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As cold wa-
ters to a
thirsty soul,
so is good
news from
a far coun-
try.

Prov. xxv. 25.

Read also
John iii. 16.

BULLETIN FUND.

A lady in P. E. Island..... \$1 00
Workers..... 1 15

THE WORK.

At the monthly meeting of the Board held on Thursday last, the following reports were presented:—

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

The blessing of God has rested upon the work of this committee. The attendance at all the meetings has been satisfactory. The noon meeting has maintained an average attendance in excess of any time during the past year or two, and there have been several cases of conversion to God in connection therewith.

BOARDING HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Young Men directed to Boarding Houses..... 11
Visits to Boarding Houses..... 1139
“ Hotels..... 64
“ Fire Halls..... 30
“ Police Stations..... 15
“ Livery and Car Stables... 22
“ Public Library (West)... 4
Young Men spoken to..... 28
BULLETINS distributed..... 4883
Tracts, &c., distributed..... 5032
Meetings held in Boarding Houses. 4
Average attendance.... 8

Your committee has been led, we trust of God, to commence Gospel meetings in Boarding Houses. We have held services in three houses. Attendance so far has not been large, but if we have the Divine blessing, they will surely grow.

In His love and pity He redeemed them.

Isa. lxiii. 9.

The work of righteousness shall be peace.
Isa. xxxii. 17.

RAILWAY SECRETARY.

The following is the report of the Railway Secretary for the month of February, 1885:—

Visits to Engines.....	176
“ Cabooses.....	62
“ Round-houses and Shops.	14
“ Switch-houses..	24
“ Offices.....	23
“ Injured and Sick.....	12
“ R. R. Reading Rooms and Bunk Rooms.....	23
“ Yards.....	1
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	335
Meetings held to date.. 9 ..Atten..	231
Papers distributed.....	1061
R. R. SPECIALS distributed.....	1000
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	2061

VISITING COMMITTEE.

No. of general visits to Hospital, distributing papers and tracts.... 8
Several enquirers were also visited but reports have not yet been received.

INVITATION COMMITTEE.

Bible Class (Monday), 4 meetings.			
Total No. of Workers.	Average No.	Slips Delivered.	Average No.
20	5	2000	500
Young Men's Meeting (Sat.), 4 meetings.			
26	6	2600	650

BOY'S COMMITTEE.

Your committee have held four meetings during the month, with an average attendance of 39. The boys take a lively interest in the work, and we look for much benefit from this season's work.

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

Obtained permanent employment..	1
“ temporary	8

GENERAL.

Young Men signed Temp. Pledge..	4
2 Parlor Lectures. Avg. attend....	225
New members obtained. { Active....	3
Associate. }	3

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every MONDAY Evening,
AT 8 O'CLOCK,

A NEW BRANCH OF WORK.

SOME Associations seem to have lost sight of the true work for which they have been called into existence. This must be apparent to all who read the following advertisement in one of our Canadian papers:—

Y. M. C. A.

To the Ladies' Association of the Y. M. C. A. :
The young men have decided to give an entertainment on behalf of the funds of the Y. M. C. A., to be held in the early part of March, and hereby challenge you to follow their entertainment with a similar one, leaving it to competent persons who may be selected to decide as to the respective merits of the said entertainments.
On behalf of the young men,

Act.-Sec.

Well may some of the secular papers speak as they do of such nonsense. We certainly learn from the Bible that we are to "provoke one another to love and good works." This meeting may be a provocative to the former, but we fear it will stop short of the latter.

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

Conducted by Mr. S. H. Blake,

EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

But with great mercies will I gather thee.
Isa. liv. 7.

In the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Isa. xxvi. 4.

LOST.

SOME months ago the body of a young man was found in the river Mersey. In his pocket was a paper, which, though wet, could easily be read. It contained these words: "A wasted life. Do not ask anything about me; drink was the cause. Let me die; let me perish."

There was nothing to indicate the young man's name, nor could any clue to his identity be discovered. The simple fact of the discovery of the body and of the manuscript was published in the newspapers in different parts of England. In less than a week, the coroner of Liverpool received over two hundred letters from fathers and mothers all over the kingdom asking for a description of the young man.

What did this indicate? That in over two hundred English homes there was mourning over more than two hundred sons, who had left the parental roof and had gone, none could tell whither. It meant that these sorrowing parents had seen that in their wayward sons which led them to suspect that they might meet an untimely end.

There are lost ones in our own country as well as in England. Speak to that young man who comes to your neighborhood a stranger. Away from the restraints of home, exposed to allurements and temptation, he may be in danger.

A word from you may save him. You may bring him within the holy influences of a godly life, and perhaps snatch a brand from the burning.

Speak to him!

—*S S Journal, Feb, 85.*

[This is precisely the work for which our Association has been organized.]

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL WELCOME.

EVANGELISTIC

BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by MR. H. B. GORDON,

Chairman of Devotional Committee.

ALL INVITED.

BE HONORABLE.

BOYS and young men sometimes start out in life with the idea that one's success depends on sharpness and chicanery. They imagine if a man is always able to "get the best of a bargain," no matter by what deceit and meanness he carries his point his prosperity is assured. That is a great mistake. Enduring prosperity cannot be founded on cunning and dishonesty. The tricky and deceitful man is sure to fall a victim, sooner or later, to the influences which are forever working against him. His house is built upon the sand, and its foundation will be certain to give away. Young people cannot give these truths too much weight. The future of that young man is safe who eschews every shape of double-dealing, and lays the foundation of his career in the enduring principles of truth.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME

In returning and rest shall ye be saved.

Isa. xxx. 15.

STRANGERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

That the Rooms of the
Toronto Young Men's Christian
Association.

ARE IN ITS BUILDING,

SHAFTESBURY HALL

Corner Queen and James Sts.,

ONE BLOCK WEST OF YONGE STREET.

Rooms open daily from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m.

You will be cordially welcomed.

AN AMBASSADOR'S TROUBLE REMOVED.

AT one time Queen Elizabeth sent for one of her subjects, and desired that he would go as her ambassador in a matter that exposed him to great danger. On hearing the Queen's commands, the man, usually brave, faltered and looked very uncomfortable. "What is the matter?" asked the Queen. "Do you fear to go?" "No, your Majesty" he replied; "but I fear for my wife and children. Who will care for them if I do not return?" "I will take care of them," replied the Queen; "I never neglect the interests of those who serve me." This is just what the Lord does. When He sends any of His children on a message for Him, we may rest assured that He will take care of all their interests, and assume all responsibility.

REMEMBER

THAT A

BOY'S MEETING

IS HELD

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING,

At 8 o'clock, in Parlor "B" Shaftesbury Hall;
ALL BOYS INVITED.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1.

Bible Class at 3 p.m., and Gospel and Song Service at 8, followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9. All invited.

MONDAY, MARCH 2.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. W. C. Jex.
8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Good Fight of Faith.
1 Tim. vi. 12; Eph. vi. 10-12. J. J. Gartshore.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.

12 to 12.45 noon.—"The Master is Come, and Calleth for thee." Luke xix. 1-10. S. R. Briggs.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Everyday Religion. Matt. vii. 12; Gal. vi. 10; 1 Cor. x. 31. R. Merryfield.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Who are the Heroes?
Prov. xvi. 32; Rev. vii. 13-17. R. Hull.
7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7.

12 to 12.45 noon.—A Conscience Void of Offence. Acts xxiv. 16. Assistant Secretary.
7.00 p.m.—MALE CHOIR PRACTICE,
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. A. W. Mance.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.
" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.
" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.
" Italian Class.
5.00 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service H. B. Gordon. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.00.

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

Railway Men's Meeting.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8.

3 p.m.—Union Station. J. Gibb and J. Bousfield.