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WOULD hasten  
my escape  
from the windy  
storm and  
tempest.

Psalm lv. 8.

A man (Jesus)  
shall be as an  
hiding place from  
the wind, and a  
covert from the  
tempest. Isa. xxxiii. 2.

Rev's J. Salmon and J. McNeil took part in the opening devotional exercises, after which an address of welcome was delivered by the chairman. He was followed by a brief address by Mr. L. C. Peake, upon whom had devolved no small amount of labor and correspondence in the "search for a man," now so happily and satisfactorily concluded. Mr. McCulloch then addressed the Workers, and in a few well chosen words expressed his pleasure in meeting with the brethren, and his hope that their united labors might redound to the glory of God in the salvation of souls. Short addresses were then given by Rev. Dyson Hague, Mr. D. C. Forbes, S. R. Briggs, J. D. Nasmith, Alf. Sandham, and others. A pleasing event of the evening was the presentation to each Active member (by John Macdonald, Esq., 1st Vice-President) of a bound volume of the "Life of George Moore." In the absence of Mr. Macdonald (through illness) Mr. R. Kilgour presented the books. A hearty vote of thanks was passed, after which the pleasant meeting was dismissed with prayer, by Mr. J. O. Anderson.

## WELCOME.

**L**AST Thursday evening the workers and friends of the Association assembled in goodly numbers in the Parlor of the Association to meet with and welcome our new General Secretary, Mr. W. McCulloch. After tea the chair was taken by Hon. S. H. Blake.

## BULLETIN FUND.

Rev. T. W. J. .... \$2 00  
Workers. .... 1 00

Filled with the knowledge of His will.  
Colossians i. 9.

All we like sheep have gone astray.  
Isaiah liii. 6.

**GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE**  
**EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,**  
AT 8 O'CLOCK.  
**ALL WELCOME.**

**THE WORK.**

**T**HE following reports presented at the last monthly meeting of the Board, were crowded out of our last issue:—

**DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.**

No. of Meetings.	Name of Meeting.	Total Attend.	Avg. Attend.
24	Noonday Prayer.....	795	33
4	Teachers' Bible Classes, (Sat. aft.).....	700	175
4	Evang. Bible Classes, (Sun. aft.).....	126	21
3	Young Men's Bible Classes (Mon. ev'g)..	100	33
4	Young Men's Meetings (Sat. ev'g).....	330	82
4	Gospel and Song Service (Sun. ev'g).....	2550	637
3	Vocal Classes (Thurs. ev'g).....	48	16
Total attendance.....		4649	

**VISITING COMMITTEE.**

Visits to sick young men in Hospital.	3
"    "    "    Boarding Houses.....	2
"    Young men, in response to letters from friends at a distance.....	3
General visits to Hospital, distributing Papers and Tracts.....	3
Total No. of visits.....	19

**INVITATION COMMITTEE.**

Saturday evening meeting (4 meetings).			
Total No. of Workers.	Avg. No.	Total No. of Slips Issued.	Avg. No.
19	4	1900	475
Monday even'g Bible Class (3 meetings).			
15	5	1500	500

**RECEPTION COMMITTEE.**

This Committee reports that during the Month of March one or more members have been present every evening and welcomed a number of strangers, held Family Worship in the Member's Parlor and have also on many occasions spoken on religious subjects with those who have frequented the Rooms. Below are a few statistics.

No. of visitors registered.....	30
Average number of Young Men in Parlor during the evening.....	20
Average Number at Family Worship.....	8

**BOY'S COMMITTEE.**

Your Committee desire to report a month of well attended meetings. Three gospel meetings were held, with an average attendance of 48; also, a lecture by Rev. Mr. Starr, with an attendance of 90.

**EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE.**

No. of Young Men obtained Permanent Employment.....	1
No. of Young Men obtained Temporary Employment.....	10

**BOARDING HOUSE COMMITTEE.**

Visits to Boarding Houses.....	962
"    Hotels.....	64
"    Fire Halls.....	25
"    Police Stations.....	12
"    Car & Livery Stables.....	19
"    Public Library West.....	4
Young Men spoken to religiously...	31
BULLETINS distributed.....	3700
Tracts &c, ".....	4500
Gospel meetings in Boarding Houses	11
Average attendance...	10
No. of Young Men directed to Boarding Houses.....	8

Whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.  
Ephesians iv. 30.

**Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God.**  
Ephesians iv. 30.

**RAILWAY SECRETARY.**

Visits to Engines . . . . .	133
“ Caboose.....	77
“ Round-houses and Shops.	12
“ Switch-houses.....	21
“ Offices.....	13
“ Sick and Injured.....	4
“ R. R. Reading Rooms and Bunk Rooms.....	20
“ Yards.....	1
Meetings held. Attendance.	
Union Station... .. 4	179
Noon meetings at G. T. R. Roundhouse. 4	64
Cottage meetings at York..... 4	55
Sunday meetings at York.. . . . . 4	66
<b>Total.....16</b>	<b>364</b>
Papers and books distributed.....	700
R. R. SPECIALS distributed.....	1000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1700</b>

It will be seen from the foregoing reports that while we have been laboring under some disadvantages during this month, the work has been prosecuted with vigor, and we are pleased to add to these statistical reports testimony that there has been spiritual blessing attending the work.

# BIBLE CLASS

**FOR S. S. TEACHERS,**

Conducted by Mr. S. H. Blake,

**EVERY SATURDAY,**

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

## “MINE’S A RELIGION FOR ALL WEATHERS.”



**M**ANY persons act as though their religion was intended for use like their good clothes, only to be used on special occasions. If any such are among our readers, we commend to their careful consideration the following incident:—

There is a fishing village on the coast of Cornwall where the people are very poor, but pious and intelligent. Last year they were sorely tried. The winds were contrary, and for nearly a month they could not put to sea. At last, one Sabbath morning the wind changed, and some of the men whose faith was weak went out towards the beach, the women and children looking on sadly, many saying with sighs, “I’m sorry it’s Sunday, but—.”

“If we were not so poor—.”

“But if,” said a sturdy fisherman, starting up, and speaking aloud; “surely, neighbours, you’re not going with your buts and ifs to break God’s law.”

“The people gathered around him, and he added, ‘Mine’s a religion for all weathers, fair wind and foul. ‘This is the love of God, that ye keep this law.’ Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy;’ that’s the law friends. And our Lord came not to break but to fulfil the law. True, we are poor; what of that? Better poor, and have God’s smile, than rich, and have His frown. Go, you, that dare; but I never knew any good come of a religion that changed with the wind.”

These words in season stayed the purpose of the rest. They went home and made ready for the house of God,

**Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity.**  
Psalm li. 2.

and spent the day in praise and prayer. In the evening, just when they would have been returning, a sudden storm sprang up, that raged terribly for two days. After the tempest came settled weather, and the pilchard fishery was so rich and abundant, that there was soon no complaining in the village. Here was a religion for all weathers. Remember the words "Trust in the Lord and do good, and verily thou shalt be fed."

### "NOT MUCH HARM IN IT."

**S**OME years ago, two young men, belonging to fashionable circles became seriously impressed with their condition as sinners, and of the importance of salvation. While in this state of mind, they were both invited to attend a ball. Both were strongly solicited to attend. One yielded and went, persuading himself that there was *not much harm in it*. The other, instead of going, repaired to the house of his pastor, where he spent the evening in a manner more befitting his state of mind. The result was as may be expected. The former that night lost all his impressions, returned to the world, and became more hardened and careless than ever; the other soon after found peace in believing, and continued an exemplary happy Christian.

Dear young reader! when you have the strivings of God's Spirit, beware of turning aside to the pleasures of the world under the impression that you can renew your serious reflections at a more convenient season. God is merciful and gracious; but there is definite danger in trifling with his Spirit.

## EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by MR. H. B. GORDON,

Chairman of Devotional Committee.

**ALL INVITED.**

## BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, APRIL 13.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. General Secretary.

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Love Covereth all Sins. Prov. x, 12; Luke xv. 11-24. Rev. R. W. E. Greene.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Hostile, the Faithful, the Negligent,—In which Class am I? Luke xix. 11-27. S. R. Briggs.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Running away from Duty is Running into Trouble. Jonah i. 1-17; Ezek. xxxiii. 8, 9. Rev. J. Salmon.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Simply Trusting. Isaiah xii. 1-3; xxvi. 3, 4. R. Merryfield.  
7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Valley of Humiliation. Joshua vii, 1-12. Assistant Secretary.  
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. J. J. Findlay.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.

" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service H. B. Gordon. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

*Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Sec'y.*

### Railway Men's Meeting.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16.

7.30 p.m., for one hour.—At York. Cottage Meeting at Alex. Shield's; address by J. Gibb.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17.

12.35 to 12.55 p.m.—Bible Reading at G.T.R. Roundhouse, City. J. J. Gartshore.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19.

GOSPEL MEETINGS.

3 p.m.—Union Station. J. Johnston and W. Marks.

3.15 p.m.—At York. J. Gibb and R. Hall.