

Address
at the Y. M. C. F.
university

No 62

Subject
What shall we do to
Sustain and Extend our
Work

FIFTY MEETINGS.

How the Y. M. C. A. Celebrated
Its Anniversary Yesterday.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Gen. O. O. Howard spoke at the Tabernacle in the evening. His address was as follows:

The young men ask, "What shall we do to sustain and extend our work?"

You have noticed that ubiquitous man, the commercial traveler. I have met him in every State, and some of the territories, of this Union. I found him on the Isthmus steamers, and en route to Europe. He represents a large house, whose central business is at New York, and whose branches are at Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco. Notice how, on arrival at a new town, he proceeds. He meets buyers. He is cheerful and confident. He says "Our house" with genuine dignity. He shows schedules of what "our house" can furnish, and backs up his sanguine statements with bona-fide samples. People in his line

are happy to meet him, and he soon procures abundant orders.

I like that directness.

Cannot our young men do likewise? "Our work"—what is it?

The secretary, or the committeeman, with cheerfulness and confidence, can say to any of us "Our work," "Our gymnasium," "Our library," "Our night school," "Our lectures," "Our reading-rooms," "Our railroad branch," "Our evening and afternoon meetings," "Our social entertainments," "Our Bible classes," and our other means of salvation of young men. Never mind if people who are a little fastidious cry out, "Those youngsters have the Young Men's Christian Association on the brain." Once I associated with a stalwart youth, who had velocipedes on the brain. He would talk of nothing else. If I introduced the most catatonic subject, as horse-racing, or general merchandise, he would manage to bring me back to the sale or swiftness of two-wheel or three-wheel velocipedes. Now, I assure you, that young man has made a success in life. It is because of his power of concentration and his power to concentrate you and me also. So with our young men, if properly trained in association work; they do have it on the brain; they should have it on the brain. Only this is not the pure and proper metaphorical way of expressing the thought. In the Bible it is with the heart, in the heart, on the heart, and by the heart, that a godly man, a Christian, believes and works.

Well, friends, have you looked into this work about which these young men are so ardent? It is a good work. I have looked at it for more than thirty years. Before the war, during the war, at home and abroad, and wherever it has been in actual operation, it has shown itself good, good above criticism. It is a society which extends the hand to a young man who is a stranger. It gives him a warm greeting and a brotherly welcome. It even goes, like a father, to the depot, and greets him. It finds him a home. It keeps him from snares and pitfalls, and introduces him into blessed and beautiful company. Yes; it often does more; it opens to him the Book of Life, and feeds him with the manna of heaven. Yes, I have heard with my dull ears, cries of joy from redeemed young men, "Saved by the help of those young men, God bless them!"

Then if it is indeed a good work; help those engaged in it to sustain and extend it.

"Yes," says one whose whole heart is in his business, "it is worthy enough, but it does not concern me. I must work for my family, and have no time to give to this or any other such work, however good." Sir, you must be mistaken concerning the whole object of life. If you have employees you cannot divorce yourself from them. I know a large and prosperous firm in San Francisco that pays the fees in the Young Men's Christian Association for all its employees. The head of the firm is a Christian; but he says that it would be better to do so as a simple investment. "The gymnasium makes them stronger, the evening schools increase their business fitness, and the social inducements keep them from dissipated associations; they do us better and better service for the outlay."

If, then, you own to self-interest being your controlling motive, still I would say: "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." And oh, my brother, what an opportunity of loyal service to Christ you let go by! A little time, a little money, a little thought devoted in this direction, will make you like the man to whom our Lord gave one pound, and he traded with it and gained ten pounds. He gave him, besides, the idler's pound, and also set him over ten cities. So rich, so glorious, so utterly disproportionate to the investment is the interest which Christ pays for loyal service. "But, sir, the absorbed man wants, 'remember there are so many other good causes!'" Let me just hint to you, dear friends, quietly, not to give quite so much to some of those other good causes. One could cut a little from the tobaccoist, and, perhaps, in order to save a few young men, diminish the jeweler's bill, so as to share with him (the generous jeweler) the pleasure of giving. I have known men who do not give for saving young men, to drink wine, keep fast horses, run yachts, and make money on margins, or lose in gambling, or lotteries, or betting. I need not do more than hint. We might check some of our expenses, for the sake of doing, sustaining and extending a work that we know from undoubted and most abundant testimony to be good.

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City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Brooklyn, December 30, 1891.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in this office, and of the whole of said original.

12-30-91 M. J. CUMMINGS, City Clerk.

SURROGATE'S NOTICES.

IN PURSUANCE of an order of the Hon. George B. Abbott, Surrogate of the county of Kings, Notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against William H. Pelton, late of the city of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, at the office of Ira B. Wheeler, Rooms 931 and 932 of Temple Court, Nos. 5 and 7 Beekman street, in the city of New York, on or before the 15th day of April next.

Dated September 29, 1891.

FLORENCE T. PELTON, Administratrix.
IRA B. WHEELER, Attorney for Administratrix.
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A small lot of antique and modern Carabagh Rugs, slightly irregular in shape, \$4.50 each; were \$6.50 and \$7.50.

A lot of Daghestan Rugs, \$8.50 each; were \$10.00 to \$12.50.

A lot of Shirvan, Daghestan and Carabagh Rugs, \$15.00 each; were \$17.50 to \$20.00.

English Ayranian Art Carpets—

2x3 yards, \$6.75; were \$8.70.

2 1-2x3 yards, \$8.75; were \$10.88.

2 1-2x3 1-2 yards, \$10.25; were \$12.69.

3x4 yards, \$15.00; were \$17.40.

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Special Prices.

22-inch Black China Silk, 49 cts. per yard.

21-inch heavy all silk Black Surah, 75 cts. per yard.

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FRENCH CHALLIES.

A New Assortment Just Received,