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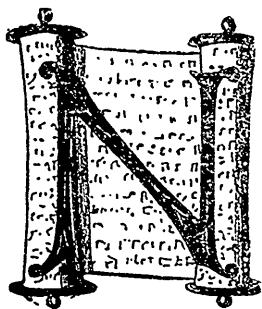
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NOT by might,
nor by power,
but by My
spirit, saith
the Lord of
hosts. — Zech.
iv. 6.

SOCIAL.

THE Monthly Social for the Workers of the Association will be held on Thursday evening, April 30th. Tea will be served at 6.30, in Parlor No. 1, after which an adjournment will be made to the Members' Parlor, when, in addition to the reading of the reports, and several short addresses, an interesting programme of readings, vocal and instrumental music, will be presented by the members.

Young men are cordially invited to the meeting at 7.30.

MEMBERS' COURSE

OF

Parlor Lectures.

SHAFTESBURY HALL,
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, '85

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, P.M.

M. L. ROUSE, M.R.A.C.,

(Of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law),

SUBJECT:

LEAVES

A BOTANICAL LECTURE.

You are cordially invited.


If our Clergymen, Physicians, Hotel Proprietors and others will send information of young men who are ill to our Committee on Visitation of the Sick, they will confer a favor as well as increase the effectiveness of this important work. The co-operation of all our friends is asked in the matter.

Watch ye, stand fast in faith.
1 Cor. xvi. 13.

Work: for I am with you.

Hag. ii. 4.

OUR MOTTO.

N assuming the management of the BULLETIN, we desire to express a few words of greeting to its many readers; and in commencing this work we will strike the key-note high, and take as our motto, "The Young Men of Toronto for Christ." Along our varied lines of work, social, intellectual, and spiritual, with this one aim before us, with this object constantly in view, everything else will be kept subordinate, and will lead up to this splendid possibility.


We most earnestly desire the prayers of all friends of the Association interested in our important work, that much wisdom and love be vouchsafed to us by Almighty God, and that all may be done with a "single eye to His glory." Our Y. M. C. A. desires to reach young men when they first become residents of Toronto, and to gather around them such good influences as are found in our varied work, and the Christian fellowship of our members.

We desire to reach young men in boarding houses, whose homes are elsewhere, and to such we offer many of the attractions of a home, and shall be glad to introduce them to other young men if they will call at our rooms and take advantage of these things.

In commending our Bro. Sandham to the merciful care of God for the future, we would add our hearty congratulation, and join with him in giving God the glory for what He has wrought through and by him in the past. May his bow abide in strength, and his arm be made strong by the hand of the mighty God of Jacob. May his be the pen of the ready writer, as he speaks of the things concerning the King, and may we long have the benefit of his counsel and lengthened experience in this noble work, which lies so near his heart, is the prayer of the General Secretary.

It is not our intention (at least for the present) to make any change in the conducting of the BULLETIN, and we invite the earnest co-operation of our members, so that it may be widely circulated, and thereby prove a blessing to many.

HOW YOUNG MEN SHOULD COME TO CHRIST.

AUL wrote that he was the "chief" of sinners; and if the chief has gone to heaven, there is hope for anyone else. The devil would make us believe that we are good enough without salvation; and if he cannot make us believe THAT, he says, "You are so bad the Lord won't have you."

GOD INVITES YOU TO COME JUST AS YOU ARE.

Some time ago an artist wanted to find a man that would represent the Prodigal Son. One day, walking up the streets, he met a poor beggar, and the thought occurred to him, "That man would represent the prodigal." He told him what he wanted, and found the beggar ready enough to come to his place of business and sit for the painting. The man appeared on the day appointed, but the artist did not recognise him. He said, "You made an appointment with me." "No," said the artist, "I never saw you before." "You are mistaken," said the beggar; "you did see me, and made an appointment with me." "No, it must be some other artist. I have an appointment to meet a beggar here at this hour." "Well," said the beggar, "I am the man." "You the man!" "Yes." "What have you being doing?" "Well, I thought I would get a new suit of clothes before I got painted." "Well," said the artist, "I can't do anything with you in these clothes; you should have come just as you were."

Walk as children of light.

Eph. v. 8.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him.
Lam. iii. 25.

RIPE AND GARNERED.



DIED, at his residence, "The Willows," Eglinton, on the 19th instant, **MR. JAMES LESSLIE**, aged 83 years

In the death of Mr. Lesslie the Association has lost a warm friend and a liberal supporter. It is not to be wondered at that he should feel such lively interest in the work, when we state that he was the only living link between the Y. M. C. A. of to-day and the Young Men's Society of over half a century ago. When about the year 1830, David Namsmith visited Toronto (then York) and organized the Young Men's Society (practically a Y. M. C. A.) Mr. Lesslie identified himself with the work, and continued his connection with the Society until its dissolution about the year 1839. During that period he filled the offices, respectively, of Secretary and President. He became a member of the Toronto Y. M. C. A. early in its history, and to his liberality the Association was largely indebted for many comforts in the commodious rooms so long occupied on King Street (of which property he was the owner). Our BULLETIN was always welcomed by him, and its fund was materially aided by his contributions.

We have very pleasant and grateful recollections of the deceased, whom to know was to respect and love. He now rests in peace, in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection.

Our prayer is, that Divine comfort may be the portion of the widow and bereaved friends.

TAKING CHRIST AT HIS WORD:

DURING a religious awakening in a factory village in New England, a foreman was awakened, but could not find peace. His employer, as a last resource, sent him a letter, requesting him to call at six o'clock. Promptly he came. "I see you believe me," said his master. The foreman assented. "Well, see; here is another letter sending for you by One who is really in earnest," said his master, handing him a slip of paper with a text of Scripture written on it.

The man took the paper, and read slowly, "*Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*" His lips quivered; his eyes filled with tears; then he stood for a few moments, not knowing what to do. At length he asked, "Am I just to believe that in the same way in which I believe your letter?"

"Just in the same way," said his master. He did believe, and found the peace he had been so long desiring.

THE Y. M. C. A. is an institution worthy the cordial support of every young man. It not only affords him a field for usefulness which he might not otherwise find; it also richly blesses his own life.

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

Conducted by Mr. S. H. Blake,

EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
John i. 17.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every **MONDAY** Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

WHAT IS A SAVIOUR?

SAVIOUR is one who saves; just in the same way as a doctor is one who cures; a banker is one that lends money; a baker is one that sells bread. You do not go to a banker to be cured of disease; nor to a doctor to present the cheque; the title of each denotes his character. Just so it is with the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible speaks of Him as "A Saviour." "He shall save His people from their sins" (Matt. i. 21). That is His special office and work; therefore, when people want to get rid of their sins the word is, "Go to Jesus." Jesus Himself says, "Come unto Me." Why, then, should people go to others for salvation? Men cannot save, works cannot save; promises cannot save; crying, praying, self-denial cannot save: the word is, "Look unto Him and be ye saved."

Will the doctor cure? the banker pay? the baker sell? Yes, that they will, IF they can.

There is no "IF" with Jesus; the "IF" is with the sinner. "IF" you go, then He can, He will, He waits, without money, without price, to save you, for He is "able" and willing "to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him."—Heb. vii. 25.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every **SUNDAY**, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by General Secretary.

ALL INVITED.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, APRIL 27.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. General Secretary.

8 p.m.—**YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.**

9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Close Friendship with Jesus. John xiii. 23; 1 John iv. 13-19. Rev. J. Neil.

8 p.m.—Parlor Lecture, subject "Leaves" by M. L. Rouse, M.R.A.C.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Grateful Stranger. Luke xvii. 11-19. Rev. J. Salmon.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Reverent Submission to God's Judgment. Lev. x. 1-3; Ps. xxxix. 9; 2 Sam. xii. 16-23. R. Merryfield.

6.30.—**WORKERS' SOCIAL.**

FRIDAY, MAY 1.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Without God in the World. 1 Sam. xxviii. 15; Eph. ii. 12. J. J. Gartshore.

7.30 p.m.—**BOY'S MEETING.**

SATURDAY, MAY 2.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ our High Priest. Heb. iv. 14-16; v. 1-10. Assistant Secretary.

7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.

8 p.m.—**YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.** W. C. Jex.

SUNDAY, MAY 3.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class General Secretary.

" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service J. Bousfield. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Sec'y.

Railway Men's Meeting.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30.

7.30 p.m., for one hour.—At York. Cottage Meeting at Alex. Shield's; address by J. Wood.

FRIDAY, MAY 1.

12.35 to 12.55 p.m.—Bible Reading at G.T.R. Roundhouse, City. Wm. Marks.

SUNDAY, MAY 3.

GOSPEL MEETINGS.

3 p.m.—Union Station. Joseph Green and W. C. Jex.

3.15 p.m.—At York. Wm. Marks and J. Gibb.