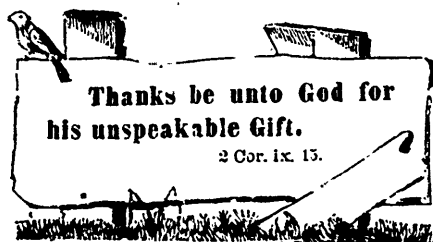


SUNDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE CLASS.

This class is increasing in attendance and interest. Next Sunday the subject will be, "Waiting for the coming of the Bridegroom." The class is open to all.



FREE OF DEBT.

The Montreal Brethren hope soon to have their beautiful Building "FREE OF DEBT." And this they really expect to accomplish in a *truly legitimate manner*! If any person asks what we mean by these words, we answer, just read the following extract from their last bulletin:

"Three years ago a debt of \$20,000 rested upon this Association, and it was felt to be a great burden and a hindrance to *spiritual* work. Three of the darkest years in the commercial history of this city have passed, when men's hearts have been failing them for fear, and young men have been thrown out of employment, and in many cases, compelled to seek it in other cities, and others have had to face reduced incomes, —and yet through the goodness of God, to-day \$15,000 of that debt has been paid, and the balance of \$5,000 we hope to see cleared off before the close of this present year.

This represents a large number of contributors, many of whom have given out of their poverty, and it is a special cause for gratitude that this has been accomplished *without recourse to any of the "questionable" modes now so largely adopted in raising funds to carry forward christian work.*

This will give a handsome building for christian work amongst the young men of this city entirely free from any encumbrance, and where they can owe no man anything but LOVE, which is a great debt, not by any means as easily discharged as the \$20,000!

"Praise God from all blessings flow."

OLD ENGLAND.



At the National Conference of Young Men's Christian Associations, recently held in Manchester, 370 associations were reported in Great Britain and Ireland, and about 107 delegates attended. The meetings were of the most earnest, practical, and encouraging character. A deep tone of spirituality and brotherly unity prevailed them, and it was fully recognized that mere Literary, Moral, or Philanthropic successes, valuable as these undoubtedly are, *do not fulfil* the aims of the Young Men's Christian Association, whose *main object* is to win young men to the love and service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

EXCELSIOR!

The Harrisburg (Pa.) Association has decided to exclude games from their rooms. Their Bulletin says, "Our rooms in the evening have been disorderly. . . The checker and chess boards have ever been the centres of confusion." We wish our Harrisburg brethren every success in their decision to break away from this or any other evil which may have crept in. To other Associations we say "Go thou and do likewise."

"FATHER."



THE Superintendent of an excellent Asylum for deaf and dumb children had a little girl placed under his care. She was about twelve years of age, the idol of her father, who was a gentleman of wealth. No doubt he loved her all the more tenderly because of her affliction, and often had he longed with unutterable desire to hear even one word from her lips. But she could neither speak nor hear.

Having been placed in the Institution by her father, he returned to his distant home, and did not see her again for several months. Meanwhile by constantly imitating the movement of her teacher's lips she had learned to pronounce one word. At length her father, who knew nothing of her attainment, announced that he was coming to see his child, and with intense eagerness she waited for the time of his arrival. He had no sooner left his carriage than she flew along the walk to meet him.