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These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him :

A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

—Prov. vi. 16-19.

### BULLETIN FUND.

The following amounts have been received since our last acknowledgment:

A. H. ....	\$1.00
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J. K. ....	2.25

### THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

**I**N common with the Young Men's Christian Associations of the world, our Association observed the week of prayer for young men, and we are confident that the result will be greatly beneficial to our work, and above all, will result in the salvation of young men.

SPECIAL SERMONS to young men were preached in thirty-three of our city churches on Sunday.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETINGS were conducted in our rooms on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

At the Sunday evening Gospel Services, collections were taken in aid of the International Committee's work.

### CLASSES.

**M**EMBERS desiring to avail themselves of the Educational Classes should hand in their names at ...

### ASSOCIATIONS.

The following summary of existing Associations has been published by the International Committee.

United States . . . . . 824	Spain and Portugal 19
Dom. of Canada 56	Italy . . . . . 20
Bermuda . . . . . 1	Turkey . . . . . 25
S. America, (Chili) 1	Austria . . . . . 4
England . . . . . 198	Russia . . . . . 7
Scotland . . . . . 188	Syria . . . . . 5
Ireland . . . . . 13	India . . . . . 2
France . . . . . 65	China . . . . . 2
Germany . . . . . 422	Japan . . . . . 2
Holland . . . . . 450	Africa and Madagascar 15
Switzerland . . . . . 209	Australasia . . . . . 25
Sweden and Norway 85	Hawaiian Kingdom 1
Belgium . . . . . 24	
Denmark . . . . . 3	
Total . . . . .	2,671

The aggregate memberships of these Associations approximates two hundred thousand.

### EVANGELISTIC WORK IN SAN FRANCISCO.

**E**VANGELISTIC services under the direction of John Currie, the Scotch evangelist, are still continued at the Association Hall on Sunday afternoon, and four nights each week. Following every service, after-meetings are held, at which large numbers of inquirers are found. Mr. and Mrs. Currie have made

a large number of warm friends in San Francisco, and many will rejoice through time and eternity that they were led to labour on that coast. Mr. Currie's style of preaching is peculiarly his own. He is natural, not imitating or aping any one else, and he uses the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

### GATHERED HOME.

**M**R. W. Russell, a tried worker, entered into rest on Friday, 17th inst. For several years Bro. Russell has been a most faithful helper. As Secretary of the Sunday Afternoon Bible Class, and as a member of the Boarding House and Reception Committees, he was an example to other workers. When he agreed to do anything, it was faithfully attended to. He was one who never shirked a duty, but cheerfully responded to any call made. The disease which removed him (Consumption) had, for some months past, unfitted him for very active duty; but it was only within the past three months that it assumed an aspect to awaken serious anxiety. He had purposed visiting the Pacific coast, hoping that the change of climate might benefit him, but before doing so he wished to visit his home in the Province of Quebec, where he fell on sleep, after several days of suffering. He will long be missed by us; yet we can but express a hope that his example, as a worker, and his quiet, conscientious, Christian character, may have impressed others of his fellow young men, so that they may aim to take the place of our dear Brother Russell.

**B**RO. J. L. Powell, one of our faithful helpers in the Lord's work, has been called to pass through "deep waters," and we know that our members will remember him in his sorrow. He was joyously expecting the arrival of his brother from Wales, when he received a telegram announcing that the loved one had been killed on the road between Quebec and Montreal. The remains were brought to Toronto by Bro. Powell, and were buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

2 Cor. i. 3, 4.

## CHRIST AS { THE } SAVIOUR MY

**A—THE—MY.** Three words, all short, but each implying different meanings and having a vastly different result.

**A** is the indefinite article, very indefinite indeed.

but not mine.

Not for me.

For some one else.

Whose I knew not.

**A**  
SAVIOUR,

**THE** is the definite article.

**THE** SAVIOUR, that is, the only one, not any other. No other helper or refuge. The world can see there is the only one.

**MY** is a personal pronoun.

**MY** SAVIOUR, I have a personal property in Him. An appropriation of the only one for myself.

Christ as { **A** } Saviour shows the need.  
                  { **THE** } shows there is but one.  
                  { **MY** } shows He is mine.

### WHAT CAN REPLACE THE GOSPEL ?



**A** MULTITUDE of men are bent on destroying Christianity. They wish to demolish the whole system, and everything connected with it.

Well, suppose they succeed? "Suppose," says Dr. E. Greenwald, "the Bible burned, the churches closed, the pulpits silenced, all Christian schools of instruction stopped, all Christian institutions of whatever kind overthrown, all Christian doctrines, Christian piety, Christian duty, Christian worship, Christian influence. Christian life in public and private, in the church and in the family, by individuals and communities, to be wholly a thing of the past, and no trace of them permitted to remain anywhere in all the land. This would be the result if they should succeed in their insane crusade against Christianity. What would we choose instead? What systems now prevailing anywhere in the wide world would we adopt in place of discarded Christianity? Where would we look for a better system than that which we would so wholly renounce? We have cut down this tree; where do we find another that bears better fruit? Let us look around and see what systems prevail in the world, and under whose control large numbers of the people are now living. Which would be selected in place of Christianity renounced?"

Let the skeptic ponder this question. Let him look at heathenism, at Mohammedanism, at the dying superstitions of the eastern world, and let him ask the question, would I embrace *any* of these exploded absurdities? Let him look at atheism, a leafless, sapless tree, and enquire what a world would be without Creator, ruler or law; and then let him hesitate before he seeks to undermine a faith which has brought more joy, peace and brightness into this world, than all the other religions that man has ever invented or embraced.

### THE BIBLE.

**T**HERE is a substance which you may have noticed cast on the sea-shore—the medusa, or sea-nettle, as some sorts of it are called—an object rather beautiful, as its dome of amber quivers in the sun. And a goodly size it often is, so large at times that you could scarcely lift it, but it is all watery pulp; and if you were carrying it home, or trying to preserve it, the whole mass would quickly trickle out of sight, and leave you

nothing but a few threads of substance. Now, most books are like this medusa: fresh stranded, newly published (as the expression is); they make a goodly show, but when a few suns have shone on them, the crystal jelly melts, the glittering cupola has vanished, and a few meagre fibres in your memory are all the residue of this once popular authorship. If you ever tried it, you must have been struck with the few solid thoughts, the few suggestive ideas, which survive from the perusal of the most brilliant of human books. Few of these can stand three readings; and of the memorabilia which you had marked in your first perusal, on reverting to them you find that many of them are not so striking, or weighty, or original, as at first you fancied. But the Word of God is solid; it will stand a thousand readings, and the man who has gone over it the most frequently and the most carefully is the surest of finding new wonders there.—*Hamilton, 1814-1867.*

### THE DOCTORS AND THE COUNTRYMAN.

**W**HILE two learned doctors are angrily discussing the nature of food, and allowing their meal to lie untasted, a simple countryman is eating as heartily as he can of that which is set before him. The religious world is full of quibblers, critics, and sceptics, who, like the doctors, fight over Christianity without profit either to themselves or others; those are far happier who imitate the farmer and feed upon the Word of God, which is the true food of the soul. Luther's prayer was, "From nice questions the Lord deliver us." Questioning with honesty and candour is not to be condemned, when the object is to "prove all things, and hold fast that which is good;" but to treat revelation as if it were a football to be kicked from man to man is irreverence, if not worse. Seek the true faith by all manner of means, but do not spend a whole life in finding it, lest you would be like a workman who wastes the whole day in looking for his tools. Hear the true Word of God; lay hold upon it, and spend your days, not in raising hard questions, but in feasting upon precious truth.—*Spurgeon.*

**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!**

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**Bulletin for Week Commencing Nov. 27, 1882.**

MONDAY.....	Nov. 27....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Secretary.
				8.00 P.M. WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 28....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. S. R. Briggs.
WEDNESDAY..	" 29....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. H. J. Ware.
THURSDAY...	" 30....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY .....	Dec. 1....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Assistant Sec'y.
				8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SATURDAY ..	" 2....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. H. Melville.
				8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. R. Kilgour.
SUNDAY.....	" 3....	3.00	P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
				8.30 P.M. GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE.

*Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.*

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**RAILROAD MEETING.**

SUNDAY, Dec. 3, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meeting at Union Station, and Credit Valley Station, Parkdale.