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"Y. M. C. A. expects every member to do his duty. The present duty of each member is to secure three New Members."

## SCHEDULE

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- August 16. Sub-Junior Bible Class.
- " 18. Character Study Class.
- " 19. Inter-Hostel Tournament, Badminton and Tennis Singles.
- " 22. 4 P.M. Y.M.C.A. Auditorium.—Mr. K. T. Paul, "National Missionary Society and National Development."
- " 23. Commercial Classes Holiday.
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- " 25. Character Study Class.
- " 23. Outing—Boys' Branch, Inter-Hostel Tournament, Badminton Finals.
- " 29. 4 P.M. Y.M.C.A. Auditorium.—Men's Meeting.
- " 30. Inter-Hostel Tournament, Tennis Singles Finals.
- " 31. Inter-Hostel Tournament, Tennis Doubles.

## MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL

The Membership Social, which was previously announced, took place on the 6th instant with great eclat and the success with which it was attended speaks volumes for the energetic and active part taken by the Membership Extension Committee. The Games room and the Auditorium looked gay

and lively and the members and their friends turned up in large numbers to enjoy the "gala day". All the indoor games were in use and the lightning tournaments arranged for were keenly contested by a good many. At the entrance to the reception hall a large cartoon was in view which aptly illustrated the various privileges of the As-

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sociation as also a pictorial thermometer showing the present membership and what it ought to be at the end of the month. After tea and games an adjournment was made to the Auditorium where a very attractive and interesting programme of songs, recitations, speeches, etc., was gone through. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Major R. Bryson, I.M.S., Mr. Arthur Davies presided. The proceedings commenced with the distribution of prizes by Mrs. E. S. Hensman to the winners in the lightning tournaments.

This over Master Handoo and his young friends sang a few action songs which was followed by an encoored "Glee" by the members of the Lodge, Mr. R. D. Michael accompanying on the piano. Mr. E. C. Worman kept the audience spell bound with his humorous recitation and the "Canadian Boat Song" with its vociferous chorus sung by the Hostel members created not a little amusement. The violin solo by Miss Tomlinson and the instrumental duet by Dr. and Mrs. Rajamanikkam were excellent and our sincere thanks are due to them for enlivening the occasion with their musical talents. Mr. Thomas Sittler next put in his appearance as a *padre* with his borrowed cassock and an old pair of spectacles and recited "The Pleasures of a Preacher" which delighted everyone present. The musical part of the programme came to a close with a piano solo by Mr. Peter Iswariah and a well rendered comic song entitled "The Bachelor," by Mr. R. D.

Michael, which was loudly encoored and responded to. Mr. H. C. Herman gave a short speech explaining the aims and objects of the Association and extended a hearty welcome to the new members. He expressed the hope that the Membership Extension Plan recently set on foot would be the means of enlisting more young men in the membership of the Association. Mr. R. K. Shunmugam made a suitable reply in a few well chosen words and emphasised on Unity and Brotherhood for which the Association stands and said that they could only be achieved through combined effort. With a few remarks from the chair the very pleasant function came to a close.

#### WHAT HAPPENED ON FRIDAY?

A most delightful time was spent on Friday, the 13th at the Association building when a number of our members appeared in various kinds of costumes and took part in indoor sports. Messrs. P. V. R. Sebastian and K. Kuruvilla who organised this entertainment deserve hearty congratulations. The costumes that were to be seen that day were those of Barrister, Chinese and Japanese Girls, Restaurant-waiter, Bill Sikes, Buffoon, Curd-seller, Clown, Uncle Sam, Irish Peasant, Coorg Gentleman, Humpty-Dumpty, Militant Suffragette, Syrian Christian Girl, Country Bridegroom, Professor, Anglo-Indian Girl and Rickshaw-wallah. After some indoor sports they adjourned to a

photo. Then an impromptu concert was held by the men in costume in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium. The Judges appointed for the purpose awarded "the most desirable prize" to the Syrian Christian bride. The members and friends who were present enjoyed one of the most pleasant evenings during the year.

### SACRED SONG SERVICE

On Sunday afternoon, August 15th, one of the most successful meetings of the year was held in the form of a sacred song service. The meeting was attended by over a hundred members and friends and its hearty reception by them warrants its repetition again soon.

The meeting was opened by singing of two or three hymns by the audience, led by Mr. Froelich, the Treasurer of the Association. Mr. Froelich has a fine, strong bass voice and his spirited leading added much to the success of the singing of the audience. After the reading of the Scripture by Mr. Sittler, prayer was offered by Mr. Whittaker, of the National Council, one of our Secretaries who is stopping in Madras *en route* to Calcutta where he is to be stationed with the Territorials.

After another hymn the Y. W. C. A. Trio rendered a selection which was much appreciated. After the Trio, Mr. deSousa favoured the assembly with a piano solo.

The Indian Christian Choral Union Male Quartette then rendered a beautiful selection. The voices blended well and

the hymn was sung with much feeling and expression. This number was followed by a vocal solo by Miss Denton of the Y. W. C. A. Trio.

The feature of the program was undoubtedly the violin solo given by Miss Iles. Miss Iles is indeed an artist of rare accomplishment and the intense silence and splendid attention she received gave evidence of the well merited appreciation of her hearers. After another hymn Miss Iles rendered Handel's Largo and The Traumerai as an encore.

The service was one that was most thoroughly enjoyed by all and which, in the event of repetition in the future, well deserves the attention and attendance of every one of our members.

### BOYS' BRANCH

A Bible class for Sub-Juniors was organised during the last week. Mr. R. S. Michael, B.A., promised to conduct the class. We hope our Sub-Juniors will be looking for Monday evenings to receive instructions from him.

The Sub-Junior Football Tournament finals was played on Thursday, the 12th instant, when Madrasa-i-Azam met the Muslim Shooters and the latter were victorious. The youngsters enjoyed the games very much and with a few improvements in the rules, we think, their annual Tournament will be a very useful factor in the physical work of the Branch. In this connection, we thank M.R.Ry. Stree Venkatesan Chettiar Avergal who has

promised to supply us with medals for the coming year also.

Our Juniors played several matches in Badminton during the last month. Although they were defeated in many of the matches, yet, we hope, with some more strenuous practice, we would soon be in a position to stand on the same level with many of the well-known Clubs in Madras.

The following books have been added to the Boys' Branch Library:—

- From Farm House to White House (Life of Wasby)—W. M. Thayer.  
 In a New World—Horatio Alger, J. R.  
 Slow and Sure—Horatio Alger, J. R.  
 Adrift in New York—  
 From the Ranch to White House (Life of Roosevelt) Edward S. Ellis.  
 The Pilgrim's Progress—John Bunyan  
 Modern Scottish Worthies—Various Authors.  
 The Children's King—Annie R. Butler.  
 The Story of Irish Saints—J. Sclair Stevenson.  
 Children of Jamaica—Israel C. Maclean  
 Children of Arabia—John C. Young.  
 Grace Abounding—John Bunyan.  
 Great Church Leaders with Portraits—R. T. S.  
 Our Dormitory Battles (2 Volumes).  
 Recitations—G. A. Hutchison.  
 Speeches of Lord Hardinge (1 Vol.)

The Educational Committee is planning to approach members and their parents with the idea of improving our library. We hope they would respond. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Ganesh & Co. for presenting us a fine copy of the 1st Volume of the Speeches of Lord Hardinge.

### PERRY PICTURES

We have just received a set of fine Pictures of the following neatly printed on smooth, glazed paper. Only a limited number is available at the office:—

*Small size, 1 anna each.*

- Alfred Tennyson.  
 Robert Browning.  
 William Shakespeare.  
 John Milton.  
 Charles Dickens.  
 Shakespeare's Home.  
 The Boy Christ,  
 Christ and the Doctors.  
 Christ and the Rich Young Ruler.  
 Christ washing Peter's feet.  
 Descent from the Cross.  
 Entombment.  
 Prophets.

*Big size, 4 annas each.*

- Christ and the Doctors.  
 Christ and the Rich Young Man.  
 Christ teaching by the Sea.  
 Christ in Gethsemane.  
 The Last Supper.  
 Descent from the Cross.  
 On the Way to Emmaus.  
 Soul's Awakening.  
 The Forum, Rome.

### ARMY DEPARTMENT

On Saturday, August 7th, a second party of twenty-five men from Bangalore were entertained and shown around Madras. In spite of the heat they apparently enjoyed themselves.

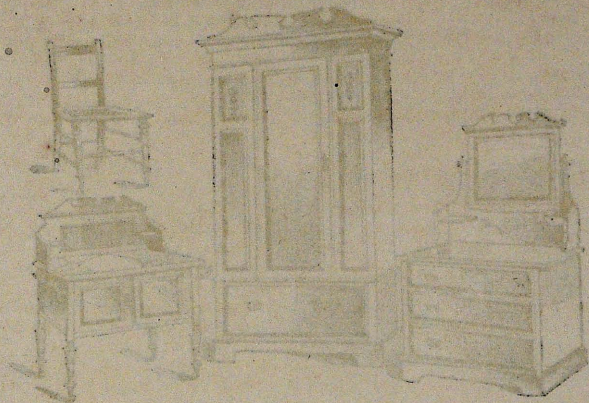
A magic lantern lecture was given last week at the Mount and in the barracks in the Fort.

This arrangement will be continued as an experiment for some time.

### MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION PLANS

The Membership Extension Committee has been working very hard to enlist new members to the Association and they have succeeded till now in getting over 150 new mem-

bers. The members are confidently trying to reach the goal which they set before themselves, namely, to double up the original membership of 300. This will necessitate hearty co-operation of the general members. If each member will follow the motto given at the top of this bulletin and get three new members, then the success of the undertaking is assured.



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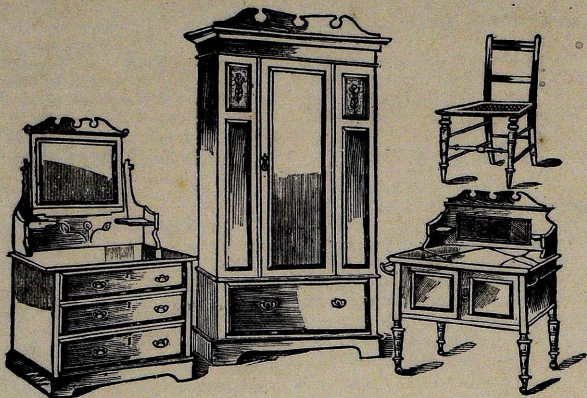
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