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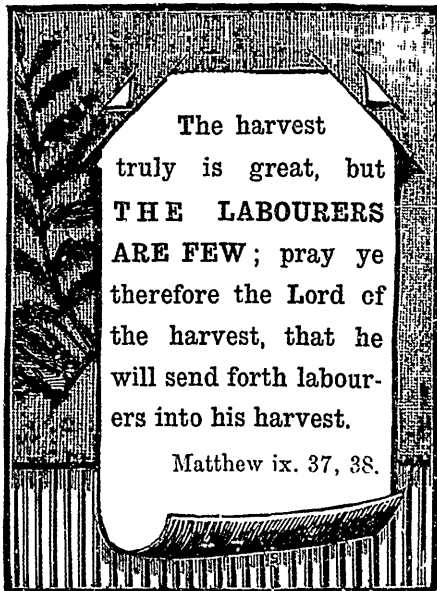
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EXTRA EDITION.

We publish this week an extra edition of 3,000, making 6,000 in all. The extra number will be distributed among our friends and contributors.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP.

EVERY subscriber of \$5 may if he so wishes be placed on our list of Sustaining Members, and thereby become entitled to all the privileges enjoyed by members, such as admission to the members course of Lectures, and use of the Library free. Every additional subscription entitles him to enter the name of a friend or employee for similar privileges. The proposed arrangements for the coming year, are such as to give value to a membership, but we hope many become sustaining members more from a desire to help on the work than from a desire to reap advantages themselves.

THE YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

MORE than usual spiritual interest is evident in this meeting. Last Saturday evening the presence and power of the Spirit was specially manifested and the testimonies given were pointed and earnest. The Chairman found it difficult to close the meeting even at 9 30, a half an hour after the usual time. The attendance is good and is on the increase.

ANOTHER WORKER.

MR. E. J. DIGNUM was appointed Financial Secretary at a recent meeting of the Finance Committee. We welcome this addition to our staff. Mr. Dignum's experience in financial matters and as an Accountant will make his services of special value to us at the present, and will also relieve the General Secretary of considerable thought and labor.

HAVE FAITH IN GOD.

Mark xi. 22.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

John xiv. 1.

INCIDENTS FROM THE WORK.

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SOME weeks ago a young stranger entered the office, and asked whether we could aid him in securing employment. There was on the face of the applicant a look of sadness, and even want. We spoke to him for some time, and finally drew from him the fact that he had been in Toronto for two weeks. He came from a Western village hoping to secure employment, but had failed. His means (two or three dollars) had been spent and he was now homeless, penniless, and for over forty-eight hours had been without food; yet he did not ask anything beyond help to secure work. Learning from him that he could return to his old employer, we offered to send him home that evening, and at once secured a ticket and also provided him with a hearty meal, and give him a small amount to procure food on the journey. When we expressed our intention, he said "I never expected to find such friendship shown, but you may depend upon it I shall not forget the act." We then entered into conversation concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, and as we remarked that Jesus is a more reliable friend than man could be, he smiled and said: "Ah, sir I know that, if I had not accepted the Lord Jesus I think I should have made way with myself this week."

Thus unwittingly we had been helping a poor disciple. He left us and we heard nothing for over 5 weeks, when the following letter was received:

DEAR SIR:

You will no doubt remember me when you see the enclosed, as the young man who applied to you some time ago. I would have sent the money sooner but it is part of the first money I have earned and received since I returned home so that you will understand the cause of the delay. I thank you very much for your kindness

which might have been as far as you knew misplaced, and there is a verse in my mind as I write which tells me of One who will remember you when He shall say "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." May God bless you and prosper you is the prayer of your brother in Christ.

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Just take a look into our safe. In one of the drawers you will see a six barrelled revolver and by its side 6 ball cartridges. What does it mean? Some few weeks ago a young man entered the Room and wished to see the Secretary. The stranger seemed to be in utter despair. Only a very few days had elapsed since he left a situation in an Eastern city. His testimonial were good, but he had given away to strong drink, and those few days dissipation had so reduced him, physically and mentally that he had decided to take his life. The pistol was purchased, but on his way to the banks of the Don, he had been stayed by the good hand of God, and led to the Rooms. After some conversation with him he gave up the pistol and it was with a feeling of relief and thankfulness that we took possession of it. We counselled and prayed with him and then secured a lodging for him. Two days after he was taken seriously ill, and we secured his admission to the Hospital where he remained a fortnight. In the meantime at his request we wrote his former employer, who answered, saying that he was so well satisfied with former service that he would again make a place for him if he returned. On his discharge from the Hospital, a ticket was secured and he is now again at his work. He left us, weeping bitterly at the thought of his past folly but we have occasion to believe with clearer views of his only safeguard.—Faith in Jesus Christ.

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Although this incident does not specially bear upon our Work for

Be not afraid, only believe.

Mark v. 36.

How is it that ye have no faith ?

Mark iv. 40.

Young Men, it shows that the Association possesses an elasticity which enables it to stretch out its arms toward any case of need. A man had come to Toronto from England, bringing with him three children aged respectively 16-12 and 9 years. He proposed finding a home and then to bring out his wife and remaining little ones. He secured work but in a few weeks his health failed, and he had to be admitted to the Hospital, where he died. Our Assistant Secretary had repeatedly visited him. Before his death he urged his lads to take advice from the officers of the Association. Word was therefore sent to the Rooms, and enquiry being made we ascertained that the wife (now the widow) was to sail from Liverpool in three days. It would be down-right cruelty to allow her to come here, if it could be prevented. At once we cabled to the friends in England, the facts of the death, and to stop the family. It reached them in time, and thereby much suffering was doubtless prevented. In the meantime through the kind help of one of our Board the youngest child was admitted to one of the city charities until arrangements were made by the friends at home to have him sent back. The other lads are in situations and we hope yet to be used of God for their welfare.

We might multiply cases but these may serve to show that God has a place for our work in this city, and we desire to so do that work as ever to realize that his blessing is with us. That blessing which maketh rich, and to which he addeth no sorrow.

We also remind our readers that they can help us in many ways to more effectually do this work.

You can help with your means, your presence, your prayers, and in many instances with all three combined.

Will you do so ?

We may be often in difficult circumstances, but Christ ever knows how to speak to us in them.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The following article appeared as an Editorial in the columns of the *Milwaukee Sentinel*, during the recent International Convention held in that city:—

The international convention now in session in this city represents an extraordinary social force which the world does not fully appreciate. As an instance of the influence of harmonious organization it is striking enough to demand the serious study of social scientists, which it has not received. It is the latest and the most remarkable development of the Christian religion. Statistics can convey but a faint idea of the enormous influence in our social life of the Young Men's Christian Association. The greater part of its work cannot be represented by figures, and the organization is too busy doing its work to talk much about it. It is the ideal Christian organization—unconcerned as to doctrines, holding only as to central truths of Christianity, and working by practical and unselfish methods for the promotion of purity and the eradication of crime and distress. In respect of harmony it is perhaps the most extraordinary body in the world. It has one clear purpose—the rescue of men, and particularly of young men, from idleness, intemperance and immorality in general. It works towards this purpose with good sense, patience and amazing earnestness. It concerns itself not at all about the doctrinal points which have divided former Christian workers into almost innumerable sects and which have so often overshadowed the chief purpose.

The Association embraces in its active membership thousands of the keenest business men in the world. Clear-headed, practical men, who direct its affairs as they do their own. These practical business men, who live in the world, who associate freely with men and know what men are, have come together to do for civilization what the

When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth ?

Luke viii. 8.

The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins.

Matt. ix. 6.

church societies are trying to do for heathenism. They have given freely of their money for an organization which shall go out among the young men everywhere and teach them morality and industry. They preach less than they work—the agents of this great body of great-hearted men, extending throughout the civilized world. These agents are educated for their work. They are practical men, zealous in the cause, who shun controversy, abhor self-righteousness, meet rebuffs with cheerful patience, and who win respect and attention by their manliness and sincerity. They find thousands of young men who are without good home influences, and they offer them friendship, a reading room, a place for social enjoyment, food when they are hungry, a bed when they are homeless, work when they are idle, support when they are tempted. They seek the companionship of young men who have been lured into dissipation, talk with them and fortify them against the power of appetite. They make a cheerful home in every city for the young man who is a stranger, or who is denied home influences. In short the Young Men's Christian Association is doing the work that the churches cannot do. It does not ask that a young man shall be a Christian to receive the benefits of the society. It extends the hand of friendship to the world, and undertakes to help men to lead sober and industrious lives.

Recognizing the temptations which beset young men employed on the railways, it has made them a special object of care. It has its railway department, and the good it has done is heartily admitted by railway managers who have all become regular contributors to its treasury because they find their employees more trustworthy under the work of the Association. There can be no higher testimony to the value of the work than this. Among traveling men, again, the Association is doing a noble work, and business men have

learned to appreciate its importance by the improvement in the character of their salesmen. More than any organization the world has known it reaches into the active life of society. It does nothing but good, and it does an immense amount of this. When business men of whatever, or no creed, find their business interests are advanced by the influence of this association on the young men, nothing more is needed to indicate the extraordinary character of the work. Whatever may be a man's religious beliefs, if he is a man with a love of mankind in his heart, he ought to feel the most profound respect for the body of men who are doing more than the churches can do to regenerate society. If we are to judge of the tree by its fruits, we must hold this Association in the highest esteem.

The growth of the organization is as extraordinary as the simplicity of its methods. Although it has been in existence for a quarter of a century its recent development is what is most remarkable. Until it had earned, not merely the confidence but the enthusiastic support of business men by years of faithful endeavors, it grew with comparative slowness. Within two years the increase in the representation of societies at the annual convention has amounted to more than 40 per cent. The Association grows more influential and the membership grows larger every year. It is a power to be recognized and sustained as of the highest benefit to society.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

God be merciful to me a sinner.

Luke xviii. 13.

Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.
Matt. ix. 2.

A MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS

IS HELD

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

From 7.30 till 9,

In Parlor C (up stairs) Shaftesbury Hall.

OUR DEBT.

AN appeal is now being made to the friends and supporters of this Institution to extinguish its debt, and to make certain needed alterations in Shaftesbury Hall, (including an additional exit)

Appeals for the carrying on of the work have always been met in the most generous spirit, showing that the community have confidence that the Association is accomplishing a good work among the class, for whose special welfare it was established.

Towards the liquidation of the debt, and the improvements referred to, very liberal responses have been made, and handsome subscriptions (ranging from \$2,500 to \$100) payable in three equal annual payments, with interest, have been cheerfully given. On this list the most noticeable feature is the sum of nearly \$4,000 contributed chiefly by young men, who are members of the Association.

A very considerable sum however is yet required to put the success of the effort beyond doubt, and it is hoped that when friends are waited upon, that the spirit of good-will which has ever been manifested, will so evidence itself that the Board will be able to announce that by the renewed liberality of well-tried friends, the Association has been released from all pecuniary obligations.

"COME AND SEE"—"GO AND TELL."

"Come see the place where the Lord lay; and go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead."—(Matt. xxviii. 8, 7.)

These words contain the pith of the Gospel. Just believe, and then try to get others to follow your example. That is the whole Christian system.

STILL WANTED.

"Give me," said John Wesley, "one hundred men who hate nothing but sin, fear nothing but God, and are determined to know nothing among men 'save Jesus Christ and Him crucified,' and I will turn the world upside down."

CATCHING COLD.

WE hear it said, "It is fashionable to have a cold." Perhaps it may be, but it certainly is not healthy. "Cold is the chronic malady of the soul," says a great French writer. The question which some Christians might appropriately ask each other in these days is, "Where did you catch your cold?" Perhaps it was caught while sitting in a draft of worldliness, or by going into the raw current of social life without being sufficiently clothed with garments of salvation. At all events, it is an important question for the times,— "How did you take your cold?"

YOUNG MEN

(Whether members or not), are very cordially invited to

AVAIL THEMSELVES

Of the provisions made for their
**SOCIAL COMFORT, WELFARE,
AND SPIRITUAL HELP,**

BY THE

TORONTO Y. M. C. A.

When he had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both.
Luke vii. 42.

Search the Scriptures—they are they which testify of me.

John v. 39.

A LETTER FROM EARL SHAFTESBURY, READ AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.



R HIND SMITH, the secretary of the national committee of the English associations was the bearer of a letter from the Earl of Shaftesbury, the venerable president of the London association, which is worthy the attention of all the friends of religious truth and progress. From this letter we quote the following:—

LONDON, 24 Grosvenor Square, }
April 23, 1882. }

My Dear Mr. Hind Smith,—* * * *
My official position as president of the Central Y. M. C. A., and my long experience added to it, may give me somewhat of a right to say a few words on the remarkable occasion at which you will be present.

First, I heartily congratulate them, and I thank God for the singular success that has blessed their efforts in the great cause of the elevation of the young men to the highest conception of morality and religion. They have laid the true and only foundation, the foundation of the everlasting gospel and of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. If this superstructure be in constant harmony with the foundation, it will stand for ever; if not so, it will speedily fall and their labor be thrown away. Great issues depend on all this; the peace of the world, the honor and comfort of social life, and the right appreciation of the true dignity both here and hereafter.

This dispensation seems to be drawing to a close. Yet our Lord delayeth His coming, and why? Perhaps He comes not because so few people ask Him to come. Were effectual fervent prayers of righteous men multiplied an hundred-fold, the state of things might be changed, and many now alive might live to see the fulfillment of the promise

which is the great and only hope of all the ends of the earth.

Speak to the young men to lay this event deeply to heart.

Yours very truly,

OUR LIBRARY AND READING ROOMS

Are Open on Week-days from 8 a. m. to 10. p. m.

It is the desire of the Committee to do all in their power to adapt every part of the building so that it may form an agreeable and profitable place of resort for Young Men, whether as strangers visiting the City for the purpose of forming business connections or of obtaining situations, or Young Men already residing in Toronto or neighbourhood.

In the building will be found light, spacious, and well-furnished READING ROOMS supplied with the leading Papers, Periodicals, &c., also every facility for writing letters. Strangers may also have their letters addressed to our care.

For the benefit of Young Men who are STRANGERS in, or who purpose coming to Toronto, a register of respectable boarding-houses is kept. Help is also afforded in procuring situations for Young Men of good character and satisfactory credentials.

The General Secretary, or Assistant, will be found at the Building every day; and they will gladly communicate, by letter, with anyone who may not be able to visit them. Young Men who are ill, will be called upon at their Homes or Lodgings, if they will let the Secretary know the most convenient time. Young Men desiring counsel will always find friends in the officials of the Association.

Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures.

Matt. xxii. 28.

The Scriptures cannot be broken.

John x. 35.

THE WORD OF GOD.



THIS Book contains—The mind of God, the state of man, the way of Salvation, the doom of Sinners, and the happiness of Believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened, and the gates of Hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the Judgment, and be remembered for ever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labour, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

"GOLD," says a Georgia newspaper, "is found in thirty-six counties in this State, silver in three, copper in thirteen, iron in forty-three, diamonds in twenty-six, and whiskey in all of them; and the last gets away with all the rest." What is true of Georgia as to the last item, is true of other parts of America and of the world.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

All are invited.

THE BIBLE.



HEAR of a man traveling around the country exploding this Book and showing up "The Mistakes of Moses," at about two hundred dollars a night. It is easy work to abuse Moses at two hundred dollars a night, especially as Moses is dead, and cannot talk back. It would be worth something after hearing the infidel on "The Mistakes of Moses," to hear Moses on the mistakes of the infidel. When Moses could talk back he was rather a difficult man to deal with. Pharaoh tried it, and sank like lead beneath the waves. Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, and it is said were buried in the Red Sea. Korah, Dathan, and Abiram tried it, and went down so deep that they have not yet got back. But now Moses is dead, and it is easy to abuse him. It does not take a very brave beast to kick a dead lion.*

*It would be interesting to hear a military leader and legislator, like "Moses the man of God," who, after he was *eighty years old*, commanded for forty years an army of six hundred thousand men, emancipating, organizing and giving laws to a nation which has maintained its existence for more than thirty stormy centuries, give "the mistakes" of a "Colonel" of cavalry, whose military career is said to have included one single engagement, in which "he was chased into a hog-yard, and surrendered to a boy of sixteen;" after which, as soon as exchanged, he heroically resigned his commission in the face of the enemy, subsequently turning his attention to managing a swindling whiskey ring, discussing theology, blaspheming God, and criticising dead men, who cannot answer him.—*H. L. Hastings.*

A MEETING FOR BOYS

IS HELD

Every Friday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL BOYS WELCOME.

All things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and in the Psalms concerning me.—Luke xxiv. 44.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,
AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.
SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES

COME.

REMEMBER

—THE—

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

HELD

Every Saturday Evening,
AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

Bulletin for Week Commencing June 18, 1883.

MONDAY.....	June 18....	12.00 P.M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING, The Secretary.
		7.30 P.M.	MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C."
		7.30 P.M.	INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
		8 00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY....	" 19	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. A. Gay.
WEDNESDAY.	" 20	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Aston.
THURSDAY..	" 21....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. H. B. Gordon.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING for mutual edifi- cation.
FRIDAY.....	" 22....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING.
SATURDAY....	" 23....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. Marks.
		4.50 P.M.	TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake.
		7.30 P.M.	INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
SUNDAY.....	" 24...	8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. J. J. Gartshore.
		3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs.
		" "	DEAF MUTE CLASS.
		" "	CHINESE CLASS.
		8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE D. C. Forbes. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, June 24, 3.00 P.M.

- GOSPEL MEETING at Union Station. R. Fairbairn and Rev. A. Moore.
" " West End Branch (1020 Queen W.) John Harvie and
Rev. W. A. Hunter.
Young Men's Meeting every Saturday at 8 p.m.; Bible Class every Tuesday at
8 p.m.; Workers' Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 7.30 a.m., in
the West End Branch Rooms.
Noon Meeting every Tuesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in the G. T. R. Roundhouse
Reading Room, and every Wednesday at the same hour, in
the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Workshops.
COTTAGE MEETINGS at 8 p.m. every Thursday, at 87 Esther Street.
" " " " Friday, at 46 Bathurst Street.