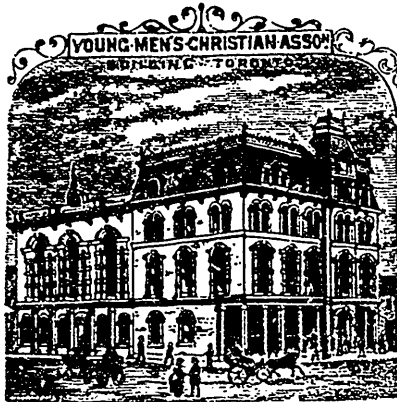




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No. 1.

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John iii. 16.

Editorial.

After much prayer for guidance, and due deliberation as to the best method to be adopted toward reaching the General Public, we have concluded to issue a weekly Bulletin, in which will appear Incidents from our own work—Notes of our Meetings—Extracts from records of other Associations—and brief, pointed articles upon the all important subject of Man's ruin, and God's plan of Redemption.

We are impressed with the need for such a paper as this, by the fact that almost daily, we meet with those who ask "What are Y. M. C. Associations?" or, "What is your Association doing?" These questions are not prompted by the thought that we are *inactive*, but from a desire to know the nature and extent of the work. We shall therefore endeavour to make the BULLETIN a clear exponent of our aims, object, needs, success, yea our failures also, so that our friends who have hitherto so liberally supported us, may know that in so doing they have acted wisely and well; and that those who, through ignorance of Association work have looked askance at us, may be led to throw in their influence, and cheer us with their presence. But above and beyond all, we pray that these pages may be richly blessed in carrying the Gospel to the Young Men of Toronto. Brethren pray for us, and for this paper.

Young men desirous of personal conversation or advice, bearing upon their *spiritual* or *temporal* interests will be gladly welcomed by the Secretary. Our desire is that Young Men, either residents in Toronto, or strangers, should be impressed with this fact, that the *advancement of their interests* is the one object we have before us. While we shall gladly welcome those who feel desirous

of connecting themselves with the Association, we shall just as cordially extend the word of cheer and encouragement to all others. The Secretary will be in his office, Shaftesbury Hall, daily from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m., and every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. During his absence, the Assistant Secretary will be in attendance to give information, advice, or welcome. Come and visit us.

Mr. Moody never spake the truth more clearly than when he said "A good warm grasp of the hand, a kind word and a smile, will do more for a young man who comes for the first time into a large city, than ten thousand of the most eloquent sermons ever heard." We believe this most sincerely, and the Toronto Y. M. C. A. will seek to preach just such sermons to every young man who may visit the Rooms.

Selections.

WHAT IS SAID OF THE Y. M. C. A.

"These excellent societies have done a vast amount of good by the care they have exercised over the young men, especially those who come from the country, and are particularly liable to be dazzled and led away by the temptations of city life."—*Harper's Weekly*.

"If I never again should be permitted to speak in this world, I could not use my voice for the last time better than in words of encouragement to this Association. I like it because in this work all creeds and denominations unite, and strive for a common end. I like it above all, because its greatest object is to save men. It follows Christ, who, while he dispensed temporal blessing, made it his great work to seek and save the lost."—*Rev. Dr. Taylor, Providence*.

ETERNITY:

Where will you spend it, reader?

TORONTO Y. M. C. A.
Sunday Afternoon Bible Class,
 SHAFTESBURY HALL, 3 O'CLOCK.

YOU
 ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

Original.

A 1.

In all our large cities we have organizations known as Mercantile Agencies. A stranger wishes to purchase goods upon credit; he calls upon a city merchant, and states his business and what he considers himself able to do. While he is speaking, the merchant takes from his desk a slip of paper and writes, "What is the standing of Mr. Blank, of Somewhere?" Excusing himself for a moment, the merchant slips into the warehouse, and despatches a messenger to the Mercantile Agency with the paper. In a short time the messenger returns with a form on which is written, "Mr. Blank, of Somewhere, A1." What does it mean? Simply this, that Mr. Blank is worthy of unlimited credit; whatever he promises he is able to perform. The merchant now most gladly opens the account, but why? He is no better acquainted with the man than he was before; he has not handled any of the stranger's money. Then why open the account? Simply because *he has confidence in the testimony given by the agency concerning the man.*

And now, dear unconverted young man, we ask you, does not common sense dictate to you that the *testimony which God has given concerning His Son* should be accepted by you? You have been asked to accept God's offer of salvation, but you say, "I am not sure that Jesus can do for me what he promises." We ask you how are you to know His ability? Is it not by going to God's great reference book, "THE BIBLE," and is it not a fact that consulting it you find there

WHAT JESUS IS ABLE TO DO FOR YOU:

Able to make all grace abound toward you that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.—2 Cor. ix. 8.

Able to succour them that are tempted.—Heb. ii. 18.

Able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.—Jude 24.

Able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him.—Heb. vii. 25.

Able also to make you stand.—Romans xiv. 4.

Able to keep that which I have committed unto Him.—2 Tim. i. 12.

Able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.—Acts xx. 32.

Able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.—Ephesians iii. 10.

Able to subdue all things unto himself.—Philippians iii. 21.

In other words Jesus is worthy of your fullest confidence.

Believing the testimony led the merchant to trust the stranger. Paul writes to the Ephesians, "In whom (Jesus) ye also *trusted* after that ye heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation," Eph. i. 13. And still again, "Faith cometh by *hearing*, and hearing by the *Word of God*," Rom. x. 17; and still again, this is the word: "That if *thou* shalt confess with *thy* mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt *believe* in *thine* heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, *thou* shalt be saved," Rom. x. 9. In other words, you are LOST; you need SALVATION; Jesus is ABLE TO SAVE. A 1. Worthy your fullest confidence. What He has promised, He is able also to perform.

Association Notes.

During the past week we have been favored with a short visit from Mr. Ware, a young English Evangelist. He did good service while with us, and we have reason to believe that he was instrumental in God's hand in leading some to Christ. He left for Galt, whence he proceeds to labor at Pinkerton.

The Conference of General Secretaries which met at Chicago on the 9th inst. closed on the 12th. Mr. Burford our Railway Secretary attended the sessions. In a future number we shall refer to some of the questions under its consideration. In the meantime the following facts concerning these conferences may prove of interest.

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and British Provinces, was held in Washington, D. C., May 24-28, 1871. The day after the farewell meeting was spent by many of the delegates in an excursion up the Potomac to Mount Vernon.

In the cabin of the steamer, at the suggestion of J. B. Brandt, Secretary of the Association in Indianapolis, Ind., a meeting was called of all the paid Secretaries or officers of the various Associations who were on board the vessel. Eleven were present. R. R. McBurney, Secretary of the Association in New York City, was called to the Chair, and each officer described the nature and duties of the office he held. The Association of the General Secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States and British Provinces was then organized, and it was voted to meet on the day prior to the assembling of the next International Convention, in Lowell, Massachusetts.

L. P. Rowland, the Senior Secretary, who for fourteen years had held the office in the Association in Boston, was chosen President, and Alfred Sandham, of Montreal, Secretary. Of the names borne by the various officers, that of General Secretary was selected as the best and was recommended to the Associations for adoption.

The annual fee for membership was fixed at one dollar (\$1) the first payment to be made on

the enrollment of the name of each member. The following eleven brethren then enrolled their names:

J. B. Brandt, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. D. Blake, Rochester, Minn.; E. W. Chase, St. Paul, Minn.; Thomas K. Cree, Pittsburg, Pa.; L. P. Dorland, Minneapolis, Minn.; I. G. Jenkins, Buffalo, N. Y.; Robert R. McBurney, New York; L. P. Rowland, Boston, Mass.; Alfred Sandham, Montreal; Lang Sheaf, Cleveland, O.; Thomas J. Wilkie, Toronto, Ont.

At the 2nd Conference held at Lowell, 24 Secretaries were present, and we learn from Mr. Burford that at the conference just closed about 125 Secretaries reported.

It will cost something to be religious; it will cost more not to be so.—*Mason.*

“Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.”—Ex. xx. 8.

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Bulletin for Week Commencing June 28th, 1880.

DATE OF MEETING.	SUBJECT.	LEADER.
MONDAY, JUNE 28.		
12.00 M. Praise Meeting.....	.....	J. D. Nasmith.
8.00 P.M. Young Men's Bible Class.....	.....	H. A. Bruton.
TUESDAY, JUNE 29.		
12.00 M. Noonday Prayer.....	A timely warning to those enjoying remarkable prosperity. Deut. viii. 6-2	W. E. Burford.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.		
12.00 M. Noonday Prayer.....	Christian Patience. 2 Tim. ii, 24-26; Heb. xii. 1-2.....	Rev. J. B. Clarkson.
THURSDAY, JULY 1.		
12.00 M. Bible Reading.....	The True Ark.....	Alf. Sandham.
FRIDAY, JULY 2.		
12.00 M. Noonday Prayer.....	Faith, though weak, rewarded. Jud. vi. 11-18, 36-40.....	H. A. Bruton.
8.00 P.M. Boy's Meeting.....	.....	Chas. Edwards.
SATURDAY, JULY 3.		
12.00 M. Noonday Prayer.....	Crisis in Job's Life. Job ii. 1-10; xlii. 7-8	E. C. Newberry.
4.00 P.M. Teachers' Bible Class.....	International Lesson.....	Rev. S. J. Hunter.
8.00 P.M. Young Men's Meeting.....	Wicked shall not go unpunished. 1 Ki. xiv. 11-18; xv. 25-30. Josh. xxiii. 15-16. Ps. ix. 15-17. Rev. xxi. 8.....	W. Anderson.
SABBATH, JULY 4.		
9.50 A.M. Workers' Meeting for Prayer and Bible Study.....	Workers together with Him. 2 Cor. vi. 1-10.....	R. Anderson.
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, JULY 4, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station— Messrs. JAS. GREENE, W. ANDERSON.

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