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### Annual Provincial Convention.

The Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec will be held in our building commencing Thursday February 2nd, and closing with the farewell service on Sunday night.

A large delegation will be present and the following excellent programme which we give in full will be presented. We hope our members will attend in large numbers.

#### TOPICS.

#### *Thursday, February 2nd.*

P.M.

- 2 00.—Devotional Exercises.
- 2 30.—Reports from Associations.
- 3 00.—Organization.
- 3 30.—Answering Questions.
- 7 30.—Words of Welcome. Hon. John Macdonald and S. Caldecott, Esq.
- 8 00.—Address, "The Anointing for Service." Rev. H. M. Parsons.
- 8 45.—What Special Benefits are derived from the Association. (1st) College Students. (2nd) Railway Men. (3rd) Young Men in Small Towns. (4th) Young Men in Cities.

#### *Friday, February 3rd.*

A.M.

- 9 30.—Bible Reading. Rev. J. K. Unsworth, Paris.
- 10 00.—The Importance of the Association trying to reach the Students in Business Colleges and Collegiate Institutes. C. Falconer, Ottawa.
- 10 45.—The Executive Committee's Report, C. S. Gzowski, Jr. chairman.

- 11 00.—Bible Study. Its Influence intellectually, socially, commercially and spiritually. John Orchard, (late Gen. Secy. Y. M. C. A. Finsbury Park, London. Eng.)
- 11 45.—The relation of the Y. M. C. A. to College Life. McGill University.
- 12 30.—Recess for Lunch.

#### *Friday Afternoon,*

P.M.

- 2 00.—Boys' Department.
  - 1. Religious, D. W. Corbett, Montreal.
  - 2. Literary, Matthew Kelley, Hamilton.
- 3 00.—The importance of fostering a Missionary spirit among the members of our Association. H. B. Gordon.
- 3 45.—Missionary Bible Reading:—Signs of the times as bearing on the Foreign Missionary. Question. Rev. S. H. Kellogg, D. D.
- 4 45.—Address: The Young Men's Strength. Rev. Thos. Hall, Stratford.
- 5 15.—The best means of carrying on the District work. F. B. Allan.
- 7 30.—Song Service. Harry English, Choir and Orchestra.
- 8 00.—Evangelistic meetings for men, their importance. D. A. Budge, Montreal, John B. Squire, Buffalo.
- 9 00.—Gymnastics, their place in Association Work. Dr. Covernton, illustrated by J. A. Malloy, Superintendent, and a class from the Toronto Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium.

#### *Saturday, February 4th.*

A.M.

- 9 30.—Devotional Meeting.

- 10 00.—"The Extension of the College Y. M. C. A. Work." T. B. Scott, Queen's College, Kingston.
- 10 45.—Report of Committee on Executive Committee's Report.
- 11 30.—"The Training Class Illustrated." F. M. Pratt, Kingston.
- P.M.
- 2 30.—"The Reception Committee Illustrated." Gus. A. Kuhring, Ottawa.
- 3 30.—"The Value of the Associate Membership." W. H. Smith, Medical Students' Association, Toronto.
- 4 30.—Bible Reading, Hon. S. H. Blake.
- 7 30.—Song Service, Harry English, Choir and Orchestra.
- 8 00.—Young Men's Gospel Meeting. Delegates.

Sunday, February 5th.

- A.M.
- 9 30.—Consecration Meeting.
- P.M.
- 3 00.—Evangelistic Bible Class. L. C. Peake.
- 3 00.—Railroad Men's Meeting, Union Depot. W. J. Orr, St. Thomas.
- 4 00.—Young Men's Evangelistic Meeting.
- 4 00.—Boy's Meeting.
- 4 00.—Women's Meeting.
- 7 30.—Evangelistic Meeting. Delegates of the Convention.
- 8 30.—Farewell Meeting.

**Items of Interest.**

Mr. Thomas Armstrong and Mr. Ambrose Kent have been elected to the Board of Directors. Both are very much interested in our work.

The Board, at its last meeting, decided to accept the recommendation of the Devotional Committee, and in future the Gospel and Song Service on Sunday evening will be for men only and held in the Lecture Hall.

Copies of the revised Constitution and By-laws can now be secured at the office, and it is hoped that every member will procure one. It will bear careful perusal and show very clearly what we are organized for.

One hundred and six new members were received during the month of January. This brings our total membership to date 1,658. If an earnest effort is put forth now we can quickly reach the 2,000 we are so anxious to secure before the annual meeting in May.

The Members' Monthly Reception for January was attended by about 500 members and their lady friends, and a most enjoyable musical entertainment was presented in the large hall. The meeting for February will be held on the evening of the 28th inst., when an excellent program will again be presented.

We have pleasure in announcing that the Railway work, which has been dormant for some time, will be revived with vigour and earnestness under the care of Thos. Ratcliffe, who has been appointed Railway Secretary. He comes to us highly recommended and seems to be peculiarly adapted for this kind of work. The points the work will be taken up at are York and West Toronto Junction. We wish him God speed in this undertaking, and look for rich blessing as the result.

Some thirty of our members have been appointed delegates to the Convention which meets in our building. We expect to see a large attendance of our members at the several meetings. We wish to put forth a special effort for the meetings on Sunday, Feb. 5th. The young men's meeting in the large hall at four o'clock will be addressed by delegates, and we hope to have a time of rich blessing and ingathering of souls. There will also be a meeting for boys, to be addressed by those specially qualified for this work; also, a meeting for ladies will be held at the same hour.

**Statistical Record**

FROM DEC. 29TH, 1887 TO JAN. 27TH, 1888.

	No. Meetings.	Total Attendance.	Average
Beginners' Class .....	4	66	17
Young Men's Meetings .....	4	308	77
Sunday Afternoon Bible Class .....	4	152	36
Monday Evening " " .....	3	28	9
Workers' Training Class ....	4	47	12
S. S. Teachers' " .....	4	440	110
Workers' Prayer Meetings ...	4	71	18
Gospel and Song Service ...	4	1,025	256
Gospel and Song Service (Gymnasium) .....	3	95	32
Sunday Afternoon Song Service .....	2	75	38
Committee Meetings .....	7	50	7
Board Meetings .....	2	28	14
Lectures .....	2	335	168
Receptions .....	3	2,600	866
Debating Society Meetings ..	2	25	12
Gymnasium Class .....	12	423	35
Shorthand Class .....	6	98	16
Emergency Class .....	1	—	35
Boy's Gymnasium Class .....	8	340	42
Orchestra Practice .....	2	20	10
Number at Family Worship ..	—	264	—
Number directed to Boarding Houses .....			17
" Supplied with Employment .....			5
" " " Writing Material .....			46

Letters and Cards written .....	691
Pledges taken by .....	3
New Members .....	301
Professed Conversion .....	4
Introductory Letters given .....	4
Introduced to Pastors .....	3

**Reception Committee.**

The Reception Committee, under Mr. John Orchard, the efficient chairman is doing excellent service this year. Very rarely are the members absent from duty and they have been most attentive in showing the building to the large number of visitors who come in each evening.

The following are the appointments for February.

Monday,	1st and 3rd.—	Messrs. Neelands, Wethey and Spragge.
	2nd and 4th.—	" Mason, McMurtrie and Pim.
Tuesday,	1st and 3rd.—	" Sycamore, Kleiser and Linton.
	2nd and 4th.—	" Cuthbertson and Seymour.
Wednesday,	1st and 3rd.—	" Webber, Carson and Willmott.
	2nd and 4th.—	" Barker, Eaton and Rogers.
Thursday,	1st and 3rd.—	" Armstrong and Helliwell.
	2nd and 4th.—	" Carleton, Johnston and Paul.
Friday,	1st and 3rd.—	Mr. Booth.
	2nd and 4th.—	" McLeod.
Saturday,	1st and 3rd.—	" Orchard, (Chairman).
	2nd and 4th.—	" Bambridge, Messrs. Gauld and Boothe, (every Saturday.)
Sunday evening,	1st	Messrs. Neelands and Spragge.
"	2nd	" Sycamore and Kleiser.
"	3rd	" McLeod and Seymour.
"	4th	" Mason and Gauld.

The monthly meeting of the Committee is held on the Monday evening preceding the last Friday of each month.

**Report of the Devotional Committee for January.**

The report of your Committee for the past month is in many respects a most encouraging and gratifying one. The several meetings under the charge of the Devotional Committee are well attended, and in the series of Bible classes conducted under their auspices much helpful and practical work is being accomplished in building up the workers, in fitting them to take intelligent part in Christian work, and also pointing men to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The meeting on Saturday night has had an average attendance of seventy-seven. The

interest in this meeting is on the increase, and a large number of young men take part. During the month a short Gospel and Song Service was commenced under the auspices of this Committee in the Gymnasium. The members of the Gymnasium are taking the liveliest interest in this service, and listened with the closest attention to the words of the speakers, and joined heartily in the singing of the hymns.

This simple, short pointed service cannot fail to do good, and the Word of God will not return unto him void.

The opening of the rooms on Sunday afternoon has been followed by marked success, about forty young men each Sunday taking advantage of this privilege, and a grand opportunity is presented to our workers to engage in conversation with them upon spiritual things. A song service is held, lasting about a half-hour, and the young men seem to very much appreciate this service. This, and the meeting in the Gymnasium, presents two of the most fruitful fields for usefulness in the Association, and we trust that God's blessing may rest upon the efforts put forth to win young men to Christ.

The attendance at family worship, with which the rooms are closed every evening, is most encouraging, the average attendance at this service having been fourteen. This meeting is conducted by the members of the Reception Committee on duty, and while it helps them it will also be the means of blessing to the young men, many of whom are thus reminded of their early home and the family altar there.

Your Committee report that during the past two months the Gospel and Song Service on Sunday evening has been held in the large hall. They have done their utmost to carry out the recommendation of the Board, but they feel that it has not been a success either in regard to attendance or apparent results therefrom. The average attendance has been about 250. It has been most difficult for the speakers in the large hall, and while the attendance has been very good, yet the Committee regret that so little fruit is the result of all the efforts put forth, as well as the great expense in lighting and heating the hall.

Your Committee earnestly recommend the Board to return to the meeting for men only. They are more fully convinced than ever that so far as results are concerned, even with a less number present, they are much more fruitful.

C. S. GZOWSKI, *Chairman pro tem.*

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Our member's parlour, although beautiful and inviting, still lacks a number of things to make it perfectly home-like and attractive to young men. A few sets of chessmen and two or three sets of checkers would be much appreciated. A crokinole board would also be thankfully received. We trust some kind friends will send us these or any other games that would be suitable and attractive.

## Workers' Training Class.

The attendance at this class is keeping up very well. The subjects considered are full of interest and practical value to the members. The following is the programme for February.

Thursday, Feb. 9th.—Analysis of Hosea.  
The Gospel Paul preached.  
" " 16th.—Analysis of Joel.  
Assurance.  
" " 23rd.—Analysis of Amos.  
The Work awaiting the Workers.  
" Mat. 1st.—Analysis of Obadiah.  
Regeneration.

## Magazines and Papers.

The following magazines and papers for the year are still unsold and can be secured at a very cheap rate by applying to the General Secretary.

Good Words, Outing, American Magazine, All the Year Round, Blackwood's Magazine, Leisure Hours, Edinburgh Review, London Review, Lippincotts, Every Boy's Magazine, Leslie's Illustrated Weekly, Punch, New York Tribune.

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## Association Calendar.

FEBRUARY 5 TO MARCH 4, 1888.

### Young Men's Saturday Meeting

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

DATE.	SUBJECT.	SPEAKER.
Feb. 4	The Prodigal's Return* .....	Delegates to Convention.
" 11	Christ's Compassion†	F. W. Gooch.
" 18	The Two Debtors ‡...	Thos. Ratcliffe.
" 25	Keep Thyself Pure §	H. L. Thompson.
Mar. 3	An Invitation from God    .....	F. H. Fatt.

\* Luke xv. 11-32. † Mark vi. 34. ‡ Luke vii. 41-50. § 1 Cor. vi. 19 || Jer. iii. 4.

### Sabbath Morning Class for Beginners

9.30 TO 10.15

Conducted by General Secretary.

DATE.	LESSONS FROM THE PARABLES OF OUR LORD.	PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE.
Feb. 5	Consecration Meeting . . .	Delegates.
" 12	The Two Sons .....	Matt. xxi. 28-32.
" 19	The Wicked Husbandmen	" " 33-34.
" 26	The Royal Marriage Feast	" xxii. 1-14.
Mar. 4	The Ten Virgins .....	" xxv. 1-13.

### Bible Classes.

SUNDAY, 3 P.M.—Evangelistic Bible Class—Teacher, Mr. L. C. Peake.

" " Classes for Chinese, Italians and Deaf Mutes.

MONDAY, 8 P.M.—General Bible Class.—Teacher, Geo. C. Robb.

THURSDAY, 8 P.M.—Workers' Training Class.

SATURDAY, 4.30 P.M.—International S. S. Lessons.—Teacher, Hon. S. H. Blake.

### Other Meetings.

TUESDAY, Feb. 7.—Medical Talk: "Dangers of Early Manhood.—Dr. D. Clarke, Supt. Insane Asylum.

THURSDAY, " 9.—Literary and Debating Society. "Impromptu Speeches."

FRIDAY, " 10.—First Aid to Injured—"Fits and Bleeding."—Dr. E. E. King.

TUESDAY, " 14.—Reception—"Commercial Interests."

" " 21.—Lecture: "The Story of the Earth," illustrated with the Stereopticon.—Mr. Thos. Kirkland, M.A.

THURSDAY, " 23.—Debate: "Resolved, That the Pulpit Wields a Greater Influence for Good than the Press."

FRIDAY, " 24.—First Aid to Injured—"Hygiene and Care of Body."—Dr. E. E. King.

TUESDAY, " 28.—Members' Monthly Entertainment.

### Lectures in February

We desire to draw the special attention of our members to the medical talk which will be delivered in Association Hall on Tuesday evening, February 7th, by Dr. Daniel Clark, Superintendent of the Toronto Insane Asylum, the subject being "The Dangers of Early Manhood."

We anticipate a large attendance and a valuable address. No person can speak with more authority on this subject than Dr. Clark. His lecture is for men only.

On Tuesday evening, 21st inst. Mr. Thos. Kirkland, M.A. Principal of the Normal School, will lecture on "The Story of the Earth," illustrated with the Stereopticon. This lecture will be full of interest and information and to this ladies will be admitted.

### Literary Society and Debating Society

The following members will take part at the next meeting (Thursday, Feb. 9th):—Readings: Messrs. F. M. Barnard, W. W. Booth, Wm. Kleiser, and Jas. Creighton. Impromptu Speeches: Johnston, Sycamore and others. A full meeting is requested.

### The Modern Ignoring of the Devil.

BY HENRY VARLEY, ESQ., LONDON.

"And so you decline to believe that there is an evil spirit which the Scripture calls 'your adversary the devil?'—a powerful spiritual being whom our Lord speaks of in such terms as 'Satan,' 'Serpent,' 'Thief,' 'Liar,' 'Murderer,' 'Deceiver,' 'Destroyer,' etc.?" "Ha! ha! A mere mental creation, belonging to the ignorance and superstition of past days; a bugbear to frighten silly women and children." Stay, I desire to reason with you. To deny or to laugh at that which is true is both inconclusive and foolish. One strong objection which I have to your position is this, viz.: that if there be no devil the moral integrity of Christ no longer exists, and He stands before the world in the position of a false witness. Are you prepared for this conclusion, this fearful outcome of your argument?

Further, if I understand your position, you affirm that all the frightful evils which have shocked us along the line of the history of humanity, are results to be attributed purely to man's thoughts, intentions and actions. The atrocities of Nero, the cruelties of Robespierre, the horrible criminality of such monsters as Rush, Peace, and Lefroy, all had conception, birth, and issue from man alone; all iniquity, all evil, the result of the setting of the will and heart of man in the ways of wickedness. Do I understand you clearly? Is your premiss truthfully and fairly stated? Then note the inference and the inevitable conclusion to which your argument leads.

With the admission of the fact of the devil's existence, man's moral character is both mournful and terrible; but if no devil exists to tempt, incite, or precipitate into action, then is man's moral character in itself horrible and diabolical. The denial of the existence of the devil carries with it the darkest impeachment of the human race which modern scepticism has dared to utter. In the faithfulness with which Scripture testimony portrays the solemn facts of man's condition as a sinner, such abominable iniquity as this neither has, or could have, place. So true is it that when men affecting to be wise in their own conceits reject the testimony of God's Word, they not only become fools, but wicked fools.

Many years ago a Welsh minister, a man of God, beginning his sermon, leaned over the pulpit and said, with a solemn air, "Friends, I have a question to ask. I cannot answer it. You cannot answer it. If an angel from heaven were here he could not answer it. If a devil from hell were here he could not answer it." Death-like silence reigned. Every eye was fixed on the speaker. He proceeded:—The question is this,—

HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE, IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT SALVATION?"

### West End Branch.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

We were delighted with the success of our "Open House" on New Year's Day. The rooms were open all day, and from eight o'clock in the morning till eight o'clock at night the ladies were kept busy supplying visitors with either refreshments or music. Some 500 people visited the rooms during

the day, and over 300 were served with tea and cake, many of them being children who otherwise would not have been able to distinguish New Year's Day from any other day.

Our thanks are due to the friends who kindly helped us with the musical programme, and we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the good offices of the Ladies' Auxiliary, without whose co-operation we feel that even our work for young men would be but partially successful. We may mention that their kindness was not confined to the rooms, as they carried some of the good things to those who lacked even the common necessities of life. The Secretary will be glad to hand over to them any money or other gift you may chose to send for them to distribute during the winter months.

#### EDUCATIONAL.

Our Educational Classes have been attended much more largely during January than they were the corresponding month last year. It is pleasing to notice the eagerness on the part of some of the pupils to learn their lesson well, as they present a marked contrast to those whose inattention proclaims their indifference and utter lack of desire to learn, much less to excel.

The new class in shorthand has been started with about twenty on the roll, and others are coming in all the time. It is held at an hour that cannot fail to suit all anxious to acquire this art. See the bulletin.

Arrangements have been made for the commencement of a short course in mechanical drawing, to begin about the middle of February. The fee will be one dollar. Do not fail to join if this is in your line of business.

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