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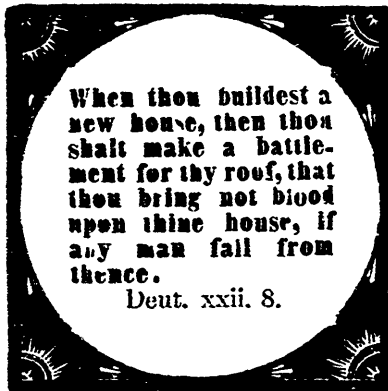
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RESPONSIBILITY.



NO LIABILITY.

WE have recently received the prospectus of a co-operative society, enclosing a form of application for shares. The latter form is headed, "SHAREHOLDERS INCUR NO LIABILITY OF ANY KIND AFTER THE FULL AMOUNT OF FIVE DOLLARS PER SHARE IS PAID." We take up the prospectus, and read, "Departments will be opened as soon as possible for the sale of the following and other goods: Groceries and provisions, WINES AND SPIRITS, TOBACCO AND CIGARS." We are at a loss to know the authority for saying that "No liability of any kind exists after the payment of a certain sum." No financial liability may exist according to human law; but what about the responsibility spoken of in God's law—"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, and putteth thv bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also" (Hab. ii. 15.)

Can a man be a shareholder, and participate in the profits, and not in

the woes? We trow not. The law looks upon the receiver as equally guilty with the thief; and God's law is no respecter of persons. Whether I put the bottle to my neighbor's lips, or subscribe my money, or in other ways aid and abet those who perform the act of placing it to his lips, I stand condemned. Christian's, lay to heart the solemn injunction, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (2 Cor. vi. 17, 18.)

Better be a "son of God" with a clear conscience, even though there be an empty purse, than a shareholder in the most profitable business, which however may include the WOES of God among the dividends.

FREE LECTURES.

THE first of the series of free lectures was given last Tuesday in Shaftesbury Hall by the Rev Leonard Gaetz, of Hamilton, on the subject, "Is life worth living?" He opened his remarks by showing how, in the different phases of life, this question is continually rising up in the hearts of men, especially in the hour of discouragement and trial. He proceeded to show how infidels and so-called scientists would have us believe that "the body is a developed clam, the mind revolving protoplasm, the conscience a den of jugglery, heaven a delusion, hell a tugbear, the Bible a fabrication, and religion a myth." The lecturer then asked if they could blame a man for concluding that life is not worth living, for when he is asked to believe such teaching as this. In asking what could such teaching do

for a man swamped by the burdens of life, he quoted from one of the leading infidel papers of the day, the words of encouragement they hold out against suicide:—"Man is bound to preserve his life because it has cost so much to develop it out of protoplasm through a long series of animal forms." He then gave in comparison the teaching of the inspired Apostles, and showed that the only life worth living was that of the regenerated man—he who had been washed in the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The audience frequently interrupted the lecturer by well merited applause.

Prof. Hirschfelder's address on the Sinaitic Inscriptions was attended by a goodly number of members and friends interested in Bible study. At the close a number of questions were asked, and fully answered by the Professor. We are indebted to him for his courtesy, and hope at some early day to be favored with another address.

Y. M. C. A. COURSE OF PAID LECTURES.

The fifth lecture on this course will be delivered by the Rev. J. Halsted Carrol, D.D., of Newburg, N.Y. The title of this lecture will be "From Biarney Stone to Vesuvius." DR. ORMISTON writes:—"His past success is his best commendation. His style is copious and brilliant; his elocution eloquent and impressive, and he sways a magic sceptre alike over the understanding and heart of all his hearers. I predict for him unusual success in the Dominion."

People who are friendly to your face, and who speak against you when your back is turned, are like cowardly dogs which slip up behind you, bite and run. Such people are rightly called **BACK BITERS.**

"Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life."—John v. 40.

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"
 —Heb. ii 3.

QUR Boarding House Committee reports for month ending Jan. 9, 65 visits to boarding-houses, 12 to hotels, 7 to factories, 28 to fire-halls, and 3 to police stations. Invitation cards put up, 42; illustrated papers distributed, 131; personal conversations with young men, 13. The Association has procured a number of the illustrated British Workman Sheet Almanac, neatly mounted on cotton, and varnished. These are being placed in all the fire-halls and railway stations. The Committee's report states—"We are gladly received; we meet much to encourage, and but little to discourage. The work is a glorious one, offering as it does so many opportunities for speaking for Jesus."

"AND POUR CONTEMPT ON ALL MY PRIDE."

PRIDE of my birth and rank.—
 "Is not this the carpenter's Son?"
 Pride of wealth.—"The Son of Man hath not where to lay His head."
 Pride of respectability.—"Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"
 Pride of personal appearance.—"He hath no form nor comeliness."
 Pride of reputation.—"A friend of publicans and sinners."
 Pride of independence.—"Many others who ministered to Him of their substance."
 Pride of learning.—"How knoweth this man letters." &c.
 Pride of superiority.—"I am among you as He that serveth."
 Pride of success.—"His own received Him not."
 Pride of self-reliance.—"He went down to Nazareth and was subject unto them."
 Pride of ability.—"I can of Mine own self do nothing."

Pride of self-will.—“I seek not Mine own will.”

Pride of intellect.—“As My Father taught Me I speak.”

Pride of bigotry.—“Forbid him not, for he that is not against us is on our part.”

Pride of resentment.—“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Pride of sanctity.—“This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.”

Y. M. C. A.
FIFTH OF LECTURE COURSE
SHAFTESBURY HALL,
Tuesday, the 18th January.
LECTURE
 BY
REV. J. HALSTED CARROLL, D.D.
OF NEWBURGH, N.Y.

Bulletin for Week Commencing January 17, 1881.

MONDAY....	Jan. 17....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING & PRAISE MEETING. Ps. cxviii. Rev. J. B. Clarkson, M.A.
	“	8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. H. A. Bruton
TUESDAY.....	“ 18....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Faith and Tribulation. Acts xiv. 19, 28. Rev. H. D. Powis.
WEDNESDAY..	“ 19 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Risen with Christ. Col. iii. 1-17. Rev. P. McF. McLeod.
THURSDAY....	“ 20 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Word of God. 1 Pet. i. 22, 25. Rev. H. M. Parsons.
FRIDAY.	“ 21 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Charity. 1 Cor. xiii. S. R. Briggs.
		8.00 P.M.		BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	“ 22....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Contentment. 1 Tim. vi. W. E. Burford.
		4.50 P.M.		TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H.
		8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. What lacked he? Matt. xix. 16-22. C. S. Gzowski, Jr.
SUNDAY.....	“ 23....	9.30 A.M.	WORKER'S MEETING FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY.	
		3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. J. D. Nasmith.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Jan. 23, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station.—RAILROAD SECRETARY and ALF. SANDHAM.

At Nipissing Station.—Messrs. W. ANDERSON and GREIG.

COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every MONDAY 8 P.M.—11 Monck Street, THURSDAY 8 P.M.—6 Trefann St.

FREE CLASSES.

ELOCUTION.....	MR. R. LEWIS.....	MONDAY, 8 P.M.
PHONOGRAPHY.....	MR. R. McNAB.....	} MONDAY and SATURDAY, 6.45 P.M.
BOOKKEEPING.....	MR. McINTYRE.....	
DRAWING.....	MR. H. B. GORDON.....	FRIDAY, 8 P.M.
GYMNASIUM (for Young Men).....		} MONDAY and THURSDAY, 8 P.M., SATURDAY, 4 to 6 P.M.
GYMNASIUM (for Boys).....	MR. BRUTON.....	

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