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Reception Committee Social.

On Monday evening, February 20th, at 6.45 the members of the Reception Committee met together for tea and a social chat on the work of the Reception Committee. About 30 members were present. After a good tea had been partaken of they adjourned to the Board Room and the proceedings of the evening were commenced with prayer by several of the members, after which Mr. Orchard, the Chairman of the Reception Committee, gave a short address of welcome to all who were present, and expressed his great pleasure at seeing the members of the Committee taking such a genuine interest in their work, and hoped that this interest would continue to grow as long as there was any work left for the Committee to do. He also, in the name of all present, heartily welcomed four new members who had undertaken the work of the Reception Committee. An intensely interesting and instructive paper was read by Mr. Booth, in which he showed the qualifications necessary to make a successful member of this Committee. 1st. He should have a heart so full of love toward others that he would be willing to make everything else bend to the claims of his work. 2nd. He should be a good judge of human nature so that he could readily determine the dispositions of those with whom he came in contact and thus be able to address himself to them in such a way as would be agreeable and ensure a reciprocal good feeling. He suggested as a motto for the Committee the words of the Apostle Paul addressed to Timothy—"Instant in season and out of season" and said that the members of this Committee should feel that they were not merely on duty on occasional evenings, but that they were always on duty. The reader of the paper then gave some valuable hints on: 1st. "How to help one another in our work"—by remembering one another daily

in prayer and especially those who would be on duty for the evening of that day and by cultivating a brotherly feeling one toward the other. 2nd. "On the kind of work to be done." 3rd. "The method for doing the work and the grand possibility that may be realized by united zeal and earnestness on the part of each member, how strangers can be made to feel that they have a home and friends who are interested in them, and how young men may be brought out of the darkness of sin into the marvellous light of the Gospel of Christ. The writer brought his paper to a close by showing that what the Committee wanted was to see young men brought under Christian influences, to make them feel that the time spent in the Association Building had been well and profitably spent, and lastly, but most important of all to lead them to accept Christ as their Saviour and Friend and strive to live like Him that they may one day reign with Him forever.

Mr. W. H. Seymour supplemented the paper with some very valuable suggestions from his own experience in the work, as to how to best carry out the objects of the Committee. An animated discussion of the various suggestions brought forward then followed in which nearly every one present took part showing that they all had the success of the work very much at heart. It was decided that the next social gathering of the Committee should take place on Monday, 23rd April, when a paper will be read by Mr. Paul on "The outside work of the Committee" to be followed with some practical hints in the same line by Mr. Gauld.

After an unanimous vote of thanks had been given to Messrs Booth and Seymour for the impetus which their words had given to the meeting and to the work generally the meeting was closed with prayer by the Chairman, every one feeling that a most enjoyable and profitable evening had been spent,

Items of Interest.

During the past month fifteen young men have professed faith in Jesus Christ, and seventy-five new members were received.

The average attendance at the Sunday night meeting for men only has been 130, while the Saturday night meeting has averaged eighty-five.

On Tuesday evening, 6th inst., the fourth in our interesting series of medical talks will be given by Dr. Riordan, the subject being: "What to do in emergencies." Every young man should hear this practical talk.

Our parlour lecture this month will be given on Tuesday evening, 20th inst., by Rev. T. W. Jeffrey, the subject being: "John Kitto." There will doubtless be a large attendance at this meeting.

It is the intention at an early date to organize among our members a Y. M. C. A. Bicycle Club. No more pleasant and delightful recreation can be had during the summer, and this coupled with the pleasant, genial companionship of kindred spirits will induce large numbers to join.

The Convention was a decided success in every respect. The meetings were well attended and full of interest, and a large number of the delegates stated that it was the best meeting they had ever attended. As the report will be published shortly, and as so many of our members were present at the meetings, we shall not go further into detail.

Gymnasium Notes.

Why do you not come to the Gymnasium?
Why do you not devote some time to the necessary physical exercise?

Because I do not feel like it; I am not strong enough; my nervous system is all unstrung; I have not the time; I cannot do anything in a gymnasium; I have too much work already.

Such are some of the answers given to the above questions, when put to men of sedentary and indoor habits.

There is only one of these reasons—that of lack of time—worthy of a moment's consideration. And this one is certainly censurable, if looked upon in the light of the future. It is an incontrovertible fact, agreed upon by all who know aught about the subject, that the future must allow, for the rest and reparation of the body, that amount of neces-

sary time which you neglect to give it in the present. Indeed, the physical system will demand, at some future time, principal with compound interest, at the rate of twenty-five per cent., or more, if the liquidation of the bill be delayed very long.

As to the other answers to our first questions, what stronger reasons could be given for the necessity of systematic work in a gymnasium?

If you are weak, use this best of means to get strong. If you are nervous, the use of your muscles calls those nerves and nerve-centres into action, and thus steadies and strengthens them. There is the relation of inter-dependence in the nerves and muscles. The nerves convey to the muscles the motary power, which has originated in the mind, while the muscles in turn, in their action, cause the carriage of sustenance to the nerves.

As to another reason, the gymnasium is not a place to "do things" in, but a place to get strong, vigorous and symmetrical. But if you wish pleasing tricks, come and learn.

J. A. MALLOY.

In Memoriam.

Our members and friends will read with painful interest of the early death of Mr. William Cassidy, well-known as an active energetic worker in our Association prior to his departure for China last year. Mr. Cassidy died of small-pox at Kobe in Japan on his way to Shanghai. It was largely through the efforts of Mr. Cassidy that the Y. M. C. A. was established in connection with the Medical Colleges in this city.

He was their first President, and was most devoted in his work for the Master, and had given himself to foreign missionary work, and had been appointed medical missionary in connection with the China Inland Mission.

This sad event is one of the dark inscrutable providences of God, but He doubtless has a wise purpose in view, and we trust the early death of our brother, together with his deep devotion and consecration to God's service may be an incentive to our members and the Medical Students to more faithful and earnest work for Christ. May it also be a means of drawing out many others to give themselves fully to mission work in other lands.

Mrs. Cassidy has our deepest sympathy and prayers in this sad bereavement.

Reception Committee.

APPOINTMENTS FOR MARCH.

Monday,	1st and 3rd.—Messrs.	Neelands and Wethey.
	2nd and 4th.— "	Mason and Pim.
Tuesday,	1st and 3rd.— "	Sycamore and Lin- ton.
	2nd and 4th.— "	Cuthbertson, Sey- mour and Elliott.
Wednesday,	1st and 3rd.— "	Webber, Carson and Willmott.
	2nd and 4th.— "	Barker, Eaton and Rogers.
Thursday,	1st and 3rd.— "	Armstrong, David- son and Giles.
	2nd and 4th.— "	Carleton, Johnston and Paul.
Friday,	1st and 3rd.— "	Booth, Mack and Readman.
	2nd and 4th.— "	McLeod, Iver and Keegan.
Saturday,	1st and 3rd.— "	Orchard, Gauld, Boothe and Proctor.
	2nd and 4th.— "	Bambridge, Gauld and Boothe.
Sunday,	1st.—Messrs.	Neelands and Mack.
"	2nd.— "	Sycamore and Elliott.
"	3rd.— "	McLeod and Seymour.
"	4th " "	Mason and Gauld.

The monthly meeting of the Committee is held on the Monday evening preceeding the last Friday of each month.

Meetings During the Month.

The Medical Talk given the first week in February by Dr. Daniel Clark was a great success. About 800 young men were present while the Doctor spoke in earnest pointed terms of the dangers of early manhood. His address was listened to with the greatest interest. He endeavoured to forearm his hearers against the vices and temptations which would beset them in attaining to manhood by forewarning them of the terrible results that followed. He impressed upon them the responsibility of men maintaining physical vigour by observing the laws of nature. He also declared with no uncertain sound that the vices of the age were causing the world to be peopled by weaklings and imbeciles. He highly commended the Y. M. C. A. for its practical work in seeking to stem the tide of evil and trying to save young men.

The Lecture by Thos. Kirkland, M. A., Principal of the Normal School, on the "Story of the Earth," illustrated with the Stereopticon was an undoubted success. We regret to say fully 200 had to be turned away, unable to find even standing room.

More than 1,500 persons were present at the Conversazione given by the Choir and Reception Committee. An excellent programme was rendered, also a fine gymnastic display. Every one present seemed thoroughly to enjoy the evening, and \$110 was secured to go toward the Organ Fund.

Lectures in March.

We wish to draw the especial attention of our members to the following Lectures and Receptions to be held during the present month:—

On Tuesday, the 6th inst., the last but one of our series of Medical Talks to Young Men will be given by Dr. Riordan, the subject being "What to do in Emergencies." All young men are welcome, and we hope to see a large gathering present. All those who were present at the lecture given by Dr. Riordan in our last winter's course of Talks will, we are sure, need no second invitation to this one. The subject is one full of interest and information, and all our members would do well to make a special effort to attend.

On the following Tuesday, March 13th, a Reception will be held, when our building will be open for inspection.

On the 20th inst. the next in our series of Parlour Lectures will be given by Rev. T. W. Jeffrey; subject: "John Kitto." This promises to be a great treat, and a large gathering of members and lady friends is anticipated.

Then, on the last Tuesday in the month, we shall have our Members' Monthly Reception. An attractive programme will be prepared, particulars of which will be announced later.

Donations for February.

The following donations have been received during the month, and are hereby gratefully acknowledged: B. Homer Dixon, K.N.L., \$50; C. Blakett Robinson, \$25; Philip Jacobi, \$10; Deaf Mute Class, per J. D. Nasmith, \$15; F. W. Kerr, \$10; F. A. Kirk, \$1; For Railway Work, a Friend, \$5; Humphrey Jackson, \$2; Aikenhead & Crombie, \$2.

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A considerable number of additions to the shorthand and other classes have been made since last report, and we anticipate a still further increase, as a short course in elementary and mechanical drawing, consisting of eighteen lessons, has just begun. As announced, the fee for this course will be only \$1.

The class in shorthand, recently started, has a membership of 25, and it is to be hoped the pupils will keep steadily at it, as many in the advanced class are doing, for a knowledge in shorthand is becoming more than ever indispensable to those engaged in clerical employment. As the new class has just been started, intending pupils should apply at once, and we would especially urge those who have just finished their night school course to join one or other of above classes.

LITERARY AND SOCIAL.

The Concert and Literary Entertainment held in Parkdale Town Hall on the 31st ult. was in every respect a success. The hall was well filled, the audience being composed, for the most part, of members and supporters of the work.

The programme promised a rich treat, and we were not disappointed. Mr. Rae's unusual ability as a reader goes without the saying, but that which will make him an inspiration to Scotchmen wherever he goes, is the purity of his doric and his life-like portraiture of Scotch character.

Mrs. Easton and Miss Davies also contributed much to the success of the entertainment, both being heartily encored. Miss May's pianoforte rendering of "Ye banks and braes o' bonnie Doon" was much appreciated. Messrs Barton and Wesbroom also contributed much to the evening's amusement, and a quartette by Messrs French, Pope, McCoy, and Middleton called forth well merited applause.

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Association Calendar.

MARCH 5 TO APRIL 4, 1888.

Young Men's Saturday Meeting

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

DATE.	SUBJECT.	SPEAKER.
Mar. 10	How to follow Christ*	Fred. Gauld.
" 17	Work and wages for every one †.....	John J. Gartshore.
" 24	Convicted but not converted ‡.....	Thomas Yellowlees.
" 31	Is it nothing to you §.	Robert Kilgour.

* Luke ix. 23. † John iv. 35-36. ‡ Mark vi. 17-20. § Lam. i. 12.

Sabbath Morning Class for Beginners

9.30 TO 10.15

DATE.	LESSONS FROM THE PARABLES OF OUR LORD.	PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE.
Mar. 11	The Talents	Matt. xxv. 14-30.
" 18	Seed Corn	Mark iv. 26-29.
" 25	The Good Samaritan	Luke x. 30-37.
Apr. 1	The Worldling.....	" xii. 16-21.

Bible Classes.

SUNDAY, 3 P.M.—Evangelistic Bible Class—Teacher, Wm. McCulloch.

" " Classes for Chinese and Deaf Mutes.

MONDAY, 8 P.M.—General Bible Class.—Teacher, Geo. C. Robb.

TUESDAY, 8 P.M.—Workers' Training Class.

THURSDAY, 4.30 P.M.—International S. S. Lessons.—Teacher, Hon. S. H. Blake.

Other Meetings.

TUESDAY, Mar. 6.—Medical Talk: "What to do in Emergencies," illustrated.—Dr. Riordan.

" " 13.—Reception—"Labour Interests."

" " 20.—Parlour Lecture—"John Kitto."—Rev. T. W. Jeffreys.

" " 27.—Members' Monthly Reception.

Our life is a book. Our years are the chapters. Our months are the paragraphs. Our days are the sentences. Our doubts are the interrogation points. Our imitation of others, the question marks. Our attempt at display, a dash. Death, the period. Eternity, the peroration.—*Talmage.*

A Plea for U. M. C. A. Foreign Missions.

BY HENRY B. GORDON.

All the apostles were comparatively young men when our Saviour gave them the commission "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Indeed the majority might well be styled in the fullest sense of the word, young men. But we are not to suppose that our Lord's command was alone to the office-bearers of the Church, for it is altogether likely that it was when the five hundred brethren were gathered together on the mountain in Galilee that the marching orders of the Church were given. Nor is it unreasonable to suppose that a very large number of these five hundred were young men who, owing to their unencumbered condition, were able to obey the Lord's injunction to meet Him there.

The same reason would no doubt hold good when, a little later in the history of the Church, those that were scattered abroad by the persecution that arose at Stephen's martyrdom went everywhere preaching the Gospel or telling out the story of Christ. Such testimony as young men, and comparatively uneducated men, were well qualified to undertake. The statement, "Went about everywhere," would seem to imply that the ardour of youth found easy vent owing to their unencumbered state. Doubtless it was with something like this in view that the Apostle Paul addressed the Corinthian young men when he said, "I would have you without carefulness; he that is unmarried careth for the things of the Lord, how he may please Him." Thus it was in his own case, that while he claimed a perfect right "To lead about a wife as well as the other apostles"; the excessive ardour of his zeal, and the trying nature of his pioneer missionary work, made him desire that they might be even as he. It is also interesting to note that the Christian worker who so lovingly and earnestly engaged his attention as to call from him in his old age the labour of two epistles, was the young man Timothy.

These Scriptural suggestions and many others which doubtless will occur to some, point very strongly to two conclusions: 1st. That God wants the rank and file of the Church as well as the office-bearers to do His foreign mission work; and 2nd. That He specially calls young men into the field.

The young men pre-eminently possess three great qualifications for the work, viz., strength, adaptability and enthusiasm.

As John wrote in his first epistle "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you." Strong physically, a most necessary and desirable thing for those who must face the fatigues and exhaustion of hard work in a foreign clime. Strong mentally, because the word of God abideth in them. Strong spiritually, because they had overcome the wicked one. But more especially is it necessary that a missionary should possess the pliability of youth so that he may with greater ease adapt himself to the altered language, surroundings, and habits of the people among whom he may labour, so that in the truest sense he may become all things to all men, that he may gain some.

But above all must he be possessed of that enthusiasm for souls, that dauntless zeal, that irrepressible ardour; which indeed is the fruit of the Holy Spirit, but which (humanly speaking) finds its most congenial lodgement in the young man's breast.

Where are such young men to be found? What organization offers encouragement to and assists in the development of such young men? Is such an organization well fitted by its constitution, membership and diversified ramifications, to carry on such a work as is demanded in our Lord's commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature?"

The true solution of these important questions may be found I trust in the near future, when what Y. M. C. A.'s now possess may be joined to what they are manifestly called upon to undertake.

In the meantime it may be well for us to consider what organization is best fitted to carry on foreign mission work.

1st. It should be undenominational, yet thoroughly evangelical and evangelistic in spirit. God forbid that I or any one should belittle the great work which God has wrought through the missionaries sent out by the various denominations; but God must have the glory, for all the good that has been done is of God and not of or because of the denomination.

Dr. John Hall, in a letter to a young man, among other things gives the following sound advice: "If you look up the Young Men's Christian Association it will do you good. You will then have a reading room, library, gymnasium, educational classes, and decent fellows around you, at a small cost in money, and you are more likely to find there the stuff out of which real friends are made than anywhere else."

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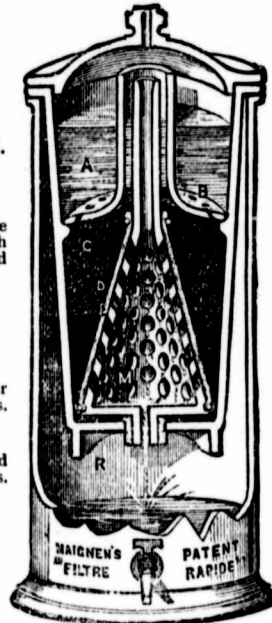
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