

The price fixed for the course is very low, as we wish all to be benefitted. Course tickets, six lectures (same seat reserved throughout), two matinees, \$2; course ticket, unreserved, \$1 50; Members ticket, reserved, \$1. These lectures will be given early in March.

OUR BOYS.

WE have not forgotten the Boys, in our Lecture plan. A course is being arranged for their special benefit. The first will be delivered on Friday, 19th inst. in the Boy's Room, by W. A. Douglas, Esq. Subject—"How the Atlantic cable was laid." Mr. Douglas was engaged in connection with the work of laying the Cable and is therefore able to speak practically on the subject. His lecture will be illustrated with electric machines, &c.

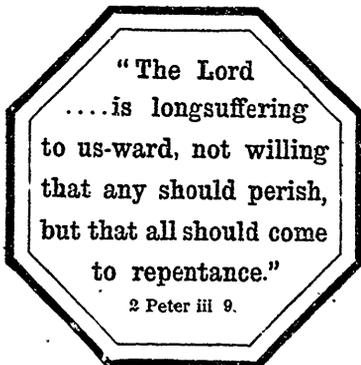
MORE BLESSING.

GOD is working with us in the several meetings. Souls are being saved. We praise Him for it. We are also thankful for increased attendance at the several meetings.

YOUNG MEN

Desiring advice regarding their eternal welfare, will find a member of the Devotional Committee in attendance in the Bible Parlor, upper story Shaftesbury Hall, every Monday evening, from 7:30 till 9.

The Secretary or his Assistant will be pleased to meet such persons at any time from 8 a. m. till 10 p. m.



MEMBERS' COURSE.

LECTURE

BY

F. S. SPENCE, Esq.,

IN

SHAFTESBURY HALL,

Tuesday, Jan'y 16, 1883,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

Subject: MARRIAGE.

Tickets for members or friends may be secured at the Rooms.

QUICK FIRES SOON DIE OUT.

"**T**HIS is something like!" observed the Hearth to the Chimney, as the thorns flamed, and crackled in the spacious fire-place of the farm-house. "Beautiful, beautiful!" exclaimed the Hearth, in admiration.

"I'm of opinion this won't last long. It seems to me to be too rapid to continue. Depend on it, friend Hearth, 'twill soon go down and be burnt out," sagely remarked the old Chimney.

"Do you think so?—Well, 'twill be a great pity; I love to see brightness in a fire: and then this kind of a fire is so exciting and charming. I don't see why it should so quickly end, as you suppose."

"Well, I shall rejoice if it continues," said the Chimney.

"And why it should not, I am unable to judge," observed the Hearth.

But the Hearth had scarcely spoken when a change took place: the flame flickered: the fire only occasionally leaped: and then, it rapidly went lower, and then went quite down: and then quite out altogether.

"Well, to be sure," said the disappointed Hearth.

"No other than I expected," remarked the Chimney, "and for this reason there was nothing substantial in the material, only thorns you see, which commonly make a great blaze for a time, but quickly burn themselves out."

"'Tis a great pity," sighed the Hearth: "who would have thought it?"

This fable illustrates much of the so-called Christian work of the present