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"Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings."

Jer. iii. 22.

TRAVELLING SECRETARY.

MR. W. P. Crombie has been re-appointed Travelling Secretary for the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and enters upon his duties on the 1st August.

CHINESE CLASS.

A CHINESE class has been organized and meets in one of our class rooms every Sabbath afternoon.

CAMP FUND.

CONTRIBUTIONS toward this fund are still in order. We have received since our last issue the following sums: J. O. A., \$2, W. M. M., \$7.50. We still require about \$30.

SONG SERVICE.

WE expect to have with us at the Service to be held on Sunday, 24th inst., some Christian workers from Belfast, Ireland, who will be passing through Toronto on their way to Mr. Moody's Conference at Northfield. We also expect to secure a Service by Rev. Dr. Andrew Bonar.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

AMONG our recent exchanges is an Association Bulletin, having a very neat heading representing a Locomotive with a head-light bearing the name JESUS, and the text. "This is the way walk ye in it." So far all is good, but the balance of the page is occupied with the programme of an entertainment given by the association. The programme is headed, "TWO HOURS OF SOLID COMFORT," and the show line of the whole programme informs us that the entertainment will conclude with a *Roaring farce*, entitled "Handy Andy," by some members of a Dramatic Association. Now in the name of the Lord, and of the Y.M.C.A. we must enter our protest against such absurdities. No wonder the cause of Christ suffers when He is receiving such wounds in the house of His friends. Brethren if you want to carry out such programmes, pray do not head it with a falsehood. *Solid comfort*. Whence is the comfort to be derived. Where is the solidity. We call it,—and God calls it—VANITY. A certain man was called "Thou fool," for asking his soul to feed upon the world, to take *solid comfort* out of farms, barns, etc. What think you is God's opinion of such an entertainment as that referred to.

I also notice that on each side of the "Cowcatcher" on the Locomotive are scripture references Matt. xii. 30; Luke xi. 23, "He that is not with me is against me." Grand texts!—but how do they bear upon the programme? Dear Brethren let us be careful. Don't bring discredit on the cause. Don't think that souls are to be won in this manner. Let "Jesus only" be our head light.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS.

LESSONS BY THE WAY.

By the Secretary.



TAKE A DRINK AND WELCOME

ON Dominion Day (July 1st) I accompanied "OUR BOYS" to their Annual Picnic at High Park. Finding it necessary to be in the City at an early hour in the evening, I left the grounds and walked into Toronto by Queen Street. The weather was excessively hot, the roads were dusty, and of course I was very thirsty. As I journeyed on, I came to a cottage. At the gate leading into it, and occupying the space between the edge of the footpath and the gate post, stood a chair; on the chair was a bucket of water, and by the side of the pail a tin dipper. What a pleasant sight! But, what business had I to touch it? Perhaps the owner would be offended. As I drew nearer, I again looked and saw above the chair, tacked to the post, a piece of paper with these words, "Take a drink and welcome." All my doubts vanished, I took in the whole plan. That kind-hearted man knew that hundreds of tired, thirsty people would pass by his door that day. He knew that water is the best liquid, in fact the only thirst-satisfying liquid. He knew that his own well was amply sufficient to furnish a supply; but he also knew that few, if any, would be likely to call and ask for water, so in this manner

he furnished a plentiful supply without cost; and he did all within his power to lead them to accept his kindness. He placed that chair so close to the path, that a lady's dress would touch—that the eye of the weary passer-by must rest upon it—and still more—lest any should have doubts as to the object he had in view, he placed that card, "Take a drink and welcome." Every person—whosoever,—man, woman, child,—to every thirsty person the notice said,—It is for you, take it. As I looked at that card and that pail of water, I thought, Oh, how this illustrates the glorious Gospel. God, in His infinite love, remembered the thirsty millions in this world. He knew that in His storehouse there was that which would satisfy that thirst, and He made ample provision to meet the needs of the whole world. He sent Jesus. Yea, He has brought that Gospel very close to us. "The word is nigh thee." And then, lest poor thirsty sinners should say, "Oh yes, that is just what I want, but perhaps it is not intended for me," God has put up the Gospel label,— "Whosoever will," "If any man thirst, let him come," "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye," in other words, "Take a drink and welcome."

Now what would you think of a person who being very thirsty should come to that cottage gate and see all that I have spoken of, and yet should pass on without taking a drink. Would you not say he was foolish. Well that is just what the writer of this article did. He saw it all. Learned a gospel lesson from it—yet did not drink, and passed on thirsty as ever, but only to learn another lesson. About five minutes after he reached a store,—passed in, - paid for a glass of soda water, and came out, only to find himself in a minute or two, more thirsty than he was before, and as he wiped the perspiration from his face and thought of the pail of water he had passed by, there came before his mind those words of the Prophet Isaiah, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not."

Oh, young man don't act so foolish. Jesus is now offered. The gospel is pressed home. Drink, Drink, Drink and live. Don't think the things of this world will quench your soul thirst. Only the Living water can do that. Thirsty soul stoop down and drink.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.



We are indebted to the Publisher for a copy (monthly) of Battersby's Railway Guide, a publication well worthy of patronage by all travellers. We have also received from Mr. J. B. Griffith, G. W. R. Ticket Agent, a Railway Map of America, which, (when mounted) will form a useful addition to our stock of helps by the way.

YOUNG MEN:

REMEMBER THE

BIBLE CLASS

Conducted by the GENERAL SECRETARY

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

C O M E .

Bulletin for Week Commencing July 18th, 1881.

MONDAY	July. 18	...12.00 M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Alf Sandham.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY....	" 19	...12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. How God speaks to man. Job xxxiii. 14 30; Heb. i. 1-2. R. Merryfield.
		4.00 P.M.	MEETING FOR CONSECRATION & PRAYER.
WEDNESDAY. .	" 20	...12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Be sure your sin will find you out. Josh. vii. 16-21; Acts v. 1-10. W. Marks.
THURSDAY.....	" 21	...12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Helpers and Hin- derers of the Truth. 3 John 1-13. W. E. Burford.
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Gen. Sec.
FRIDAY.	" 22	...12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Self Denial for good of others. 1 Cor. viii. 4-13. S. R. Briggs.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	" 23	...12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. God's sent ones. Ps. cv. 26.
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Heaven, and how entrance to it is secured. Rev. vii. 9-17. Mr. J. Adams.
SUNDAY.....	" 24	... 3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
		8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. Alf. Sand- ham.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, July 24, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station.—Testimony Meeting conducted
by the R. R. Secretary.
At Nipissing Station.—Messrs. W. Garside and
J. Macgregor.
NOON PRAYER MEETING—Toronto, Grey and Bruce R. R. Workshops every
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COTTAGE MEETING, THURSDAY 8 P.M.—18 Portland Street.
" " FRIDAY " 61 Sackville "



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