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Enter not into the path
of the wicked, and go not
in the way of evil men.

Prov. iv. 14.

OUR BULLETIN.

PRESSURE of duties in connection with the regular work—the special work at the Exhibition—and preparation for the coming winter's work, was so great last week, that we found it impossible to prepare matter for the Bulletin. We endeavor to make up for this, by giving a double number this week. Trifling though a Bulletin may appear to some, our experience has been such as to lead us to place value upon it. By it we gain access to young men who would refuse a tract, or even an invitation. It is read by men, and in places, when a tract would not be allowed to lie upon a table. Last Sunday evening one of our young men asked for some copies of the Bulletin, and when informed that we had not issued it, he said—"I thought I would take a few down to the Boarding House as Mr. ——— who usually brings them is out of town this week. The Boarders receive it very readily, and in fact they begin to look for it every week." This is but one of many instances wherein we have testimony of the value of the Bulletin. May the Lord make it a messenger of salvation to many souls.

THE EXHIBITION TENT.

UNDER the blessing of God the tent has been a channel through which much good has been accomplished. The average visits were about 500 daily, and about 90 at the meetings held daily at noon. The attendance during the second week was very large. Not only was seed sown at the meetings, but over 60,000 pages of tracts were distributed. It may be safely said that nine-tenths of those who visited the tent received a tract, which in every instance was readily accepted. Like the camp work, this department is commending itself to those in authority, as evidenced in the fact that we were twice solicited by the managers to hold extra services. One of these was held on Sunday, when a number of our choir and orchestra accompanied the Secretary to the grounds. The audience was composed of the men in charge of the exhibits. Rev. T. W. Campbell, of Parkdale, preached, and brief remarks were made by workers. Those who attended were so pleased that they desired a meeting should be held on Thursday evening following. The Choir and Orchestra (in full strength) assembled at the Hall, but a heavy rain storm rendered it inadvisable to proceed to the grounds.

We desire to tender thanks to the following friends:—

To Mr. Withrow, President, and Mr. Jas. McGee, Manager, of the Industrial Exhibition Association, for interest taken in securing a good site for our tent.

Mr. Skerrow, Superintendent of the grounds, for favours shown in connection with the meetings.

The publishers of the Toronto Daily Papers. *The Montreal Gazette—Witness*

and *Star*—and *The London Advertiser*—for donations of their papers.

Messrs Ure & Co. Rev. W. Briggs (Methodist Book Room), John Young Esq., (Bible Society), and Bengough, Moore & Co., for donations of periodicals.

S. R. Briggs Esq., Willard Tract Depository, 60,000 pages Tracts and Illustrated papers.

Messrs J. & G. Strathern. Loan of a water filter.

Messrs Kent Bros. A Clock.

Mr. T. Houlgrave. A supply of Ice.

We also testify to the very efficient services rendered by Mr. Hines, our Assistant-Secretary, and also to the acceptable manner in which Master Hewitt, our young organist, presided.

Once again we have been permitted to testify for Christ to hundreds of precious souls. Again has our tent been a standing testimony to the aggressive character of our work. Again we sit down to look back upon a work for which we shall have to give an account to God. May He bless the good, and pardon the evil which He can so fully see.

MEETINGS.



VERY marked improvement in attendance upon the several meetings held by our Association, is a special call for gratitude.

In it we recognize answer to prayer, and we are looking for still greater things.

The Sunday evening Meeting is very largely attended. On Sunday, 11th inst., the ground floor of the Hall was filled, and the attendance last Sunday was also large.

The Saturday evening meeting **EXCLUSIVELY FOR YOUNG MEN** has increased in the numbers attending, to about 75 or 80.

The Noonday Meetings have not been so largely attended as we would desire, but one thing is certain, they have been, on the whole, seasons of spiritual refreshing.

The Monday evening Worker's Prayer Meeting would not attract much attention from those who look for large gatherings. A few Young Men gather and for one

hour, heartfelt, believing prayer ascends, and in our Saturday and Sunday meetings we see the answer. The last meeting was one which impressed us deeply. The tenor of the prayers, clearly spoke of heart-searching. The acknowledgment of failure in duty, and the longing cry for deeper consecration to the Master, told that the Spirit of God was working. How much we owe to those prayer meetings we shall never fully know while here. One thing is certain, when we knelt and listened to the deeply earnest prayers that the Secretary and his Assistant should have wisdom to devise, skill to execute, and strength to bear up under the duties devolving upon them, we left that room, holding the key to the secret reason why difficulties had vanished—obstacles had been overcome—rough places made smooth, and we thanked God for a band of praying helpers.

YOUNG MEN

REMEMBER

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Hearty welcome awaits you

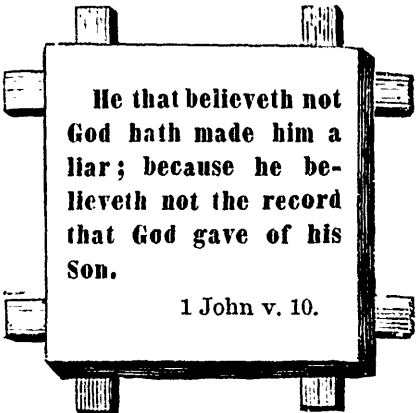
At any of our Meetings.

COME AND SEE.

WEEK OF PRAYER.




THE late date at which the Circulars (calling the Annual Week of Prayer) has in former years been issued, has with us in Canada, somewhat militated against the general observance of the 1st Sunday in November as a day for Sermons to Young Men. Some of the Pastors had made their arrangements for other dates, and change could not well be effected. To meet the difficulty we have this year issued a preliminary circular letter to our City Ministers, asking them to arrange as far as possible, for united observance of the day named.



He that believeth not
God hath made him a
liar; because he be-
lieveth not the record
that God gave of his
Son.

1 John v. 10.

Y. M. C. A. WORK AMONG THE VOLUNTEERS


RIENDS of the cause will be pleased to read the following account of the work carried on at the Ottawa camp, by the Y. M. C. A. of that city.

"You will be pleased to know how our camp work is getting on. We hold gospel meetings each evening, a local Evangelist having charge of them. Last night President Topley showed some stereopticon views of Manitoba and some of the military celebrities in Canada, etc. It was a change and attracted many who do not come to the meetings. We hold the meetings in the open air, there are possibly two or three hundred each evening, and I have never attended religious meetings where such attention and apparent good results follow. There are only 1200 men here. The government have kindly placed at our disposal $\frac{3}{4}$ of a house (in which the Post Office is) and a marquee tent. In the building we have every facility for writing, (stationery free); also various games, (harmless). In the tent we have the leading dailies, (10); Illustrated Magazines, (7); and newspapers from all the districts represented by the men, and also religious newspapers. Behind the tent are Dumb-bells, clubs, horizontal and parallel bars. As to the patronage, there have been about 900 letters written, and there can not be less than 500 visits to our

building daily. The Reading tent, when the men are not drilling, has between 20 and 30 in it reading all the time. We find the organ a big attraction to the men, it attracts quiet a little crowd by itself, there being many who can play Sankey and Bliss Hymns. The officers speak in the highest terms of the work."

Outside of the regular work at our Association Rooms, we look upon this camp work as the most important in which we can engage. In these camps we have from 5,000 to 10,000 young men annually assembled at different points. The several Volunteer Corps are made up of the finest of our young men. Many are on these occasions absent from their homes for the first time. The emissaries of Satan are on the alert for them. The canteen is open at all hours. Is it not therefore our duty to step in, and by every possible means seek to throw a protecting arm around these precious fellow young men? That this work is appreciated by right thinking men is evident in the fact that the Commanding officers have in more than one instance requested that the work be taken up, and now again at Ottawa, the Militia authorities have supplied the accommodation needed, so that the whole expense of the work at Ottawa will not exceed \$40. We trust that next season every camp in Canada will be visited—God willing, Toronto will do its share towards visiting all within reasonable distance.

MUSICAL.

EW Associations in America have such cause for gratitude to God, for supply of workers in this department. He has sent us Lady friends who for years have been in attendance at our noon meetings, and we would be delighted if each worker would act as they have ever done—that is, when taking their holiday tour they have previously arranged for the services of friends, so that with one exception (then unavoidable) we have always been favored with an Organist.

Then our Sunday afternoon Bible class and Sunday evening Gospel service, has enlisted the services of another young Lady, equally faithful; and now, the Lord has sent us in the person of Master Hewitt, a most efficient organist for our Young Men's and Boy's Meetings. Master H. is only 13 years of age, yet his self-possessed and accurate playing adds to the general interest. May the Lord bless all these dear helpers.

The Saturday evening choir (Male) numbers about 18. The Sunday evening or as it is called the "Y. M. C. A. choir and Orchestra" numbers over 30 members, and we have reason to believe that all have a good hope of joining in that "new song" above.

ANOTHER LINK.

A LETTER from Bro. Newberry dated Naples, Italy. Sept. 2nd, brings the good tidings that Count Papengouth, has offered rooms in which to organize and carry on a Y. M. C. A. Bro. N. writes for documents calculated to be helpful in the work of organization, and adds "I think this will be the means of uniting the Christians here, and shewing our enemy that we do agree." We gladly respond to the request made by Bro. Newberry that we should remember at the throne of grace, this effort to add a new link to the great chain of Associations.

MORE FRUIT.

ONE of our Directors at a recent meeting of the Board stated that a few days before he had met with a Young Man, who testified that he had received blessing at the Meetings held in June last at the Niagara Camp. The planting and watering was man's part. "God gave the increase."

THE Y. M. C. A. WATCHMAN.

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LOVE JESUS
EEAN on JESUS.
LABOR for Jesus.
LIVE like JESUS.
 and by and by
LIVE with JESUS.

TENT WORK.

REFERRING to our tent on the Exhibition Grounds, The Toronto *Globe* of Sept. 10th, says: "The tent is making its usefulness felt as a centre of moral and religious influence, the need of which is never more strongly experienced than during absence from the restraints of home. During previous Exhibitions the work of the Association has been a powerful factor for good, and during the busier days of next week it is probable that many who visit the grounds will be benefitted by the exhortations, or the quiet social influence of those engaged in the work."

EXCHANGES.

"THE Forest City Bulletin," a monthly bulletin published by the London, (Ont.) Association is the latest addition to our exchange list. We are pleased to learn that Bro. Fatt, the new Secretary is being encouraged in the work. Many earnest Young Men are rallying around him, and we trust that a good work may be done.

LECTURES.

OUR Winter Course will be fully arranged by the time of holding our Annual Meeting (early in October). Thus far we have secured the services of gentlemen well known for their platform ability.

The members course of Parlor Gatherings will equal in attractiveness, those of any former years.

CLASSES.

WE desire to have our educational classes this winter arranged as will best meet the needs of young men. To secure this desirable end we ask any young man who would like to enter, one or more of the classes connected with our association, to call upon us and leave their names at as early a date as possible.

HAVE A PURPOSE IN LIFE.

WRITING to the *Milwaukee Sentinel* a correspondent says that when he was a student in Edinburgh, Carlyle once asked him what he was studying for. He replied that he had not quite made up his mind. The old Scotch philosopher's glance was stern, as he replied: "The man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder; a waif, a nothing, a no man. Have a purpose in life if it is only to kill and divide and sell oxen well, but have a purpose; and having it throw such strength of mind and muscle into your work as God has given you."

GOOD ADVICE.

NEVER go where you cannot ask God to go with you; never be found where you would not like death to find you; never indulge in any pleasure which will not bear the morning's reflection.

"HE IS USED TO IT."

"A BLACKSMITH was lustily plying his sledge-hammer to weld the heated metal. On being asked how it was that his cat was sitting unmoved amid the shower of burning sparks, he replied, "Oh, sir, he's used to it." Well, I thought, so it is with the unconverted hearers of the gospel; we often wonder how they can remain unmoved alike by the fiery denunciations of Sinai, or the bright and melting beams of Calvary. But "they are used to it."
(*Herald of Mercy.*)

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Matt. x. 29-31.

THE SPARROW'S SONG.

I am only a tiny sparrow.

A bird of low degree;

My life is of little value,

But the dear Lord cares for me

I have no barn nor storehouse,

I neither sow nor reap;

God gives me a sparrow's portion,

But never a seed to keep.

If my meal is sometimes scanty,

Close picking makes it sweet;

I have always enough to feed me,

And life is more than meat.

I know there are many sparrows.

All over the world they are found;

But our Heavenly Father knoweth

When *one* of us falls to the ground.

Tho' small, we are never forgotten;

Tho' weak, we are never afraid;

For we know the dear Lord keepeth

The life of the creatures He made.

I fly to the thickest forest,

I light on many a spray.

I have a chart or compass,

But I never lose my way.

And I fold my wings at twilight,

Wherever I happen to be;

For the Father is always watching,

And no harm will come to me.

I am only a little sparrow,

A bird of low degree;

But I know the Father loves me:

Have you less faith than *we*?

IN MEMORIAM.
PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

BRITISH—Dominion—American Standards floating at half mast. Windows in which are displayed portraits of the late President, draped with mourning. Eyes in which the pearly tear drop glistens. Quivering lips which tell of *deep* inward emotion. Earnest prayers for the sorrowing family and nation. Hearty Amens as responses to those prayers. All these speak more loudly than could the most eloquent tongue, declaring that the line 45" is after all but an imaginary line, and that in this deep sorrow of Columbia's sons and daughters, Canadians have lost sight of all national, political or commercial relations, and acknowledge that the relationship of Brethren unites us. May He who trod the waves of the Galilean sea on his message of cheer and comfort and rest, be now seen by the sorrowing mother, the heart-broken widow, the fatherless children, and the stricken nation, and may His voice be heard saying "It is I be not afraid."

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"I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them" Rev. xiv. 13.

YOUNG MEN!
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C O M E .

THE STRAIGHT PATH.

THE Bible is so strict and old-fashioned," said a young man to a gray-haired friend who was advising him to study God's word if he would learn how to live. "There are plenty of books written now-a-days that are moral enough in their teaching, and which don't bind one down as the Bible does."

The old merchant turned to his desk and took out a couple of rulers, one of which was slightly bent. With each of these he ruled a line, and silently handed the ruled paper to his companion.

"Well," said the lad, "what do you mean?"

"One line is not straight and true, is it? When you mark out your path in life, *don't use a crooked ruler.*"

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REMEMBER.

IF when engaged in the master's work, you find yourself assailed by the world, remember that "No one throws stones at trees which bear no fruit."

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WILL IT PAY?

WEIGH well the practice of sin, and ponder this question. Remember that

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. vi. 23.

DARE YOU RISK YOUR SOUL?

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IT DON'T PAY.

IT don't pay to hang one citizen, because another citizen sells him liquor.

It don't pay to have one citizen in the lunatic asylum, because another citizen sold him liquor.

It don't pay to have one citizen in the jail, because another citizen sells him liquor.

It don't pay to have fifty workmen ragged, to have one saloon keeper dressed in broadcloth and flush of money.

It don't pay to have ten smart, active, intelligent boys transformed into thieves, to enable one man to lead an easy life, by selling them liquor.

It don't pay to have fifty workmen, and their families, live on bone soup, and half rations, in order that one saloon keeper may flourish on roast turkey and pudding.

It don't pay to have one thousand homes blasted, ruined, defiled and turned into a hell of discord and misery, in order that one wholesale liquor dealer may amass a large fortune.

It don't pay to give one man, for a few dollars per year a license to sell liquor, and then spend \$5,000 on a trial of another man for buying that liquor, and committing murder under its influence.—*Woman's Journal.*

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C O M E !

Bulletin for Week Commencing September 26, 1881.

MONDAY	Sept. 26	...12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING Dan. vi. 10; Ps. lxxii. 15; lxi. 8. Alf Sandham.
					8.00 P.M. WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY	....	" 27	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Something better than Money. Acts iii. 1-10, W. E. Burford.
					4.00 P.M. MEETING FOR CONSECRATION & PRAYER.
WEDNESDAY	..	" 28	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Speech the index of the heart. Matt. xii. 34-37. W. Marks.
THURSDAY	.....	" 29	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Acceptable Worshipers. Ps. xv. S. R. Briggs.
					8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Gen. Secretary.
FRIDAY	....	" 30	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. What Man forgets. What God forgets. Deut. xxxii. 15-18; Isa. xl. 25; xli. 22. W. Anderson.
					8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY	.....	Oct. 1	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Our duty towards the unfortunate. Luke x. 30-37. Rev. H. Melville.
					4.50 P.M. TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. The President, S. H. Blake, Q.C.
					8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Freedom—Am I free? John viii. 32-36, A. Munro.
SUNDAY	....	" 2	....	3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs.
				8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE. D. C. Forbes.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Oct. 2, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station, and at Nipissing Station.

NOON PRAYER MEETING—Toronto, Grey and Bruce R. R. Workshops every WEDNESDAY at 12.30.

COTTAGE MEETING, THURSDAY 8 P.M.—81 Mercer Street.



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