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Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.—Matt. xi. 28.

Editorial.

We ask our friends to report to us when they know of any young men who are sick and in distress, as we hold ourselves in readiness to respond to all such calls.

Please read carefully the list of religious services and work in which our Association is engaged, and try to arrange to render us some assistance in the same. Do this for the glory of the Lord in the salvation of souls.

A business house in Nashville, Tenn., has the following notice hung in the office: "This office will be closed daily at 12 o'clock for 30 minutes, to permit employees to attend the noon prayer meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Rooms." We would scarcely ask any employer to close his office for this purpose, but we would ask them to remind their young men that such a meeting is held daily from 12 to 12.45 in Shaftesbury hall.

DRAWING IT PRETTY FINE.—In St. Johnsbury, Vermont, liquor can only be sold for medical purposes, and that only by a reliable appointed agent, who is required to keep an accurate record of, and the date of, the sale, the name of the buyer, and the "denomination" of the liquor sold. This record is inspected weekly by an auditing board from selected men of the town, and published in a weekly newspaper. There is not much chance of a fraud.

[We may add that it was our privilege to spend one week in St. Johnsbury, and the recollections of that visit will never be effaced from our memory. The occasion of our visit was a "Gospel Worker's Institute," conducted by Rev. H. M. Parsons, now of this city. The spirit which pervaded that gathering, combined with the unusual order, quiet and beauty of a town free from those *vent holes of hell*—liquor saloons, gave us for the first time a faint idea of what earth might be, if this cursed traffic were destroyed.

All meetings of the Y. M. C. A. are free. Young men in trouble or wanting advice, are cordially invited to call on the Secretary; or, if sick, address him by letter.

A free boarding house register is kept at this office, for the convenience of young men, who wish to obtain comfortable homes.

Gospel and song service in Shaftesbury Hall, on Sabbath evening at 5.30.

Many young men are coming to a city like ours, especially at this time of the year. How much may depend upon the character of their first associations. Let every Christian disciple feel that he has a special mission just here—in introducing these new comers at once to the Church, the Sunday School, and the Young Men's Christian Association.

Selections.

PERSONAL EFFORT.

There are a many of us who are willing to do great things for the Lord, but few of us are willing to do little things. The mighty sermon on regeneration was preached to *one man*. There are many who are willing to preach to thousands, but are not willing to take their seat beside *one soul*, and point that soul to the blessed Saviour. We must get down to personal effort—this bringing one by one to the Son of God. We can find no better example of this than in the life of Christ himself. Look at that wonderful sermon He preached to that one woman at the well of Samaria. He was tired and weary, but He had the time and heart to preach to her. This is but one of the many instances in the life of the Master from which we may learn a precious lesson. If the Son of God had time to preach to one soul, can not every one of us go and do the same? The trouble is we are afraid to speak to men about their souls. Let us ask God to give grace to overcome this man fearing spirit.—D. L. Moody.

READ THIS BOYS.

Drink leads to a waste of time, neglect of business, to slovenly habits, to loss of self-respect, to indifference as to the feelings of others, to the loss of friends. It leads to the desecration of the Sabbath, to the disregard of God's laws, to contempt for his Church and Holy Word. It leads to remorse, to wretchedness, to poverty, to want, to the almshouse. It leads to deception, to falsehood, to theft, to brutality, to murder, to prison, to the gallows. Boys, think on these things ere you touch, taste or handle the cup that intoxicates.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst, come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.—Rev. xxii. 17.

In order to grow in grace, we must be much alone. It is not in society—even Christian society—that the soul grows most vigorously. In one single quiet hour of prayer, it will often make more progress than in days of company with others. It is in the desert that the dew falls freshest and the air is purest.—*H. Bonar.*

YOUNG MEN.

The ancients tell us of a bay along the Mediterranean, where, from the winding of the shore, the wind and waves created such ravishing melody as to attract the passing sailor and lead him to enter. But, as enchanted with the wondrous music, he forsook his helm, his vessel would strike upon sunken rocks and be dashed to pieces. The bones of the dead and the wrecks of the vessels whitened all the shore.

A fable this, most instructive to all who will give heed to it. For thus, young man, as you sail along in quiet waters, will your ears be addressed by the enraptured strains of pleasure, soliciting your approach to her fatal shore; but along that shore there is placed a concealed rocky barrier which you cannot cross, and on which your excellent ship must be dashed to pieces. Listen to that seductive music and yield to its influences, and forsake the path of virtue, and the whitened bones of drowned mariners now bleaching on the shore, declare your end.

WHO ARE MOST INTERESTED.

Leaving out of view the class among whom the efforts of the Young Men's Christian Association are exerted, we ask, who are the most interested in the results? We answer without hesitation PARENTS. Mothers, have you not found your fondest hopes oft-times bitterly disappointed in the conduct of your son, his waywardness, his love of life and variety? Fathers, have you not had occasion to grieve in silence because of the fruitlessness of your best endeavours to instil noble, high-toned sentiments into the heart of your son? Have you not, are you not even now, earnestly planning and praying to make of your boy the high-toned man—do you find any means to that end to be labour lost? Presuming upon an affirmative response, the Association seeks to help you through its diversified agencies, to surround your son with good influences, Christian principles, and a regard for the higher claims of life. Are you not, then, as parents, the most interested?—we think so.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.—Ps. cxix. 9.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.—Ps. cxxii. 1.

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Arriving at Great Western Station, pass up Yonge to Queen, and one block westward to the Rooms.

BOATS.

Nearly all the regular passenger boats arrive at the Yonge street wharves, Tourists pass up Yonge street to Queen, thence one block westward to the Rooms.

For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward;

He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

Love ye therefore the stranger.—Deut. x. 17-19.

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