

TORONTO Y. M. C. A.  
**Sunday Afternoon Bible Class,**  
 SHAFTESBURY HALL, 3 O'CLOCK.

**YOU**  
 ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

**Original.**

**A 1.**

In all our large cities we have organizations known as Mercantile Agencies. A stranger wishes to purchase goods upon credit; he calls upon a city merchant, and states his business and what he considers himself able to do. While he is speaking, the merchant takes from his desk a slip of paper and writes, "What is the standing of Mr. Blank, of Somewhere?" Excusing himself for a moment, the merchant slips into the warehouse, and despatches a messenger to the Mercantile Agency with the paper. In a short time the messenger returns with a form on which is written, "Mr. Blank, of Somewhere, A1." What does it mean? Simply this, that Mr. Blank is worthy of unlimited credit; whatever he promises he is able to perform. The merchant now most gladly opens the account, but why? He is no better acquainted with the man than he was before; he has not handled any of the stranger's money. Then why open the account? Simply because *he has confidence in the testimony given by the agency concerning the man.*

And now, dear unconverted young man, we ask you, does not common sense dictate to you that the *testimony which God has given concerning His Son* should be accepted by you? You have been asked to accept God's offer of salvation, but you say, "I am not sure that Jesus can do for me what he promises." We ask you how are you to know His ability? Is it not by going to God's great reference book, "THE BIBLE," and is it not a fact that consulting it you find there

**WHAT JESUS IS ABLE TO DO FOR YOU:**

**Able** to make all grace abound toward you that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.—2 Cor. ix. 8.

**Able** to succour them that are tempted.—Heb. ii. 18.

**Able** to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.—Jude 24.

**Able** also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him.—Heb vii. 25.

**Able** also to make you stand.—Romans xiv. 4.

**Able** to keep that which I have committed unto Him.—2 Tim. i. 12.

**Able** to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.—Acts xx. 32.

**Able** to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.—Ephesians iii. 10.

**Able** to subdue all things unto himself.—Philippians iii. 21.

In other words Jesus is worthy of your fullest confidence.

Believing the testimony led the merchant to trust the stranger. Paul writes to the Ephesians, "In whom (Jesus) ye also *trusted* after that ye heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation," Eph. i. 13. And still again, "Faith cometh by *hearing*, and hearing by the *Word of God*," Rom. x. 17; and still again, this is the word: "That if *thou* shalt confess with *thy* mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt *believe* in *thine* heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, *thou* shalt be saved," Rom. x. 9. In other words, you are LOST; you need SALVATION; Jesus is ABLE to SAVE. A 1. Worthy your fullest confidence. What He has promised, He is able also to perform.

**Association Notes.**

During the past week we have been favored with a short visit from Mr. Ware, a young English Evangelist. He did good service while with us, and we have reason to believe that he was instrumental in God's hand in leading some to Christ. He left for Galt, whence he proceeds to labor at Pinkerton.

The Conference of General Secretaries which met at Chicago on the 9th inst. closed on the 12th. Mr. Burford our Railway Secretary attended the sessions. In a future number we shall refer to some of the questions under its consideration. In the meantime the following facts concerning these conferences may prove of interest.

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and British Provinces, was held in Washington, D. C., May 24-28, 1871. The day after the farewell meeting was spent by many of the delegates in an excursion up the Potomac to Mount Vernon.

In the cabin of the steamer, at the suggestion of J. B. Brandt, Secretary of the Association in Indianapolis, Ind., a meeting was called of all the paid Secretaries or officers of the various Associations who were on board the vessel. Eleven were present. R. R. McBurney, Secretary of the Association in New York City, was called to the Chair, and each officer described the nature and duties of the office he held. The Association of the General Secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States and British Provinces was then organized, and it was voted to meet on the day prior to the assembling of the next International Convention, in Lowell, Massachusetts.

L. P. Rowland, the Senior Secretary, who for fourteen years had held the office in the Association in Boston, was chosen President, and Alfred Sandham, of Montreal, Secretary. Of the names borne by the various officers, that of General Secretary was selected as the best and was recommended to the Associations for adoption.

The annual fee for membership was fixed at one dollar (\$1) the first payment to be made on