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For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.—Heb. iv. 15, 16.

Editorial.

Rev. W. C. Van Meter, of the Italian Bible Mission, visited Toronto during the past week. He preached Sabbath, 25th inst, morning and evening in the Jarvis Street Baptist Church, and in the afternoon addressed a large audience in Shaftesbury Hall, upon his work in Italy. Great interest was manifested in the several meetings, and the result has been the pledge of a sufficient sum of money to enable the Society to place another missionary in the field. Mr. Van Meter met while here with Mr. Newberry, an Italian by birth, and an earnest worker for the Master, and the Board at Philadelphia has been requested to appoint him as an evangelist at the Vatican Mission.

We have with us in the city at present Mr. Long, a gentleman interested in educational work, also in the Workingmen's Association of Glasgow. The Secretary of the Montreal Association writes: "He spent the Sabbath with us, and at our noon meetings daily, and he certainly possessed a most remarkable knowledge of the Word of God. His special forte is that of opening up the

Scriptures. He delivered a lecture on the 'Life of Samson' in our Hall, and I never knew that Samson showed so much of Christ. Mr. Long will interest you and instruct you, as his expositions are full of Christ."

We are pleased to say that Mr. Long has consented to take the Teacher's Bible Class on Saturday afternoon, 31st inst., at 4 o'clock, also the Sabbath afternoon Bible Class. On Monday evening, at 8 o'clock, he will (D.V.) give his lecture on "Samson" in Shaftesbury Hall. No charge for admission. A collection will be taken up, and will be applied to the work in which Mr. Long is so much interested.

If any of our kind friends who are the happy possessors of gardens or conservatories, would present us with a few pots of flowers for our parlours, we should feel obliged. They would not be missed from your collection, but would be much prized by our visitors. We will gladly send for the flowers if you will give your address, stating the hour at which to call.

We expect our esteemed President home from London in a few weeks. It is scarcely necessary for us to say that he has been actively engaged while in England, and we expect that after his return he will favour us with his *experience* while in the old land.

JESUS!

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.—Acts iv. 12.

Selections.

No flower can bloom in Paradise that is not transplanted from Gethsemane; no one can taste of the fruit of the tree of life that has not tasted of the fruit of Calvary.—*Leigh Richmond.*

MY TRANSGRESSIONS.

"My transgressions." Yes, they are mine more than anything else is mine, except my soul.

My clothes and books are mine; but I can give them away or sell them, and they are mine no more.

My money is mine, but a thief may make it his to-night.

My limbs are mine; but they may be cut off, and given to the earth, while I still live.

My body is mine; but death may lay it in the dust, and I—my soul, the immortal spirit, my own self—shall live apart. But woe is me! My sins are mine more than my body.

Not all the changes of time, not death itself, not all created powers, can cut assunder, can even touch the strange tie that binds my sins to myself.

But, thank God, my sins are not myself; they may be taken from me.

The hand of Almighty love can untie the bands that bind this burden to my soul, and He will, if I ask Him. Every penitent sinner finds a pardoning God.

Hear David's testimony: "I said I will confess"—no sooner said than done—"and Thou forgavest."

David's confession was cut short by the Lord's forgiveness. David was forgiven as soon as he confessed in his heart; he had not time, it seems, to make confession with his lips. Pardon came in between the confession of the heart and the confession of the lips. The Lord did not keep him waiting, he kept the Lord waiting.

What a great forgiver God is! How full, and free, and speedy, and generous is His pardon! He waits to be gracious, like a living mother who only waits for the first sign of sorrow in her wayward boy. He waits only till the soul says, "I will confess," and then the voice confessing is drowned in the kiss of forgiveness.

"Not to purchase love and mercy,
Jesus shed His precious blood;
But to prove that everlasting
Is the boundless love of God."

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

At one of the Anniversary Meetings in London Mr. Spurgeon spoke with great eloquence and force, and, among many good and quaint things, he told this story: "He had heard of a man who used to say to his wife, 'Mary, go to church and pray for us both.' But the man dreamed one night that when he and his wife got to the gate of heaven, Peter said, 'Mary, go in for them both.' He awoke, and made up his mind that it was time for him to become a Christian. There are multitudes connected with our congregations in this country who might learn a much-needed lesson from the incident. A Christian experience is neither transferable nor divisible. The wife cannot save her husband, nor the husband his wife. "Let every man prove his own work, then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden." To meet under the tree of life in heaven, families must meet at the cross on earth.

YOUNG MEN, HEED THIS.

Let a young man go on from fifteen to thirty-five, robbing his body of natural sleep, racking it with the insalubrious employments of convivial life, taxing his nervous system by the use of such narcotics as tobacco, and such stimulants as alcohol, and he will find himself sooner or later, shorn of his manly strength, deficient in mental vigor, lacking in physical endurance, and a prey to ten thousand weaknesses of mind and muscle.—*C. R. Agnew, M. D.*

The Association at Bombay, India, is about to erect a large building at a cost of \$14,000.

The first building in the south owned by a Y. M. C. A. has just been built in Marion, Ala.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.—1 Tim. i. 15.

Sunday Afternoon Bible Class,

SHAFTESBURY HALL, 3 O'CLOCK.

YOU

ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

Young Men's Meeting,

SATURDAY EVENING, 8 O'CLOCK.

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Bulletin for Week Commencing August 2nd, 1880.

MONDAY	Aug. 2	12.00 M.	Praise Meeting—Ps. cxxxviii. Mr. H. A. Long, of Glasgow.
		8.00 P.M.	Young Men's Bible Class. H. A. Bruton.
TUESDAY	" 3	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Saving our life by losing it.—1 Kings xvii. 8-16; Matt. xvi. 25. E. C. Newberry.
WEDNESDAY ..	" 4	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Love not the world.—Matt. xix. 17, 18. Rev. R. Wallace
THURSDAY.....	" 5	12.00 M.	Bible Reading. Alf. Sandham.
FRIDAY	" 6	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Thirsting for God.—Ps. lxxli. 1-11. R. Kilgour.
		8.00 P.M.	Boys' Meeting. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY	" 7	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Pillars in the Temple of God.—1 Kings vii. 21; Rev.
		4.00 P.M.	Teacher's Bible Class. [iii. 12; John v. 5. Rev. I. Tovell.
		8.00 P.M.	Young Men's Meeting. H. B. Gordon.
SUNDAY.....	" 8	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. S. R. Briggs.

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. 8, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station—WM. MARKS and E. C. NEWBERRY.
" " " " At Nipissing Station—JOHN MCGREGOR and W. E. BURFORD.

COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every MONDAY 8 P.M.—30 Mercer Street. Thursday 8 P.M.—62 Sackville Street.

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

FREE LECTURE!

H. A. LONG, ESQ.,

(OF GLASGOW, SCOTLAND)

Has kindly consented to deliver his Lecture on the

DEATH OF SAMSON

—ON—

MONDAY EVENING,

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BOATS.

Nearly all the regular passenger boats arrive at the Yonge street wharves, Tourists pass up Yonge street to Queen, thence one block westward to the Rooms.

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify.—John v. 39.

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