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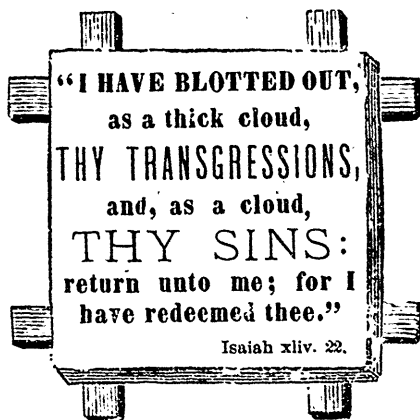
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SERMONS TO YOUNG MEN.

ON Sunday, 11th Nov., sermons to Young Men were preached in 32 of our city churches. It was with grateful hearts we noted the ready response given by our pastors to the circular issued, and we here record our thanks to them, and trust that blessing may follow their presentation of the truth as it is in Jesus. We may add, that but for previous engagements our list would have included many additional names.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

ALL our regular meetings, with exception of the Young Men's Monday evening Bible Class, will be withdrawn during the two weeks of Evangelistic services. We shall find plenty of work for all our Brethren in connection with these services. Before the meetings they can help by distributing invitation slips, and we hope that God by His Spirit will have prepared many hearts during the service to receive words of counsel from workers in the after meetings.

Come one and all.

PRAY—WORK—PRAY.

PARLOR LECTURES.

LACK of space in our last issue prevented us from noticing Mr. Spence's admirable lecture on "The Science of Temperance," delivered in our parlor on Tuesday, 6th inst. There was a large attendance of Young Men, who were not only interested but much benefitted by the lecture. We hope to secure Mr. Spence's services again ere the close of the season.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

EVERY NIGHT,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

IN SHAFTESBURY HALL.

COME.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep.

Psalm cxix. 176.

"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."
Romans iii. 23.

**MONTHLY REPORT OF BOARD-
ING HOUSE COMMITTEE.**

October, 1883.

Visits to Boarding Houses.....	967
“ Hotels.....	58
“ Fire Halls.....	25
“ Police Stations.....	9
“ Car and Livery Stables.....	37
Young Men spoken to	169
BULLETINS distributed.....	6,720
Tracts, &c., distributed.....	4,500

We look upon the Boarding House Committee as a Model Committee. The workers are "in earnest" in this great work of reaching Young Men. The Chairman has the work thoroughly systematized, and gives his personal attention to the details of each district. He has handed to the Secretary a "census" of the houses visited, which we publish, feeling assured that it will prove of interest to our friends and supporters. From this report it will be observed that 2,000 Young Men are reached each week, and receive by our BULLETIN and other reading matter, the invitation of the Gospel, combined with invitations to our Rooms. We may add that God has blessed this work in the past, and the workers are greatly encouraged.

District No. 1.	45 houses,	200 young men.
“ 2.	37 “	120 “
“ 3.	22 “	280 “
“ 4.	51 “	331 “
“ 5.	43 “	500 “
“ 6.	30 “	120 “
“ 7.	27 “	120 “
“ 8.	22 “	157 “
“ 9.	16 “	43 “
“ 10.	30 “	120 “
“ 11.	25 “	70 “
	348	2061

In addition to these, visits are paid to all the principal hotels, the fire halls and car stables.



THE FREE GIFT.

A TRUE INCIDENT.

WITHOUT money, and without price!" Such are the terms on which God offers to each one the gift of eternal life. Wonderful message of love! yet still more wonderful, the world's indifference to it.

An incident which happened a few days ago, will illustrate my meaning.

A friend of the poor, who desires that his name shall be withheld, has been in the habit of ordering a quarter of a ton of coals to be taken to a number of people, whom he knows to be in distress. The coal cart draws up opposite a poor desolate looking cottage, and the coalman knocks at the door, and tells the old man within that he has brought him some coals.

"Who from?" is the natural question.

"Don't know," says the man, "but I was told to bring 'em here, and here they are."

"It's a mistake; they're not for me,"

SEEKING TO SAVE.

He that committeth sin is of the devil.

1 John iii. 8.

For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.
Matthew xviii. 11.

answered the old man. "No such luck for me—I've no friend to send me coals for nothing."

"Nay, but they're for the man as lives at the dyke. Aint that you?"

"That's me, sure enough; but there's a mistake; it's some other dyke, maybe."

And he shuts the door with a bang, and returns to his desolate hearth.

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The next day the same cart may be seen drawn up opposite to a low court in the town, and the same man is knocking at one of the doors. "I've brought you some coals," he says cheerfully; "where shall I put 'em?"

"They're not for me," answers the man who opens the door; "you've made a mistake."

"It's no mistake," says the coalman. "See, here's the order:—No. 24, quarter of a ton of coals.—Now, that's clear, aint it?"

"That's my number, certainly," replies the other; "but these coals ain't mine, and I can't take 'em in."

"Well," says the man with the coals, "one would think I was bringing yer poison. Here comes a nice present of coals, and yer clean refuses to take 'em. But leave 'em I shall; for yesterday, I took 'em away from a house, and got into trouble for it. So if yer don't open yer cellar door, I shall chuck 'em down here by yer doorstep."

Thus pressed, the man at last opens his cellar door, saying, as he does so, "You'll soon be back to fetch 'em, I guess, so I won't set too much store by 'em. But if they're for me, I'm sure I'm much obliged."

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One more house in that court the coalman visits with his load, and knocking at the door, tells the woman he has brought her some coals.

"For me?" she says; "oh, it can't be true, they must be for some one else."

"No, mum, here's your number, plain enough:—No. 8, quarter of a ton of coals."

"So it is! Well, then, I suppose God

has sent 'em to me, for no one else knows that the last bit of coal is on the fire now, and that I didn't know where to get any more. Bring them in. It must be God who has sent 'em, and I must thank Him."

"Perhaps you'd better," is the man's short answer; but to himself he adds, "she's the only sensible one of the lot; the rest are fools for their pains."

"Fools for their pains!" How many such fools there are in the world! "God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John iii. 16). "The gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ." (Romans vi. 23). Yet though God offers to each one the free gift of eternal life—life in Christ, pardon, peace, and communion—we too often act like these poor cottagers with their coals. Some, like the old man, refuse it altogether. Others, like the man at 24, are afraid to take the gift; and they need much persuasion and many invitations to induce them to believe that the glad tidings are for them.

But some, like the woman who had come to the end of her coals, having found out their need, accept the gift of life eternal, and thank God for it.

Dear friend, have you accepted this free gift, and are you showing your gratitude by a life spent for Jesus? Or are you still refusing the priceless gift, and shutting the door of your heart against His great love? There will come a time when, if you still refuse the gift of God's dear Son, Heaven's door will be closed against you.

—Selected.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

ALL INVITED.

"He that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

John xi. 25.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

EVERY EVENING AT 8 O'CLOCK,
IN SHAFTESBURY HALL,

MONDAY..... Rev. E. Harris, J. J. Gartshore.
 TUESDAY..... Rev. P. McF. McLeod, Rev. G. M. Wrong.
 WEDNESDAY..... Rev. J. C. Antliff, W. H. Howland.
 THURSDAY..... Rev. W. H. Laird, S. R. Briggs.
 FRIDAY..... Rev. W. Briggs, S. H. Blake.
 SATURDAY..... Rev. E. Roberts, R. Fairbairn.

Bulletin for Week Commencing Nov. 19, 1883.

MONDAY.....	Nov. 19....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. The Secretary.
				7.30 P.M. INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
				8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 20....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. Marks.
WEDNESDAY.	" 21... 12.00		M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Aston.
THURSDAY...	" 22....12.00		M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Geo. T. Fergusson.
FRIDAY	" 23....12.00		M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. R. Merryfield.
				8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING.
SATURDAY....	" 24....12.00		M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Asst. Sec.
				7.30 P.M. INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
SUNDAY	" 25....	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. D. C. Forbes. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

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.