

The Young Men's Christian Association.

It affords us peculiar pleasure to see our young men of St. John again organizing for protection and benevolent purposes. Young men are the hope of our schools, colleges, churches, nation. We long to see them all intelligent, virtuous, christian, happy. Their pathway, especially in city life, is encompassed with many dangers.

Mature manhood, as a general rule, is fixed and settled, but the young are passing through the moulding process, and, to a great extent, are fashioned in their intellectual and moral stamina by surrounding circumstances. Hence all the forms of evil assail young men with a pertinacity that indicates unwavering force of success.

The young men, who are active in these organizations, find them not only a powerful safeguard, but an effective means of individual development. Their meetings for deliberation, discussion, reading, and prayer, all tend to call forth individual activities, and the more they pray and strive for the benefit of others, the more their own moral sentiments are confirmed and expanded.

Then the young man coming fresh from the country, and separating himself from the safeguards which parental love and sympathy have thrown around him from his infancy, especially needs such a home as the Young Men's Christian Association affords.

But, then, if this Association is to be made thoroughly efficient, it must have rooms centrally situated and properly furnished, where the young men can meet together with comfort, and to which they can invite the stranger to resort for social and mental gratification.

But such a house as this costs money. Who will supply it? We answer, the fathers, who are interested in the protection and proper training of their sons. The mechanics, merchants, and professional men—all of them, whether they have sons themselves or not, should be willing to contribute their share; for, indirectly at least, they are all benefited by an institution of this sort.

The Messenger, in his last issue, makes another feeble effort to sustain his position in relation to the late Ecclesiastical Council in Halifax; but it is simply a rehash of his former editorials on this subject, the only new matter introduced being simply a paragraph detailing the action of the Granville street church.

When we wrote our last editorial and addressed our letter to the Baptists of Nova Scotia, we resolved then to close the disputation, so far as we are personally concerned. Nothing remains, therefore, for us to do, but simply, in as concise a form as possible, to strike the balance sheet as between the Messenger and Visitor. From our position the account stands thus:

On the other hand the Visitor has triumphantly defended its discretion—proved as in the light of a sunbeam the integrity of its course; and indubitably established the fact that it is the Messenger, and not the Visitor, that ignores the decision of the Council. In this view of the "situation," the Messenger is involved in intractable perplexity, in hopeless embarrassment.

Here, then, is the balance-sheet as we read it from our stand-point. What, you ask, is to be done? We answer, so far as any personal trespass against the Visitor is concerned, we forgive all. Peter enquired of the Master, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not till seven times, but until seventy times seven."

So far as the denominational aspect of the case is concerned, the course pursued by the Messenger will probably bring up the whole question of church order for discussion. When this takes place the Visitor hopes to be on hand.

Pontius Pilate.

The Emperor Tiberius had passed away. Feared and hated by his subjects, when his decease was known, Rome rejoiced. Caligula then assumed the imperial purple. His moderation and attachment to virtue, generally, argued well for his future career.

But wherefore these signs of sorrow? Are they because he had offended the Emperor, been recalled from the East, and banished from Rome? Others had suffered similar indignities, and yet like him lived in splendor, and seemed to be happy.

Returning from the banks of the river where she had been gathering flowers, she tells her father that she had been praying for him. "Where, my child?" "At the shrine of the Sibley."

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1. While the Visitor was pursuing the even tenor of its way, making no charges whatever against the Messenger, the Granville street church, the late Council, or anybody else, the Messenger turned aside from his legitimate sphere and charged the Visitor (1) with indiscretion, (2) with giving an unfair report of the decision of the Council in question, and (3) with ignoring that decision in full.

Mr. Dickens in Boston.

We learn that private letters have been received in Canada from Mr. Dickens, stating that he expects to give several readings there, about the last of April. In Boston there was great anxiety on the part of his intimate friends, to meet him and do him honor.

The following extracts from a late letter, dated "London, Nov. 9th," on Lord Mayor's Day, Changes in London, &c., will be read with interest by our readers.

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Safety of Dr. Livingstone.

The reported safety of the above distinguished traveller, the African explorer, affords a most agreeable illustration of the wisdom of doubt. The evidence of his death seemed to be very direct and explicit.

The Honest Young Lad.

In one of the Rev. Mr. Beecher's discourses he related the following incident, worthy of a careful perusal, and of being reduced to practice in the business of life. A young man from the country secured a situation in one of the stores of the great commercial emporium.

A Serious Party at the Residence of Dr. Hurd.

A number of the friends of Dr. Hurd, Pastor of the Queen St. Baptist Church in this City, met at his residence on Wednesday last, for the purpose of giving him an expression of their esteem and confidence, as well as their high appreciation of his ministerial services.

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Everything is changing wonderfully in London. Those of our readers who saw it years ago, or those who only know it from prints and books published before 1851, would scarcely recognize some of the most interesting streets.

Secular Department.

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Testimonials from England.

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As neglect of the trouble often causes prolonged sickness, Brown's Vermifuge Compound is a simple remedy, and will destroy worms without injury to the child.

Newfoundland Dogs at Home.

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Intercolonial Railway Resolutions.

The House of Assembly of the Province of Ontario will meet for business Dec. 24. Resolutions respecting the Intercolonial Railroad are expected to be laid before the House to-night.

Thursday, the 5th.

We trust, will be remembered by all our ministers and churches as a day of united prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a copious measure upon ministers and people.

New Books from the A. B. Publication Society.

The CHILDREN OF GOVERNMENT: This is a moderate size volume, containing twenty-five chapters of choice reading for young people.

McMillan's Almanac and Register is published in an attractive form, and contains a large supply of information on a great variety of subjects, secular and religious.

Rev. Dr. CHAMP's Lecture before the Young Men's Christian Association was deeply interesting, and formed a promising opening to the fifteenth course of lectures.

N. B. H. M. Board, met in Germain St. Vestry on the 2d inst.

Present, Rev. Messrs. Bill, Coleman, Cady, Spencer & Wallace, and Bro. Stevens, Harding Smith, Hart, Calhoun, Gerow, Burnham, Masters.

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The new Postal Bill.

The new Postal Bill, as we have before stated, we think a highly objectionable feature of the bill. Whether the Government will accept it as it is or not, remains to be seen.

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For the purposes of this Section, the word "Newspaper" shall be held to mean periodicals published not less frequently than once in each week, and containing notices of passing events.

The London Shipping and Mercantile Gazette, of Nov. 18, says.

The Ontario, Capt. Henry Phelps, is ordered to be made ready for sea with all speed. It was intended that new boilers should be fitted before the ship left for troop service.

The young lady who was so highly praised by the breaking of a Kerouac jump at Muskoka.

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Between the 21st and 27th ult., upwards of one hundred thousand bushels of oats were shipped from Summerside for ports in Great Britain.

Windward and Annapolis Railway.

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