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"What shall
it profit a man, if he
shall gain the whole
world, and lose his own
soul?"

Mark viii. 36.

TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS.

Friends will please bear in mind that Hon. S. H. Blake will resume his "Teachers' Bible Class" on Saturday next, October 6, at the usual hour.

THE FIRST LECTURE.

IF the lecture given by Mr. Peake on Tuesday last, and the attendance of young men at that lecture, are to be taken as fair examples of the matter to be presented, and the audiences to be expected during our course, the outlook is most encouraging.

Mr. Peake made his subject of deep interest, and the young men were not only pleased but instructed. At the close of the lecture over 20 of our members enrolled for the Association Branch of the C. I. S. C.

BULLETIN FUND.

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| Mrs. S..... | \$10 00 |
| Brantford..... | 1 00 |
| Thomas..... | 5 00 |

Although we have received several contributions to this fund lately, let not our friends think that we are in funds. The fact is there is still an unpaid balance at the Printers'. We, however, believe that "All needs will be supplied."

ANNUAL MEETING.

WE urge upon our members to be present at the Annual Business Meeting of the Association to be held on Tuesday evening. The past year has been one of much blessing, and we trust that at this meeting decisions may be arrived at, calculated to stimulate our Membership to deeper consecration, and to still more aggressive forms of work. Be sure to attend on Tuesday evening.

CLASSES.

THE Classes will open during the first week in November. Young Men desiring to enter, will please hand in their names as early as possible.

Those desiring to join the Chautauqua Literary Circle must enter at once, as the study commences on October 1st. We propose securing a few sets of books needed and any time during the week these books may be consulted at the Rooms. By this plan the expenses of the course will be reduced to a very low figure.

"The judgment of God is according to truth."

Romans ii. 2.

"Let him that heareth say, Come."
Revelation xxii. 17.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD
EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

LECTURE COURSE.

UR Members' Course of Parlor Lectures has been arranged for, and the Committee's Annual Circular will be issued this week.

The Committee has arranged with the Fisk Jubilee Singers to furnish one of their enjoyable concerts on the evening of Friday, November 9th. This Concert will form one of the Public Course.

From the information given us we are led to believe that this will be the last opportunity afforded (for some years to come) for hearing these "sweet singers."

GOSPEL MEETING.

AT the Gospel and Song service on Sunday evening last, the attendance was very large. At the after meeting, three requested prayer, and one professed to have found peace through believing.

A MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS

IS HELD

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

From 7.30 till 9,

In Parlor C. (up stairs) Shaftesbury Hall.



THE NEGLECTED LETTER.

THE young man, J. W., had run away from home and family, but he could not run away from conscience. Alone on sentry duty beneath the glittering tropical sky, or amid noisy companions in the hot and smoky barrack room, the voice of conscience spoke to him, bringing back memories of early teaching, when he had listened to the Gospel message of redeeming love. These memories came back upon him now, *biting like an adder, stinging like a scorpion*; he must escape from them, or they would drive him mad; so to stifle that voice within, he plunged into yet wilder excesses, passing the most vicious of his companions in his sin and folly.

The regiment had been some months on duty, when the barrack was one morning thrown into unusual excitement and commotion by the arrival of the English mail.

"Something for you," said the orderly whose duty it was to distribute the contents of the mail bag, as he handed

"Let us watch and be sober."

1 Thes. v. 6.

"I have chosen the way of truth."

Psalm cxix. 30.

a letter to J. W. The young man took the packet, and hurriedly tore off the cover, in the hope that it might perhaps enclose a money remittance,—that was the one thing which would have made *news from home* welcome to him. There was nothing inside, however, but a plain, closely-written sheet of paper. With a muttered imprecation he replaced it in the envelope, and *unread*, thrust it into his box.

One year later the young soldier lay in the barrack hospital—dying. A lingering but fatal disorder was burning in his veins, a disorder aggravated, if not induced by intemperance and vice. Tossing painfully upon his cot, he cast about for something with which to beguile the long, weary hours of loneliness. Suddenly he remembered his letter. Yes, that would do; he could read it now, it would help to keep him thinking. So the letter from home which had lain quietly at the bottom of the soldier's box ever since the morning of its arrival in Ceylon, was now brought out by the comrade who did duty as nurse, and read aloud to the sick man. It read as follows:—

"My Dear Son,—I want to buy *your* liberty from the service you are in. I have purchased an estate in—, and every comfort is provided for you; and to shorten my story, I say, Come home—oh, come home! and mother says so to. I have authorised Captain—, of the good barque W—, to give you a first-class berth in his ship. It is now lying at Colombo, and the price of your perfect freedom, with every requisite, is with him. Make no delay, but come. All send their love, and say, Come!"

Such was the letter which had so long lain *unread, unthought* of

"Never shall I forget that *neglected letter*," says the narrator of these incidents, who was none other than the hospital attendant above alluded to, "never shall I forget the neglecter's agony and despair, as he now listened to his father's message, which, from his own, wilful misconduct, he had received TOO LATE."

God is sending a message to each one of us to-day, and it is this, "Come, for all things are now ready." How have we received this invitation?

A glorious inheritance is waiting for us, provided before the foundations of the world; purchased with the blood of God's own Son; and all these things are *now ready*. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

ASSOCIATION

Will (D. V.) be held

IN THE MEMBERS' PARLOR,

On the evening of

Tuesday, October 2nd,

At 8 o'clock, to receive the annual reports of Board of Directors and Committees, and for the transaction of other business.

A full attendance of members is desired.

S. H. BLAKE,

President.

ALF. SANDHAM,

Gen. Sec.

YOUNG MEN'S

BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

"He hath delivered my soul in peace."

Psalm lv. 18.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

A.T. 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES

COME.

REMEMBER

—THE—

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

HELD

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

Bulletin for Week Commencing October 1, 1883.

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| MONDAY..... | Oct. 1.... | 12.00 M. | 7.30 P.M. | PRAISE & THANKSGIVING. The Secretary. MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C." |
| | | | 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..... | " 2.... | 12.00 M. | 8.00 P.M. | NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Aston. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING of the As- sociation. |
| WEDNESDAY.. | " 3... | 12.00 M. | | NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon. |
| THURSDAY.. | " 4.... | 12.00 M. | 8.00 P.M. | NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. H. Melville. WORKERS' MEETING for mutual edifica- tion and prayer. |
| FRIDAY | " 5 ... | 12.00 M. | | NOONDAY PRAYER. W. Marks. |
| SATURDAY.... | " 6.... | 12.00 M. | 7.30 P.M. | BOYS' MEETING. NOONDAY PRAYER. Asst. Sec. INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER. |
| SUNDAY | " 7... | 8.00 P.M. | 3.00 P.M. | YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. H. B. Gordon. EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon DEAF MUTE CLASS. CHINESE CLASS. |
| | | 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.

SUNDAY, Oct. 7, 3.00 P.M.

GOSPEL MEETING at Union Station and at West End Branch (102^c 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.

COTTAGE MEETINGS.

EVERY FRIDAY,

233 Dundas Street.