

Association Calendar.

MARCH 5 TO APRIL 4, 1888.

Young Men's Saturday Meeting

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

DATE.	SUBJECT.	SPEAKER.
Mar. 10	How to follow Christ*	Fred. Gauld.
" 17	Work and wages for every one†.....	John J. Gartshore.
" 24	Convicted but not converted‡.....	Thomas Yellowlees.
" 31	Is it nothing to you§.	Robert Kilgour.

* Luke ix. 23. † John iv. 35-36. ‡ Mark vi. 17-20. § Lam. i. 12.

Sabbath Morning Class for Beginners

9.30 TO 10.15

DATE.	LESSONS FROM THE PARABLES OF OUR LORD.	PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE.
Mar. 11	The Talents	Matt. xxv. 14-30.
" 18	Seed Corn	Mark iv. 26-29.
" 25	The Good Samaritan	Luke x. 30-37.
Apr. 1	The Worldling	" xii. 16-21.

Bible Classes.

SUNDAY, 3 P.M.—Evangelistic Bible Class—Teacher, Wm. McCulloch.

" " Classes for Chinese and Deaf Mutes.

MONDAY, 8 P.M.—General Bible Class.—Teacher, Geo. C. Robb.

TUESDAY, 8 P.M.—Workers' Training Class.

WEDNESDAY, 4.30 P.M.—International S. S. Lessons.—Teacher, Hon. S. H. Blake.

Other Meetings.

TUESDAY, Mar. 6.—Medical Talk: "What to do in Emergencies," illustrated.—Dr. Riordan.

" " 13.—Reception—"Labour Interests."

" " 20.—Parlour Lecture—"John Kitto."—Rev. T. W. Jeffreys.

" " 27.—Members' Monthly Reception.

Our life is a book. Our years are the chapters. Our months are the paragraphs. Our days are the sentences. Our doubts are the interrogation points. Our imitation of others, the question marks. Our attempt at display, a dash. Death, the period. Eternity, the peroration.—*Talmage*.

A Plea for U. M. C. A. Foreign Missions.

BY HENRY B. GORDON.

All the apostles were comparatively young men when our Saviour gave them the commission "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Indeed the majority might well be styled in the fullest sense of the word, young men. But we are not to suppose that our Lord's command was alone to the office-bearers of the Church, for it is altogether likely that it was when the five hundred brethren were gathered together on the mountain in Galilee that the marching orders of the Church were given. Nor is it unreasonable to suppose that a very large number of these five hundred were young men who, owing to their unencumbered condition, were able to obey the Lord's injunction to meet Him there.

The same reason would no doubt hold good when, a little later in the history of the Church, those that were scattered abroad by the persecution that arose at Stephen's martyrdom went everywhere preaching the Gospel or telling out the story of Christ. Such testimony as young men, and comparatively uneducated men, were well qualified to undertake. The statement, "Went about everywhere," would seem to imply that the ardour of youth found easy vent owing to their unencumbered state. Doubtless it was with something like this in view that the Apostle Paul addressed the Corinthian young men when he said, "I would have you without carefulness; he that is unmarried careth for the things of the Lord, how he may please Him." Thus it was in his own case, that while he claimed a perfect right "To lead about a wife as well as the other apostles"; the excessive ardour of his zeal, and the trying nature of his pioneer missionary work, made him desire that they might be even as he. It is also interesting to note that the Christian worker who so lovingly and earnestly engaged his attention as to call from him in his old age the labour of two epistles, was the young man Timothy.

These Scriptural suggestions and many others which doubtless will occur to some, point very strongly to two conclusions: 1st. That God wants the rank and file of the Church as well as the office-bearers to do His foreign mission work; and 2nd. That He specially calls young men into the field.

The young men pre-eminently possess three great qualifications for the work, viz., strength, adaptability and enthusiasm.