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APPROPRIATING FAITH.

I will love thee, O Lord, MY strength.

The Lord is MY rock, and MY fortress, and MY deliverer; MY God; MY strength, in whom I will trust; MY buckler, and the horn of MY salvation, and MY high tower.—Ps. xviii. 1-2.

WEEK OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR YOUNG MEN.

NOVEMBER 14—20, INCLUSIVE.

The week commencing November 14th will be observed in all the Associations throughout the world, as a week of Special Prayer and Supplication for the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church and the world, and especially for a blessing upon the efforts which are made by these Associations, to win young men to the love and service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ministers of the Gospel, of all denominations, are earnestly and respectfully requested to let their prayers and pulpit ministrations, during the week, be associated with the week of prayer for young men.

We need several workers for the Boys' Committee, and we want to bring it before the thoughtful attention of our members. Those who are willing to help in the Boys' Prayer Meeting will please tell the General Secretary.

1881.

Members will please bear in mind that Fees for 1881 are now due.

OUR LECTURE COURSE.

A large audience assembled in Shaftesbury Hall on Tuesday last, to listen to well known orator, John B. Gough, in his lecture, Platform Experience. It is quite unnecessary for us to say that his lecture was alike instructive and amusing. On Friday the 29th, Mr. Gough again lectures under our auspices.

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But we want all young men to understand that we look upon these as means to one great end. Our aim is to win souls for Christ, and therefore we seek by all means to win some. Come with us, and by God's help we will do thee good.

CHRISTIANS inherit their name from Christ; and it is very meet that as they inherit his name, so they should also imitate his holiness.—St. Bernard.

PLEASE SIR, GIVE ME A LIFT?

A few evenings ago, I was coming from my home to the rooms. It was near 7 o'clock, and already it was quite dark. As I passed along, I saw a little boy trying to lift a hand cart on to the side walk, but the load was too heavy for him. As I drew near, he accosted me with the words, "Please mister, give me a lift?" I stopped, and taking the back of his little cart, lifted it on to the path, and at once he started off without uttering even a word of thanks. But what cared I for that? Had I not given him a lift? Had I not helped him on his way rejoicing? I turned to pursue my journey, when there flashed across my mind this thought: Is this not designed to teach me a lesson? Are there not in Toronto hundreds of young men who are in a position similar to that occupied by the lad. They are waiting for a lift. They can make no headway where they are. They want a lift on to a smoother road. How easy it was for me to stoop and lift that little cart; but the lad could never have accomplished it alone. And how easy it would be for you, my brethren—for you my sister, to give a helping hand towards lifting some poor, helpless, burdened soul on to the homeward path. It is true you may not receive any thanks. Remember, if you work for thanks, your pay will likely be small; but if you work for Jesus' sake, the reward will be large.

Day after day in our Association rooms we hear this cry from young men, "Please give us a lift." By God's grace we are trying to help; but oh, how few are the helping hands, and how many and urgent are the appeals. The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few.

Will you not come and help us?

Help us by becoming a member of the Association.

Help us by your presence at our meetings.

Help us by giving of your means.

Help us by your prayers.

By heeding this you will not only give us a lift, but we in turn will look for and give a lift to the needy young men of our city.

THE GREAT LIFTER UP.

I waited patiently for the LORD;
and HE inclined unto me, and heard
my cry.

HE brought me up also out of an
horrible pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a rock, and es-
tablished my goings.

And HE hath put a new song in
my mouth, even praise unto our God;
many shall see it, and fear, and
shall trust in the Lord.—Ps. xl. 1-3.

A good thing is told by Dr. Thompson, of a father hearing the voice of his child behind him, as he was picking his way carefully along the mountain side, "Take a safe path papa, I'm coming after you." Ah! If fathers while climbing the rugged hill of life, would only notice that as they walk so their children coming on after them will walk, how much more careful would they be concerning the path taken!—*Little Falls, N. Y. Railway Monthly Bulletin.*

There are multitudes in the Church who complain that they have no talents. They can talk on every other subject, but they are so *peculiarly constituted* that they cannot talk of Jesus and His love; in truth they seem to have ten talents for the world, not one talent for Christ's work. At a social gathering they are the gayest of the gay; but in a religious meeting they are as dumb as the dead. They pride themselves on their conversational powers; all the circle in which they move is enlivened by their wit and humor as they talk of the common things of life; but if the subject of religion is mentioned in their presence, they are as silent as though they had no love for heavenly things.—*Christian Women.*

Those who have real merit are the last ones to see it in themselves, and the first ones to see it in others.

SOUND ADVICE.

To keep the lip
From many a slip,
Five things observè with care,
Of whom you speak,
To whom you speak,
And how, and when, and where.

DRUNKARDS, READ THIS!

DRUNKENNESS

EXPELS REASON,
DISTEMPERS THE BODY,
DIMINISHES STRENGTH,
INFLAMES THE BLOOD;

CAUSES { INTERNAL } WOUNDS;
{ EXTERNAL }
{ ETERNAL }
{ INCURABLE }

IS
A WITCH TO THE SENSES,
A DEMON TO THE SOUL,
A THIEF TO THE PURSE,
A GUIDE TO BEGGARY, LECHERY, & VILLIANY,

IT IS
THE WIFE'S WOE, AND
THE CHILDREN'S SORROW,
MAKES A MAN
WALLOW WORSE THAN A BEAST, AND
ACT LIKE A FOOL.

HE IS
A SELF-MURDERER
WHO DRINKS TO ANOTHER'S GOOD HEALTH,
AND
ROBS HIMSELF OF HIS OWN.

—From John Ploughman's Talk, by Rev. H. Spurgeon.

Let us rather consider what we ought to do ourselves, than hearken after the doings of others. The stories of our neighbors' error tend but little to the reformation of our own.

THE Y. M. C. A. AND THE CHURCH.

The Y. M. C. A. is organized for the Church, and is in no way designed to take the place of the Church. Joseph Cook says: "The Associations are to the Church as a set of fingers, thrown out in advance of the palm, to gather into its bosom whatever may be within reach." The very first qualification for voting and holding office in the Association is that a person shall be a "member in good standing in an Evangelical Church, which holds the doctrine of justification by faith in Christ alone." Some persons regard this society as useless. But if they were to look at the young men on our streets, and the wide field which opens for us, they would surely think more wisely. The Y. M. C. A. does not attempt to assume any work that lies within the province of the Church, but rather to do that which the Church does not do, to make a special effort to reach young men. The results of the work of the Y. M. C. A. are always reaped by the Church, and those young men who are most active in the Y. M. C. A. will be found to be earnest workers in their Churches. Every member in the Universal Church ought to give the Y. M. C. A. encouragement and support. Every thoughtful parent ought to try and bring his boys under its influences, and work together with us to present them "perfect in Christ Jesus."—From an Exchange.

Bulletin for Week Commencing Oct. 25th, 1880.

MONDAY	Oct. 25	12.00 M.	Praise Meeting—W. P. Crombie.
		8.00 P.M.	Young Men's Bible Class.
TUESDAY	"	25 ..12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. The Hid Treasure, Matt. xiii. Rev. J. Hogg
WEDNESDAY	"	27 ..12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Silu wisely and faithfully reprov'd. II. Sam. xii. 1-13. J. R. James.
THURSDAY	"	28 ..12.00 M.	Bible Reading. Alf. Sandham.
FRIDAY	"	29 ..12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Christ the only Way. John xiv. 5-6 Rev. H. Melville.
		8.00 P.M.	Boys' Meeting. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY	"	30 ..12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. The Sword of the Spirit. Matt. iv. 1-11. Geo. T. Fergusson.
		4.00 P.M.	Teacher's Bible Class. Hon. S. H. Blake.
		8.00 P.M.	Young Men's Meeting. H. B. Gordon.
SUNDAY	"	31 .. 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, Oct. 31, 8 00 P.M.—At Union Station—RAILROAD SECRETARY. Testimony Meeting.
At Nipissing Station—JOS. GREENE and R. McJANNET, Jr.
COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every MONDAY 8 P.M.—4 McDougall's Lane, near Brock Street.
Thursday 8 P.M.—78 Ontario Street, (rear).
Noon Meeting every Wednesday. 12.30 to 1—Toronto, Grey & Bruce Reading Rooms.

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