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**"Create in me a
clean heart, O God;
and renew a right
spirit within me."**

Psalm li. 10.

BOARDING HOUSES.

OUR Boarding House Committee has fully entered upon its work. The main features of the work are as follows:

1. To visit as far as possible every Boarding House.
2. To distribute general invitations to the Young Men.
3. To endeavor to reach the Young Men personally.
4. To secure names of Young Men and furnish the same to the Secretary so that special invitations may be sent.
5. To furnish the Secretary with addresses of comfortable houses.
6. To secure the co-operation of proprietors of Boarding Houses in our efforts to benefit Young Men.
7. To report promptly any case where our Association can be specially helpful to a Young Man.
8. To meet regularly each week for prayer and conference.

Will our Members bear this work in mind and make it a subject of prayer.

OUR BUILDING.

THE steam fitters are now at work refitting the large Hall with new and improved coils and pipes. These repairs were absolutely necessary to the comfort of those patronizing the Hall. We now hope to be freed from the disagreeable noise caused by the cracking of pipes, &c., which at times disturbed meetings.

RAILWAY WORK.

WE have been favoured during the past few days with the presence and council of Mr. E. D. Ingersoll, the energetic Railway Secretary of the International Executive Committee. Former visits paid by him have resulted in much benefit to our Railway Y.M.C.A. work, and we have reason to hope that this visit will produce like favourable results.

Public Meetings were held in Shaftesbury Hall on Sunday afternoon and Tuesday evening, when a large number of railway men were present. Practical addresses were given, setting forth the importance and growth of the work.

A Parlour Conference was held at the residence of Hon. Senator McMaster, (on Monday evening), on which occasion addresses were given by Hon. S. H. Blake, Lt.-Col. Gzowski, A.D.C., and other prominent gentlemen of the city. Mr. Ingersoll also laid before the friends, the work accomplished in the United States, and the deep interest manifested by the several Railway Corporations, and expressed a hope that the day is not far distant when Canadian Railway Officials will "go and do likewise."

SOUND WORDS.



ASSOCIATIONS that propose to run on the literary-society-concert-social-entertainment plan, had better close the shutters, lock up the doors, and go off. These may have a part in the work, but they are very small factors in it, especially in smaller towns. A frivolous entertainment, which may have been started with the best of intentions, has brought to an unhappy end the associated work of years, and left a ghost behind those who would like to begin a solid work for the Lord. After all, earnest Christian men do not want to come together in such Associations to be simply amused. They do not want to hear too much of "Betsey and I Are Out," and kindred tales. They want something higher and deeper. Time is too precious, life too short to be wasted. Ten men on the right basis in an Association are worth more in the Lord's work than ten thousand who want simply to be entertained, and have no heart for the Master's work.—The Watchman.

ONLY TWO.



ONLY two ways, the one *broad*, the other *narrow*; one leads to *destruction*, the other to *life*; *many* go by one, *few* by the other. Which one are you travelling? Only two sorts of people. Many sorts in *men's* opinion; only two in *God's* sight—the *righteous* and the *wicked*, the *wheat* and the *chaff*, the *living* and the *dead*. Which are you? Only two deaths—the death of the *righteous* and the death of the *wicked*. If you were to pass into Eternity now, would you "die the death of the *righteous*" or that of the "*ungodly*?" Only two *places* after death—HEAVEN and HELL.—the one a place of *happiness* the other a place of *misery*. In the one will be heard forever *songs of joy and praise* in the other *weping and wailing and gnashing of teeth*. *God* will be in one, and *angels and saints*, and all the redeemed of the Lord; in the other, none but the

devil and his *angels*, and lost *souls*. In which of these will you spend your Eternity? Which, if you were to die now? Again I ask you WHICH?—*Selected*.

A RIGHTEOUS SENTENCE.



THE following is an extract from a sentence pronounced by Judge Reading, of Chicago, upon some liquor dealers who had violated the law by selling rum to minors. The terrible sarcasm it contains is a powerful sermon on the whole business of rum-selling:

"By the law you may sell it to men and women if they will buy. You have given your bond and paid your license to sell to them, and no one has a right to molest you in your legal business. No matter what the consequences may be; no matter what poverty and destitution are produced by your selling according to law, you have paid your money for this privilege, and you are licensed to pursue your calling. No matter what families are distracted and rendered miserable; no matter what wives are treated with violence; what children starve or mourn over the degradation of a parent—your business is legalized, and no one may interfere with you for it. No matter what mother may agonize over the loss of a son, or sister blush at the shame of a brother, you have a right to disregard them all, and pursue your legal calling—you are licensed. You may fit up your lawful place of business in the most enticing and captivating form; you may furnish it with the most costly and elegant equipment for your own lawful trade; you may fill it with the allurements of amusement; you may use all arts to allure visitors; you may skilfully arrange and expose to view your choicest wines and captivating beverages; you may induce thirst by all contrivances to produce a raging appetite for drink, and then you may supply that appetite to the full, because it is lawful; you have paid for it—you have a license. You may allow boys and children to frequent your saloon; they may witness the

apparent satisfaction with which their seniors quaff the sparkling glass; you may be schooling and training them for the period of twenty-one, when they, too, can participate—for all this is lawful. You may hold the cup to their lips, but you must not let them drink—that is unlawful. For, while you have all these privileges for the money you pay, this privilege of selling to children is denied you. Here the parents have the right to say, 'Leave my son to me until the law gives you a right to destroy him. Do not anticipate that terrible moment when I can assert for him no further rights of protection. That will be soon enough for me, for his sister, for his mother, for his friends, for the community, to see him take the road to death. Give him to us in his childhood at least.

Let us have a few hours of his youth, in which we can enjoy his innocence to repay us in some degree for the care and love we have lavished upon him.'

"This is something which you, who now stand prisoners at the bar, have not paid for; this is not embraced in your license. For this offense the Court sentences you to ten days' imprisonment in the county jail, and that you pay a fine of seventy-five dollars and costs, and that you stand committed until the fine and costs of this prosecution are paid."

MEETING FOR BOYS

Shaftesbury Hall, every Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, in the Boys' Room, entrance on James St. Boys will always be made welcome.

Bulletin for Week Commencing December 12, 1881.

MONDAY	Dec. 12	12.00 M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING Rev. Dr. Potts.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY	" 13	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. All God's promises are to us. Gen. xvii. 1-8; Gal. iii. 6-14. R. Merryfield.
		4.00 P.M.	MEETING FOR CONSECRATION & PRAYER.
WEDNESDAY . . .	" 14	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Why we ought to believe God's record concerning His Son. 1 John v.: 6-13, 19, 20. Rev. J. Burton, B.D.
THURSDAY	" 15	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. A new convert strengthened by witness bearing. Acts ix. 10-22. W. Marks.
FRIDAY	" 16	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Friend of the friendless. John v.: 1-14. Rev. J. Kirkpatrick.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY	" 17	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. God's loving-kind- ness. Isa. lxiii. 7-16. W. E. Burford.
		4.50 P.M.	TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake.
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. This I did for thee. Matt. xxvii. 33-50. J. McDunnough
SUNDAY.....	" 18	3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S.R. Briggs
		8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. S. Caldecott.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Dec. 18,	3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meetings at Union Station and at Nipissing Station.
COTTAGE MEETING, {	MONDAY, 8 P.M.— 61 Sackville Street.
	THURSDAY, " — 30 Mercer Street.
	FRIDAY, " — 136 Portland Street.



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