

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.—Isaiah xxxvi 4.

sion of the Committee. Should this meet the eye of any person who has been benefitted by the meetings—but whose name may not have reached the Committee—we trust that such person will make it a point to attend.

## BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

Conducted by Mr. S. H. Blake,

EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

### POSTAGE STAMPS.

THE Secretary has in his possession a collection of Foreign Stamps, given to him to be used as he might think best. The collection embraces over 2,000 varieties—many very rare, including over 100 post cards. The whole neatly mounted in one of Scott & Co.'s latest editions of International Album, beautifully bound. The arms and flags of each nation, printed in gold and colors, appear on each page, also photo portraits of the sovereigns. This collection cost the owner about \$100. It will be sold at \$45. The proceeds to be devoted to our work. It may be seen at the rooms.

## YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME

### PROFANE JESTING.

“JEREMY TAYLOR, one of the most eloquent writers of the English language, rich in imagination, fervent in feeling, copious and forcible in words—has the following striking passage about profane jesting:

“But of all the abuses which ever dishonoured the tongues of men, nothing more deserves the whip of an exterminating angel, or the stings of scorpions, than profane jesting; which is a bringing of the Spirit of God to partake of the follies of a man; as if it were not enough for a man to be a fool, but the wisdom of God must be brought into those horrible scenes. He that makes a jest of the words of Scripture; or of holy things, plays with thunder, and kisses the mouth of a cannon just as it belches fire and death; he stakes heaven at spurn-point, and trips cross and pile,\* whether ever he shall see the face of God or no; he laughs at damnation, while he had rather lose God than lose his jest; nay (which is the horror of all), he makes a jest of God himself, and the Spirit of the Father and the Son to become ridiculous. Some men used to read Scripture on their knees, and many with their heads uncovered, and all good men with fear and trembling, with reverence and grave attention. ‘Search the Scriptures, for therein ye hope to have life eternal,’ and ‘All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is fit for instruction, for reproof, for exhortation, for doctrine, not for *jesting*; but he that makes *that* use of it, had better part with his eyes in jest, and give his heart to make a tennis-ball.”

Those burning words of Jeremy Taylor against profane jesting should be laid to heart by all who have let themselves fall into the way of using Scripture words lightly.

\* Two ancient games of chance; the latter answering to our “Heads or tails.”

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.—Psalm xxxvii, 4.