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OUR PLATFORM.

"The Young Men's Christian Associations seek to unite those young men, who, regarding Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour, according to the Holy Scriptures, desire to be His disciples, in their doctrine and in their life, and to associate their efforts for the extension of His kingdom among young men."

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TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY.



UR Association has attained its majority, and we trust that with all the vigour and energy of young manhood, it will rise to the position of influence and power for good which one would naturally expect it to reach in this populous community.

The outlook for the future is most encouraging, and from the tone and spirit displayed at the meeting, we are hopeful of speedily arriving at greater and better things for the 20,000 young men of Toronto.

The address of our President, S. H. Blake, Esq., on the occasion of the Anniversary, was well received, as he outlined the proposed broadening of the work so as to embrace more fully the physical and social agencies which are so valuable and necessary as auxiliaries in successfully reaching and saving young men.

The address of Rev. Mr. Stafford was thoughtful and opportune, while that of Mr. Schiverea was earnest and practical.

The choir of Mr. H. C. Dixon rendered efficient service, and the vote of thanks to them was heartily carried.

I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Heb. xiii. 5.

Seek the Lord, and ye shall live.
Amos v. 6.

MR. SCHIVEREA.

THE special meetings carried on during November by Mr. Schiverea, are drawing to a close. The attendance has been very good, averaging about 100 each evening. The interest has been marked, over one hundred young men professing faith in Jesus Christ. Mr. Schiverea's addresses have been most earnest, and his pointed appeals must have reached many hearts. We are in receipt of letters from young men in different parts of the country, expressing gratitude to God for blessing received at these meetings.

There will be a meeting on Monday evening for those who have received blessing, together with our Christian workers, for the purpose of saying farewell to Mr. Schiverea, who has been so much owned of God in Toronto.

MEDICAL TALKS, ETC.

WE desire to draw special attention to the announcement concerning the Medical Talks to be given this month, by Drs. Geikie and Canniff, also the lecture by Rev. P. McF. McLeod, and the readings by Hanibal Williams. These meetings are for the members and their friends, and are free to all with the exception of the talk by Dr. Geikie which will be for men only.

QUEBEC Y. M. C. A. BUILDING.

THE Association building at Quebec, erected in 1879, at a cost of \$37,000, and against which there is still the burden and heavy debt of \$17,000, is in imminent danger of being lost if the greater portion of this amount is not speedily paid. The Association there has strong claims upon the Christian community throughout the Dominion.

The Protestant population is small and decreasing year by year. The long continued depression in trade has rendered it impossible for them to raise this amount, so the appeal is sent forth for financial help in their hour of need. Thus the building may be secured to the association and continue to be, as it has so efficiently been in the past a beacon light, amid the surrounding darkness and superstition. If any of our readers are disposed to contribute anything toward the accomplishment of this end, Mr. R. Kilgour, Treasurer, will gladly receive the amount.

ASSOCIATION NOTES.

DON'T forget the noon-day meetings held every day except Sunday.

MEDICAL TALK on "Health, and how to preserve it," for men only. By Dr. Geikie, Tuesday Dec. 8th.

CHRISTIAN workers are cordially invited to the Training Class conducted by the General Secretary and which meets every Thursday at 8 p.m.

THE site for the new building has not yet been definitely agreed upon, but it is expected that within the next few days the matter will be finally settled.

A BRANCH Association with every prospect of success, and a fine field to work in was organized at Trinity Medical School a few days ago, specially designed to benefit Medical Students.

READINGS by Hanibal Williams, Tuesday Dec 29th, free to members.

SABBATH School teachers and others are cordially invited to spend an hour on Saturday afternoon at 4.30 in Shaftesbury Hall, in the study of the International lesson. The class is conducted by Hon. S. H. Blake president of our Association.

Lecture "SAUL OF TARSUS," by GEO. R.

For your sakes He became poor.

2 Cor. viii. 9.

REMEMBER the Bible Classes which are resumed again and meet at the usual hours.

REV. P. MCF. MCLEOD will lecture in the Members Course Tuesday Dec. 15th. Subject "That young man."

HON. GEORGE R. Wendling, the American orator in his great lecture on "Saul of Tarsus" which every young man should hear in Shaftesbury Hall, Friday December 4th.

THE Evangelistic Bible Class Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock is steadily growing in numbers and interest. Young Men in boarding houses and not attending Sabbath School might spend here a profitable hour, and will be gladly welcomed.

"PREVENTIVE DISEASES" will be the subject of Dr. Canniff's talk Dec. 22nd.

MEMBERS of the Association, by applying to the General Secretary, will receive free tickets of admission to the musical and literary entertainment to be given by Miss Churchill, on Thursday Dec. 3rd, in Shaftesbury Hall.

IF Boarding House proprietors with references will kindly send their names to the General Secretary they will be put upon the Register. Application is constantly being made by young men desirous of finding a suitable, comfortable and home-like place.

THE District Conference of Association workers, which met this week at Port Hope, while not largely attended, proved most profitable and helpful to those present. Toronto, Peterboro', Cobourg and Port Hope were represented. The public meeting in the evening was most successful, the hall being well filled. Short addresses were made by the delegates and Rev. Mr. Haslam, who was present.

COMMITTEE MOTTOES.

Executive :—"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." Rom. xii. 11.

Finance :—"And Amaziah said to the man of God: But what shall we do for the hundred talents (\$164,200) which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered: *The Lord is able to give thee much more than this.*" 2 Chron. xxv. 9.

Vacancies :—"Look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business." Acts vi. 3.

Visiting Rooms :—"Let us go * * * and visit our brethren * * * and see how they do." Acts xv. 36.

Gymnasium :—"Bodily exercise profiteth for a little time, but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise both for the life that now is and for that which is to come." 1 Tim. iv. 8.

Reception :—"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Heb. xiii. 2.

Invitation :—"Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in hither —" (the young men). Luke xiv. 21.

Boarding House :—"The stranger did not lodge in the street; but I opened my doors to the way." Job xxxi. 32.

Religious Meetings :—"Let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of our selves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another: and so much the more as we see the day approaching." Heb. x. 24, 25.

Membership :—"Run ye to and fro through the streets . . . and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man." Jer. v. 1.

Visitation of Sick :—"Sick and ye visited me." Matt. xxv. 36.—Y.M.C.A. Watchman.

WENDLING, Shaftesbury Hall, Dec. 4th.

WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS.

THIS class will be resumed on Thursday, Dec. 3, and we expect a large attendance. It will afford our young men an opportunity for studying the Bible more critically with a view to do personal work. The topics for December will be analysis of Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth and 1 Samuel; and for the practical application of the Word in our work, we will take up the following:—How to deal with the enquirer, backslider, morally good, too great a sinner, and the hesitating.

COMMITTEES FOR 1886.

THE Board has appointed the Committees for 1886, and we wish each member would take his motto and act upon it the coming year.

Executive—Messrs. S. H. Blake, Q. C., R. Kilgour, C. S. Gzowski, jr., S. Caldecott, H. B. Gordon, L. C. Peake, J. J. Maclaren, Q. C., S. R. Briggs.

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Membership—Mr. G. M. Lee, chairman, with workers to be secured by the Committee.

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Lectures and Classes—L. C. Peake, W. F. Mountain, W. M. Morse, J. J. Maclaren, W. A. Douglass, and Thomas Bengough Boarding House—Mr. J. J. Bolton, with workers to be secured by the Committee.

Visiting—Mr. Edward Evans.

Reception—Mr. R. Northey, with at least two workers for each evening.

Invitations—Mr. Alexanders Saunders, chairman.

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Music—Messrs. S. R. Briggs, C. Joselin, R. Connors, W. Blackley, and George Douthie.

Meetings for December.

Workers Social. Nov. 30th.

Musical and Literary (Miss Churchill).

Dec. 3rd.

Lecture—Wending—"Saul of Tarsus."

Dec. 4th.

Medical Talk—"Health, and how to preserve it." (Men only.)—Dr.

Geikie. Dec. 8th.

Lecture—Rev. Mr. McLeod—"That Young Man." Dec. 15th.

Medical Talk—"Preventive Diseases"—Dr. Canniff. Dec. 22nd.

Readings—Hambal Williams. Dec. 28th and 29th.

List of Bible Classes.

SUNDAY, 9.30 a.m.—Beginners. Teacher. A. R. Saunders. Assistant Sec'y.

SUNDAY, 3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic. Teacher, Wm. McCulloch, Gen. Sec'y.

MONDAY, 8.00 p.m.—General. Teacher, George C. Robb.

THURSDAY, 8.00 p.m.—Training. Teacher, Wm. McCulloch, Gen. Sec'y.

SATURDAY, 4.30 p.m.—Teachers. Teacher, Hon. S. H. Blake.

EVERY SATURDAY EVENING.

The following topics have been selected for the Young Men's Meeting held from 8 to 9 o'clock:—

Dec. 5—The Gift of God to Man. Rom. vi. 23. Leader, Wm. Blackley.

" 12—Earthly and Heavenly treasures. Matt. vi. 19, 34. Leader, J. J. Gartshore.

" 19—The source of real happiness. Jas. i. 17; Matt. xiii. 44-46. Leader, Elias Rogers.

" 26—The Son given. Isa. ix. 6. Leader, Wm. McCulloch.

Jan. 2—Retrospect—prospect. Ps. xc. 9-13. Leader, H. B. Gordon.