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"All flesh is as grass,  
and all the glory of man  
as the flower of grass.  
The grass withereth, and  
the flower thereof falleth  
away: but the word of  
the Lord endureth for  
ever. And this is the  
word which by the Gos-  
pel is preached unto  
you."

1 Pet. i. 24, 25.

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### WEEK OF PRAYER.

**W**hether it be our purpose, (D. V.) as announced in our issue of 12th inst., opening the first week of April as a week of prayer for the work among the young men of Toronto. We feel convinced that there are many, very many, upon whom the spirit of God has been working, and who are, as it may be said, feeling their way toward "the light." How are these Young men to be reached? Are we ready to be used as channels of blessing to them? These are questions we desire to ask ourselves, and each other, and at the same time we wish individually to draw near the throne of Grace, that we may derive therefrom the grace, the wisdom and the power needed for the work. We ask our brethren of other Associations to remember us at their regular seasons of prayer, both in public and private. We also extend a cordial invitation to Christians in the City to join us at our noonday prayer meetings, daily from 12 to 12:45. We also purpose holding meetings for prayer every evening during the week. (Saturday excepted) to commence at 8 o'clock and continue for one hour. Come up brethren of the Association, and bring with you others to join in the services. But above all let us come in the spirit of faith and expectancy. Let us be agreed in one thing—to ask the Lord's blessing upon YOUNG MEN.

### A MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS

IS HELD

EVERY MONDAY EVENING, FROM 7-30 TILL 9.

In Parlor C. (up stairs) Shaftesbury Hall.

"The LAW was given by MOSES, but GRACE and TRUTH came by JESUS CHRIST."—John i. 17.

"The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men."—Rom. i. 18.

### WATCH.



**WATCHFULNESS** is a most important duty. Success in any department of business depends much upon it.

The merchant must be careful to watch the market; the mechanic must watch and keep pace with every improvement in his line of work; The physician must watch his patient; the farmer must watch for the sowing and the reaping times. He must watch the growing crop in all its stages; he must watch against every agency that may tend to blight his crops, and thus render his labor fruitless. *Watch* is written upon the tools of every day-laborer. *Watch* is engraven upon the lawyer's brief. *Watch* is stamped by the Divine hand upon the high commission of the minister of the gospel. The policeman must watch while on duty; the railway switchman must watch the points; the engineer must watch the signals; the pilot on deck must watch; the sentry on his beat must watch; yea everywhere, in all the walks of life we meet the word **WATCH**. "*Watch* ye, therefore; for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning. Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, *Watch*." Mark 13: 35. If watchfulness is of such consequence as connected with interests already mentioned, what colossal proportions it assumes when applied to the eternal interests of the immortal soul! Is it not of infinite moment to you, my fellow-man, my brother traveller to the judgment-seat, that you should *watch* with intense concern the welfare of your never-dying soul. *Watch* against every thing that is calculated to contaminate the soul through the medium of the eye. *Watch* against every unholy sound that would suggest evil through the ear. *Watch* the tongue, that "no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth," Eph. 4: 29. *Watch* against every inducement to the hands

to grasp forbidden fruit, or the feet to tread in the paths of sin. *Watch*, closely watch the citadel itself, which is the heart. *Watch* well every appetite, bringing them all under subjection, so that no avenue of ingress to the soul be left unguarded. My friend, should you not "watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation," especially since your adversary, the devil, walketh about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

### SALVATION, GOD'S GIFT.



**T** is hard to make men believe that they may come to the Lord Jesus Christ gratuitously—that is, without any previous condition. There are few believers who do not remember the moment when this unconditional freeness of the Gospel broke upon their minds as a great revelation. In some of the endlessly shifting varieties of delusive experience, they were setting a price on pardon, and seeking to make up the amount: they were working on their own hearts, to make them more fit for Christ; they were essaying a half-way work, which, without erasing the word "grace" from the record, should leave to self some of the glory of preparation. And the moment when all this was swept away is memorable in the believer's history. It is the moment which immediately precedes **FAITH**. Up to this instant he has been trying earnestly to do something which shall make him fit to receive Christ. Now, he sees that the whole deed of righteousness is done already; that its full value is offered to him in the Gospel, and that he is authorized to accept it.—*J. W. Alexander.*

### STEEP YOUR SEED.



**T**HERE was a husbandman, says Flavel, 'that always sowed good seed but never had good corn. At last a neighbour came to him, and said, 'I

"There is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."—1 Tim. ii. 5.

'God our Saviour, who will have **ALL MEN TO BE SAVED**, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.'—1 Tim. ii. 3, 4.

will tell you what probably may be the cause of it. It may be,' said he, 'you do not *steep* your seed?' 'No, truly,' replied the other, 'nor did I ever hear that seed must be steeped.' 'Yes, surely,' said his neighbour, 'and I will tell you how: it must be *steeped in prayer.*'

### SCRIPTURE THE BEST FOUNDATION FOR THEOLOGY.

THE late Mrs. Graham of New York regarded with particular esteem the works of Dr. Owen, the Rev. William Romaine, and the Rev. John Newton, and read them with pleasure and profit. One day she remarked to Mr. B——, her son-in-law, that she preferred the ancient writers on theology to the modern, because they dealt more in italics. 'Dear mother' he replied, 'what religion can there be in *italics*?' 'You know, said she, 'that old writers expected credit for the doctrines they taught, by proving them from the word of God to be correct; they inserted the Scripture passages in italics, and their works have been sometimes one-half in italics. Modern writers on theology, on the contrary, give us a long train of reasoning to persuade us to their opinion, but very little in *italics*.

### WONDERFUL!

**Y**ES, it is wonderful! wonderful!' exclaimed an old man to a Christian who was visiting him. Here I am, more than sixty-nine years old, and all these years have I spent in sin! O how wicked I have been!—surely I am the vilest of the vile!—and yet the Lord, instead of cutting me off in my sins, has been with me all these years, and now, at the last, has drawn me to HIMSELF. *Forgiven them all!* Sixty-nine years of sin—**ALL FORGIVEN!**—O, it is wonderful! wonderful that He should come down here, and suffer, and bleed, and die for me!—wonderful that He should

save such a sinner, who has only despised and hated Him, and lived to please himself!

Such was his testimony, dear friend, do ponder it awhile, and see what you can say about *yourself*.

"He is able to save them to THE UTMOST that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

### THE Y. M. C. A. WATCHMAN.

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### YOUNG MEN'S

## BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

Conducted by the General Secretary.

**ALL INVITED.**

"Jesus said...I am the way, **THE TRUTH**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."—John xiv. 6.

**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 March 26, 1883.**

- MONDAY..... Mar. 26....12.00 M. THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING.  
Secretary,  
7.30 P.M. MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour  
"C."  
8.00 P.M. WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B."  
Conducted by the Secretary.
- TUESDAY..... " 27....12.00 M. NOONDAY PRAYER. The Sunrise of an  
Endless Day. Matt. xxviii. 1-10;  
1 Cor. xv. 20-26, 51-58. W. Gay.
- WEDNESDAY. " 28....12.00 M. NOONDAY PRAYER. What our Lord  
says about the Third Commandment.  
Ex. xx. 7; Matt. v. 34-37. F. Aston.
- THURSDAY... " 29....12.00 M. NOONDAY PRAYER. Trust not in your  
own Heart. Prov. xxviii. 26; Jer.  
xvii. 9; Ezek. xi. 19, 20. Rev. J.  
Salmon.
- FRIDAY ..... " 30....12.00 M. NOONDAY PRAYER. A Faith which  
Yielded in the Face of Difficulties.  
Matt. xiv. 25-32. Assist. Sec.  
8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
- SATURDAY .. " 31....12.00 M. NOONDAY PRAYER. Christ Manifested  
to Destroy the Works of the Devil.  
Mark v. 1-20. J. J. Gartshore.  
4.50 P.M. TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. S. H. Blake, Q.C.  
8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. "Immediately."  
H. B. Gordon.
- SUNDAY.....April 1.... 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 MEETINGS.**

SUNDAY, April 1, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meetings at Union Station, and Credit Valley Station, Parkdale.