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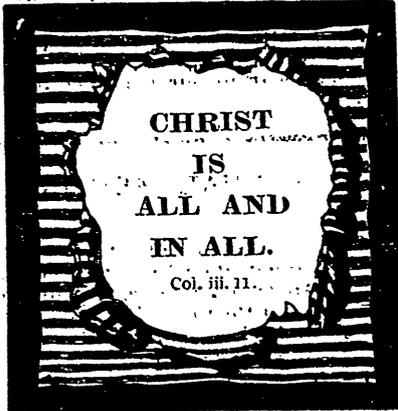
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MR. BLAKE'S BIBLE CLASS FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

Resumes its sessions

On Saturday, October 4th,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

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Workers..... \$1 85

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

Will (D.V.) be held

In the Member's Parlor,

On the evening of

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

The Annual Report of the Directors and Sub-Committees will be presented; officers for the ensuing year elected, and revised Constitution and By-laws submitted.

A full attendance of members is desired.

ALF. SANDHAM, S. H. BLAKE,
Gen. Secretary. President.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.—Proverbs iii. 13.

THE EXHIBITION.

THE following report presents the detail of the closing days of our tent work on the Exhibition grounds:—

Wednesday, 17th Sept.—The grounds are still crowded. Over 40,000 people again on the grounds. We held four meetings. Each time the tent was crowded, and many were the testimonies given of God's saving power, and one or two testified that last year when they visited the Exhibition they were on the Broad Road, but now, praise God, they are walking the Narrow Way.

Thursday, 18th Sept.—To-day we held three meetings, the tent being well filled each time. A large number of testimonies again given. One aged brother testified that he had been sixty-one years in the Christian life, and said the way was getting brighter and brighter. Praise the Lord.

Friday, 19th Sept.—Our last day. Still a large number on the grounds. We held two meetings, the first at noon, 110 being present, and the other at 3 p.m., when we had about 70 present. There were several testimonies, and we closed our Exhibition work with the doxology.

The seed has been faithfully sown, let us now ask our good Father to water it; that it may bring forth an abundant harvest, to the glory of His name.

In the nine days we held 25 meetings, with an attendance of about 2,500, or an average of 100 each meeting.

The writing materials were also much appreciated, as also was the reading matter supplied in the tent."

We have been much encouraged this year; in fact Rev. Mr. Salmon, (who had charge of the meetings, and who has in former years faithfully stood by us, purely from love for the work and a desire to help us), states that it has been a season of greater blessing and encouragement than during any pre-

vious year. With us, he agrees that the time has come when we should have a permanent building upon the grounds, and we trust that ere another season rolls round we may be placed in possession of funds wherewith to erect such a building. It would cost but a comparatively small sum. Brethren, don't forget this call, but make it a matter for prayer and *practice*.

As we go to press we learn with deep regret that Mrs. T. J. Wilkie, wife of our late General Secretary, died suddenly at her home, Brooklyn, New York, on the 22nd inst. The many friends of Mr. Wilkie will no doubt bear him up in the arms of faith and prayer, that He who is the God of all comfort may be very near to our bereaved brother.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING.

WE urge upon our members the importance to be attached to their attendance at our Annual Business Meeting, to be held (D.V.) on Tuesday evening, 7th October.

The past year has been marked by rich blessing. Many souls have been won for the Lord Jesus, and God has also blessed us by enabling the Directors to very materially reduce the debt upon our building. Thus we have spiritual and temporal blessings to thank God for. Let us, therefore, come up to the meeting determined that it shall be a meeting for praise as well as business, and let our business praise Him from whom all blessings flow. We hope to see a large turn out of our members.

If we are to praise God in Eternity we must begin in time.

Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom.
1 Corinthians i. 30.

It pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell.
Colossians i. 19.

THE DEFECTIVE NAIL.



I LOOKED at a carpenter
nailing one day
Some weatherboards on in a
workmanlike way,
And saw that the claw of the
hammer he clapped
To a nail which the moment
before he had tapped,
And, drawing it out, threw
it by with a jerk,
Took another instead, and
went on with his work.

"What's that for," I asked him. "Have nails grown so cheap That you toss them away as too worthless to keep?" "No," he answered, it bent in the driving, and so, Lest it make a bad job, to the ground it must go. We draw while we are able," he said, with a grin, "For we can't pull it out, once we hammer it in."

When the nail had been followed by one that was good, I noticed beside it a dent in the wood—The mark had been made by the base of the claw Through the strong force exerted the bent nail to draw; And there the depression, to eyesight quite plain, Though twice painted over, will doubtless remain.

No marvellous incident this, you say; still It set me to thinking, as little things will, How habits, like nails, be they wrong ones or right, Can't be drawn from their places when hammered in tight; And, though drawn ere they sink to the head, leave behind By their drawing some traces on body and mind.

—*Temperance Record.*

"DO YOU?"



CCARELESS, ungodly man was hard at work cutting down a tree. The clergyman of the parish passed by, and saw what he was doing. "Why are you cutting down this tree?" he inquired. "Because it bears no fruit," was the reply. Then the clergyman very earnestly turned to him, and put the question, "Do you?" The man could not answer. The reproof went home to his conscience. A whisper of conscience within told him that he had been as a cumberer of the ground, and I trust the impression was not lost. A few more words of warning were added, and the man went and finished the work in which he was engaged.

"Do you?" Here is a question for all. The great Husbandman walks through His vineyard, and marks every tree that is planted in it. He draws near, and examines whether there be fruit or not. He turns over the leaf. He is not content with a fair profession, but He looks forth to see if there be good fruit, worthy of the toil and trouble He has expended upon it. A

Ye are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.
Colossians iii. 11.

through His Church every soul is known to Him, and every life is spread open before Him.

"Do you?" Do you bear fruit—good fruit, pleasing in God's sight? *What is the fruit manifested in your daily life?* By your actions and conduct each day do you glorify God?

What is the fruit of your lips? What words do you speak from day to day, and from week to week?

What is the fruit of your heart? Even this is seen by the eye of the Omniscient. St. Paul tells us what that fruit ought to be. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Is this the fruit that is found by God's grace in your heart?

Judge your own self. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit will soon be cut down and cast into the fire. If you have hitherto been as the barren fig-tree, at once turn to God. Then shall He give you His grace, and in His strength you shall bear fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the praise and glory of God.

REV. GEO. EVERARD.

AN ARMY OF YOUNG MEN.

CS we go to press, the Order of Locomotive Firemen is assembled in Convention in our Hall, which has been placed at its disposal by our Association. There is a large attendance of delegates, *all Young Men*, and these represent a vast army, said to consist of 22,000 men. What a power such a number would be were they all on the Lord's side. Thank God there are many who belong to Him. May the number rapidly increase.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

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BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

Bible Class at 3 p.m., and Gospel and Song Service at 8.30, followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15. All invited.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

12 noon.—Thanksgiving and Praise Meeting. The Secretary.
8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Daily Service of the Early Church. Acts ii. 46, 47. R. Sims.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Which Way Am I Taking? Matt. vii. 13, 14; Prov. xiv. 12; Isaiah xxxv. 8. S. R. Briggs.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2.

12 to 12.45 noon.—If You Are a Christian, Show It. Matt. v. 14-16; Jas. ii. 20; 1 Peter ii. 9. Rev. J. Salmon.
8 p.m.—WORKER'S TRAINING CLASS. The Secretary.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3.

12 to 12.45 noon.—If I Regard Iniquity in My Heart, the Lord Will Not Hear Me. Ezek. xx. 1-31. R. Merryfield.
7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Expression of a Burdened Heart for Brethren in Distress. Neh. i. Assistant Secretary.
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. J. J. Gartshore.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class H. B. Gordon.
" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.
" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.
" Italian Class.
8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service S. R. Briggs. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.
Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Sec'y.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.