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SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

JOHN V. 39

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

John vi. 48.

BULLETIN FUND.

W. G.....	\$1 00
M. R.....	1 00
Workers.....	1 95

EVANGELISTIC.

ALTHOUGH the meetings now being held by Mr. Soltau in our Hall, are not part of our Association work, still we feel ourselves warranted in giving space to the announcement of the same, and in noticing the success attending them. Thus far the attendance has not been large, still there is encouragement to continue. About 450 attend the evening meetings, and from 100 to 200 the afternoon Bible Readings. There has been a spirit of enquiry, and several have been led into the light. Mr. Soltau's lectures on the Tabernacle were very interesting, and his addresses on the Lord's Prayer (delivered at our noon meetings) were calculated to lead out and build up those who are believers in the Lord.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

CONDUCTED BY

MR. C. SOLTAU,

Of London,

EVERY NIGHT

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

IN SHAFTESBURY HALL.

These meetings are under the auspices of the Canadian Evangelization Society. All invited.

God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.—Romans v. 8.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.—1 Timothy i. 15.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD
EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

PERSONAL.

PRIOR to his departure, our late Assistant Secretary, Mr. A. E. Hines, was presented by his fellow-workers with a purse containing \$55; also, a Birthday Album, containing the autographs of the Workers.

BOARDING HOUSE WORK.

The following is the statistical report for the month of April, presented by the Boarding House Committee:—

Visits to Boarding Houses.....	1211
“ Hotels.....	109
“ Fire Halls.....	30
“ Police Stations.....	16
“ Car and Livery Stables..	35
“ Factories.....	3
“ Public Library (West)....	3
BULLETINS distributed.....	6500
Tracts, &c., “.....	6400
Young Men spoken to.....	16
Introduction Cards issued.....	20

From one district the report comes with the glad tidings of one young man brought to Christ, and of two other parties awakened and manifesting interest in spiritual things.

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.—Rom. x. 9.

THINK IT TO JESUS.

There are times when we cannot whisper
The thoughts of the heart aloud,
When we cannot kneel and worship
In the midst of the passing-crowd.—
But find in the inner chamber
Of the heart's most holy place.
We can think it over to Jesus,
At the Spirit's throne of grace.

Hast thou a sudden temptation
Flitting across thy way?
Thou canst not go to thy closet : . .
Thou canst not audibly pray :
But a thought has an eagle's pinion
For the mansion of light and love,
Let it carry an unwatched message
To the door of thy Friend above.

Hast thou a secret trouble,
A thorn in thy tender flesh,
Unseen to the hand that touches,
And touching it pains afresh?
A brier that long has rankled,
Remains of a faded rose?
Just think thy trouble to Jesus,
For thy unknown grief He knows.

O yes, think it to Jesus!
Blessed are they in all they do,
Who consult with the Leading Partner :
Their follies will be but few.
Think it to Jesus ever—
Pleasure, or pain, or plan,
And the wings of a thought will find Him
When no hand of cold senses can.

WM. LUFF.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

Without shedding of blood is no remission.
Hebrews ix. 22.

The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John i. 7.

NO GOOD THING.

HUMAN nature would like to have its hand in at the salvation of the soul. But God says, "I will do it all or none." Man says he would like to have some little satisfaction from his good deeds. But God says, man never did any good deeds (Gen. vi. 5; Rom. iii. 10, 17). Man says he will do what he can to please God. But God says, that "without faith" it is impossible to please Him (Heb. xi. 6)—that is, it is impossible to please God until you have received His Son Jesus, in whom He is ever well-pleased. This is rather startling, you say. Yes, but it is true. You see if you can do *one* good work to please God before you are converted, you may do ten thousand, and thus live a Christless life and still please God! This, however, is impossible. But God settles the question by declaring that sinners are by nature enmity against Him (Rom. viii. 7). God calls upon you to *believe* and *be saved*. That is the *first* thing. Works begin *then*, but not till then.

EACH HAS HIS WORK.

ALL men cannot work in the same way. "There are diversities of operations." Upon the face of a watch you may see an illustration of my meaning. On that small space you have three workers: there is the second-pointer performing rapid revolutions; there is the minute-pointer going at a greatly reduced speed; and there is the hour-pointer tardier still. Now, any one unacquainted with the mechanism of a watch would conclude that the busy little second-pointer was doing all the work; it is clicking away at sixty times the speed of the minute-pointer, and as for the hour-hand, *that* seems to be doing no work at all. You can see in a moment that the first is

busy, and in a short time you will see the second stir; but you must wait still longer to assure yourself of the motion of the third. So it is in the Church. There are active, fussy men, who appear to be doing the work of the whole community; and others slower still. But can we do without the minute and hour-pointers? The noisy second-hand might go round its little circle for ever without telling the world the true time. We should be thankful for all kinds of workers. The silent, steady hour-hand need not envy its noisy little colleague. Each man must fill the measure of his capacity. Your business is to do your allotted work, so as to meet the approbation of the Master.

"TRUMPETS, PIPES, AND STRINGS!"

THREE travellers being obliged to pass the night together in a coach, endeavoured to shorten the tedious hours by relating stories. One of them, an officer in the army, who had seen much of the world, and had encountered the perils of war, spoke of his past dangers and former comrades with so much vivacity, and in so interesting a manner, that his companions would have been charmed with his recitals had he not interspersed them with continual oaths and imprecations. When he had finished his tale, an elderly gentleman who had not yet spoken, was asked for a story. Without hesitation he thus commenced his narration:—

"Gentlemen, it is now nearly twenty years since I was travelling on this road, on a very dark night, when—a *thousand trumpets, pipes, and strings!*—an accident occurred, *trumpets, pipes, and strings!*—of which I cannot now think without shuddering. I truly believe—*trumpets, pipes, and strings!*—that it happened on the very spot which we are now passing. The coach was going on at the usual speed of—*trum-*

— Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.—1 John iv. 10.

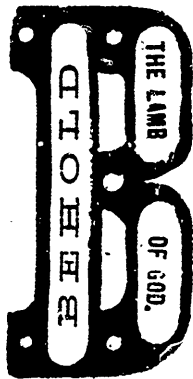
pets, pipes, and strings!—when we were suddenly alarmed by the noise of horses galloping after us. *Trumpets, pipes, and strings!* We distinctly heard voices crying, 'Stop! stop!'—*Trumpets, pipes, and strings!*—said I to my companions, we are pursued by robbers!—*Trumpets, pipes and strings!* 'It is not possible,' cried the other travellers. *Pipes and strings!* 'Oh yes,' said I, 'it is but too true,' and on looking out of the window, I saw that those—*trumpets, pipes, and strings!*—horsemen had overtaken us. Just as soon as the carriage—*Trumpets, pipes, and—*"

Here the officer's impatience could no longer be restrained. "I hope you will excuse my interrupting you, sir," said he, "but for the life of me I cannot see what your *trumpets, pipes, and strings* have to do with your story?"

"Sir," replied the old man, "your remarks greatly astonish me. Have you not perceived that these words are quite as necessary to my tale, as the *oaths and imprecations* with which you seasoned yours? I could not listen to you without deep pain. Allow me to offer you a few words of counsel:—you are yet young; you can yet correct this sad habit, which shows lightness of character and disrespect for God's sacred name and presence. Pray do so."

There was a moment's silence. The officer then took the old gentleman's hand, and, pressing it with emotion, said,—

"Sir, I thank you for the interest you have shown in a stranger, and for the kind lesson you have taught me; I hope it will not be in vain."



BEHOLD, I stand at the door and knock.—Rev. iii. 20.

BEHOLD, I bring you good tidings.—Luke ii. 10.

BEHOLD, now is the accepted time.—2 Cor. vi. 2.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, MAY 5.

12 noon.—Thanksgiving and Praise Meeting. Mr. Geo. Soltau.
8 p.m.—Young Men's Bible Class, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary
9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, MAY 6.

12 to 12.45 noon.—"I do not see that it would Change my Life if I Be-caru; a Christian." 2 Cor. v. 17; Ezek. xxxvi. 26, 27; Eph. ii. 1-13. Rev. W. H. Laird.

WEDNESDAY MAY 7.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Mr. Geo. Soltau.

THURSDAY, MAY 8.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christian Communion Says not, "Thine is Mine," but "Mine is Thine." Acts ii 41-41. Rev. E. Ebbs.

8 00 p.m.—WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.

FRIDAY MAY 9.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Mr. Geo. Soltau.

SATURDAY, May 10.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Snared by Fear. Mark xiv. 66-72; Prov. xxix. 25. Rev. R. Holmes.

4 30 p.m.—Teacher's Bible Class. Hon. S. H. Blake.

7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
8.00 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. Mr. G Soltau.

SUNDAY, MAY 11.

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

Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.

"Chinese" Class. W. M. Morse.

"Italian Class.

8 30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. Mr. G. Soltau.

Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

Railway Men's Meetings.

W. C. JEX, Railway Secretary.

TUESDAY, MAY 6.

12.30 to 12.55 noon.—In G. T. R. Roundhouse Reading Room. Rev. J. Salmon, B.D.

SUNDAY, MAY 4.

3 p.m.—Union Station. Jos. Greene and Rev. H. Melville.

4 p.m.—West End Branch (1020 Queen W.) For speakers, see West End notices below.

West End Branch.

G. F. POPE, Secretary.

TUESDAY, MAY 6.

7 p.m.—C. L. S. C. Meeting.

8 p.m.—Bible Class Mr. R. Awde.

SUNDAY, MAY 11.

4 p.m.—Gospel Meeting. R. Connors and Rev. E. Clement.