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Ye have
not chosen Me,
but I have chosen
you, and ordained
you, that ye
should go and
bring forth fruit.

JOHN xv. 16.

OUR Parlor has been enlivened this past week by the presence of a number of beautiful plants, the gift of Mr. R. Connors. They brighten up the rooms, and have been much admired by the visitors. We gratefully acknowledge the gift, and trust that others of our friends may send us some more.

WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS

At the Convention held in Atlanta, special emphasis was laid upon the great importance of having in each Association a Workers Training Class. Recognizing the need, we have commenced such a class for our Workers, meeting every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The first half hour will be devoted to study about the Bible, for the purpose of securing Biblical knowledge; the second, to study in the Bible, and for its application in various forms of Christian work.

The class is a pledged one, and limited in number to 25. We still lack three of the number, and any worker desirous of such a course of study as this class affords should at once give his name to the General Secretary.

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

Conducted by Mr. S. H. Blake,

EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Always abounding in the work of the Lord.

1 Cor. xv. 58.

Let thine heart keep My commandments.
Prov. iii. 1.

A WELCOME VISITOR.

CT our meetings on Saturday and Sunday evenings we were specially favoured by having with us Mr. E. J. Kennedy, General Secretary, Y. M. C. A., Exeter Hall, London. He addressed both meetings and with good results. Mr. Kennedy is six ft. four in height, with the physique and carriage of an athlete and is a fine specimen of that "muscular christianity" that "Mens sana in corpore sano," a sound mind in a sound body, so much needed to-day to give backbone, and tone to

that death-in-life vegetative existence which so many invalids, dyspeptics and hypochondriacs call life. Under the management of Mr. Kennedy we are confident the work at Exeter Hall will be carried forward to even greater success than in the past, and we wish them God speed in all their efforts. Spiritual, intellectual and physical in the noble attempt of benefitting and blessing the young men of the great metropolis.

MERCY is like the rainbow which God set in the heavens as a remembrance to man. We must never look for it after night: it shines not in the other world.
—J. Taylor.

Statistical Report of Attendance at the Reading Room and various meetings for the month of May.

	Total Attendance.
Reading Room	3588
Average attendance	138
Visitors Registered	88
Noon Day Prayer Meeting	292
Sunday Morning Beginners Class, No. of Meetings	16
" Evangelistic Bible Class	2
" Gospel and Song Service	5
" Italian Class,	5
" Chinese Class,	5
" Deaf Mute Class,	5
Monday Evening Bible Class,	4
Workers' Training Class,	1
Meeting for Boy's	5
Sat. Ev'g Young Men's Meeting	5
Family Worship,	20
Directed to Boarding Houses	20
Employment secured	4
Writing material supplied	61
Letters and Cards written by Secretary	98
Calls made by Secretary	36
" received	79
Pledge taken	5
New Members received	9
Visits to Boarding Houses	1293
" Hotels	115
" Fire Halls	39
" Police Stations	20
" Livery and Car Stables	27
Bulletins distributed	6350
Tracts, etc.	6000

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him.
Psalm xxv. 14.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things.

Rev. xxi. 7.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.
Conducted by General Secretary.
ALL INVITED.

WHAT MINISTERS SAY.

BISHOP PECK has said of the Association: "No other agency has yet been discovered in which are combined to the same degree those desirable constituent elements: catholicity, economy, originality, progressiveness, efficiency, sympathy and vitality."

Rev. E. R. Hendricks, D.D., L. L. D., of Fayette college, Mo., has denominated the Young Men's Christian Association as the marked religious development of the nineteenth century.

Rev. A. T. Pierson, D. D., of Philadelphia, pronounced it in burning words: "A colossal movement of the age in the direction of the evangelization of young men."

Dr. Stuart Robinson, of Louisville, Ky., and others, strong churchmen, have boldly declared that it was of divine origin, and guided by a divine hand or it could not have existed and accomplished the work it has already done.

Young Men's Christian Associations are really and truly among the strongest arms of the evangelical work as seen to-day in the saving of immortal souls.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every MONDAY Evening,
AT 8 O'CLOCK,

A GLEAM ACROSS THE WAVE.

REV. SPENCER COMPTON, an earnest Evangelical minister at Boulogne, France, relates the following incident:—"During a voyage to India, I sat 'one dark evening in my cabin, feeling thoroughly unwell, as the sea was rising fast, and I was but a poor sailor. Suddenly the cry of 'Man overboard!' made me spring to my feet. I heard a trampling overhead, but resolved not to go on deck, lest I should interfere with the crew in their effort to save the poor man. 'What can I do?' I asked myself; instantly unhooking my lamp, I held it near the top of my cabin and close to my bull's-eye window, that its light might shine on the sea, and as near the ship as possible. In half-a-minute's time I heard the joyful cry, 'It's all right, he's safe,' upon which I put my lamp in its place.

"The next day, however, I was told that my little lamp was the sole means of saving that man's life; it was only by the timely light which shone upon him that the knotted rope could be thrown as to reach him."

Christian worker, never despond, or think there is nothing for you to do even in the dark and weary days. Looking unto Jesus, lift up your light; let it so shine that men may see; and in the resurrection morning, what joy to hear the "Well done!" and to know that you have unawares saved some from death!

REMEMBER

THAT A

BOY'S MEETING

IS HELD

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING,

At 8 o'clock, in Parlor "B" Shaftesbury Hall.
ALL BOYS INVITED.

His commandments are not grievous.

1 John v. 3.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL WELCOME.

A CUSTOMER SECURED.

A YOUNG man in a dry-goods store in Boston was endeavoring to sell a customer some goods. He had a quantity on hand which he much desired to dispose of, as they were not of the freshest style; and the man seemed inclined to take them. When the goods had been examined, and the bargain was about to be concluded, the customer enquired: "Are these goods the latest style?" The young man hesitated. He wanted to sell the goods and it appeared evident that if he said they were the latest style, the man would take them. But he could not tell a lie, and he replied: "They are not the latest style of goods, but they are a very good style." The man looked at him, examined some other goods of later style, and said: "I will take those of the older style, and some of the new also. Your honesty in stating the facts will fasten me to this place."

The man not only sold his goods, and kept a good conscience, but he also retained a customer, whom he might never have seen again if he had not spoken to him the exact truth. There is no permanent gain in falsehood and deception. Righteousness and truth are a sure foundation. — *From the "Christian," Boston, U. S. A.*

A CHRISTIAN never falls asleep in the fire, or in the water, but grows drowsy in the sunshine. — *Berridge.*

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

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BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, JUNE 8.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. (General Secretary.)

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Saviour Slighted. Jn. i. 5, 10, 11; iii. 19. W. Marks.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Food that Strengthens. 1 Peter ii. 1-3; Jer. xv. 16; Job xxiii. 12. S. R. Briggs.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Speak for Him. Rom. x. 8-10; Mark viii. 38. J. H. Holmes.

8 p.m.—WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12.

12 to 12.45 noon.—I Called you, but ye Answered Not." Prov. i. 24-28; Zech. vii. 11-13; Luke xiii. 25-28. R. Hall.

7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ our Keeper. 2 Tim. i. 12; Psalm cxxi. 1-8. Assistant Secretary.

7.45 p.m.—Invitation Committee meets for Prayer.

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Simply Trusting. Isa. xii. 1-3; xxvi. 3, 4. J. Wood.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14.

9.30 a.m.—Beginner's Bible Class. Assistant Secretary.

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

" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service H. B. Gordon. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

Railway Men's Meeting.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11.

7.30 p.m., for one hour.—At York. Cottage Meeting at Alex. Shields'; address by A. Hastings.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14.

GOSPEL MEETINGS.

3 p.m.—Union Station. J. Wood and P. A. Hertz.

3.15 p.m.—At York. W. C. Jex and W. Marks.