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## OUR PLATFORM.

"The Young Men's Christian Associations seek to unite those young men, who, regarding Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour, according to the Holy Scriptures, desire to be His disciples, in their doctrine and in their life, and to associate their efforts for the extension of His kingdom among young men."

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## OUR BULLETIN.

WITH this number commences our Monthly issue of the BULLETIN. We shall try to make its pages the medium through which we present to our members the details of our work. Items of interest, pertaining to Association work and progress in other places will be noted. Definite work for and by young men will be advocated. And the design of all will be to lead men to the Lord Jesus Christ, through the varied agencies, physical, literary, social and religious, of our broad and undenominational Association work. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and for the future we will "trust and not be afraid."

## ARCHDEACON FARRAR.

THIS distinguished lecturer will in all likelihood arrive at Quebec to-day. The date of his appearance here has not yet been fixed, but it will likely be Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, the subject of lecture being "Napoleon I." The tickets will be on sale in a few days and the plan of Hall may be seen and seats secured at Nordheimers, King St. east. Admission 50 cents; Reserved Seats 75 cents.

Watch thou in all things.

2 Tim. iv. 5.

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Rev. vii. 17.

## WORKERS SOCIAL MEETING

**T**HE monthly meeting of the workers held last week was full of interest and most encouraging. Tea was served at 6-30. L. C. Peake was called to the chair, after making a few remarks he introduced J. J. McLaren, who spoke for about half an hour in an earnest practical and pointed way. His address was an excellent one and full of suggestions drawn from his lengthened experience as an Association worker for the past 20 years. The work of the Committees was discussed and plans for the winter talked over. Cottage prayer meetings will if possible be shortly commenced in the ten districts covered by the Boarding House Committee. A work among the medical students was specially emphasized as being possible this coming term and a committee was formed to arrange in the best way the furtherance of this important work as speedily as possible. A meeting of students interested will be held on Monday next, at 5 o'clock, in parlor B. Shaftesbury Hall. Essays, debates and literary entertainments by the members were arranged for and in addition to these, there will be medical and scientific talks, given by leading physicians and others in the city.

## RAMBLING.

**T**HE rambling on Saturday afternoons which has been carried on all through the summer was brought to a close for the season last Saturday by the members pic-nicing at the Humber. A very pleasant afternoon was spent rowing on the river and exploring the woods. Those who have been most active in participating in these outings from week to week are unanimous in expressing the benefit they have received physically, intellectually and socially, and the desire is that it be taken up again next year and gone into more heartily.

## INTERNATIONAL REPORT.

**T**HE report of the International Convention held at Atlanta in May last, has just been issued. It contains much valuable information and should be in the hands of every Director and office bearer in our Association. In it will be found, Bishop Baldwin's thrilling addresses on the subjects, "Is the Bible adapted to the young men of to-day," and "The work of the Holy Spirit. It also contains the reports of the International Secretaries, list of Associations and Officers, and cuts of eight buildings in different cities.

In proof of the marvelous growth of Y. M. C. A. work on this Continent the latest statistics are given as follows:—935 Young Men's Christian Associations, 415 General Secretaries, devoting their whole time to the work in the United States and Canada, 82 Associations own buildings, 71 have building funds, 191 Associations in Colleges, 69 Railroad branches and Associations, and 13 Associations among the Germans. A few copies of the report are on sale at 50 cents each, and may be had from the General Secretary.

## EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.

**I**F a large enough number of interested members can be secured to warrant the formation of educational classes, the intention is to provide them this season.

Already we have been arranging for one in freehand, ornamental and landscape drawing, the teacher of which will be J. Loxton Rawbone, Artist. The other subjects taken up will probably be phonography, book-keeping, and elocution.

Members desirous of taking up either of these subjects will kindly hand their names to the General Secretary.

Teach me to do Thy will.

Psalm cxliiii. 10.

Let us watch and be sober.  
1 Thess. v. 6.

### ASSOCIATION NOTES.

THERE were twenty young men present at the Beginner's meeting last Sunday morning.

THE painting and cleaning of our Hall is almost finished. The improvement in appearance is great.

It is expected that F. Schivera, will conduct a series of Evangelistic services in our Hall during November.

NOON Prayer Meeting daily. Our members are cordially invited even although they can only stay a few minutes.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made with the Schubert Quartette to give two concerts under the auspices of our Association.

WE are glad to welcome back T. S. Cole, Provincial Travelling Secretary, who has been making a short visit at his old home in England.

THE next three months should be a harvest time in our Association work. If we work faithfully and expectingly we shall see some grand results.

TWO district Conferences of Y M.C.A workers will shortly be held, one at London, the other probably at Forrest, particulars will be duly announced.

OUR Worker's training class meets every Thursday evening. If our Christian brethren are desirous of becoming more familiar with God's truth they are invited.

OUR esteemed President has returned from the sea-shore, and feels much benefited from the rest and change. He has resumed charge of the Teacher's Class, which meets every Saturday afternoon at 4-30 for the study of the "International Lesson."

TORONTO pastors are in great demand at the Anniversary Meetings of the Associations throughout the country. Rev. H. M. Parsons, addresses the meeting at Montreal, Rev. Dr. Potts goes to Peterborough, and the Rev. D. J. Macdonell it is expected will speak at the Hamilton gathering.

THE growing work of the Young Men's Christian Association in Ontario, is most encouraging. Within the past few weeks a strong and vigorous organization has been commenced at Forrest. Already they have an active membership of about 60, and they are looking forward to doing an aggressive work among their young men the coming winter. Stirling and other places have asked for information in regard to the formation of Associations. Let the good work go on and increase.

### Y. M. C. A. AT EXHIBITION.

SERVICES in the tent at the Exhibition commenced on Wednesday, and will be continued until the close of the Exhibition. The meetings are fairly well attended and we are hopeful that great and lasting good will result from them. That faithful and earnest worker, Rev. J. Salmon, together with our Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Cornell have charge of the work, and we are sure that any of our members who can assist in the singing or help in other ways in the services will be heartily welcomed by them. Meetings are held each afternoon when possible, and there will be a prayer meeting each day at noon. The daily papers, magazines and a large supply of reading matter has been supplied, and these we trust will be largely used by persons from the country and visitors generally during the next ten days. To the members we would say once more be sure and call in the tent when you visit the grounds

Cleanse Thou me from secret faults.  
Psalm xix. 12.

## YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every MONDAY Evening,  
AT 8 O'CLOCK,

"THE GREAT FOUNTAIN."

**I**N the year 1839, an aged gentleman was on a visit to one of the noted American watering-places. Whilst taking a draught of water one morning at the spring, a lady came up to take her usual glass at the same time. The gentleman, turning towards her, in a pleasant yet thoughtful manner, asked, "Have you ever drunk at *that GREAT FOUNTAIN*?"

The lady coloured, but turned away without a word of reply.

In the following winter the gentleman was in Rochester, when he was invited to attend a meeting for religious conference and prayer. At the close of the meeting he was asked to visit a lady who was dying. As he entered the sick room the lady fixed her eyes very intently upon the gentleman, and said with a smile, "Do you not know me?"

"No; are we not strangers to each other?" was the reply.

"Do not you recollect asking a woman at the spring last year, 'Have you ever drunk at the Great Fountain?'"

"Yes," said the gentleman, "I do."

"Well, sir, I am that person. I thought *at the time* you were very rude; but your words kept ringing in my ears. They followed me to my chamber, to my pillow. I was without peace or rest till I found Christ. I now expect shortly to die, and you, under God, were instrumentally the means of my salvation. Be as faithful to others as you have been to me. Never be afraid to talk to *strangers* on the subject of religion.

What a blessing was granted on this short but faithful word! Little do Christians know how God may own His truth. Let us scatter the precious seed, and He will give the increase. H.

## GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,  
AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL WELCOME.

## NOON PRAYER MEETING.

**T**HE noon prayer meeting is held daily from 12 to 12-45. Instead of announcing the subject as formerly, we will make the following definite objects matter for special prayer each day:

MONDAY—Praise and thanksgiving.

TUESDAY—For Y. M. C. A. workers throughout the world.

WEDNESDAY—Families.

THURSDAY—Colleges and schools.

FRIDAY—Missions.

SATURDAY—Eor blessing on the Sunday services.

## YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

**T**HE following topics and leaders have been chosen for the Young Men's Meeting in the parlor every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. These meetings are full of profit and interest. They are led by young men and good music is provided. A cordial invitation is extended to all young men to be present and to take part.

SEPT. 12.—A time young men cannot help but think. Luke xvi. 25. J. Wood.

" 19.—A young man trying to do better. Luke xv. 14-17. T. S. Cole.

" 26.—The power that draws young men. John xii. 32. John Adams.

OCT. 3.—A young man who thought himself too bad. Luke xv. 18-24. J. J. Gartshore.

" 10.—A home for young men. John xiv. 1-3. W. am McCulloch.

## BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,  
EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

## EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.  
Conducted by General Secretary.

ALL INVITED.