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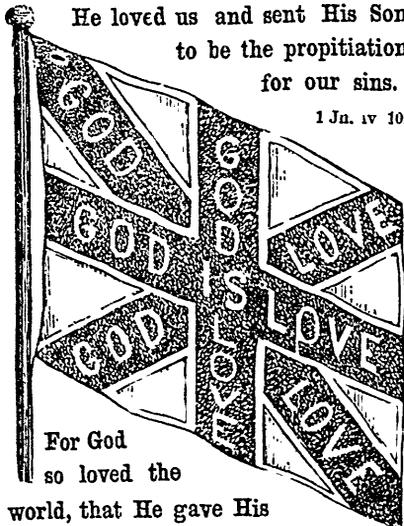
HIS BANNER OVER ME WAS LOVE.

S. S. II, 4.

HEREIN IS LOVE,

not that we loved God, but that
He loved us and sent His Son
to be the propitiation
for our sins.

1 Jn. iv 10.



For God
so loved the

world, that He gave His
only begotten Son, that whosoever be-
lieveth in Him should not perish, but
have everlasting life.—John iii. 16.

BULLETIN FUND FOR 1883.

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WEEK OF PRAYER.



ARRANGEMENTS have been made by the Evangelical Alliance for meetings to be held during the week of Prayer (7th-14th), as follows:—

- Monday, Jan. 8, Rev. J. M. King, D.D.
- Tuesday, " 9, Rev. Dr. Thomas.
- Wednesday, " 10, Rev. H. Johnston, B.D.
- Thursday, " 11, Rev. T. Sims.
- Friday, " 12,
- Saturday, " 13, Rev. J. Burton, B.D.

These meetings will be held in our Parlour each day, at 4 p.m.

On Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, a public meeting will be held in the Primitive Methodist Church, Carlton Street, at which addresses will be delivered by Rev's. G. M. Milligan and Elmore Harris.

It is hoped that all these meetings will be largely attended. At our noon-day meetings the subjects chosen by this Alliance will be taken up for prayer.

OUR BULLETIN.



It is with feelings of devout gratitude to God that we refer to the manner in which He has owned our work in connection with this paper. When its publication was decided upon about three years ago, it was on the usual basis of making the advertisements pay for the cost of issue. This was carried out for two years with this result—a deficit of nearly \$80. This deficit would not have been sufficient to stop the paper; but added to it was the fact that with advertisements it was not advisable to use it in our Sunday Work in Boarding Houses, and for that department it had more especially been intended. We therefore stopped the issue in Dec., 1881, but three months

CHEERING.



HROUGH the kindness of some of our members we were enabled to present a New Year's packet to the young men residing in Boarding Houses. This packet contained a small book, a New Year's card, an invitation to our Rooms, a copy of our Annual, and a copy of our New Year's BULLETIN. These were enclosed in a large envelope on which was printed:

A HAPPY NEW YEAR, 1883.

TO THE YOUNG MEN

OF THE

CITY OF TORONTO,

With best wishes of the

TORONTO

Young Men's Christian Association.

Have you accepted God's precious gift?

God so loved the world, that He GAVE His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have EVER-LASTING LI E. John iii. 16.

Our desire was to place this packet in the hands of the young men, before New Year's day. We therefore issued the following circular to our workers;

MY DEAR SIR,

We specially desire to place in the hands of the Young Men in Boarding Houses, one of our New Year packet's of reading matter, and at the Worker's meeting held last Thursday evening, it was agreed that the members of the Boarding House Committee, with other volunteers, should meet at the Rooms on Sunday morning, 31st, inst. at 8 a.m. and after a season of prayer proceed to visit the districts assigned them.

No doubt the performance of this special work will call for a little self-denial, but we trust that the importance of the work may be so fully realized, that every worker will be in attendance promptly at the hour named.

Please make the work a subject for special prayer, that God may be glorified in the conversion of many Young Men during the coming year.

At the time appointed, every worker was in his place, not an absentee. This speaks volumes for the faithful band of workers whom God has given us. The reports given are full of cheer, and we believe God will abundantly bless the work and workers.

without it was enough to make our workers and the work feel the need of it. Many were the requests made for its renewal, and at last, after much prayer, we concluded to resume the work, in entire dependence upon God for the funds wherewith to carry it on, feeling assured that if the *Lord's work* needed the paper, the *Lord's money* would be forthcoming. In this work of faith we have not been disappointed, and with devout gratitude to God we now announce that after paying all accounts for Vol. 3, we have a balance of fifty cents to carry over to the expenses of Vol. 4, which we have now entered. We purpose, by Divine help, making this BULLETIN take a place similar to that claimed by John, simply "A voice" crying, "Behold the Lamb of God." We never intend letting it be a mouthpiece for sounding the praises of the Association or its workers. "Jesus Only" will be our motto. We ask an interest in the prayers of God's chosen ones, that wisdom may be imparted, and that the BULLETIN may be used of God in the conversion of many souls.

Amounts received on Vol. 3 since our last acknowledgment:

A. H. C.	-	-	-	\$10 00
Sunday friends	-	-	-	33 00
H. W.	-	-	-	2 75
A lady friend	-	-	-	50
				\$46 25

The total cost of the BULLETIN for Vol. 3 was	-	-	-	\$177 75
Amount received	-	-	-	178 25

Balance on hand - - - 50

The expense during the present year will exceed that of Vol. 3, as the work in the Boarding Houses demands a much larger issue. We leave the matter with Him who has not yet failed us, and who will see that we want not the means, so long as *His work* calls for the outlay.

ELOCUTION CLASS.



MEMBERS desiring to enter this class must apply early, otherwise the class may not be inaugurated.

BUILDING FUND.

WE have secured thirty-one additional subscribers of \$100 each. These swell up the fund to about \$20,000. It is intended to make a vigorous canvass, and secure the full amount required during the present month. We want our building thoroughly remodelled for the efficient prosecution of our rapidly increasing work for young men. Pray for this and help on this desirable object.

NOTES OF PRAISE.

LAST Sunday was a day which will never be forgotten by some young men who visited our Hall. Two more that day were led by grace divine out of darkness into marvellous light. On that last day of the year they cast off the works of darkness and entered the new year as "new creatures in Christ Jesus. Old things passed away and all things become new."

Feeling convinced, from recent instances, that many young men who attend our meetings have been aroused to a sense of their danger, but know not where to turn for advice, our Devotional Committee has been led to set apart each Monday night from 7-30 till 9, when one or more of its members will be present to meet with and counsel those who may be anxious.

We are looking to God for rich spiritual blessing, and we purpose to be on the look out for the first tokens of the coming shower. We would like to see our association workers so busily engaged in soul seeking that there would be no time to think of less important departments.

"**I**CAN imagine when Christ said to the little band around Him, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel,' Peter said, 'Lord, do You really mean that we are to go back to Jerusalem and preach the Gospel to those men that murdered You?' 'Yes,' said Christ; 'go, hunt up that man that spit in my face, and tell him he shall have a seat in my kingdom if he will accept of salvation as a gift. Yes,

Peter; go, find that man that made that cruel crown of thorns and placed it on my brow, and tell him I will have a crown ready for him when he comes into my kingdom, and no thorns in it. I will give him a crown of life. Hunt up that man that took a reed and brought it down over the cruel thorns, driving them into my brow, and tell him I will put a sceptre into his hand, and he shall rule over the nations of the earth if he will accept salvation. Search for the man that drove the spear into my side, and tell him there is a nearer way to my heart than that. Tell him I forgive him freely, and that he can be saved if he will accept of salvation as a gift. Go to the men that drove the nails into my hands and feet, and tell them I forgive them freely, and that they shall have a seat in my kingdom if they will accept of it. Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.'"—*Mo dy.*

"TIME ENOUGH YET."

ALLOW me to ask you, dear reader, Are you saved, and on your way to heaven?

"I intend to be, but there is no great hurry." What! "No great hurry," and the messenger of death at your very door! Without a moment's warning you may be called into God's presence; and "what wilt thou say when He shall punish thee?" When asked why you despised His pardon, and trampled the blood of His Son under your feet, what answer will you give? Don't, oh, don't allow Satan to lull you to sleep in the cradle of a false security. Time is short, eternity is at hand. Will you, can you, dare you, one moment longer remain unsaved? "Now" is God's time. "To-morrow" may be too late. The dark thunder-cloud of God's wrath is about to burst on thy head; and if you remain in your present position the voice from heaven may sound forth, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee" Delay not another moment. Don't be perplexed about the future. He who saved poor sinners has promised to "keep" them; and the moment you receive Christ into your heart by faith, He will give you power to overcome sin, self, and Satan, and give you strength to live for Him.

REMEMBER

—THE—

Young Men's Meeting,

HELD

EVERY SATURDAY EVENING.

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME!

GOSPEL AND SONG

SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.

COME!

Bulletin for Week Commencing Jan. 8, 1883.

MONDAY.....	Jan. 8	..12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Secretary.
			8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	"	9....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Humiliation and Confession. Ps. cxxx.; James iv. 1-10. Geo. E. Stokes.
WEDNESDAY..	"	10 .. 12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Prayer for fami- lies. Prov. viii. 17-21, 32-35; Acts ii. 16 21. S. R. Briggs.
THURSDAY...	"	11....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Prayer for the Church Universal. Acts iv. 31-33; Eph. iii. 14; iv. 16. Rev. J. Selmon.
FRIDAY	"	12....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Prayer for the Na- tions. 1 Tim. ii. 1-4; Rom. xiii.; Lk. ii. 8-14. Rev. A. F. McGregor, B.A.
			8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SATURDAY ..	"	13....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Prayer for Missions. Isa. lii. 7-12; Luke xxiv. 46, 49. Rev. H. Melville.
			8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. J. J. Gartshore.
SUNDAY.....	"	14...	3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
			8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. Rev. Dr Sheraton.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Jan. 14, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meetings at Union Station, and Credit Valley Station, Parkdale