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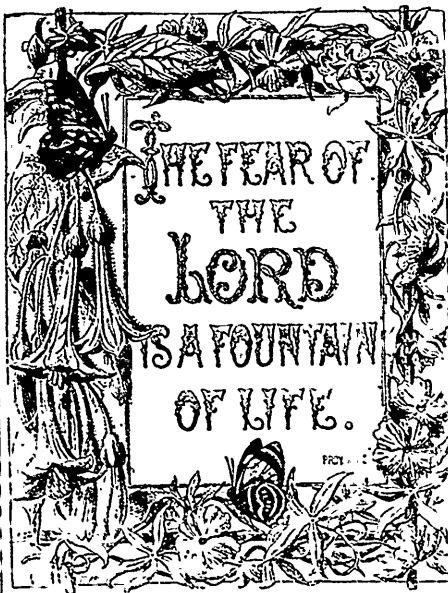
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NOTHING would make our Parlor more beautiful and attractive to the young men who are away from home, than a few pots of flowers. If the friends would kindly remember us, we will gladly send for the flowers.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF Y. M. C. A. SECRETARIES.

THE fifteenth Annual Conference of the Y. M. C. A. Secretaries of the United States and the British provinces convened in the city of Chattanooga, Tenn., on Friday evening, May 8th, and continued their session until the evening of May 11th, about 170 Secretaries were present. From all points of the compass they came, from distant Oregon and San Francisco, in the West, from Montreal and Toronto, in the North, New Orleans and Mobile, in the South, while the eastern states sent large delegations of their best and most experienced Secretaries.

The papers read and the discussions which followed were of the most helpful practical nature, and we are confident that the Association work, throughout the wide domain of this great continent, has through this meeting received an impetus which will result in rich blessing to the young men of this land, and the extension and consolidation of the Y. M. C. A., work, which already although only established about 40 years extends around the world, and finds a congenial home in every country, truly the little one has become a thousand, and the small one has grown into

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom.
Prov. iii. 13.

Great peace have they that love Thy law.
Psalm cxix. 165.

a vast, living army, united by one bond and animated by one definite desire "the young men of the world for Christ." Mr. E. G. Kennedy general Secretary of the Exeter Hall London Association and Mr. Christine Phildieus general Secretary of Y. M. C. A. Berlin Germany were present and delivered addresses at one or two of the meetings, these brethren expect to visit Toronto next month, when we hope to have the opportunity of hearing something of the wonderful growth of the Y. M. C. A., work in Berlin.

On Sabbath, May 10th, the various pulpits were filled by the delegates, and Dr. Munhall, Indianapolis, spoke to a vast crowd of about 2000 persons in the Union Depot. At this and the special meetings for young men there were manifest signs of blessing, and large numbers held up their hands for prayer, of these, many afterwards decided for Christ, and the names of about fifty were taken.

When the mass meeting at the depot was concluded, the Y. M. C. A. Secretaries, over one hundred strong, marched down the street taking the center of the thoroughfare, followed by at least fifteen hundred men and boys. The Secretaries would stop at intervals and unite in singing gospel hymns. The choruses were very beautiful.

On the conclusion of the business, one day was devoted to seeing the places of interest around the historic city of Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, the National Cemetery, where lie buried 13,000 of the union soldiers, Cameron point, the battle fields of Missionary Ridge, and many other places made forever memorable by the conflict of twenty years ago, were visited by the Secretaries.

The next meeting of the Association of Secretaries will be held at Harrisburg, Pa.

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

Conducted by Mr. S. H. Blake,

EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

THE Biennial Convention of the Associations of the United States and British North America was held in Atlanta, Ga., May 13th to 17th. The meeting was a great success, and well attended by Clergymen, Christian business men, and active Association workers from all parts of the country. The cheering reports presented of marked progress made all along the line, the historical associations and beautiful situation of "The Gate City of the South," together with the genuine open-hearted hospitality of the citizens of Atlanta all tended to make this convention "the best" that has ever yet been held.

In the BULLETIN of next week we shall give an account of the meeting, and present some items of interest to our Y. M. C. A. workers.

UNION.

WE cut the following from the *Toronto Daily Mail* of Tuesday, 12th May:—

HINES—NICHOLLS—On the 6th inst., in the city of Washington, Albert E. Hines, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Charlottesville, Va., to Alice E. Nicholls, of Toronto, second daughter of the late Captain J. Nicholls of London, England.

We wish Brother Hines and his bride every possible blessing throughout life.

The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness.

Eph. v. 9.

Predestinated unto the adoption of children.

Eph. i. 5.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by General Secretary.

ALL INVITED.

NO DRUNKARDS NEED
APPLY.

ALARGE establishment in London wants a man to drive a cart. It is not a dry-goods house, nor a cotton-factory, nor a jewelry-store, but it is a great concern engaged in the manufacture and sale of strong drink. We may presume that a house engaged in this business knows exactly what strong drink will do. These people have made it, and have sold it, and have seen men drink it. They know exactly what it is made of, and they know the effect it has on the men who swallow it. Therefore, their judgment ought to be worth something. If the stuff is good for the men who drink it, these men ought to be better for it. The men who make the liquor say that it is "a good gift of God," and that therefore it ought not to be refused. If it is such a "good gift," it might be supposed that they would like everybody in their employ to drink as much of it as possible, so as to secure the noblest and purest results of true goodness. We might suppose they would encourage the book-keeper to keep himself full of drink, so as to have a good big head for accounts. They would want the cashier to drink liberally, so as to make him careful in counting his cash. Their errand-boys surely ought to take plenty of it, so as to stimulate their memory and make them carry messages right. Curiously enough these people do nothing of the kind. When they want a man, they want him

with a clear head and a steady hand. Therefore, when they advertise for a new carter, they do not say:

"WANTED.—An old soaker to drive our whiskey wagon. He must be an habitual drunkard, with a red face and blood-shot eyes, and a battered nose. He must be at all times ready to leave his team and engage in a fight with other drunkards. He must from long practice know the taste of every kind of liquor, and must know how to swear and curse at the horses when he is drunk."

But no, no, no! they do not advertise in this way, or for this sort of a man. What they say is this:

"CARTER.—Wanted, a respectable, steady man as carter to the Wine and Spirit Trade. An abstainer preferred. Wages, £1 per week, with prospect of rise. State references as to character and last employment. Address," etc.

This is as severe as could be on their own business. It shows on the very best authority that a man who is unsteady from drink is not fit even to drive a cart containing liquor. He cannot be trusted with valuable horses. He cannot be sent out with a wagon unless with the fear that he will smash the vehicle against some other. He cannot even be sent to deliver merchandise, for he is as likely to take it to the wrong place as to the right one, and not to know when he comes back where he has been or what he has done with what was entrusted to him.

Altogether it looks as if strong drink is a bad thing for anybody to have anything to do with. When even the people who make it and deal in it are not willing to employ or trust the man who drinks it, the lesson to all of us is that we had better let it alone.

Rev. Alfred Taylor.

REMEMBER

THAT A

BOY'S MEETING

IS HELD

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING,

At 8 o'clock, in Parlor "B" Shaftesbury Hall.
ALL BOYS INVITED.

According to the good pleasure of His will.

Eph. i. 5.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

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

COME

CHURCH MOORINGS.

AN old sea captain was riding in the railway carriage, and a young man sat down by his side. He said: "Young man where are you going?" "I am going to the city to live." "Have you letters of introduction?" "Yes," said the young man, and he pulled some of them out. "Well," said the old sea captain, "have you a church certificate?" "O, yes," replied the young man; "I did not suppose you desired to look at that." "Yes," said the sea captain, "I want to see that. As soon as you reach the city, present that to some Christian Church. I am an old sailor, and I have been up and down in the world, and it is my rule, as soon as I get into port, to fasten my ship fore and aft to the wharf, although it may cost a little wharfage, rather than have my ship out in the stream, floating hither and thither with the tide."—*Watchman.*

A GOOD motto for Association workers: "I am only one, but I am one; I cannot do everything, but I can do something; what I can do I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do," a text that invites practice rather than comment.

REV. JOHN HALL, D.D., at the anniversary of the New York Association, gave three reasons why the Young Men's Christian Association deserves support: First, because its work is for *young men*; second; because it takes advantage of the social element in young men; and third, because it is a *Christian Association.*

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL WELCOME.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, MAY 25.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. General Secretary.

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, MAY 26.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Unquestioning Belief in God's Word Rewarded. John iv. 46-54. Rev. J. Salmon.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Have I any Reason for Loving Christ? Luke vii. 36-50. A. Kent.

THURSDAY, MAY 28.

12 to 12.45 noon.—"The King of Israel is in the midst of Thee." Zeph. iii. 14-20; Rev. vii. 16, 17. W. Marks.

FRIDAY, MAY 29.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Trying to be Better, am I growing Worse? Mark v. 24-27; Ps. lxxv. 2. 3. Robt. Hall.

7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, MAY 30.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ our Righteousness. Rom. x. 1-10; Isa. lxi. 10. Assist. Secretary.

7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee meets for Prayer.

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. R. Kilgour.

SUNDAY, MAY 31.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. General Secretary.

" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service: General Secretary. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Sec'y.

Railway Men's Meeting.

THURSDAY, MAY 28.

7.30 p.m., for one hour.—At York. Cottage Meeting at Alex. Shield's; address by W. Marks.

SUNDAY, MAY 31.

GOSPEL MEETINGS.

3 p.m.—Union Station. Alex. Saunders and P. A. Hertz.

3.15 p.m.—At York. H. F. Thomas and J. Gibb.