

Shaftesbury Hall.

WEEKLY

BULLETIN

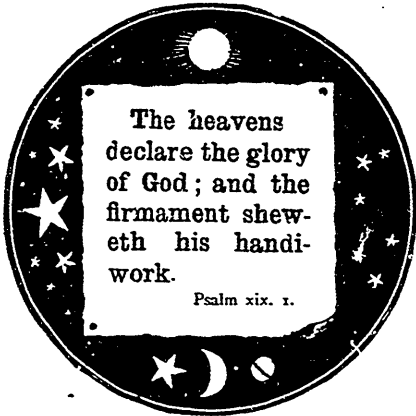
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The heavens
declare the glory
of God; and the
firmament shew-
eth his handi-
work.

Psalm xix. 1.

BULLETIN FUND.

Workers.....	\$2 50
A Lady.....	1 00
Cash (Winnipeg).....	1 00

OUR BOYS.

ON Thursday, 3rd inst., "Our Boys" held their Annual Social. The attendance was large; the supply of provisions, ample; the pleasure, unbounded; the result (we believe) beneficial.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

DURING the special services for Young Men, the Secretary's Bible Class will meet on Thursday evening of this week, but will be discontinued for the week following. The attendance at the class is large, but we feel that it would be wise to throw in all the energy of our workers with the special meetings that week.

YOUNG MEN.

OUR Christian friends are asked to remember in their prayers the special services for Young Men which commence on Monday, 14th, and continue until the 26th, every night at 8 o'clock, except Thursday, 17th, for which evening our Hall is engaged. We also ask our workers to turn out in full strength, as we have a place for each one, and work sufficiently varied to suit the talent of each. We are looking for a blessing. Come and share it.

GOD IS OUR HELP.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God.
Matt. vi. 33.

No man can serve two masters.
Matt. vi. 24!

CHANGES.

IMPORTANT changes have been made in our Railway work. Mr. Burford's resignation has been accepted, taking effect at once.

Our work in the West End of the city will in the meantime be under the supervision of Mr. T. S. Cole, Travelling Secretary for the Dominion. Mr. W. C. Jex, a man of practical knowledge in railway life, and of some experience in Y. M. C. A. work, has been engaged as Railway Secretary, and will devote his time solely to *Christian* work among the Railway employees.

We carry on this work at present, as in the past, relying on the good providence of God to direct our efforts to the moral and spiritual good of the Railway Men of this country.

The meetings at Union Station, G. T. R. Round House, T. G. & Bruce R. Shops, and the West End Rooms will all be continued. The Yard and Shops at York will also shortly be opened. The field is large, but with God's blessing we hope to cover it.

A WRONG RIGHTEOUSNESS.—Remember the good old rabbi, who was awakened by one of his twelve sons, saying: "Behold! my eleven brothers lie sleeping, and I am the only one who wakens to praise and pray." "Son," said the wise father, "you had better be asleep, too, than wake to censure your brothers." No fault can be as bad as the feeling which is quick to see and speak of other people's faults.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS,

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.



A MOTHER'S HAND.

AT the close of a religious service in North Wales, a young man remained behind. The aged minister asked what had induced him to stay. Without any other remark, he answered, "My mother's hand on my head!" Being asked to explain himself, he told the following story:—

"When I was but a youth, I left home. The day I left, my mother came into my room, and put her hand on my head, and said, 'Now, my boy, you are leaving me; but remember God. If you serve Him, He will be your Friend; but if you forsake Him, evil will overtake you.' I have never forgotten the pressure of that tender hand. Wherever I went I felt it. I came in here to-night, and through the service it pressed upon me more firmly, and when the service was over it held and kept me here."

What a mighty power there may be in the pressure of a mother's hand!

Always abounding in the work of the Lord.

1 Cor. xv. 58.

Draw nigh to God; He will draw nigh to you.

James iv. 8.

Through all the years of his absence from home that son felt it and was followed by it.

Young man! have you never felt the pressure of a loving mother's hand? Have you forgotten the parting words? How would that mother feel, were she to know how her son is spending his nights in Toronto. Think of these things, and turn toward that Friend who has promised to receive you and care for you.

TRUE SUCCESS.



We hear much in the present day of successful Associations. and at times we are struck with the fact that much of the so-called success consists in well-attended Lecture Courses, "highly enjoyable" evenings of entertainment, a large number in attendance at the Gymnasium, etc. We may be looked upon as "heterodox" on this subject, but we must candidly state that we can see no more connection between these and "true success" than there is between a *well patronized* theatre and the moral elevation of the masses. We cannot present our standard of success better than by reprinting the following extracts from an address delivered at the Y.M.C.A. Conference held at Liverpool last autumn:—

"God is pleased to vouchsafe us indications of His presence and of success in our work even while engaged in it.

"When the individual members of the Association are men filled with the Holy Ghost, and when their testimony has a pungency that affects the consciences and ease of their companions in business, leading them also to feel their need of and seek the Saviour:

"When the prayer meetings of the Association are lively and interesting, and attended by the members, and especially by the members of the Committee:

"When there is brotherly union and

co-operation in prosecuting the great aim in view between the members and the Committee:

"When God's holy Word is read in our meetings with becoming reverence and awe:

"When the truths of God enunciated, whether by Bible classes or addresses, are carried home with convincing and converting power to the hearts of the unsaved present:

"When the Association awakens prayerful interest in the welfare of young men at large, leading to special efforts in their behalf:

"When upon the young men of a town or neighbourhood through its instrumentality there is brought to bear a testimony to Divine Grace and its sufficiency to save them:

"When the Association is holding its legitimate place in relation to the churches of Christ, encouraging the members in the proper observance and acknowledgment of Divinely-appointed institutions and ordinances:

"When God gives the work favour in the eyes of those who have means to help it:

"When consistently with the maintenance of its principles; more, when, because of the maintenance of its principles, men of public spirit and enterprise come forward with a noble generosity, as they have done in many large cities, to enlarge its opportunities, by placing suitable and commanding premises at its disposal with a view to the increase and extension of its usefulness:

"Then we need not hesitate to say, *'The work is successful.'*"

TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS

HELD

Every Saturday Afternoon.

AT 4.30 O'CLOCK,

Conducted by Hon. S. H. BLAKE, Q.C.

The Lord hath done great things for us.

Psalms cxxvi. 3.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

FOR

YOUNG MEN ONLY,

Every Night (except Thursday) at 8 o'clock,

COMMENCING MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1884.

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BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.....	JAN. 14....	12.00	M.	PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING. The Sec'y.
TUESDAY.....	" 15	12.00	M.	FOR WHAT AM I LABORING. John vi. 22-29. W. Marks.
WEDNESDAY.	" 16...	12.00	M.	CHRIST THE CORNER STONE. 1 Cor. iii. 11; 2 Cor. v. 19, 21. Rev. J. Burton.
THURSDAY...	" 17....	12.00	M.	THIS ONE THING I DO. Phil. iii. 13, 14. Rev. H. Melville.
FRIDAY.....	" 18....	12.00	M.	THE LORD OUR STRENGTH AND SONG. Isa. xii. 2; xvi. 2; xxvi. 4. R. Sims.
SATURDAY....	" 19....	12.00	M.	OUR ONLY HOPE. John xiv. 6; vi. 44; 1 Cor. iii. 11. The Assistant Secretary.
		4.30 P.M.		TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
		7.30 P.M.		INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
		8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.
SUNDAY.....	" 20....	3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon
		" "		DEAF MUTE CLASS. F. S. Brigden.
		" "		CHINESE CLASS. W. M. Morse.
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. H. B. Gordon.
				Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

THE CLASSES WILL MEET AS USUAL.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

GOSPEL MEETINGS every Sunday at 3 p.m., 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.