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ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Business Meeting of the Association, held on Tuesday evening, 2nd inst., was pronounced by old workers in the Association, as the best, (that is, the one most fraught with blessing and encouragement,) ever attended by them. Reports were presented by every committee, and through them all ran a note of praise to God for blessings received. As we purpose publishing an abstract of the reports in a future number of our BULLETIN (for distribution at our anniversary), we shall limit ourselves to giving a statistical summary of the reports presented.

GENERAL WORK.

Daily Prayer Meetings..... 309
Young Men's Bible Classes..... 43

Evangelistic Bible Classes.....	52
Teacher's Bible Classes.....	30
Worker's Meetings for Prayer.....	18
" Social Meetings.....	10
Gospel and Song Services.....	52
Enquiry Meetings.....	36
Special Meetings for Prayer.....	3
Young Men's Meetings.....	52
" Special Meetings (Evangelistic).....	13
Boy's Meetings.....	34
Boy's Lectures.....	7
Lectures, &c.....	8
Signed Pledge.....	74
Visits to Sick Young Men in Hospital.....	35
" " " Boarding Houses.....	11
Visits to Young Men addicted to drink.....	9
" Enquirers.....	10
" Young Men in response to letters from friends at a distance.....	12
Young Men aided.....	62
Situations obtained.....	110
Directed to Boarding Houses.....over	200
Letters of Introduction received.....	93
" " Given.....	51
Tracts Distributed.....	300,000 pages
BULLETINS Distributed.....	125,000
Boy's Papers.....	7,000
Hand Bills, Invitations, &c., distributed.....	92,900
Visits to Boarding Houses.....	9 339
" Hotels.....	705
" Fire Halls, Police Stations, Livery and Car Stables.....	663
Young Men personally spoken to during these visits.....	1,710

RAILWAY WORK.

Gospel Services.....	102
Cottage Meetings.....	129
Noonday Meetings.....	68
Men's Prayer Meetings.....	16
Bible Classes.....	16
Workers' Meetings.....	2
Copies of OUR SPECIAL distributed.....	16,000
Tracts, Invitation Slips, &c.....	24,000
Re-union of Railway Men.....	1
Visits to Homes.....	400
" Hospital.....	25
" Sick and Injured.....	70

"Yield yourselves unto God."
Romans vi. 13.

"There is none that doeth good, no, not one."
Psalm xiv. 3.

OUTLINES OF BIBLE STUDY

FROM THE
INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

BY ALF. SANDHAM.

CROSSING JORDAN.—Joshua iii.
Illustrative of the Gospel.

1. It was a strange way.

Acts xvii. 18-20.

The Israelites did not expect such an opening.

2. It was a new way.

Heb. x. 20.

Jordan was never crossed in that way before.

3. It was an easy way.

Eph. ii. 8, 9.

No works were needed. No rafts to be constructed. No bridges to be erected.

4. It was a short way.

John vi. 47.

There was no drifting down with a current. They went *straight* over. (v. 16.)

5. It was a safe way.

John x. 28.

All the people passed clean over. (v. 17.)

6. It was a divinely appointed way.

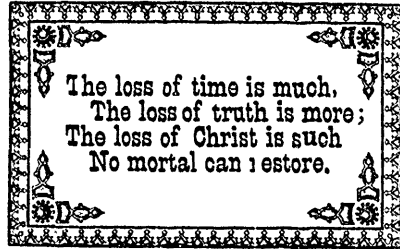
John iii. 16.

Joshua did not devise it, nor Israel ask for it. (vs. 7, 8.)

7. It was the only way.

Acts iv. 12.

If they had refused to accept it, they could not have crossed Jordan.



THE ANNUAL SOCIAL MEETING

OF THE

ASSOCIATION

Will (D. V.) be held

IN THE MEMBERS' PARLOR,

On the evening of

Tuesday, October 9th,

To elect officers and for the transaction of other business.

A full attendance of members and friends is desired.

Tea served at 6.30. Chair taken at 8 o'clock by JOHN MACDONALD, Esq.

S. H. BLAKE,
President.

ALF. SANDHAM,
Gen. Sec.

THERE is no such thing as a menial office, when you put a true man into it. A menial office is an office with a mean man in it; and it makes no difference whether it is a king's office or a scavenger's office.

FOLLY AND DANGER.

To seek healing of soul from duties, instead of the blood of Christ, is taking poison to cure the disease.

"If thou seek Him He will be found of thee."

1 Chron. xxviii. 9.

"God hath not appointed us to wrath."
1 Thessalonians v. 9.



"IN DANGER."

ONE evening, a labouring man in Detroit, United States, thought he would walk home by the side of the railroad. He required, however, to cross the railway track, and, in so doing, found his foot caught fast in what is called a "frog," and all his efforts to extricate himself were unavailing. Of course it was all his own fault and folly, —he had taken a forbidden path. There he was, pulling this way and that, wrenching and twisting; but the "frog" held fast his boot and his foot.

An hour had passed. He heard the whistle of a train in the distance. In his bag or bundle he had a match-box and papers; his walking stick furnished a pole; and on the top of it the papers were placed, ready to blaze up as the danger-signal whenever the train should come near. The rumble of the heavy train was more and more distinct; now or never his signal must catch the driver's eye. He struck his match; the flame blazed up brightly.

The wind made the flame sway right and left all over the track. His signal had succeeded; he heard the whistle for brakes. There was the hiss of steam, and the heavy train came to a stand; but its great light was shining down upon the man, and the advance of a few feet more would have been death. He was released just in time. He had been face to face with death.

Unforgiven sinner, your position resembles this man's. You have taken forbidden paths; your own folly and sin have set you down in a condition of tremendous danger. It is written, "His own iniquities shall take the wicked, and he shall be holden by the cords of his sin" (Proverbs 5: 22). Judgment is coming.

What will you do? Your *unforgiven sins* have fixed you so that you cannot escape. They grasp your soul and keep you fast till the Judge comes. One thing only will avail, one thing only will attract the attention of the Judge and arrest judgment. It is this: *hold up the Blood of Him Who* "once suffered for sins" (1 Peter 3: 18). Nothing else will catch the eye of the Judge; but this will, for He has said, "When I see the Blood, I will pass over you." There is no time to lose. Every week brings the Judge near. Hold up at once the atoning sign, the Blood that says, "I have died already, I have paid what was due;" and thus you are delivered. You will return home in peace, no more to walk as before on the track of sin and death, but singing the new song, the song of the Redeemed, who, like yourself, were taken from the fearful pit (Psalm 40: 2, 3).

DR. A. A. BONAR.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

"We trust in the Lord our Gcd."
2 Kings xviii. 22.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES

COME.

REMEMBER

—THE—

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Held

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

Bulletin for Week Commencing October 8, 1883.

MONDAY....	Oct. 8....	12.00 M.	PRAISE & THANKSGIVING. The Secretary.
		7.30 P.M.	MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C."
		7.30 P.M.	INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 9....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Aston.
		8.00 P.M.	ANNUAL SOCIAL MEETING of the Asso- ciation. Election of officers. John Macdonald, Esq., in the chair.
WEDNESDAY.	" 10....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
THURSDAY...	" 11....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. S. R. Biggs.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING for mutual edifica- tion and prayer.
FRIDAY	" 12 ...	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Geo. T. Fergusson.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING.
SATURDAY....	" 13....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Asst. Sec.
		7.30 P.M.	INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. S. Caldecott.
SUNDAY	" 14 ...	3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon
		" "	DEAF MUTE CLASS.
		" "	CHINESE CLASS.
		8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE.

Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Oct. 14, 3.00 P.M.

GOSPEL MEETING at Union Station and at West End Branch (1020 Queen W.,
Young Men's Meeting every Saturday at 8 p.m., Bible Class every Tuesday at
8 p.m.; Workers' Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 7.30 a.m., in
the West End Branch Rooms.

Noon Meeting every Tuesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in the G. T. R. Roundhouse
Reading Room, and every Wednesday at the same hour, in
the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Workshops.

COTTAGE MEETING.

EVERY FRIDAY,

" 232 Dundas Street.