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GOD IS LOVE.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

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.

Like as a father pitieth his children, the LORD so pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.—Ps. ciii. 8 to 14.

ANNUAL SOCIAL.

Our Annual Social Gathering held on Tuesday last was a season of pleasure and profit combined. The attendance of Members was large. About 125 sat down to tea at 6.30 and at 8 o'clock the Business Meeting was organized in the large parlor John Macdonald Esq., in the chair, when the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Hon. S. H. Blake; Honorary Vice-Presidents, John Macdonald, Daniel Wilson, LL.D., Robert Baldwin, B. H. Dixon, K. N. L., Vice-Presidents, Messrs. William Anderson, S. R. Briggs, J. J. Gartshore, G. M. Lee, T. Dixon Craig, C. S. Gzowski, Jr., L. C. Peake, and J. D. Nasmith; General Secretary, Alf. Sandham; Corresponding Secretary, R. B. Ellis; Treasurer, Robert Kilgour; Librarian, W. A. Douglas.

Directors, Messrs. J. McDunnough, H. O'Brien, Hamilton Cassels, W. H. Howland, S. Caldicott, John Earls, D. C. Forbes, J. O. Anderson, Dr. George Wright, J. O. Bennett, John Harvie, H. B. Gordon.

In our last Bulletin we stated that the financial position was not quite so good as last year. We are thankful to say that the Lord has given our Association such favor in the eyes of the public, that during the past week the collectors have secured and paid over to the Treasurer an amount sufficient to meet all the indebtedness for current expenses, with a balance in hand of \$14.68. The Merchants of this city certainly know something of the grace of giving—and we are determined by God's help to prosecute the work, so liberally supported by them, in a manner pleasing in the sight of God and men. The receipts during the year have been \$4,899.11, Disbursements \$4,884.43.

The employment committee reported 368 names entered and 160 situations obtained. This number represents only about one third of the applications made. A large proportion of the applicants were not considered desirable persons, and therefore were not registered.

Membership committee reported: Active members, 237; Associate, 463; Life, 21; Honorary, 90. Total, 811,—an increase of 55. The membership fees were \$1,154,—an increase of \$160 over last year.

The report referred to the loss sustained in the removal by death of our late Bro. R. Wilkes, and of other valued members who had left this city.

Mr. Macdonald made the observation that the Treasurer's report was satisfactory, but he wished to point to one item in the expenses, namely, the interest account. He said he would

be doing wrong to the people of Toronto if he did not report how kindly the Young Men's Christian Association had been treated by them. But they must not forget that it takes about \$1,200 to pay this interest on the Association debt. He thought the young men could pay off half this indebtedness, and if they would but undertake this he was certain the friends of the Association would remove the balance.

The Librarian reported the library as being about the same in number of volumes as last year. He also recommended an increase of magazines and papers for the parlors and reading room.

Mr. Nasmith gave an exceedingly interesting report of the Deaf Mute's Class and Religious Service held every Sabbath afternoon in our Rooms. The average attendance at this meeting is fifteen.

The Rev. Dr. Reid made a few observations congratulatory of the situation of the Young Men's Christian Association at present.

Rev. Dr. Potts wished to say how entirely his sympathy and good-will extended to the Association. He had thorough faith in the good work and power for usefulness of the young men of the Association. There was a wide and growing field for the work of the young men in this city. When they remembered all the students coming in here they would remember how much their duty had grown during late years. The large number of clerks and other young men needed the help that the Y. M. C. A. could give them.

Rev. Mr. Joliffe also declared his entire sympathy with the Association.

Short addresses were also made by Mr. Wm. Anderson and others.

Mr. T. J. Wilkie, late General Sec., was, on motion of Mr. Peake, elected an Honorary member of the Association.

Votes of thanks were passed to city papers for reports of proceedings; to publishers for free copies to the reading room; and to the Montreal Telegraph Company for free transmission of messages on the Association business.

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.—2 Cor. viii. 9.

OUR CLASSES.

We have completed arrangements for Classes in Gymnastics, Vocal Music, Phonography, Architectural and Mechanical Drawing, and Elocution, and hope in a few days to add one in Book-keeping and Penmanship. All these classes are open to our members. Gentlemen of experience have kindly taken these classes in hand and we trust that our Young Men will fully appreciate the advantages offered. The classes will open 1st week in November. Those desirous of joining should hand in their names at once to the Secretary.

THE GYMNASIUM.

We have secured the services of a thoroughly competent instructor, and the classes will open at once. A meeting of those desiring to join will be held on Monday 18th inst., at the Gymnasium. Classes for Adult Members will meet on Monday and Thursday evenings, and Saturday afternoon. Classes for Boys will be opened in a few days at different hours. The Gymnasium will be thoroughly renovated and some new apparatus added.

IMPORTANT!

Bodily exercise profiteth little (margin for a little time) but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.—1 Tim. iv. 8, 9.

THE world may remember very little about us a year after we are gone. No thought, no deed may be connected with our names beyond some narrow circle of loving hearts. There may be no place for us in any record written with a man's pen. But what does that matter if our names, dear friends, are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, with this for sole epitaph—"A disciple"? That single phrase is the noblest summary of a life. A thinker? a hero? a great man? a millionaire? No, "A disciple." That says all. May it be your epitaph and mine!

SETTLING IT.

A venerable minister, with compassionate earnestness, once preached a sermon upon eternal punishment. On the next day some men agreed that one of their number should go to him, and, if possible, draw him into discussion. He went accordingly, and began the conversation, saying, "I believe there is a small dispute between you and me, and I thought that I would call this morning and try to settle it."

"Ah?" said the good man, "what is it?" "Why," he replied, "you say that the woe of the finally impenitent will be eternal, and I do not think it will."

"Oh, if that is all," he answered, "there is no dispute between you and me. If you turn to Matthew xxv. 26, you will find that the dispute is between you and the Lord Jesus Christ, and I advise you to go immediately and settle with Him."—*Sword and Trowel.*

—If you sow a handful, you will reap a bushel; if you sow the wind, you shall reap the whirlwind. You laugh in a scoffing way and say, "I am sowing wild oats." You have got to reap them.—*D. L. Moody.*

1881.

Members will please bear in mind that Fees for 1881 are now due.

It makes no difference whether men like it or not, it is the duty of the Christian to be always "about his Father's business" and always to see to it that the avowal of his fealty to Christ, in no company and in no place, and on no occasion brings to his cheek the flush of shame.

The work of the Young Men's Christian Association is in every sense aggressive. It believes in storming the strongholds of sin. It takes as its watchword the Captain's order, "GO." Its work is therefore a warfare; and its workers need to be men of war, good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

"Truth is always consistent with itself, and needs nothing to help it out. It is always near at hand, sits upon our lips, and is ready to drop out before we are aware. A lie is troublesome, and sets a man's invention on the rack, and one trick needs a great many more to make it good. It is a building upon a false foundation, which is continually in need of props to shore it up."

The grand old book of God still stands and this old earth, the more its leaves are turned over and pondered, the more it will sustain and illustrate the sacred word.—*Prof. Dana.*

Bulletin for Week Commencing Oct. 18th, 1880.

MONDAY	Oct. 18	12.00 M.	Praise Meeting—S. R. Briggs.
			8.00 P.M. Young Men's Bible Class.
TUESDAY	" 19	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. The Lord's care for His Servants. 1 Kings xix, 1, 8. Geo. T. Fergusson.
WEDNESDAY..	" 20	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Courage in Testimony. 1 Kings xxii. 6-29. Acts iv. 29-31. H. A. Bruton.
THURSDAY.....	" 21	12.00 M.	Bible Reading. W. P. Cromble.
FRIDAY	22	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. The Grace of Giving. 2 Cor. vii. 7-15; ix. 6-9. R. Merryfield.
SATURDAY	" 23	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Speechless before the Great King. Matt. xxii. 1-13. W. E. Burford.
			4.00 P.M. Teacher's Bible Class. Hon. S. H. Blake.
			8.00 P.M. Young Men's Meeting. W. Flint Jones.
SUNDAY.....	" 24	9.30 A.M.	Workers' Meeting for Prayer and Bible Study.
			3.00 P.M. Evangelistic bible Class. S. R. Briggs.
			8.30 P.M. Gospel and Song Service. Alf. Sandham.

OPEN TO ALL, with exception of the Monday and Saturday Evening Meetings, which are exclusively for young men. A cordial invitation is extended. Requests for prayers may be addressed to the Secretary.

Railroad Men's Meetings.

SABBATH, Oct. 24, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station—ALEX MUNRO and REV. G. M. MILLIGAN.
At Nipissing Station—JOS. GREENE and the RAILWAY SECRETARY.
COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every MONDAY 8 P.M.—4 McDougall's Lane, near Brock Street.
Thursday 8 P.M.—78 Ontario Street, (rear.)
Noon Meeting every Wednesday. 12.30 to 1—Toronto, Grey & Bruce Reading Rooms.

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