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So then, after
the Lord had spoken
unto them,
He was received
up into heaven,
and sat on the
right hand of God.

MARK XVI. 19.

FACTS.

SOME people have an idea that the Young Men's Christian Association is a superfluous organization; that there is no special work for it to do. The following facts settle the question conclusively:

Peoria, Ill., has 6,000 young men. Only 330 are found in the membership of the seven largest Protestant churches in that city. Last year 300 young men were arrested and brought before one

of the three police magistrates. Of the 216 confined in the county jail, 170 were young men.

On a recent Saturday evening 406 young men entered six saloons in that city within two hours, and 209 entered another saloon with a theater attached, in a single hour. There were 128 saloons then open, and they are open day and evening through the week.

On the following Sunday morning only 302 young men were in attendance at eight of the largest Protestant churches.

Last month at Nashville, Tenn., \$25,000 was pledged in one evening, for a building for the Young Men's Christian Association. Since then it has been increased to \$36,000. They want \$50,000.

John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, says in regard to the value of the Association building in Philadelphia: "I am free to say that a city like Philadelphia, with its hundred thousand young men, could get on better without its street railroads than without its fine, commodious building of the Young Men's Christian Association. No better investment has ever been made in this city by its merchants and business men than the gymnasium, library, reading room, and halls that they have made for its young men. I consider it of great importance that every city should have

Ask in faith, nothing wavering.

James i. 6.

Beware lest thou forget the Lord.
Deut. vi. 12.

a building as headquarters for its young men." The building cost \$500,000.

Mr. V Newcomb, one of the friends of the Association in Davenport, Iowa, has, *unasked*, deeded to the Association a building lot worth \$4,500.

The building fund of the Kansas City Association now amounts to \$20,000.

Chaplain C. C. Pierce, U. S. Army, says: "It is a point sometimes in dispute, whether a Christian can contribute his energies to the Young Men's Christian Association, without, to some extent, neglecting the work of his church. I would like to give a pastor's testimony on this point, and say that my members who wrought most enthusiastically for and with the Association were always those upon whom I could most strongly rely in the religious work of the church."

The St. Joseph, Mo., Association have started out to raise \$50,000 for a building. They have already five persons who have pledged \$5,000 apiece toward it.

Rev. John Hall, D.D., New York, says: "The Young Men's Christian Association deserves support—First, because its work is for *young men*; second, because it takes advantage of the *social element* in young men; and third, because it is a *Christian Association*."

At Selma, Ala., an effort is being made to secure \$25,000 for a building; \$12,000 was pledged the first evening. The movement is sure to succeed.

The following is taken from an article in the *New York Christian Advocate*, the official organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

"The Young Men's Christian Association is the embodiment of a living, practical Christianity. It provides a home for the homeless. There is the warmth of the domestic hearthstone in the young men's palatial mansion. The attractive parlors, the cordial welcome, touch the strangers heart in a strange city. He is no longer alone in that loneliest of all solitudes, a large city. The mother in the far away country

cottage, bids her darling boy a long and tender farewell, feels an agonizing heart throb as he passes around the corner waving his handkerchief and is lost to sight. But when the letter comes conveying the glad tidings, 'I have joined the Young Men's Christian Association, and have found warm friends,' amid tears she cries, 'Thank God! my boy is safe.'"

WORKERS'
TRAINING CLASS
EVERY THURSDAY,

AT EIGHT P.M.

All young men who desire to be better fitted for Christian work are invited to attend this meeting.

THE USE OF THE TONGUE.

"**G**OD made the tongue: and, since he never makes anything in vain, we may be sure that He made it for some good purpose. What is its good purpose?" Thus spoke a teacher one day in her class.

"He made it that we may pray with it," answered one boy.

"To sing with" said another
"To talk to people with," said a third.
"To recite our lessons with," replied another.

"Yes, and I will tell you what He did not make it for. He did not make it for to scold with, to lie with, or to swear with. He did not mean that we should say unkind, or foolish, or impatient words with it. Now think, every time you use your tongues, if you are using them in the way which pleases God. Do good with your tongues, and not evil. It is one of the most important members of the whole body, although it is so small. Serve God with it every day."

I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee.
Jer. xv. 20.

I have graven thee upon the palms of My hands.
Isaiah xlix. 16.

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,
EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

THE PIOUS BAKER.

A BAKER, who travelled the country disposing of bread, stopped at a public-house, where he was waited on at dinner by a young girl. When opportunity offered, he asked the girl if she loved the Saviour. She answered that she did not. He then in earnestness and simplicity, unfolded to her the way of salvation, and urged her to accept Christ as her Saviour. The words were but few, and he returned home. Again he found himself at the same public-house; but now an older woman served at the table. She recognized him, and asked him if he remembered the former visit. He did. "Do you remember the girl that served you? "I do." "She was my daughter; and, oh! how can I thank you for the few words you said to her on the subject of religion! They were the means of her conversion; and, oh! dear sir," bursting into tears, "they prepared her for a sick and dying bed, to which she was suddenly brought. She often referred to the interview, and passed away in triumph. She is now with that Saviour you made known to her."—*Sudbury Leaflets.*

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

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

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every MONDAY Evening,
AT 8 O'CLOCK,

BEGIN THE DAY WITH GOD.

HERE are many toiling ones whose time is not at their own command. But there is not one who cannot hold converse with God. His ear can hear amid the clang and roar of machinery, or the hum of hundreds of voices. The heart can go up to Him, no matter what the surroundings. Wherever Abraham pitched his tent, there he raised up an altar to the Lord. So wherever the Christian heart is, there is also an acceptable altar from which the incense of prayer and praise may ascend. There are few who may not, if they will, find time and place for private communion with God before entering on the morning's duties.

General Havelock would rise at four, if the hour for marching was at six, rather than lose the precious privilege of communion with his God before setting out.

Luther, in his busiest seasons, felt that praying time was never lost. When pressed with labours, he would say, "I have so much to do that I cannot get on without three hours a day of praying."

Sir Matthew Hale also bears testimony: "If I omit praying and reading God's word in the morning, nothing goes well all day." How many of us may find here the cause of many of our failures, and consequent loss of happiness.

WE recently heard the remark that "the gospel should be run on business principles." How would it do to reverse it and say that business should be transacted on gospel principles?

Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
John i. 17.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening.
AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME

THE ANCHOR WATCH.

"I OFTEN recall," says an old sailor, "my first night at sea. A storm had come up, and we had put back under a point of land which broke the wind a little, but still the sea had a rake on us, and we were in danger of drifting.

"I was on the anchor watch; it was my duty to give warning in case the ship should drag her anchor. It was a long night to me. I was very anxious whether I should know if the ship really did drift. How could I tell? I found that going forward and placing my hand on the chain, I could tell by feeling it whether the anchor was dragging or not; and how often that night I went forward and placed my hand on that chain! And very often since that I have wondered whether I am drifting away from God: and then I go away and pray.

"Sometimes during that long stormy night I would be startled by a rumbling sound, and I would put my hand on the chain, and find that it was not the anchor dragging, but only the chain grating against the rocks on the bottom. The anchor was still firm. And sometimes now, in temptation and trial I become afraid, and praying, I find that away down deep in my heart I do love God, and my hope is in His salvation.

And I want just to say a word to you, young men. Keep an anchor watch, least, before you are aware, you may be upon the rocks."

Gospel and Song Service

Every SUNDAY Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL WELCOME.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. General Secretary.

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Of whom speaketh the Prophet Jeremiah? Jer. xxiii. 5, 6; Rom. iii. 21-26. W. Marks.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Arise! 1. *Rebentance*, Luke xv, 18, 19; 2. *Testimony*, Isa. lx. 1; Matt. v. 16. R. Hall.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Have ye Received the Holy Ghost since ye Believed? Acts xix. 1-6; Eph. ii. 18-22. J. H. Holmes.

8 p.m.—WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21.

12 to 12.45 noon.—God's Temple must be used for God's Service. 1 Cor. vi. 19, 20. J. Wood.

7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ our Redeemer. Gal. iii. 10-13; Titus ii. 11-14. Assist. Secretary.

7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee meets for Prayer.

8.00 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Three one things. Luke x. 42; Mark x. 21; Ps. xxvii. 4. A. R. Saunders.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23.

9.30 a.m.—Beginner's Bible Class. Assistant Secretary.

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. H. B. Gordon. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

Railway Men's Meeting.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

7.30 p.m., for one hour.—At York. Cottage Meeting at Alex. Shields'; address by J. Bousfield.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23.

GOspel MEETINGS.

3 p.m.—Union Station. P. A. Hertz and Robt. Johnston.

3.15 p.m.—At York. J. Wood.