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**"Thou shalt guide me
with thy counsel, and
afterward receive me to
glory. Psalm Ixxiii. 24.**

A CHANGE.

WITH this number we change the arrangement in our form of announcements of meetings, (see 3rd. page). Heretofore we commenced with the Monday meeting, but having arranged to issue a special edition of 500 copies (without advertisements) for circulation among Sailors, Boatman &c., our list will hereafter commence with the Sabbath appointments.

RAILWAY RE-UNION.

THE Re-union held last Tuesday evening was well attended. His Worship the Mayor occupied the chair, supported by Sir. Wm. P. Howland and Hon. Vice Chancellor Blake. The musical and literary part of the programme was well sustained, and practical addresses were given by the Chairman, Hon. V. C. Blake and W. H. Howland. Many of the officials, and a large number of the men belonging to the Railways centering in Toronto were present.

NEW ASSOCIATIONS.

IT is pleasing to note a revival of interest in Association work. During the past few weeks we have received letters from three different towns asking for advice and assistance towards establishing associations. The Executive Committee has decided to send out a delegation to any place needing such services. It is daily becoming more apparent that the speedy appointment of a Travelling Secretary is desirable.

OUR ORCHESTRA.

AT last success has attended our effort to organize an orchestra to help at the gospel and song services. Messrs. Frisby, Lawrence, McLellan, Murch and West, have kindly consented to devote their talent to the Master's service in this department of our work. They were with us last Sabbath evening, and did good service.

BOYS' CONCERT.

CON Tuesday evening, May 3rd, the boys intend giving a concert and literary entertainment. The programme will be entirely sustained by themselves. In fact it is the boy's work altogether, even to the printing of tickets and programme. The boy's meeting is well sustained, and Mr. Edwards, the chairman, is indefatigable in his efforts to win the lads for Christ. We look forward to the day when a first-class reading and lecture room will be set apart in our building for this work.



THE MAN ON TOP OF THE ARK.

LOR years Irad had watched the workmen building the ark. At times he felt uneasy lest, after all, Noah's words might come true. He admitted that God who made, could also destroy, and that it was but reasonable that careless sinners should be punished, but—that God would punish as Noah said, was another question. When kindly pressed to “believe God and enter the ark,” he said that “it might be wise for his friend Jubal to accept such an invitation, but as for himself, why He was not like Jubal, he never drank, in fact he was a religious man—and added to this Enoch was a near relation of his.” At any rate, said he “I have a plan of my own. If a righteous man like me was to go in, it would be all the same as saying I was as bad as any. ‘No; God is just, and I have nothing to fear. And if danger does come, I tell you I have a plan of my own. I’ll stay near the ark. Thank you all again.’”****

The great door began to swing on its hinges soon after that, and the door was shut.

Irada did not feel so comfortable then. If anything happens He cannot get in now; that’s plain.

Days passed, without much change. Then it *did* come in awful form,—clouds, darkness, tempests, torrents of rain, roaring floods! No doubt now! But God did nothing for Irad. ‘Perhaps,’ thought he, ‘God intends me to be

saved by the ark just like the rest. Well, I *shall* be saved by it! How wise I was to stay *beside it!* How wise will be astonished to see me as safe as himself when all is over!’ So Irad climbed nimbly on the top of the ark, by one of the ladders. The ark floated. Irad tried to be happy. But first he grew cold. Then he grew hungry. ‘If I had gone *in* I would have had shelter, food and company. Fool that I was, since I have to be saved by this ark, not to go inside!’ Soon worse thoughts came. ‘But *am* I to be saved, after all? The water is rising still. There is not a speck of land to be seen. I am cold and faint with hunger. Ah! these swollen corpses dashing about my feet! Hark!—

‘A solitary shriek, the bubbling cry
Of some strong swimmer in his agony.’

How safe and happy are those inside! There is a raven; it is waiting for my flesh How shall I answer God? After all, was I quite so good a man as I thought! At the best I cannot say He has been unjust, for He will answer, “Why did you not BELIEVE ME and go *in?*”

Then the hoarse croak of the raven sounded like ‘Late—too late!’

“As in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Matt. 24: 36-39. ‘For when they shall say, Peace and safety: Then sudden destruction cometh upon them.’ 1 Thess. 5: 3.

How shall we escape if we neglect SO great salvation?—Heb. ii. 3.

There is none other name under heaven given among men, where-by we must be saved.—Acts iv. 12.

(Condensed from a tract.)

“For thy name’s sake,
O Lord, pardon mine
iniquity; for it is great.”

—Psalms xxxv. 11.

IS IT SAFE ?



Is it safe to *tamper* with intoxicating liquor, when so many have been destroyed by it?

Is it safe to *learn* to use tobacco, and thus become a cringing slave to a filthy, expensive, poisonous and debasing habit?

Is it safe to frequent the dance hall, theatre, &c., in view of the evil associations and corrupting influences of these places?

Is it safe to profane God's name when He will not hold them guiltless that do it?

Is it safe to gamble, when so many

have been made penniless and ruined by engaging in it?

Is it safe to reject the Bible, when the evidence that it is God's word is so conclusive.

Is it safe to neglect seeking Christ, when it is absolutely certain that those who reject him cannot be saved?

Is it safe to desecrate the Sabbath in view of the special command to keep it holy?

It is safe always to shun those things that tend to sin; and it is *always dangerous* to neglect those things that have a good tendency.

Reader, are you on the safe side?

Bulletin for Week Commencing May 1st, 1881.

SUNDAY	May 1	9.30 A.M.	WORKER'S MEETING FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY.
		3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
		8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. W. E. Burford and S. R. Briggs.
MONDAY	" 2	12.00 M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Have you given thanks to Jesus. Luke xvii. 11-19. Rev. H. Melville.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY	" 3	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Mount Sinai and Noonday Zion. Heb. xii. 18-24. Rev. W. A. Hunter, M.A.
WEDNESDAY	" 4	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Separation from the world. Lev. xx. 23-26; 2 Cor. vi. 14-18. Rev. J. Salmon, B.D.
THURSDAY	" 5	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. God's thoughts. Isa. lv. Rev. S. Rose, D.D.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKER'S BIBLE CLASS. "Personal effort." John 41-42; conducted by the Secretary.
FRIDAY	" 6	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Faithful to principle. Gal. ii. 1-14. S. R. Briggs.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY	" 7	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Prodigal Son. Luke xv. 11-24. W. E. Burford.
		4.50 P.M.	TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. An invitation to every one. isa. lv. 1-13. Geo. T. Fergusson.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, May 1, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station.—Mr. JOSEPH GREENE and Rev. H. MELVILLE.

At Nipissing Station.—Messrs. S. CALDECOTT and W. MARKS.

COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every THURSDAY 8 P.M.—30 Mercer St.

FRIDAY 8 P.M.—31 Taylor St.

NOON PRAYER MEETING—Toronto, Grey and Bruce R. R. Workshops every WEDNESDAY at 12.30.

THE
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OF
THE GOSPEL!

ALL have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God.

Rom. iii. 23

BEHOLD the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John i. 29

COME unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matt. xi. 28.