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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR YOUNG MEN.

The opening meeting of the special services in Shaftesbury Hall was held in the afternoon of Sabbath Nov. 14th, Vice-Chancellor Blake taking the chair at a quarter past four. He spoke a few earnest introductory words. Eighteen hundred years ago, he said, was held a special meeting for prayer, “they were all with one accord in one place”—about one hundred and twenty of them. To-day, God be thanked, were His children again together “with one accord,” but, God be thanked also, *not* “in one place.” The world over were prayers going up to the Creator, and hearts going out in entreaty for the cause of Christ, and for the welfare of the young men of all lands, and “who could tell what God would accomplish in answer to the faith of a prayer-meeting which stretched around the globe?”

After prayer, and singing of the hymn “There is a fountain filled with blood,” the Rev. H. M. PARSONS, of Knox Presbyterian Church, addressed the meeting, speaking from part of the

tenth and thirteenth verses of the 1st of John,—“The world knew him not, * * * as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.” The address was listened to with deep interest, and could not fail to prove beneficial to the hearers.

Vice-Chancellor Blake in closing the meeting asked prayers at home, throughout the week, as well as personal attendance at the meetings to be held at noon each day, and at eight every evening. After a hymn and the benediction, the large audience, a considerable number being young men, left the hall.

We look for permanent results flowing from these meetings, in the quickening of God's children to renewed activity in Christian work. We have been cheered and encouraged by the presence and helpful words of our ministers, and have heard many pleasing reports as to blessings flowing from the sermons preached by them.

We pray that many souls may be won for Christ through the sermons on the past, and those on the coming Lord's day.

The Noon Meeting has been largely attended. Our prayer meeting room being completely filled. The evening meetings have also been interesting and profitable.

Please read carefully the list of sermons for the 21st, as also the bulletin of meetings during the coming week.

CLASSES.

Members will please notice that the classes open this week. The Elocution class will be under the tuition of Prof. Lewis, whose well known ability is sufficient guarantee for the excellency of the training to be secured. Our young men will do well to attend. It is designed for their special benefit, and those who enter are