

### WILL KEEP ITS JUBILEE.

Great Demonstration by the Y. M. C. A. o the World to be Held Next Month.

Just fifty years ago in June next the Young Men's Christian Association and the Salvation Army were started in London. While General Booth was going out in the highways and byways of the great English Metropolis, preaching in the open air, George Williams, a young clerk in a big dry goods establishment, at St. Paul's Churchyard, was organizing his associates, The work of the secretaries of the Interthe eighty employees in the place, into the first body known as the Young Men's Christian Association.

assistants in the house of Hitchcock & Co., Christ among young men in this and other the formal organization of the Y. M. C. A., took place, and its object as stated was "to improve the spiritual condition of young men engaged in the drapery and other trades." The growth of the Salvation Army and the Y. M. C. A. has been something remarkable, and in June there will be celebrations by the followers of both organizations that will show their enormous strength and the tremendous amount of soul saving being constantly accomplished.

Commitees are now at work in this country and England completing the details for a monster celebration, an international affair, to be held in London, commencing June 3. The jubilee exercises will last for a week, and there will be delegates present from seventeen nations. George Williams, the founder of the organization, now in his 73rd year, will attend these exercises and tell how he came to start the Y. M. C. A.

According to the programme of exercises to be held at London, there will be a public thanksgiving service in St. Paul's Cathedral; a conference of all the delegates most as many different languages as nations represented : a public

of the international Y. M. C. A. in this country is attributed to its chairman, Cephas Brainerd.

"He, in the beginning, and when it was unpopular," said one of the Y. M. C. A. officials yesterday, "grasped the basal idea of association work by young men for young men, and he has clung to it tenaciously throughout. Every report of the committee of the conventions since his chairmanship has been written by him. Until 1872 the entire correspondence was conducted by him, and since that time it has been under his careful supervision. national committee has largely been prosecuted under his direction. This remarkable Christian Association. At a meeting on June 6, 1884, of the of incalcuable benefit to the work of lands."

There are fourteen branches of the association in this city, and the members are now making extensive preparations for the jubilee exercises in the first week in June. The celebration of the fiftieth year of work for the Y.M.C. A. will occur simultaneously with the London jubilee exercises. There will be delegations of Y. M. C. A. members | head quarters, and in the presence of a few from nearly every State, and preparations invited friends, gave a stirring address, to care for their guests are even at this early day being made by the New York branches, so great a crowd is expected. This will be a year to be remembered by Y. M. C. A. young men.

In this state alone there are 40,000 young men banded together in 150 associations. Out of this number 9,000 are in 27 railroad associations, 1,400 in colleges, 500 in tour non-English associations, and 5,500 in 58 boys' branches.-N. Y. Press.

## LADY HENRY SOMERSET.

Some Account of the Good Work She Has Caused to Be Done in London.

In view of the first that Lady Henry Somerset is expected in Canada in July, the tollowing account of her work in London will be of special interest. It will be seen that the English W. C. T. U. is folfrom the different countries, the exercises lowing the example of the American in the being conducted by interpretation in al- taking up of many different lines of work. To a three-stored building in Norwood road, not far from the famous necropolis other teatures of a civic and public character. of that name, has lately been given the On jubilee day, June 6, there will be exer- title of 'Somerset House.' It is the first independent headquarters possessed by a branch of the British Women's Temperance Association, and it is to perpetuate the name of the president of the association, Lady Henry Somerset, that the title has been given to it. In addition to the strictly temperance work, it is, however, the centre of many good and Christian activities carried on for the benefit of the community by Mr. and Mrs. Woodford Y. M. C. A. will be held in London also Fawcett. For years past this estimable during jubilee week. At this conterence couple have been expending strength and an effort will be made to inaugurate new energy in the persecution of varied Christian agencies in West Norwood; a brief sketch of the leading features of the work will be of interest to our readers. Some seven or eight years ago Mrs. Fawcett was led to begin work of befriending respectable domestic servants, when out of place. Many girls in service are far from their parental home, and when circumstances deprive them of a situation they are exposed to serious difficulty and peril unless some place of shelter and delegates who will visit Great Britain dur- triendly counsel is available. The need for such a centre of help was pressed on and he has not to sit down and ask how Mrs. Fawcett, and with her sympathetic much of his means he shall take out and nature she responded. Part of a house in give to his lord. He has only to go to the Norwood road was secured, and for three and a half years good work was done, not his Lord's funds shall be apportioned to only in the direction indicated but in direct | this special purpose. gospel effort as well. A conference hall was built on a vacant piece of ground, and is greater than they dream of. In a missionfrom it radiated much good influence on the neighborhood. These premises had to be relinquished after a time, and a move was made to Lansdowne Hill, near by, where the work went on for another three years. The location was not a very convenient one in been glad to have.' And the other, lookmany respects, and another move was ing in astonishment, answered, 'Why, you made to the large house, 152 Norwood road. Lady Henry Somerset attended on Monday evening last to open the house in a tormal way, and to encourage the workers | accent to the justice of the query .- Rev. by her counsel and sympathy. The temperance work has various branches. First of all there are the regular operations of the B. W. T. A. The School ot Method, held at the Memorial Hall some months ago resulted in the formation of a young ladies' or 'Y' branch which forms an excellent outlet for the endeavors of young ladies having some leis-ure at command. A working women's branch has also been recently formed, and mental powers. On the death of the Earl it is making good progress. Out of this of Shaftesbury, in 1885, Mr. Williams be- comes a 'Working Y' branch for the benecame president of the London Association, | fit of such young people in humbler housewhich position he still retains. Few men holds as are not attracted by the band of enjoy his privilege of seeing a work, insti- hope. So that the circle of temperance tuted by themselves, so widely extended effort among the different social grades of and so truitful of good as the Y. M. C. A. women is tolerably complete in connection Mr. R. R. McBurney, general secretary with the Tulse Hill and Norwood Branch of the Y. M. C. A., furnished interesting of the B. W. T. A., and all now find a snow. Am I not the flower of God?' But information about the introduction of the meeting place at Somerset House, for their all the flowers cried out, 'No, you are no The work on behalf of domestic servants then God's wind, blowing on the garden, was organized in Boston December 29, is, of course continued, and there is sleep-1851. A letter dated June 1850, which ing accommodation for some seven or eight appeared in a Boston paper written from servants out of place. There is a registry London by Mr. George M. Vanderlip, a which is free to all servants, and the destudent of the University of the City of | mand for domestic help is always greater | and lifts its head above the sod, blooming London's Young Men's Christian Associa- One of the rooms in Somerset House is flinging it back to men, taking the sweet tion and led to the organization of that in fitted up as a meeting room, and here are south wind from God and giving it back to Boston. During 1851 kindred associations held the weekly gospel meetings, on Sun- others in sweet and blessed fragrance were formed in several other cities, includ-ing New York. Two years elapsed before meetings, bible readings, meetings for the flowers?' All they that take spiritual life any systematic effort was make to bring deepening of the spiritual life, etc. For the twenty-six American associations which years past Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett have conducted an open-air service on Sunday munication with one another. William atternoons during the summer season, on a Chauncey Langdon, then a layman and a a member of the Washington associution, afterward a clergyman of the Protestant found as a result of these assemblies and of Episcopal Church, accomplished the weld-ing together of the different associations The workers can tell of between 200 and 300 at least who have during these years

and it is desired to develop this important male skull and the female skull is much less branch. A colporteur is employed-a in the Christian era than in any previous fruit of the gospel work, and he visits the period of history. houses of all and sundry with his pack; as yet he is not self-supporting. Another worker is a coffee-stall keeper, whose field is the Neigham court estate, not far off, where extensive building operations are going on. In the winter a soup kitchen is established.

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It will thus be seen that the work centring in Somerset House has many ramifications, and is bound to exercise much happy influence all around.

Mrs Fawcett is very anxious now to constitute the house a home for a limited number of Christian ladies possessed of a small income, who would value Christian fellowship, and engage in such work as they might find congenial, either in connection ian churches of the district. The house is finely situated and commodious, so that accommodation could be given to eight or a dozen ladies who could pay from 12s to 15s per week, and devote themselves to the garden with conservatory, etc, and the home feeling would in every way be cultivated. Fuller information can be had from the hon. superintendent, Somerset House, 15 Norwood road. S. E.

The presence of Lady Henry Somerset in Norwood on Monday evening excited much interest. She attended the new highly commending the forward move made by Mrs. Fawcett, and predicting that her example would soon be followed all over the country. The Rev. W. Scott besought | rows thereof: thou makest it soft with God's blessings on the extended enterprise, and the place was thus, under happy auspices, dedicated to its many holy and helpful uses. Mrs. Fawcett stated that about forty domestic servants had passed through the house since Jan. 1; she thought that every Christian church ought | 1 Cor., 10, 13. to have some such institution attached to it, where real practical help could be given to those who are in need of it .- 'The Christian.

## GIVING TO THE MISSIONS.

Christians are to Often Found Delinquent in This Respect.

Nine-tenths of all that is given to the work of missions is given by one-fifth of the Christian membership. Or, to put it in a clearer light, every time that a dollar is given, one person gives ninety cents of it and four other persons the remaining ten cents, or two and a half cents each. Taking the aggregated wealth, and then taking the amount out of this which is given to missions and dividing it up among the membership, it has been estimated that Christians give one-sixteenth of one percent of their wealth per capita to the work of wider evangelization. A time came in the days of old when the Lord asked his people, 'Will a man rob God?' And this was when the religious conscience was so insensible that they, too, asked incredulously, 'Wherein have we robbed thee ?' and God was obliged to tell them plainly

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"Here then, as we see," writes Mr. Hughes, "we have imbedded in the very physicial frame of woman a very striking indication of the way in which Christianity has already enlarged her intellectual sphere : and this is but a prophecy of the immense and limitless services which Christianity will render to woman in .the earlier ages before us."

Messages of Help for the Week.

"Today if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts ...... For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword ..... and is a discoverer of the thoughts and intents of the with Somerset House or any of the Christ- heart ... all things are naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.... We have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the son of God.....Let us therefore come boldly to well-being of the people. There is a good the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews, 4

"Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that helpeth the commandment shall be rewarded. Proverbs: 13, 13.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46, 1. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee." Psalm 55, 22.

"Thou visitest the earth .... thou greatly enrichest it....thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settest the furshowers : thou blessest the spring thereof." Psalm 65: 9, 10

"God....will not suffer you to be tempted above that we are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

"I say unto all, watch." Mark: 13, 37.

The Y. M. C. A. Jubilee.

Great preparations are making in London for the celebration there this summer of the Young Men's Christian Association. It is expected that more than two thousand foreign delegates, representing every part of the world, will attend the celebrations. There will be receptions by the Lord Mayor, ceremonies in Westminister Abbey, services in St. Paul's Cathedral, and a great gathering in the Royal Albert Hall. The fiftieth annual meeting of the parent association was held in Exeter Hall, the



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Delegates to the meeting in London from this country will leave the United States the last week in May. They will attend from every State in the Union. The Thirteenth International Conference of the ideas in engaging young men in the service of the church and rescuing them from lives of wrong doing. It is expected plans will be adopted for broadening and strengthening the organization, so as to still further gain a hold upon young men and preserve them from unhealthy companionship and the deteriorating influence of our large cities.

The corporation of London has determined to spend a sum not exceeding £2,000 in extending hospitality to the Y. M. C. A. ing jubilee week. In London there are over seventy branches of the Y. M. C. A., and in the United Kingdom there are 843 associations, with a membership of 87,464. Altogether there are 900 branches in Germany, 100 in France and flourishing societies in nearly all the European countries; also in India, Australia and South Africa. Taking the world at large, it is stated there are 5,153 branches, with a membership of close to 600,000 of people.

In the "call" received at the Y. M. C. A. headquarters in this city it stated that the conference would undoubtedly be the largest ever held, and that "It is believed that this immense gathering of Christian workers, representing the churches of Christ in many lands and convened for the purpose of deliberation and conference as to how their different societies may more effectively prosecute their work and labors for the spiritual, moral and social well being of young men, will prove additionally helpful to the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom if the prayers and sympathetic co-operation of christian congregations throughout the country can be secured in furtherance of the object for which the conference is held.

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Mr. Williams, the founder of the Y. M. C. A., is still in the enjoyment of his full association into America. The first Y. M. periodical gatherings, classes, etc. C. A. branch of the London association New York, described the work of the than the supply. had by that time been organized into comabout the first conference of the associations been thus arrested, saved, and sent torth and most remarkable collections of human of all lands in Paris, August 19-24, 1855. to the christian life and service. One man skulls that has ever been brought together. The first convention of the American aswent to the penitent form when under the sociations was held in Buffalo June 7, 1854. inuflence of drink ; he was not only sobered Hughes that when the professor instituted This was really the first conference of the but saved, and from that day the appetite minute investigations with respect to the

that it was in tithes and offerings. Now plainly something needs to be done to awaken the Christian conscience in this matter of giving today. The old law of giving was the tenth. This stood at the foundation although it was not the full measure even under the old dispensation. But it served as a gauge, and still may serve such a good office to day. The higher New Testament development of the law is that the man 'lay by on the first day of the week as God has prospered him.' But let the tithe be at first the basis of this. Here is his special purse, marked with a cross if he please. Into it goes the tenth as his income accrues. Then some proper demand is made tor money, consecrated purse and decide what part of

The sin of God's people in this direction ary circle, not long since, a devoted woman in private conversation said to one of its well-to-do members, 'I do not think we have really given to God's work until we teel that our giving has deprived us of something which we would otherwise have don't expect us to give except out of what is left over after our own wants are supplied, do you?' And there was a general John Hutchins.

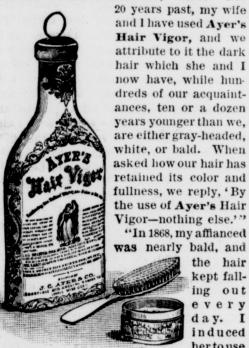
#### A Floral Parable.

This pretty parable is from the pen of a reverend writer : "The flowers got into a debate as to which of them was the flower of God; and the rose said, 'I am the flower of God, for I am the fairest and most perfect in beauty and variety of torm and deli-cacy of fragrance of all the flowers.' And the crocus said, 'No, you are not the flower of God. Why, I was blooming long before you bloomed. I am the primitive flower; I am the first one.' And the lilyof-the-valley said, modestly, 'I am small but I am white; perhaps I am the flower of God.' And the trailing arbutus said, Before any of you came forth, I was blooming under the leaves and under the flower at all; you are a come outer.' And brought this message to them: 'Little flowers, do you not know that every flower that answers God's sweet spring call, and comes out of the cold, dark earth, forth, catching the sunlight from God and

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that of all others who have used

trom God and answering it, come forth from worldliness and darkness and selfishness, to give out light and fragrance and love, they are God's flowers.' Woman and Christianity.

A very curious indication of the effect of 'Nill Christianity upon woman was brought to light by the late Prof. Rolleston. He made, in the Museum of Oxtord, one of the largest A friend informed the Rev. Hugh Price associations in the English speaking world. There have been thirty conferences in this country since then. Much of the success the sale of religious books, papers, etc., fact that the difference in size between the



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his experiences as a very sick man. South American Nervine Tonic. Its "Mt. Clemens," he continued, "was instantaneous action in relieving disthe last resort in my case. For tress and pain is due to the direct months previous I had been suffering effect of this great remedy upon the indescribable tortures. I began with nerve centres, whose fagged vitality a loss of appetite and sleepless nights. is energized instantly by the very first Then, as the trouble kept growing, I dose. It is a great, a wondrous cure was getting weaker, and began losing flesh and strength rapidly. My stomach refused to retain food of any kind. During all this time I was under medical treatment, and took everything prescribed, but without relief. Just about when my condition use.

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