. i. 26; iii. 2-10; Ps. cxli. 3. S. R. Briggs. 8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. By the Gen. Secretary.
FRIDAY.	" 4	....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Joyfully taking the water of life. Isa. xii.; Luke xix. 1-10. Rev. W. S. Blackstock. 8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	" 5	....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Atonement. Lev. xvi. W. E. Burford. 4.50 P.M. TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. (Jr.) 8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. C. S. Gzowski,
SUNDAY.....	" 6	.... 3.00	P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs. 8.30 P.M. GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE. R. Kilgour.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Nov. 6, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station, and at Nipissing Station.
NOON PRAYER MEETING—Toronto, Grey and Bruce R. R. Workshops every WEDNESDAY at 12.30.
COTTAGE MEETING, { MONDAY, 8 P.M.—61 Sackville Street.
THURSDAY, " —30 Mercer Street.
FRIDAY, " —136 Portland Street.



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