

SYMPATHY.

Nothing cuts like neglect. There is a proverb that it "pierces the shell of a tortoise." On the other hand, nothing heals wounds, and softens trials, and cheers the soul, like sympathy. When David was hiding in the forests of Ziph from the bloody hand of Saul, we are told that his ever-faithful friend Jonathan—who was bound to him like a Siamese twin—"arose and went to David in the wood." It was a trying hour in David's history. He needed counsel, he needed encouragement, he needed to have his faith strengthened. The man who came to him was a man of God, who could pray with him and for him, who could share his burden and help him cast his burden on the Lord. We do not wonder, therefore, that Jonathan, by his timely sympathy, "strengthened David's hand in God."

This is the purpose of that blessed injunction, "Bear ye one another's burdens." How it lifts the load of trouble to have an honest word of sympathy! Nobody is so lofty in station as to be above the need of a word of cheer in the hour of adversity.—*Rev. T. L. Cuyler, D.D.*

There are Y. M. C. A.'s at Cairo, Damascus, Smyrna, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Beyrout, Hong Kong, Yokohama and Calcutta.

To pluck even a single soul from the fiery pit is reward enough for a winter's work. Hundreds of wandering young men and "abandoned women" might be rescued, if God's people would go after them in their dark thickets of sin, and offer a home for their polluted bodies and their tormented souls.

A RELIGION that does not distinguish a man from a wicked world, will never distinguish him from a perishing world.

THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL IS:

1. A good hope (2 Thes. ii. 15).
2. A blessed hope (Titus ii. 13).
3. A joyful hope (Heb. iii. 6).
4. A sure, firm hope (Heb. vi. 18).
5. A living or lively hope (1 Pet. i. 3).
6. A saving hope (Rom. viii. 24).
7. A glorious hope (Col. i. 27).
8. A purifying hope (1 John iii. 3).

~~Young man~~ what is your hope? Have you any hope? Are you without hope? Will you not lay hold on the hope set before you in the Gospel?

Bulletin for Week Commencing August 23rd, 1880.

MONDAY	Aug. 23	12.00 M.	Praise Meeting—W. McFarlane.
		8.00 P.M.	Young Men's Bible Class. H. A. Bruton.
TUESDAY	" 24	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Only the best we can offer acceptable to God. Mal. 1. 6-14; Rom. xli. 1. E. C. Newberry.
WEDNESDAY..	" 25	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer The Barren fig tree. Luke xliii 6-9. Jas. Ardill.
THURSDAY....	" 26	12.00 M.	Bible Reading, S. R. Briggs.
FRIDAY	" 27	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. The God of all comfort. II Cor. i. 3-10. H. A. Bruton.
		8.00 P.M.	Boys' Meeting. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY	" 28	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Laborers in the vineyard. Matt. xx. 1-16. H. B.
		4.00 P.M.	Teacher's Bible Class. Rev. H. M. Parsons.
		8.00 P.M.	Young Men's Meeting. H. A. Long, of Glasgow. [Gordon]
SUNDAY.....	" 29	9.30 A.M.	Workers' Meeting for Prayer and Bible Study.
		3.00 P.M.	Evangelistic Bible Class. S. R. Briggs.
		8.30 P.M.	Gospel and Song Service. Alf. Sandham.

OPEN TO ALL, with exception of the Monday and Saturday Evening Meetings, which are exclusively for young men. A cordial invitation is extended. Requests for prayers may be addressed to the Secretary.

Railroad Men's Meetings.

SABBATH, Aug. 29, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station—JOHN HARVIE and REV. H. MELVILLE.
At Nipissing Station—J. GREENE and S. CALDECOTT.

COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every MONDAY 8 P.M.—476 Adelaide St. W. Thursday 8 P.M. 61 Sackville Street.

Noon Meeting every Wednesday. 12.30 to 1—Toronto Grey & Bruce Reading Rooms.