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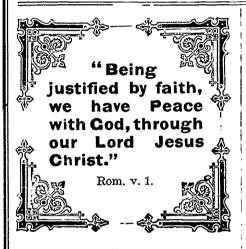
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CLEVELAND CONVENTION.

HOSE who have attended the Conventions of former years and were privileged also to be present at Cleveland, could not fail to be impressed with the decidedly improved spiritual tone pervading the sessions. A deep interest in the study of God's word was manifest, and the prominence given to Devotional exercise and Bible readings was a very pleasant feature of the Convention. We have no need to fear the permanence of any institution which makes the Word of God its basis, and follow up its work with much prayer.

The good which shall flow from this gathering cannot be measured. Seed has been sown, which shall (without doubt), produce a rich harvest. The sessions were pleasant as well as profitable, and throughout the whole period, during which the Secretaries Conference, and the General Convention was

held, one predominant thought per-vaded all minds. "In what way can the most good be done with the means at hand ?" The delegates, as one man, spoke - worked - thought - prayed to this point, and we believe practical re-sults will flow therefrom.

The Canadian delegates received at the hands of the Cleveland brethren and the Convention at large, a most cordial reception, and were recipients of many acts of Christian courtesy.

The first vice-presidency of the Con-vention was conferred upon Mr. R. Kil-gour, the worthy treasurer of the Toronto Association, and the first assistant-secretaryship upon Mr. Chas. Cushing, of Montreal.

We shall not soon forget the pleasure experienced in meeting with so many earnest workers for the Master, and we earnestly pray that the year now en-tered upon may be one of much blessing to the young men of America.

THE WORLD'S CONFERENCE.

HE Dominion Line of Steam-ships will give the Members of the Young Men's Christian Associations who are Delegates to the Convention in London, England, 1st Class Cabin Return Tickets for \$80.00, from Quebec and return.

These Ships are mostly over 3,000 tons burthen, have excellent accommodation for Cabin Passengers, and sail every Saturday from Quebec. Tickets to be had of J. E. Pell, Agent.

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"A Christian is one who hates what the devil loves, and loves what the devil hates."

Rejoice, 0 young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thina heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.—Eccl. xi. 9.

"WHY GADDEST THOU ABOUT SO MUCH." Jer. ii. 36.

N the swallow you have a creature abundantly busy, up in the early morning, ever on the wing, as graceful and sprightly in his flights as he is bashful in the haunts which he selects. Look at him zig-zagging over the clover-field, skimming the limpid lake, whisking round the steeple, or dancing gaily in the sky. Behold him in high spirits -shrieking out his ecstasy as he has bolted a dragon-fly, or darted through the arrow slits of the old turret, or performed some feat of agility; and notice how he pays his morning visits, alight-ing elegantly on some house-top, and twittering politely by turns to the swallow on either side of him, and after five minutes conversation, off and away to call for his friend at the castle. And now he has gone upon his travels; gone to spend the winter at Rome or Naples, to visit Egypt or the Holy Land, or perform some recherche pilgrimage to Spain or the coast of Barbary. And when he comes home next April, sure enough he has been abroad: charming climate-highly delighted with the cicadas in Italy, and the bees on Hymettus, or locusts in Africa-on the whole, pleased with his trip, and returned in high health and spirits.

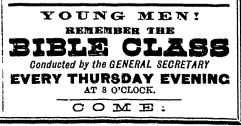
Now, dear friends, this is a very proper life for a swallow, but is it a life for you? To flit about from house to house; to pay futile visits, where, if the talk were written down, it would amouns to little more than the chattering of the swallow; to bestow all your thoughts on graceful attitudes, and nimble movements and polished attire, to roam from land to land without any information in your head, and so little taste for the sublime and beautiful in your soul, that could a swallow publish his travels and did you publish yours, we should probably find the one a counterpart of the other: the winged traveller enlarging on the discomfortr of his nest, and the wingless traveller on the miseries of his hotel or of his chateau: you describing the places of amusement, or enlarging on the vastness of the country and the abundance of the game, and your rival eloquent on the self-same things.

Friends, this thought is not ridiculous but appalling. If the earthly history of some of our brethren were written down; if a faithful record were kept of the way they spend their time; if all the hours of idle vacancy or idle occupancy were put together, and the very small amount of useful diligence deducted, the life of a beast of the field or a fowl of the firmament, would be a truer one-more worthy of its powers and more equal to its Creator's end in forming it. Such a register is kept, though the trifler does not chronicle his own vain words and wasted hours, they chronicle themselves. They find their indelible place in that book of remembrance with which human hand cannot tamper, and from which no erasure but one can blot them out. They are noted in the memory of God.

But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.-Mat. xii.36-37.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.—2 Cor. v. 10.



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OT about Him, not doctrines merely, but a living, loving, personal Saviour for every one. Not to talk about the glad tidings, but to proclaim them, and proclaim them in connection with a personal Redeemer.

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."-John viii. 12.

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Bulletin for Week Commencing June 5th, 1881.

SUNDAY Jui	ne 59.30 A.M.	WORKER'S MEETING FOR PRAYER AND
		BIBLE STUDY.
	3.00 P.M.	
	8.30 P.M.	
		and Rev. J. Salmon, B.D.
MONDAY	" 6 12.00 M .	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING.
		Rev. J. Burton, B.D.
1	8 00 P M	WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
INTERNA IZ		WORKERS MEETING FOR I RALER.
TUESDAY	" 712.00 M.	
		light. 1 Pet. ii. 9-16. Rev. T. Simms.
WEDNESDAY.	• 8 12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. A young man's
		safety. Prov. ii. 1-9; Tit. ii. 11, 12.
		Rev. J. C. Antliff, B.D.
THURSDAY	16 0 10 00 3 E	Noorpur Dramp Chuichle Lorn of
Inonspat	9 12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Christ's Law of
		Retaliation. Matt. v. 38-48. Rev. M.
		H. Matthews.
	8.00 P.M.	WORKER'S BIBLE CLASS. Conducted
	•	by the Secretary.
FRIDAY	"10 12,00 M.	
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(2 00 72 35	Eph ii. 1-13. Geo. T. Fergusson.
	8.00 P.M.	Boys' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY	"1112.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Great Teacher.
		Luke xxiv. 13-32. S. R. Briggs.
	4.50 P.M.	TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. Hon.S.H.Blake
	800 P M	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Alf. Sandham.
Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.		
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RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, June 5, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station.—Messrs. JOS. GREENE and REV. H. MELVILLE. At Nipissing Station.-Messrs. W. E. BURFORD and A. MUNRO. NOON PRAYER MEETING-Toronto, Grey and Bruce R. R. Workshops every WEDNESDAY at 12,30.

COTTAGE MEETING. THURSDAY 8 P.M.--11 High Street.

