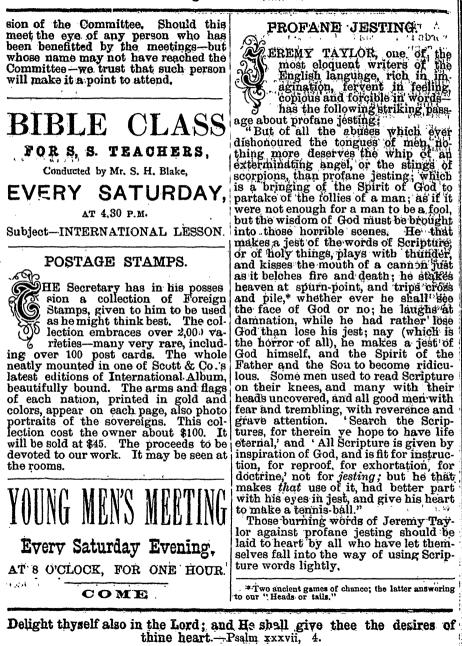


Trust ye in the Lord for ever; for in the Lord JEHO7AH is everlasting strength...Isaiah xxvi 4.



Committhy way unto the Lord: trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.-Psalm xxxvii. 5.

A ridiculous application of Bible heart to cultivate, your temper to ords is not easily forgotten. When, govern, you will to direct, and your words is not easily forgotten. on some serious occasion, those words use of them will come back to the mind; and so the solemn force of the the words may be lessened or lost.

This evil habit, too, is catching. joke that takes in one company is likely to be repeated in another; and he who uses Scripture thus knows not how many of his hearers he may be encouraging to do the same. On every ground, this habit may be classed with the "foolish talking" and "jesting, which are not convenient," not right or fitting.

We add our testimony to the bane-ful effect of such jesting. Many years ago a Christian man, while passing through Montreal, visited the Y. M. C. A. in that city, and in conversation made use of passages of Scripture, changing and applying the same in such a ridiculous manner that from that day to the present we have not been able to use that text with any degree of freedom, for the absurdity of the man's application is ever before us.-ED.1

#### THE GREAT MASTER.

AM my own master!" cried a young man proudly, when a friend tried to persuade him from an enterprise which he had on hand, "Iam my own master!"

"Did you ever consider what a responsible post that is?" asked his friend. "Responsible? Is it?"

"A master must lay out the work which he wants done, and see that it is done right. He should try to secure the best ends by the best means. He must keep on the lookout against obstacles and accidents, and watch that everything goes straight, else he must fail." "Well."

"To be master of yourself, you have your conscience to keep clear, your over the world.

judgment to instruct. You are master are heard, or read again, that foolish over a hard lot, and if you don't master them they will master you."

"That is so," said the young man.

'Now, I could undertake no such thing," said his friend. "I should fail Saul wanted to be his sure. if I did. own master and failed. Herod did. "One Judas did. No man is fit for it: is my master, even Christ." I work, un-der His direction. He is regulator, and where He is master all goes right."

"'One is my master, even Christ'" repeated the young man, slowly and seriously; "everybody who puts him. self sincerely under His leadership wins at last."

#### ADVANTAGES.

Advantages possessed by the Christian revelation over all other religions .----

In its perfection. Every system of philosophy has been improved; the Christian, because from God, has always been, and now is, incapable of improvement.

In its openness. There is nothing hidden: no secret mysteries; no shirking from public examination; it openly challengeth enquiry.

In its adaptation to the capacities of all men, of every country and clime, of every rank and age.

In the spirituality of its worship. "They who worship, must worship in spirit and in truth."

In its opposition to the spirit of this world.

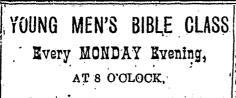
In its humiliation of man and exaltation of God. "He must increase, but I must decrease."

In its tendency to eradicate all evil passions from the heart.

In its restoration of God's image to man.

In its vast effects already produced

Be yestrong therefore, and let not your hands be weak; for your work shall be rewarded.-2 Chron. xv. 7.



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### THE CAUTIOUS DOG.

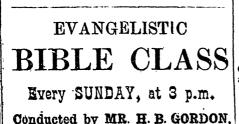


ANY years ago, the Rev. WilliamHowells, of London, Eng., told a story of a dog belonging to a friend of his, who regularly accompanied

If them as they walked together. One evening the dog strayed away from them, and was taken up by a stranger, who was carrying him off but being perceived, the dog was rescued and brought back to his master.

It was always observed that ever afterwards, when near the same place, the poor dog always kept very close to his master and his friend.

We have had The lesson is obvious. our dangers and our deliverances, our wanderings and our returnings. Let us, then when we approach scenes or circumstances which have proved ensnaring, keep close to our Master's side. First Peter followed afar off; then he denied his Lord, and cursed and swore. Our adversary watches the least departure from the Lord, and seeks to cffect our ruin. Only the Shepherd of Israel, who never slumbers nor sleeps, can save us from destruction. Blessed be His name, He will not forget His little flock.



Chairman of Devotional Committee.

ALL INVITED.

# BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Bille Class at 3 p.m., and Gospel' and Song Service at 8.30, followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15. All invited.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15.

12 noon,—Thanksgiving and Praise-Meeting.

8 p.m.-YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. 9 p.m.-Voung Men's Prayer and Testimony, Meeting.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

12 to 12.45 noon. -God's Promise to the Obedient. Isa. i. 19.; Rev. xxii. 14; 1 John iii. 33, 24. R. Merryfield.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

12 to 12,45 noon.—Failing to "Forsake All" for Christ. Luke ix. 57-62; xiv 33. S. R. Briggs:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18.

12 to 12.45 noon.—God Gasts Down and Gode Lifts Up. 1 Sam. ii, 7.10; Ps. 1xxv 7. J. J. Gartshore,

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19,

12 to 12.45 nuon.—The Gospel Call and the Result of Persistent Refusal, Rev. xii 17.1 Heb. iii. 15; Prov. i, 24.33. W. Marks, 7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20.

12 to 72.45 noon. — A Life Opening with Promise, but Ending with Failure. I Kings iii. 6-15; xi. 4-12. Assistant Secretary.

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

8 p.m -YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. H. B. Gorden.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B., Gordon.

Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.

Chinese Class. W. M. Morse,

Italian Class.

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8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service H. O'Brien. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

## Railway Mon's Moeting.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21.

3 p.m.-Union Station. A. Saunders and R. Connors.