

# Anniversary Number

OF THE

## Shaftesbury Mall

WEEKLY

BULLETIN

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TORONTO YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.



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The Lord hath been  
mindful of us; He  
will bless us.—Ps. cxv. 12.

### OFFICERS FOR 1884-85.



At the Annual Meeting held Tuesday evening, 14th Oct., the following were elected as officers for the ensuing year:

*President*—Hon. S. H. Blake.

*Hon. Vice-Presidents*—John Macdonald, Daniel Wilson, LL.D., Robert Baldwin, B. Homer Dixon, K.N.L.

*Vice-Presidents*—S. Caldecott, J. J. Gartshore, L. C. Peake, H. B. Gordon, C. S. Gzowski, J. D. Nasmith, C. Massey, J. O. Anderson.

*Treasurer*—R. Kilgour.

*General Secretary*—Alf. Sandham.

*Librarian*—W. A. Douglas.

*Directors*—J. O. Bennett, J. Harvie, J. Earls, Elias Rogers, Ambrose Kent, Charles Joselin, John J. MacLaren, William Blackley, W. Garside, D. C. Forbes, H. O'Brien, S. R. Briggs.

### ABSTRACT OF REPORTS.

PRESENTED AT THE

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

HELD

Tuesday 7th and Tuesday 14th  
OCTOBER, 1884.

#### THE DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Can but feebly express its gratitude to God for His great grace and condescension in so largely using the Association as an instrument for the saving of precious souls and the edifying of his children. When it is remembered that He has been pleased, each week, to use the Association to lead some soul out of darkness into light, and also that He has richly blessed the workers personally, we may truly "Bless the name of our God."

#### THE DAILY NOON MEETING FOR PRAYER

Has been a source of much profit to those who have attended. While the average attendance has been small, still we rejoice that such a meeting place has been provided.

#### SATURDAY EVENING MEETING FOR YOUNG MEN

Has been especially blessed of God.

The average attendance has been 87, and the service has been made very interesting, owing to the large numbers of young converts, who, in the ardour of their first love, have testified of their Saviour's power. Our hearts have been often cheered by the statement of this one and the other, that "they were born here."

#### A YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Has been held every Monday evening, with an average attendance of 40. This class has been fruitful not only in instructing the Young Christians, but in leading some souls to Christ. After the class, a meeting for prayer and praise is held, when frequently the net which has been cast on the right side during the Bible Class, has been successfully drawn in.

#### WORKER'S TRAINING CLASS.

This has proved of great value in giving the Workers a practical knowledge of the History and Growth of the Bible, the teachings of its Books, &c. The average attendance has been 36.

#### EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

held every Sunday afternoon with an average attendance of 46, has been blessed to many.

#### GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

held on each Sunday evening, at 8.30, has been attended by the large average of 550 persons. Many of these meetings have been seasons of great fruitfulness, and at the enquiry meeting held immediately afterwards in the parlor, many with all outward aspects of genuine earnestness have professed their acceptance of Christ.

#### TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS

for the study of the S. S. Lesson, has been held on 38 Saturday afternoons, with an average attendance of 140. Many are the expressions of thankfulness from teachers for this valuable means of preparation for their Sunday service.

#### SPECIAL SERVICES.

The week of prayer for young men was observed in November last. On the second Sabbath of that month sermons to young men were preached in forty of the city churches. Immediately following the week of prayer, special services were held for a fortnight, and

were blessed to the ingathering of some. In January, 1884, we held two weeks of Gospel meetings for young men only, when more fruit was gathered.

#### VOLUNTEER CAMP.

The camp assembled this year on the Garrison Common. The commanding officer, Lt.-Col. Denison, took deep interest in the work, and personally selected a site for our tent, and in other ways helped us. The tent was well supplied with papers and periodicals, and the meetings were well attended. We received evidence of good results at the time, and within the past few weeks have learned of more fruit from the good seed sown.

#### EXHIBITION.

The work during the recent Exhibition was more successful than during any previous year. Our difficulty was, not to sustain meetings, but to restrain them. Hour after hour the tent was crowded with listeners; and God never left us without a band of helpers to testify for Him.

#### WORKERS' SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

These have been held monthly, and have been seasons of much spiritual as well as social profit. The workers have, at these gatherings, been encouraged and stimulated; new workers enlisted, and better methods of work have been suggested and discussed.

#### SUMMARY.

The following is a summary of meetings held under the direction of this Committee:--

No. of Meetings	Name of Meeting	Total Attendance	Avg.
308	Noonday Prayer	1200	14
49	Young Men's (Saturday)	4255	87
25	Worker's weekly Prayer (Thursday)	385	15
8	Worker's Training (Thur.)	288	36
49	Secretary's Bible Class (Monday)	1960	40
51	Evang. Bible Class (Sun.)	2365	46
52	Gospel and Song (Sun.)	28632	550
52	Enquiry Meetings (Sun.)	2300	44
8	Worker's Monthly Socials	490	61
38	Teacher's Bible Classes (Saturday)	5323	140
12	Special for Young Men	455	38

### SPECIAL.

In addition to the regular meetings reported, the workers held special prayer meetings on Christmas and New Year's Days

### LECTURES AND CLASSES

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board, the *paid* Lecture Course has been abandoned. The work of the Committee has therefore been prosecuted less pretentiously than in former years; but perhaps none the less satisfactorily on that account.

The Members Course proved a thoroughly good one and the attendance very satisfactory. There were in all 9 Lectures delivered (with one exception) by friends resident in Toronto.

### CLASSES.

It cannot be claimed that the work of the classes has been satisfactory. The attendance has been generally small and fluctuating, and it is an open question whether time or attention should be devoted to this work.

### C. L. S. C.

The circle formed last year has been a boon to many of the Young Men, a goodly number of whom have taken an active interest in the reading and course of study prescribed.

### EMPLOYMENT.

The past year has been marked by an unusually large number of applicants for employment, and it may safely be said that two-thirds were young men without any real qualifications for such employment as Canada offers.

Notwithstanding the scanty of labor and the unfitness of the majority of applicants the Committee was enabled to place a few of the more promising in permanent positions, while a large number of temporary situations have been secured.

Beyond the help thus rendered, words of cheer and counsel have been spoken, and we have reason to believe that *permanent* spiritual benefits have resulted from such intercourse with these Young Strangers.

### MEMBERSHIP.

While the membership list does not present such an array of names as in

some former years, the Committee is led to believe that at no previous date was there a more thorough *working* membership. At the same time it cannot but be desired that the list should increase, and working, as the Association does, for the *spiritual* welfare of Young Men, that increase should come from the ranks of the Christian Young Men of Toronto. A Sustaining Membership plan has been adopted, and it is expected will be vigorously carried out by the new committee.

### BOARDING HOUSE.

No department of the work has been more largely owned of God than that among the young men in boarding houses. The Committee has never lacked its full number of earnest, devoted workers: and it is with devout gratitude to God that they report the following work for the year:

Visits to Boarding Houses.....	14,514
“ Hotels .....	1,220
“ Fire Halls.....	390
“ Police Stations .....	193
“ Car Stables .....	412
“ Factories.....	7
“ Public Library, West Branch.....	29
Young Men spoken to.....	2,299
BULLETINS distributed.....	77,298
Tracts, &c.....	68,400
New Year's Packets.....	1,696

Referring to this latter item, we may explain that for the past three years it has been our custom to prepare a package of literature specially printed for the purpose of distribution among young men in boarding houses. It contains a New Year's card—copy of BULLETIN for that date—a small book—and such special matter as might be thought best. The whole is placed in a large envelope neatly printed. We have received evidences of blessing resulting from reading the papers distributed last New Year's Day.

### RECEPTION.

The Workers of this committee have been in attendance each evening to receive strangers and welcome them to our Rooms. The work has been regularly carried on, and many testimonies have been given as to the faithfulness of those on the committee.

## BOYS.

This branch has been carried on with many visible tokens of blessing. The efforts made by the Committee to interest and benefit the Boys, have been successful in maintaining a good average attendance at the weekly meetings, and above all, the teaching has been owned of God, and several of the lads have been converted. If our facilities for work were greater, we feel certain that an extensive and permanent work for the welfare of the Boys of Toronto could be accomplished. We are grateful for the facilities we have, and rejoice in the tokens of blessing vouchsafed.

During the year a course of lectures was delivered, and these were largely attended by the Boys, who evidently appreciated the services rendered by the lecturers.

## THE LIBRARY AND READING ROOMS.

The Library remains in much the same condition as last year. No purchases have been made, and only sixteen volumes have been donated. In fact, since the opening of the Public Library there has been a marked decrease in the number of books issued. It is suggested that any future outlay be largely confined to the purchase of standard books of reference, and these, as a rule, to bear more specially upon Bible study.

## ROOMS.

The Parlor, and Free Reading-room are used to a much greater extent than in former years. Since the opening of the Free Library there has been a marked decrease in the number of "professional visitors"; but those we most aim to reach and benefit, have availed themselves more readily of our invitations since the disappearance of the class referred to.

We have added several English and American magazines of a higher class than those heretofore received, and these additions have been much appreciated.

We are now in receipt of the following papers and periodicals:—

## CANADIAN.

9 Daily, 1 Tri-weekly, 28 Weekly 1 Semi-monthly, 4 Monthly.

## AMERICAN.

8 Weekly, 11 Monthly, 1 Semi-monthly, 1 Quarterly.

## ENGLISH.

8 Weekly, 28 Monthly, making a grand total of 98 papers and periodicals.

## INVITATION.

This Committee has been used of God in leading many Young Men to our meetings. The interest in the work has been unabated, and during the heat of Summer or the cold of Winter, the workers have been found at the street corners, or visiting the Hotels with Invitation Slips.

Many changes have occurred, but no sooner has one worker been called from the city, than another has been raised up of God, and the work has not lagged.

The principal Hotels have been visited weekly, and over 5000 Invitation cards distributed.

In the street corner "invitation work" 70,000 invitations have been distributed, and from testimonies received in the meetings from time to time, we know they have brought forth fruit.

## VISITING.

This Committee, organized to visit Young Men lying sick in Boarding Houses, or at the Hospital, has, whenever called upon, readily responded. About 60 visits have been to different cases, and the committee has reason to believe that the visits of its members have been appreciated and blessed.

## RAILWAY.

Early in the year this Committee was compelled to effect material changes in the work. A new Secretary, Mr. W. C. Jex, was engaged in January, and the work since that time has favorably progressed. The work has been concentrated more upon the men moving along the line, and the Committee feels convinced that this is the legitimate work assigned them. The Canada Pacific Railway Company having organized a work principally among their own employees, at the West End, this Committee has, through its Secretary, confined its operations to the centre of the city, and to the new railway centre at York. At the latter point a tent was

erected, which for three months was used as a reading tent and place for holding Sunday services.

York is situated about six miles from Toronto, but the G. T. R. company kindly provided for conveying our workers to and fro each Sunday afternoon.

The following is a summary of the work since January 1884.

Visits to Engines.....	667	
“ Caboose.....	422	
“ Roundhouses.....	100	
“ Switch Houses..	158	
“ Yards.....	35	
“ Freight Sheds....	12	
“ Offices.....	225	
“ Injured and Sick.....	60	
“ R. R. Men’s Homes.....	84	
“ R. R. Reading Rooms....	175	
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Meetings held.	Attendance.	
Union Depot..... 37	.....	1550
York Roundhouse. 13	.....	900
Other services held. 16	.....	167
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		2617
Papers and Books distributed.....	3038	
R. R. SPECIALS distributed.....	9200	
	<hr/>	12238

The work now being done is of a thoroughly practical nature, and its effects are being seen each week.

#### WATERSIDE.

This Committee has assigned to it the work of visiting the vessels in the harbor, and of tract distribution along the wharves. Its work is that of seed sowing and witness bearing, more than of reaping. Eight members have engaged in this work, visiting the vessels on Sunday mornings, giving tracts on board of each, and on many occasions getting the men to join in listening to a portion of God’s Word. The workers find that the offering of tracts by the road-side often opens opportunities of preaching the Lord Jesus Christ to fellow sinners who are not reached in other ways.

About 20,000 tracts and hand-bills have been distributed, and between 400 and 500 visits have been paid to vessels. Several French Gospels have also been given away. Some of the workers have helped Rev. J. Salmon on Sunday after-

noon, when he has been preaching to the crowds resorting to the Island.

#### DEAF MUTES.

Great encouragement has been experienced in the endeavors to be of service to this afflicted class. The work is peculiar, and a great amount of patience and wisdom is needed, as the Committee has to deal with them in their business and social relations, in smoothing over difficulties and making explanations where they are unable to grasp clearly, except in sign language. Their appreciation has been marked by personal and tangible expressions of gratitude, and by regular attendance at the services for worship which have been held without omission during the year. Rarely less than 20 have been present, while sometimes 35 have gathered. Of the direct spiritual results it is impossible to speak with as much definiteness as is possible in some other branches of work; but the reverence always shown, and the close attention given, encourages us to think that the work is being blessed.

A collection is taken up at each meeting, and from this fund the class has appropriated \$40 toward the Building Fund of the Association.

#### CHINESE

The work among the Chinese has been faithfully and energetically prosecuted by the Brother who has for the past few years made this, his special field of labor. None but those who have aided in the work can form a conception of the many difficulties which continually come up, but the Lord has helped in every case, and the class has been most successful. Nearly every Chinaman in the City has been led to the meetings and at times (with but one or two exceptions) all have gathered on the Sabbath afternoon in our Class Room to receive instruction.

#### ITALIANS.

The Leader of the Chinese Class was led to take an interest in the large number of Italians arriving in our City during the past 2 years. The majority of these are Young Men, and coming to a city where few if any of their countrymen had settled, they were entirely without friends to counsel or help. Seeing their need of some kind hand being extended, the Brother referred to at once

organized a class, and secured a band of workers who met 3 times each week and once on Sunday, to teach, and help in any other way to benefit them. We are pleased to know that the labor has not been in vain.

All the expenses of the Chinese and Italian Classes have been met by the Leader.

#### OUR PUBLICATIONS.

THE SHAFESBURY HALL WEEKLY BULLETIN has proved of much service to the work. In fact it has become an indispensable adjunct to our work. The edition has been increased several times. We now publish 2,500 weekly. The cost is about \$8 per week. No part of this falls upon the Association, as it is supported entirely by voluntary contributions from friends in all parts of the land. The Secretary has received many evidences of the good hand of our God upon it, both in the matter of funds provided and of souls led to Christ through reading it.

#### "OUR BOYS"

was instituted two years ago by one of our members, who for one year defrayed the expense of publication. During the past year it has been supported by the Boys' Committee and the boys themselves.

#### OUR SPECIAL,

devoted to the interests of the railway work, is published monthly by the Railway Committee.

#### FINANCES

##### GENERAL FUND.

We have, in common with other organizations, been affected by the "dullness in business circles", but have much to be grateful for in the way our Lord has provided. There is a balance due the Treasurer, but it is hoped that this may be covered by subscription yet to be secured.

##### BUILDING FUND.

The friends of the Association will be pleased to learn that an appeal made for funds, wherewith to liquidate the mortgage and floating debt upon our building, and to thoroughly renovate the hall, has met with most liberal responses. The sum of \$28,200 was subscribed, payable in three annual instal-

ments, with interest. Payments have been made to an extent enabling us to pay \$12,293.07, on account of the mortgage and also to pay for repairs requiring immediate attention, which, with sum named, amounted to a total of \$14,100. It is expected that the balance of mortgage, \$9,116.90, will be paid off during the present year.

## STRANGERS

### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

That the Rooms of the

Toronto Young Men's Christian  
Association.

ARE IN ITS BUILDING,

## SHAFESBURY 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.

## BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

Conducted by Mr. S. H. Blake,

EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

## YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME

# SPECIAL SERVICES AND WEEK OF PRAYER

FOR

## Young Men, and Young Men's Christian Associations

Throughout the World.

### MR. FERDINAND SCHIVEREA,

(EVANGELIST) of Brooklyn, N.Y., will conduct

### EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS FOR YOUNG MEN ONLY

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 5, FRIDAY, Nov. 7, and SATURDAY, Nov. 8,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.

### WEEK OF PRAYER,

NOVEMBER 9 to NOVEMBER 16, 1884.

#### MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Prayer Meeting every day from 12 to 12.45 noon, open to all.

MR. FERDINAND SCHIVEREA the Evangelist will be present, and take part each day.

MONDAY,	November 10th.	The Fatal Choice.—Gen. iii. 1-6; Rom. v. 12-14, 19-21. General Secretary.
TUESDAY,	" 11th	The Divine Choice which has in it My Salvation. Phil. ii. 5-8; John x. 17, 18; Heb. xii. 2. H. B. Gordon.
WEDNESDAY,	" 12th.	A Far-Seeing Choice.—Heb. xi. 24-27. Rev. J. Salmon.
THURSDAY,	" 13th.	Two Choices—Which is Mine?—Mark x. 17-22; Luke v. 27, 28. W. Marks.
FRIDAY,	" 14th.	The Apostles' Choice and the Lord's Promise.—Matt. xix. 27-29. J. J. Gartshore.
SATURDAY,	" 15th.	"Choose Life."—Deu. xxx. 15-20; Col. iii. 1-4. S. R. Briggs.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES FOR YOUNG MEN ONLY, every night during that week, conducted by Mr. F. SCHIVEREA.

#### Gospel Meetings (open to all).

SUNDAY, November 9th. at 8.30 p.m. S. R. Briggs, Chairman.

" " 16th, at 8.30 p.m. H. B. Gordon, Chairman.

These meetings will also be addressed by MR. SCHIVEREA, and at the close of each, an enquiry meeting will be held in the Member's Parlor.

Following the Week of Prayer, MR. SCHIVEREA will (D.V.) continue Evangelistic Services for Young Men, every night during the Month of November. Will Christians pray for these meetings, and we ask those who can help at the Enquiry Meetings to come and take part. Others may help by distributing our Invitation slips.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

TORONTO YOUNG MEN'S

Christian Association

Shaftesbury Hall, Tuesday, November 4th.

The PRESIDENT in the Chair.

Music by the Choir of Bloor Street Methodist Church, under the leadership of Mr. H. M. Blight.

PROGRAMME.

OPENING HYMN.

All hail the power of Jesu's name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And Crown Him Lord of all.

Oh that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting throng,  
And Crown Him Lord of all.

READING SCRIPTURES AND PRAYER.

Address.....HON. S. H. BLAKE, President.

Anthem....."PRAISE YE THE FATHER".....Gounod.

Address.....MR. FERDINAND SCHIVEREA.

Address.....S. CALDECOTT, Esq.

Solo.....MR. H. M. BLIGHT.

COLLECTION.

Hymn....."NOW THE DAY IS OVER".....Barnby.

Address.....REV. DR. VINCENT.

DOXOLOGY.

BENEDICTION.