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HE THAT SOWETH TO
CHRIS FLESH, SHALL
OF THE FLESH REAP
CORRUPTION; BUT HE
THAT SOWETH TO THE
SPIRIT SHALL OF THE
SPIRIT REAP LIFE
EVERLASTING. CH. II. 9



THE WORK.

At the December monthly meeting of the Board the following reports were presented.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

No. of Meetings.	Total Att.	Avg. Att.
22 Noonday Prayer.....	345	15
4 Teachers Bible Classes (Sat. aft.)	550	138
4 Evangelistic Bible Classes (Sun. aft.).....	175	44
2 Young Men's Bible Classes (Mon. evg.)	75	37
2 Special Young Men's Meetings.....	300	150
3 Young Men's Meetings, (Sat. evg.).....	245	78
1 Christmas Thanksgiving Meeting.....	35	
4 Gospel & Song Services (Sun. evg.).....	2600	650
4 Boys' Meetings	192	48

VISITING COMMITTEE.

No. of visits to enquirers.....	22
" " to Sick Young Men in Hospital.....	5
No. of visits to Sick Young Men in Boarding Houses.....	1
No. of visits to Sick Young Men in their Homes	3
No. of visits to Hospital, distributing papers & tracts, &c.....	4
Total Number of visits....	15

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.
Psalm xc. 11.

Full with the blessing of the Lord.

Deut. xxxiii. 23.

BOARDING HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Visits to Boarding Houses.....	1213
“ Hotels.....	76
“ Fire Halls.....	32
“ Police Stations.....	16
“ Livery and Car Stables... ..	22
“ Public Library, W. Branch ..	4
Young Men Spoken to.....	66
Bulletins Distributed.....	5050
Tracts, &c.....	4800
Special Tickets to Moody Meetings,	650

RAILWAY SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The following is the report of the Railway Secretary for the month of Dec. 1884:—

Visits to Engines.....	100
“ Caboozes.....	76
“ Round-houses and Shops..	7
“ Switch-houses.....	25
“ Offices.....	22
“ Injured and Sick.....	9
“ R. R. Reading Rooms and Bunk Rooms.....	11
	250
Meetings held to date.3 Attendance	110
Papers distributed.....	990
R. R. SPECIALS distributed.....	1000
	1,990

GENERAL.

Young Men directed to Boarding Houses.....	30
Young Men signed Temperance Pledge.....	2
Young Men obtained Temporary Employment.....	6
New Active Members obtained	2
“ Associate “.....	14
Invitation Cards issued to Strangers	10

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

This Committee reports that during the past month only on two evenings have the rooms been left without one or more members of the Committee being present, and those were the Tuesday and Thursday of the Moody Convention.

Quite a number of strangers have been welcomed, and several young men spoken to religiously. And it is believed that the word thus spoken will bear forth fruit to the glory of the Lord Jesus.

Believing that many sinners might be touched through the preaching of God's Word, the Committee have decided upon thus closing the Moody Parlour every evening at 10 o'clock commencing on the 1st January. The latter service is in addition to the regular worship with which the Free-Reading Room is closed.

WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO.

THIS question is asked by many friends of the late Secretary. In reply—He has accepted the position as Editor in charge of the Publishing Department of the Willard Tract Depository, and will in future speak to his many friends at a distance, through the “Notes for Bible Study,” “Our Mission Union” and other publications of the valuable institution.

THE FUTURE.

UNANIMOUS call has been extended to Mr. W. J. O'Connell (Railway Secretary at St. Thomas), to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Sandham. Until the new Secretary takes up the work, Mr. S. has by request of the Board, agreed to superintend the work and take charge of the Bible Classes, so that no department of the work will suffer.

It is hoped that the General Secretary elect will be in the work within a month or so.

GOD IS LOVE

Let thy garments be always white.

Ecl. ix. 8.

SOCIAL.



ON Tuesday last the Board of Directors with the Workers met in the Parlor of the Association to spend a few hours in a social manner with this retiring Secretary. After tea, the chair was taken by Mr. Blake, who spoke of the regret felt by all that Mr. Sandham had decided to withdraw from active Association work. He also bore testimony to the work performed. Mr. Caldecott, Vice-President and Chairman of the Finance Committee, spoke of his nearly 20 years work with the retiring Secretary in Montreal and Toronto.

Mr. Peake then came forward and read the following address:—

To MR. ALF. SANDHAM,
General Secretary, Toronto Young
Men's Christian Association,

Dear Brother,—On the occasion of your retirement from the position of General Secretary of this Association, which you have for nearly five years filled with acceptance to us, and honor to yourself, it is but fitting that we should in some tangible manner express to you our profound sense of the loss we are about to suffer.

We glorify God in your behalf for the talents with which He has endowed you, as well as the grace given unto you, to use them unsparingly for His Glory and the benefit of those among whom you labour.

We gladly recognize the fact that at no previous time in the history of the Association, has there been more spiritual activity manifested in our work among young men, than at present, and this we feel justified in attributing largely to the careful oversight you have exercised in the work as a whole, and the wise counsels you have given to the various committees, in their distinctive duties. It is a source of un-

feigned satisfaction and pleasure to us to believe that although the tie which has so long bound you to the Association as General Secretary is about to be severed, we shall still have the benefit of your wise and godly counsel in the work of "the improvement of the spiritual, intellectual, and social condition of young men and the promotion of Christian work in the city."

We ask your acceptance of the accompanying token of our Christian regard for you, and beg to assure you that our prayers will ascend to the Throne of Grace in your behalf, that the grace which has guided and sustained you in the work of the Young men's Christian Association may still be vouchsafed unto you in your new sphere, and that even greater blessings may crown your future labors.

Signed in behalf of the Association.

S. H. BLAKE, President.

The address, which was beautifully illuminated and bound in album style, was also signed by all the Directors and Workers.

With the address, Mr. E. Rogers, Treasurer of the Presentation Committee, handed to the retiring Secretary a purse containing \$512 50 in gold.

The Secretary thanked the brethren for these tokens of their goodwill, and spoke of the unmixed pleasure he had experienced during the years of labor in Toronto. There had never been a jarring word, but "great peace" had ruled.

Several workers took part in the meeting, which closed at 10 o'clock.

"NOT UNTO US."

When men, broke out in admiration of Mozart he burst into tears exclaiming. "Not mine! Not mine! It has been given me!" So every earnest Christian says, with humble adoration. "Not my own, but all of Grace! Not the work of man, 'but the gift of God!'"

HAVE YOU GOT A TOKEN?

GOD the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you when I smite the land of Egypt" (Exod. xii. 18).

Now, what kept out the Angel of Death from the houses of the children of Israel? Was it their good deeds, their righteousness, their moral character, their uprightness? or was it the precious blood that kept out the Angel of Death? My friend, it was the BLOOD that did it. Just so it is now. God says, "When I see the BLOOD I will pass over you. The BLOOD shall be a token unto you?" and I tell you, my friend, the greatest question that comes before you is this, Have you got the token? Are you sheltered by the precious blood of the Lamb? THAT is the question. If you are thus sheltered, then you are divinely secure and safe. You go to a railway station, and buy a ticket, and you get into a carriage, and the guard comes round and cries "Tickets!" You put your hand in your pocket, and pull out the ticket, and present that to the man and the guard does not look to see that you are a white man or a black, learned or unlearned, great or small: he does not know, perhaps, who you are, or what you are, but he looks for the token. Ah! my friend, God says, "If you have got the token, I will pass over you." THAT I repeat, is the question. Have you got the token? Young woman, have you got the token? Young man, have you got the token? Are you sheltered by the blood? That is the great salvation-question.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by MR. H. B. GORDON,

Chairman of Devotional Committee.

ALL INVITED.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK

WEEK OF PRAYER.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4.

Bible Class at 3 p.m., and Gospel and Service at 8.30, followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15. All invited.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. Ps. lxi. Isa. lxi. Rev. J. Salmon.
8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS
9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Humiliation and Confession. Dan. ix. 3-19; Joel ii. 12-18. Rev. Cullen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Prayer for the Church. Christ. John xvii. 14-26; Eph. i. 15-23; 2 Th. iii. 1-5. Rev. J. Mutch.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Prayer for Families, Schools and Colleges. 2 Tim. iii. 14-17; Acts ii. 16-18. Rev. J. M. Cameron.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Prayer for Nations. I. xl. 9-31; 1 Tim. ii. 1-8. Rev. R. Wallace.
7.30 p.m.—BOYS MEETING.

SATURDAY, JANUARY

12 to 12.45 noon.—Prayer for Missions. D. vii. 13, 14, 18; Acts i. 4-8; Jer. xxxiii. 7. Rev. A. Gilray.
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets Prayer.
8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Caldecott.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. Gordon.
" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridger
" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.
" Italian Class.
8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service S. Briggs. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

Railway Men's Meeting.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4.

3 p.m.—Union Station. John Wood and John Johnson.