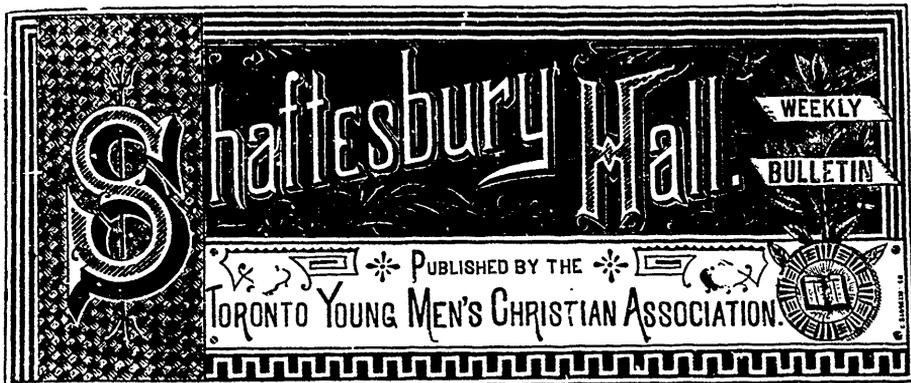


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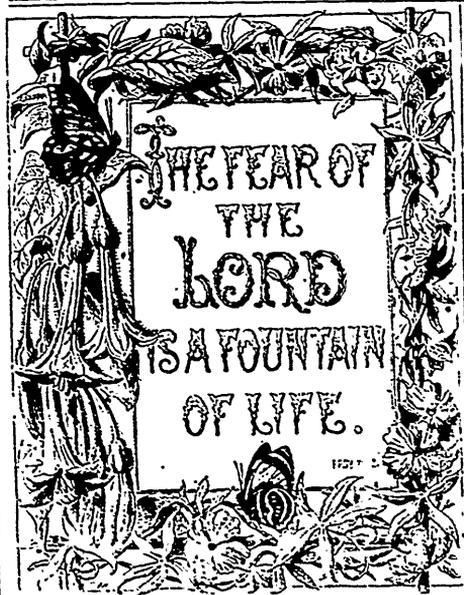


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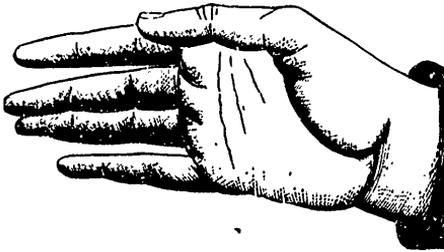
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PRESENTED BY THE
TORONTO
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN
ASSOCIATION
FROM THEIR
**GOSPEL AND READING
TENT**
ON THE CAMP GROUNDS.

"The Love of Christ constraineth us."

They that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap
the same.—Job iv. 8.

He that...hardeneth his neck shall suddenly
be destroyed.—Prov. xxix. 1.



OUR WELCOME TO THE VOLUNTEERS.

DEAR FRIENDS, — For many years past it has been the privilege of the Toronto Young Men's Christian Association to make some provision for the increase of your pleasure and profit while in Camp. This we have endeavored to secure by erecting a tent in which a pleasant hour may be spent in reading choice magazines and the daily papers, and where correspondence with loved ones at home may be carried on amid retirement and quiet, which the turmoil of Camp life would render almost impossible to secure.

In our tent we also hold services daily, at which time the song of praise, the voice of prayer, and the glad tidings of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, form the order of service. That all these provisions for comfort and for the eternal welfare of those in Camp, have been appreciated and blessed, we have abundant tokens.

Once more we pitch our tent in your midst. Once more we invite you to make yourself perfectly at home with us. Once more we desire to assure you that "we seek not *your's*, but **YOU**;" that all we offer is *freely offered*; and above all, we wish to clearly state that the object we have before us is to win some of your number, some loved son, the child of many prayers, perhaps some prodigal, far away from home and from God, or it may be some backslider; but whatever be your rank in the ser-

vice of our beloved Queen, or whatever your state in the sight of God, we wish to secure you as recruits for the army of the living God, and as soldiers for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Come thou with us, and we will do thee good.

Our tent will be open during the entire Camp, and open for you at all hours in accordance with the Camp regulations. Meetings will be held at such times as may be found most convenient.

In the tent will be found a large supply of daily and weekly papers, magazines, &c.; also a table, on which will be ample provisions for writing letters. No charge for paper or envelopes, and all letters written will be duly posted in time for each mail.

Outside the tent will be found whisks, blacking, brushes, &c.

All the supplies for comfort, &c., will be in charge of our Assistant Secretary, Mr. A. Saunders, while the services will be conducted by Rev. A. Gay, with the assistance of Mr. R. Sims, as organist.

Remember a cordial welcome awaits you at the tent.

Should you be visiting the city, you are invited to call at our Parlors and Reading Room in Shaftesbury Hall, corner of Queen and James Streets, Open daily from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m.

We are, your friends,

ALF. SANDHAM, S. H. BLAKE,
Gen. Sec. Pres. Y. M. C. A.

WHAT IS THE Y. M. C. A. ?

IT is a Christian organization, composed of men who have banded themselves together for the purpose of promoting the welfare of young men. The first Association was organized in London, England, in 1845. The first in Canada (Montreal) in November, 1851, and the first in the United States (Boston) a few weeks later. So rapid has been the growth of these organiza-

He hath appointed a day in the which He will
judge the world.—Acts xvii. 31.

How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation
Hebrews ii. 3.

tions that at present there are Associations scattered over the four quarters of the globe. In America alone there are over 700 Associations. Of these, some 75 own buildings and property valued at \$3,000,000. It is estimated that there are over 200,000 Young Men banded together in the Associations of the world. These Associations have ever been foremost in labors in behalf of Young Men, and there are few points where Young Men are to be found massed together, to which these organizations have not sent forth their agencies. The great Christian Commission of the United States, the work of which will never be forgotten by those who served in the late war, or by many parents whose wounded and dying sons were cheered and cared for, was the outcome of these organizations. Our space will not admit of further reference to the objects and work of the Association. Suffice it to say, that while many methods are adopted, the great aim of all these organizations is the glory of God, and salvation of Young Men. May our visit to the Toronto Camp secure this grand result.

**PRESENT NUMERICAL AND FINANCIAL
STANDING.**

There are 9,427 associations in the world, with a membership of about 200,000, grouped as follows:—

Australasia	24	Ireland	20
Africa and Madagascar	9	Italy	10
Austria	2	India	2
British Guiana	1	Japan	2
Bermuda	1	Russia	8
Belgium	18	Scotland	178
Chili, S. Amer.	2	Switzerland	222
Canada	50	Sweden	71
England	190	Spain	14
France	64	Syria	5
Germany	400	Turkey	14
Holland	335	United States	786
Hawaiian Kingdom	1	West Indies	3
		Total	2,427

DON'T BE AFRAID TO PRAY.



Our first word is to you, young Christian soldier. These few days will no doubt be a time of temptation and of trial of faith. Start right. Don't be afraid to show your colors. Remember, also, that your example may encourage others or may save some.

“A young man who had just listed was in the habit of kneeling in prayer daily. His companions began to mock and jeer, and to throw caps and boots at him. But he persevered. The commander heard of it, and summoning him, asked him to state his case. He said he had no charge to bring. That night instead of the usual volley, he heard footsteps approaching, and to his surprise a young companion knelt at his side. Shortly after, another and another came, till fourteen were found yielding to the power of his example.

But we give you still further advice on this subject. Whatever else you may neglect, be sure to

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.—Psalm ix. 17.

Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish.

Acts xiii. 41.

TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER.



We read in history of a soldier who was being pursued by an overwhelming force. Just at the time when more rapid flight seemed necessary, he very coolly dismounted to repair a flaw in the harness. Just as the enemy was drawing near to him, the flaw was mended and he mounted the saddle and escaped. The broken buckle would have left him a prey to the enemy. The timely delay sent him in safety back to his comrades.

So, young man, in your Camp life, there may be the same profitable delay.

If you pass from a prayerless waking into the activities of Camp life, I care not how good your resolutions may be, you are only galloping off with a flaw in the harness; and marvel not if, in your hottest haste or your most hazardous leap, you be left inglorious in the dust.

If you fail in this matter, you will certainly be

LED INTO DANGER.



During Camp life many temptations will be presented. Your companions may tell you of the gay life of a city, and you may be tempted to accompany them into our city to see the sights and visit some of its so-called pleasure resorts. Take warning in time. Remember the story of the butcher, who was followed by the swine right into the slaughter-house. As pigs usually are hard to manage, enquiry was made as to how they were so easily managed. "Oh," said the butcher, "I keep dropping a handful of beans as I pass along, and they follow me."

Thus, while gratifying appetite they marched on to death. So, young friend, these so-called pleasures are the Devil's beans to lead you on to ruin. Don't be deceived by any of his snares. He is an adept at deceit. He is a liar from the beginning. And when he presents himself in his most agreeable guise, bear in mind that the fine appearance but hides something not so pleasant to look at. In fact he always appears wearing

Be sure your sin will find you out.

Numbers xxii. 23.

If ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins.
John viii. 24.

A FALSE FACE.



NOW look at our picture. What a hideous looking skeleton appears behind a beautiful "false face." What does it mean? Friend, you have read in God's Word about "Sin." Now, sin is never presented to you by Satan in its true form. It is always covered with a false face.

Satan presents disobedience to parents as "being independent." He covers up smoking and drinking as being "manly." He covers up the theatre and ball room with the false face of "pleasure."

We might multiply illustrations, but space will not admit. Don't be deceived by these false faces. The way to avoid being deceived is to see what God's Word says about these things. Let the light of that *lamp* shine upon the temptation, and it will show you the falsehood and deceit. It will reveal the bony fingers which hold the false face. May God help you to look at this subject in the right light.

You will need to be on the alert all the time, as he is ever watching, so that if possible he may catch you when

ASLEEP AT YOUR POST.



A soldier who sleeps at his post, in time of war, if discovered, pays the penalty by being put to death. There is a twofold danger to which we might refer in the sentry's sleep. (1). He is in greater danger of himself from the enemy. (2). He exposes his companions in arms to greater danger. So my dear friend, bear in mind that if you are overcome by Satan, you not only suffer yourself, but you may bring sorrow and trouble upon others.

Much better to die fighting at your post than to be slain while sleeping at your post. Dear young friend, *keep wide awake*. There are dangers on every hand. Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the Devil as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. Whom resist steadfast in the faith.

Any concession made to him, will prove to be but

Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
Galatians vi, 7.

God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ.
Romans ii. 16.

A LOSING GAME.



OUR woodcut is taken from a German picture, which is at once a masterpiece of art and of impressive teaching. It presents to the mind, through the eye, as much truth as is to be found in many a volume. Satan is playing a game with a young man for his soul. The arm of his chair is an open-mouthed lion, whose claws grasp a human skull. The chess-board is the lid of a stone coffin; this game is played in the chamber of death. The front of the coffin displays a weeping, winged woman, whose body is crushed with the loathsome tails of two hideous creatures, whose grinning teeth are buried in her distended wings. According to the pleasing fancy of the ancients, the human soul is represented by a gentle female with wings. The two repulsive monsters are Error and Vice, by which the soul, which should soar to heaven on the wings

of faith and love, is made the hopeless slave of earth. The woman, feeling her guilt and shame, buries her face in her hands—type of the sinful soul that at length struggles madly to break the devil's chains, which at first it welcomed with gaiety. . . . Of the pieces on Satan's side, the king, with a crooked feather in his cap, represents Satan. The queen, holding out the intoxicating cup, is pleasure. Then you have indolence with a sow's head, sleeping on an unhealed block; anger, a turkey-cock in a rage; pride, with a peacock's tail, spurs on his heels, an order on his breast, a full purse in one hand, and the other stretched out as if giving command; falsehood, with a cat's head, and a dagger behind back, avarice, lean gnawing his own hand, and holding a chest under his arm; and impudent unbelief, kicking against the cross. The eight pawns are doubts, small harpy-like creatures, with sharp teeth and bat's wings.

On the other side of this strange chess-board, the king represents man's soul. The queen, holding a cross, is religion. The officers are, hope with the anchor; truth with torch and shield; peace with the palm (already in Satan's hand); and in the corner near it, humility with head bent in prayer; innocence a little child with hand held out for help; and love, two children kissing. The pawns are the heads of worshipping angels, and represent prayer.

THE GAME.

Satan is winning. He has already taken from the youth, innocence, peace, love, humility, and five angels' head; he has robbed him of all these four virtues, and nearly destroyed his faith in prayer. The youth has mastered only one doubt, and one vice, anger. Satan is pressing forward all his force,—pleasure, unbelief, evil doubts, &c.,—against religion, which stands protecting the soul. For there is hope of a man so long as this is not clean lost.

What a deep designing eye Satan has! His very hairs stand stiffly out with determination. He glories in the ruin he hopes soon to complete.

But how sad and careworn is the youth's face! Sin is the hardest work he ever tried, and he now fears that all may be lost. But when he began, nobody was more light hearted than he. All is explained by one word—*Cheated*. By lying promises, Satan drew him into sin's hazardous game; and he is winning it by playing falsely. But Heaven as well as hell strives with man for the prize of his precious soul. The angel looks on sadly. and will, we may hope, by awakening his conscience, rescue the youth from destruction.

YOUNG MAN!—Is this a picture of your life thus far? If so, be warned. You are playing a losing game. Stop ere it be too late. Stop at once. Now is the accepted time; Behold, now is the day of salvation.

The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness.
Romans i. 18.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked.
Psalm xxxii. 10.

DON'T NEGLECT THIS MESSAGE.



J. W. had run away from home and plunged into a life of dissipation. One day a letter was received by him. He tore it open, hoping to find some money in it, but seeing only a closely written letter, with an oath he thrust it into his box. A year later he lay in the hospital dying. Suddenly he thought of the long neglected letter. He asked a companion to take it out and read it. He did so, and read: "My dear son,— Do come home, and mother says so too. I have paid for your passage home by the ship _____, and the captain will pay the price of your liberty. Make no delay. Come!"

Never shall I forget the neglecter's agony and despair as he now listened to the father's message which had, from his own wilful misconduct, been received *too late*.

Young man, how is it with you? God has sent a message of love. Have you read the invitation? To-morrow may be too late. Don't neglect the message. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

TAKE GOD AT HIS WORD.



Napoleon Bonaparte was reviewing his troops, and as he sat, allowed the reins to fall upon the horse's neck. Shortly after, the animal taking fright, darted off, and the Emperor was in danger, when a private soldier sprang from the ranks, seized the bridle, and placed the reins in Napoleon's hands. "Thank you, *captain*," said the Emperor. "Of what regiment, sire," asked the soldier. "Of my own guards," was the answer. Instantly acting upon these words, the man cast aside his musket and walked over to where the staff officer stood.

When told to go back to the ranks, he said, "No, I am a captain."

"A captain? Who said so?"

"HE said so," answered the man, pointing to the Emperor.

Friend, shall an Emperor's word be taken, and the word of the King of Kings be doubted or despised? Does His word not tell us, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Young friend, take Him at His word. It never fails.

He that believeth not the Son shall not see life.

John iii. 36.

The blood of Jesus Garist His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John i. 7.

HE WILL FORGIVE.



A soldier was about to be brought before the commanding officer. 'some misdemeanor. The officer said, "What can we do with this man? We have tried everything." Another officer said, "There has one thing which has not been tried." "What is that?" said the colonel. "Forgive him," answered the other. The man was brought in, pleaded guilty, and said he was sorry for what he had done. "You are forgiven," said the colonel. The man was astonished, and broke into tears, and from that day no charge was ever brought against him. Friend, God forgives. He delights to pardon. Come, then, just as you are, acknowledge your sins, and he will forgive and accept you.

Remember, all we have written to you is based upon God's word, and is, therefore,

A ROYAL PROCLAMATION.



"WHOEVER will, may come." "This Gospel is preached unto YOU." The Gospel of the Grace of God is UNTO all men, women and children, without distinction of position, attainment or influence. ALL have sinned, therefore ALL need a Saviour. If money could purchase salvation, it would be out of the reach of the poor; if the educated alone could obtain it, what would become of the ignorant.

Thanks be to God, the gospel message comes UNTO ALL, without money and without price; but yet, while UNTO ALL, it is only UPON ALL them that believe. The free gift of God UNTO men is of no avail UNTIL accepted and acted on; then it is UPON the receiver, who is justified freely from ALL sin, for the promise of pardon and forgiveness is only to them that believe (Gal. iii. 22) the record that God gave of His Son; "and this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." (1 John v. 10, 11).

Without shedding of blood is no remission.

Hebrews ix. 22.