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"We are ambassadors
for Christ, as though
God did beseech you
by us: we pray you in
Christ's stead, be ye
reconciled to God."

2 Cor. 5. 20.

EGLINTON Y. M. C. A.

THose that argue that a Y. M. C. A. cannot be sustained in a small town or village could have been present at the Anniversary of the Eglinton Association on Tuesday last, they would have discovered their position to be somewhat unsound. Eglinton is situated about four miles north of Toronto. The population is about 500, and yet there has been sustained for some years, what our American cousins would term, a *live* Association, with a free reading-room well supplied with papers; a library; a weekly meeting for the members; a course of lectures every winter, and an efficient tract committee which has regularly visited the families of the village, and scattered the precious seed of the Word of God. And financially they have been blessed, as the statement furnished showed a balance of \$8.00 in hand. The commodious and comfortable rooms of the Association were crowded at the annual meeting. Mr. J. J. Gartshore, President, occupied the chair, and earnest, practical addresses were given by Messrs. John Macdonald, W. H. Howland, H. O'Brien, James Lesslie, and others. The evening's

pleasure was enhanced by the singing of Mrs. Gartshore, the Misses Joseph, and Miss Thompson.

In listening to the reports we were attracted by the spiritual tone which pervaded them, the longing for souls, and the heartfelt desire to reach out and save them. May the Lord give our Eglinton brethren the desire of their hearts during the present year.

BISHOP Bond's name appears on the list as Chairman of the noonday prayer meeting held on Thursday last in the Y. M. C. A. Rooms, Montreal. His predecessor, Bishop Oxenden, also took an interest in the work of the Association. We can well remember his having called at the rooms one morning to leave his contribution toward the funds of the Association, when he expressed his gratification at thus being able to practically demonstrate his interest in the work.

OUR MEMBERS' COURSE.

ON Tuesday evening last Shaftesbury Hall was well filled by our members and friends. Mr. L. C. Peake, Chairman of the Membership Committee, presided. The evening's entertainment consisted of a select programme of music and readings, and an interesting address by Rev. S. J. Hunter, of Elm Street Methodist Church. The audience amply testified their appreciation of the address, also of the able manner in which the programme was sustained by Mrs. Caldecott, Mrs. Howson, Miss Lillie Jones, Mr. Dignum and Mr. G. C. Warburton. We add to that testimony our own thanks for their valued aid so cheerfully rendered. The exercises of the evening were opened with prayer and closed with the benediction by Rev. S. J. Hunter.

“Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters.”

Isa. lv. 1.

SINK YOUR WELL.

THE easiest time to dig a well is in wet weather, but the best time to dig one is in a time of drouth. Many wells sunk in times of spring freshets or autumn rains, in a little while are dry, and then the well has to be taken up and sunk deeper. The best time to sink a well, and the only time when perpetual supply of water can be obtained, is in a time of drouth; then, as the well goes deeper and deeper it passes beyond the surface water, and strikes those hidden currents which feed it from unfailling fountains.

There are many souls whose only knowledge of the water of life is gained in times of freshets, in revivals, when everything seems afloat; when the windows of heaven seem opened, and the earth beneath is saturated with the abundant showers. Then they know the blessedness of living water; but in the time of drouth, when comforts wither and joys depart, when all tokens of reviving have vanished, and when everything seems like barrenness and desolation, they too feel the blight of prevailing influences, and become like fountains that fail. Then is the time to sink such wells. Go deeper, learn, something of the depths of the love of God. Go down through all the surface water, until you strike the divine reservoir which cannot fail. Then, as from an Artesian fountain their gushes up a stream which cannot fail, so in your heart the word that Christ has given shall be unto you a well of waters springing up into everlasting life. Sink your well. Do not wait for a freshet, do not wait for a revival; now, is your time of drouth and desolation, go to your Bible; go to your closet; go to your Saviour; go to your God. Do not forsake the living waters; do not hew out broken cisterns that hold no water. Dig deep. Taste the divine fulness. Dwell in God, and God shall dwell in you—*The Christian.*

CONSISTENCY.

IF Noah, when he was building the ark for the salvation of himself and house, had at the same time been erecting a block of buildings on the other side of the way for a summer residence, it is doubtful whether such an illustration of his faith would have condemned the world; and though he himself might have entered the ark, it is by no means certain that his children would have followed his example; and the wicked world around would have said:—“Noah is a pretty shrewd old man; he intends to be prepared whatever comes, rain or shine. If there is a flood he will take to the ark, and if not he will be comfortably situated on dry land.” Noah prepared the ark. There was building and planting going on around it, but he did not do it. He shewed his faith by his works, and this is the apostolic way to exhibit it. Let men say *the thing they mean and act the thing they say.*—(Selected.)

MISSED THE MARK.

A WESTERN farmer wrote a letter to the officers of Yale College, and asked them if they would charge him anything extra if they would teach his son mathematics, astronomy and the languages, as well as rowing. They seem to have been missing the mark. This incident reminds us of an Association whose President wrote asking us to send them a book of select readings, they were going to give readings weekly. This was their work: surely they have missed the mark. Another Association wrote us they had a friend not a member of the Association (not even a Christian man) who came in Sunday afternoons and read them a poem. Away with such trash; they are probably Young Men's Associations, but not Young Men's Christian Associations. They have entirely missed the mark.—*Y. M. C. A. Watchman.*

Kindness is the music of good-will to men, and on the harp the smallest fingers may play heaven's sweetest tunes on earth.

Some men take pleasure in earning their money, as well as in using it—a sure way of getting it, and getting the good of it.

—What God calls a man to do He will carry him through. I would undertake to govern half a dozen worlds if God called me to do it; but if He did not call me to do it, I would not undertake to govern half a dozen sheep.—*Payson.*

—Y. M. C. A.—

SIXTH OF LECTURE COURSE,

Shaftesbury Hall.

TUESDAY FEB. 5th.

MISS NELLA F. BROWN, of Boston, Mass, Reader.
MISS MAGG. E. BARR, of Hamilton, Vocalist.
MISS BOYD, of Toronto, Pianist.

TICKETS 25 & 50 Cents.

Bulletin for Week Commencing February 7, 1881.

MONDAY....	Feb. 7....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING & PRAISE MEETING. Ps. xxx. Rev. W. A. Hunter, M.A.,
		8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. H. A. Bruton
TUESDAY....	" 8....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Frail yet Immortal. Job xiv. 1-4; John v. 25-29. Rev. A. Moore.
WEDNESDAY ..	" 9....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Secret of Victory 1 John v. 1-5. Rev. G. M. Milligan.
THURSDAY.....	" 10 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Jealousy Reproved. Numb. xii. 1-10; Phil. ii. 3. Rev. I. Tovell.
FRIDAY	" 11 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Am I free Indeed? John viii. 32-36. W. Anderson.
		8.00 P.M.		BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	" 12....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Conditions of Fellowship with God. 1 John i. 1-7. Rev. H. Melville.
		4.50 P.M.		TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
		8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Have me excused. Luke xiv. 16-24. R. Kilgour
SUNDAY.....	" 13....	9.30 A.M.		WORKER'S MEETING FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY.
		3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. P. H. Burton.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Feb. 13, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station.—Hon. JOHN McMURRICH and Mr. P. H. BURTON.

At Nipissing Station.—RAILWAY SECRETARY and Mr. A. MUNRO.

COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every THURSDAY 8 P.M.—11 Monck St. FRIDAY 8 P.M.—6 Trefann St.

FREE CLASSES.

ELOCUTION.....	MR. R. LEWIS.....	MONDAY, 8 P.M.
PHONOGRAPHY.....	MR. R. McNAB..	MONDAY and SATURDAY, 6.45 P.M.
BOOKKEEPING.....	MR. McINTYRE..	TUESDAY, 8 P.M.
DRAWING.....	MR. H. B. GORDON.....	FRIDAY, 8 P.M.
GYMNASIUM (for Young Men).....		MONDAY and THURSDAY, 8 P.M., SATURDAY, 4 to 6 P.M.
GYMNASIUM (for Boys).....	MR. BRUTON... ..	MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY 4.30 to 6 P.M.

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