

The Young Mens' Christian Association of Lexington, Ky.

The question of municipal improvement seems to be exciting considerable interest in the Lexington papers at present. And perhaps it would be well at this time to call the attention of our citizens to the need of moral development as well as material advancement. No community can afford to neglect this, for all history teaches that healthy prosperity and advancement depend upon the moral condition of the people.

No doubt the greatest danger to be apprehended from immortality and dissipation is through our young men. This being the case every thing possible should be done to counteract the evil influences which will be thrown around them. Out side of the church, the Y. M. C. A. stands pre-eminent in this work; and if the good people of Lexington would encourage this work by sending their sons, brothers and friends to take part in the meetings and participate in the amusements at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, they would be surprised at the change which would be wrought in the morals of the young men of our city.

Although the moral feature is the greatest and best part of the Y.M.C.A. work, yet there are many innocent amusements which the young men will find at the rooms of the Association. They are provided with a piano and organ; their rooms consisting of a reception-room, lecture-room, reading-room and bath-room, are all made pleasant and attractive by their Secretary. The reading-room is supplied with the leading newspapers and magazines of the country. The social-room is provided with numerous interesting games, such as checkers, chess, crockinole, chivaldry, etc. We feel confident that any one visiting these rooms will leave feeling that their time has been profitable and well spent.

We earnestly hope that the people of our prosperous and thriving little city will see to it, that this Institution be made a success and the most attractive resort within her limits for her young men. C. C. C.

Sick Families.

The Record will introduce in next issue a list of the sick among the poor of the city, and asks that all worthy cases be reported to the editor. The winter will be a hard one, the coldest since 1883, and there will probably be much suffering to be alleviated.

There is a family on Sixth-street where the father is dying of consumption and the mother and six children, ranging from two to fourteen years, are in abject want.

A Cheering Letter.

We hope Mr. Boswell will pardon the use of his letter in our columns. We are proud of his good-fellowship in our work:

FAYETTE COUNTY, KY.,
September 12, 1890.

Mrs. B. W. Dudley:

DEAR MADAM—Yours of Aug. 30th was received several days since, and except for a number of cares and annoyances, caused by

the parties handling my trotter having made another engagement, would have been answered immediately. In that note you were pleased to say that you had heard that I had a very fine trotting horse, for which I had refused a large sum. With all due respect, I wish to assure you, that there is a very great difference between having a horse for which you ask a high price, and having the money in hand. My experience has taught me, that you never know what you will get for a horse, until he has been delivered and the cash paid. Should I be so fortunate as to get the large price which some of my friends think I may get? it will give me great pleasure to further assist in building up such a worthy institution. In the meantime the enclosed small check will show you that I desire to at least take some part in caring for the sick and suffering of this community. Wishing the greatest success in this undertaking.

Yours very respectfully,
H. Boswell.

Centenary Methodist Church.

This report come too late for our September number:

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True Cheerfulness.

Along with humility we should cultivate cheerfulness. Humility has no connection with pensive melancholy or timorous dejection. While the truly humble guard against the distraction of all violent passions and inordinate cares, they cherish a cheerful disposition of mind. There cannot, indeed, be genuine cheerfulness without the approbation of our own heart. While, however, we pay a sacred regard to conscience, it must be enlightened and directed by reason and revelation, and happy are the individuals who have arrived at that stage of development. The state of mind which attends such a moral and intellectual condition is equally remote from sour dissatisfaction, disponding melancholy and frivolous hilarity. It smooths our path and sweetens our cup, rendering duty easy and affliction light.

How to Make a Good Wife Unhappy.

See your wife as seldom as possible. If she is warm-hearted and cheerful in temper, or if, after a day's or a week's absence, she meets you with a smiling face, and in an affectionate manner, be sure to look coldly upon her, and answer her with monosyllables. If she forces back her tears; and is resolved to look cheerful, sit down and gape in her presence, till she is fully convinced of your indifference. Never think you have anything to do to make her happy, but that her happiness is to flow from gratifying your caprices; and when she has done all a woman can do, be sure you do not appear gratified. Never take an interest in any of her pursuits; and if she asks your advice, make her feel that she is troublesome and impertinent. If she attempts to rally you good-humoredly on any of your peculiarities, never join in the laugh, but frown her into silence. If she has faults (which, without doubt, she will have, and perhaps may be ignorant of), never attempt with kindness to correct them, but continually obtrude upon her ears: "What a good wife Mr. Smith has!" "How happy Mr. Smith is with his wife!" "Any man would be happy with such a wife!" In company, never seem to know you have a wife; treat all her remarks with indifference, and be very affable and complaisant to every other lady. If you follow these directions, you may be certain of an obedient and heart-broken wife.

THE Reformed Presbyterian Church has forbidden its members to use whisky or tobacco.

The Kentucky Southern Methodists Conference, just closed at Lexington, had local preachers, 121; white members, 27,602; infant baptism, 373; adult baptisms, 960; churches, 265; parsonages, 52; Sunday-schools, 234; officers and teachers, 1,818; scholars 13,790.

J. J. HILL, the railway magnate, has donated half a million dollars to establish a Catholic Theological Seminary in St. Paul.

PHILLIP S. FALL, the oldest living minister in the Christian Church, both in years and service in the pulpit, ninety-two years of age; and preached his anniversary sermon in the Christian church of Frankfort.

THE Paxtan Presbyterian Church, four miles from Harrisburg, Pa. celebrated its 150th anniversary Thursday, September 8. It stands to-day as originally built—a long, low, stone structure, with thick walls, small windows and heavy doors, to be used as a protection in case of attack by Indians.

Alternation is a law of our nature. All our faculties must be employed in turn—labor must interchange with leisure, gravity with gayety, thought with diversion. There is no lesson more needed than this one of change. The bow must first be bent before it can be relaxed, and only by a life of useful industry in some direction can any one be made capable of real enjoyment.

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