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**I**N all labour  
there is profit:  
but the talk of the  
lips tendeth  
to poverty.

Prov. xiv. 23.

**A** SOCIAL gathering of the Workers will be held on Thursday evening next, to welcome to our midst our new Secretary, Bro. McCulloch. We trust the workers will turn out in full force.

## PARLOR LECTURES.

**T**HE course thus far has been unusually interesting, and the attendance large. On Tuesday last, Mr Houston, Librarian Legislative Assembly, lectured on "Practical English," the lecture being the monthly C. L. S. C., gathering.

## THE NEW SECRETARY.

**M**R. McCULLOCH will arrive in Toronto early during the present week, and will be present at the Special "Workers' Social" to be held on Thursday evening next.

We have pleasure in quoting from his letter of acceptance the following utterances.

"I trust that the richest blessings of our Heavenly Father may rest upon us in our new relationship, and above all, as the result of our mutual labours in Toronto, that many precious souls may be won to the Lord Jesus Christ, and many of the young men raised up to be chosen vessels of the Lord to bear His name to others, and made mighty through His grace for the conflict with sin and evil of every kind.

"It gives me much confidence in going to Toronto to be assured of the hearty co-operation and sympathy of the Board in carrying on of this great and blessed work of rescuing and saving the young men, and I am sure that whatever plans may be devised, adopted and carried out, we shall work in thorough harmony, ever keeping in view that the great end of our Association work is to lead men to Christ, and a truer, nobler better manhood."

Wait on the Lord, and keep His way.

Psalm xxxvii. 34.

In God we boast all the day long.  
Psalm xli. 8.

## GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL WELCOME.

### WHAT NEXT ?



We think we hear some of our readers uttering these words when they hear that at a recent meeting of the Board, it was decided to sell, if possible, the present building owned by our Association, and to erect another smaller in proportions, but better laid out for the work.

There will, no doubt, be wide difference of opinion as to the advisability of such a course, but it is certain that no final steps will be taken till a full expression of opinion has been secured from the members and friends of the work. There are some things which may be urged in favor of the step, there are many more also against it. Certainly we can never expect to secure a site better adapted to the needs of the class of young men who must require the advantages we offer. We are now in the heart of the Boarding House locality, and for the Young men away from home, we *must* care if we are to expect the sympathy and co-operation of the Christian Public. Ours is not a work designed to draw young men out of their homes, nor is it likely to attract large numbers of those who can afford luxurious lodgings, but we *can* offer attractions to those who have to labor hard, for comparatively low wages, and therefore cannot afford to pay for just such comforts and pleasures as we can offer. We feel assured that the committee to whom the work of selling is entrusted will bear this in mind in their negotiations.

## THE VOLUNTEERS.

It is common with other cities of our Dominion, Toronto has been much stirred by the news of the trouble in the North West. Our volunteer force left here on Monday last at noon, but previous to leaving, our Association was enabled (through the liberality of its President Hon. S. H. Blake) to give to each member of the force a package of reading matter. How these were appreciated is clearly shown by the following extract from the despatch of the special reporter of one of our City papers.

"PETERBOROUGH, March 30.—I need not relate to you the incidents which occurred on leaving the Union. We reached Toronto Junction in a few minutes and after a pause of a minute or so we started towards the East amid the cheers of the West Toronto Junction people. We were then ordered to relieve ourselves of our packs and other accoutrements, and after everything had been snugly packed away we partook of part of the 24 hours' rations we were ordered to take with us. After that, well after that, the little packages the Young Men's Christian Association had given us just before our departure from the Drill Shed, were opened, and we found a copy of

### MOODY AND SANKEY HYMNS

in each. Hymn No. 3, "I am so glad that our Father in Heaven" was sung with a will, then No. 49, "Only an Armour Bearer." We reached Claremont a little before 2 p.m. We did not stop there long. Various songs were then sung, religious and otherwise."

May the Lord bless the singing of those hymns to some unconverted young volunteer, and may the tracts and other papers be equally blessed. The Association is indebted to Rev. John Salmon and Mr. Henry O'Brien for the thoughtful suggestion that such packages be distributed. It is well to be *thinking* how to advance God's work. We are then ready to be *doing* something.

All these things shall be added unto you.

Luke xii. 31.

Consider the lilies how they grow.  
Luke xii. 27.

# BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

Conducted by Mr. S. H. Blake,

EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

## OUR RAILWAY WORK.

**W**E are pleased to report rapid and very pleasing progress in this department. The work at York is especially gratifying. A reading room has been opened and is well-supplied with daily papers from different parts of the Dominion. The Gospel services are well attended, and Cottage Meetings are held weekly.

“HOW DO I KNOW HE'S DIVINE?”

**C**ONFERENCE Committee once had before them a backwoods preacher, who knew little of books or theology, but who had a practical knowledge of Christ's salvation. ‘Brother,’ began one of the examiners ‘will you please name some of the evidences of the divinity of our LORD JESUS CHRIST?’ The brother's face wore an expression of puzzled bewilderment, and he was silent. The examiner repeated his question, ‘What makes you think CHRIST is divine?’ Now there was a response from the whole man. With his eyes full of tears, he started to his feet, and stretching out his arms and hands, exclaimed, ‘How do I know He's divine? Why, HE'S SAVED MY SOUL!’

## A MOTHER'S ADVICE.

**I**N an important trial which has for some time back attracted the attention of the people of Canada, and especially of Toronto, the following letter found among the papers of one of the accused, is worthy the serious consideration of every Young Man.

“WASHINGTON, Nov. 2nd, 1884.—My dear “First Born,” Yours to your father, written on the 28th, really makes me quite unhappy. You will say that mother is getting old and childish; but old people have seen many things that young people have not had years enough to see; and children know more than their elders give them credit for: hence, age and youth in their extremes are not to be despised. You are making too great haste to be rich. \* \* \* \* You do right in acquiring riches in the right way, but wine parties, dinners and theatres are *not right* in the sense that you describe. I know that God will not prosper you (the child of baptism and many prayers.) if you forget *Him*. \* \* \* We cannot take the least pleasure in your prospect of a hundred thousand, for gotten in *that way* it will not bring a blessing to you *nor to your boy*, nor comforting thoughts to your death bed. Do *not*, dear boy, try to buy influence by such means. Don't you know that a straightforward, manly course is the only way to win many men? and if they are not manly, but belong to those who accept bribes and whose principles are formed by the theatre and the wine cup, you are the worse for all the influence and wealth they bring you. Wealth gotten by wickedness *never, never* blesses the family. \* \* \* If you cannot get thousands, take hundreds, and have them clean, so that when death comes to you, you will not fear to leave them to your boy, and with them the inheritance of an ‘honest getting.’”

My son, \* \* forsake not the law of thy mother.—Prov. i. 8.

Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust.  
Psalm xl. 4.

## PUNCTUALITY.



**PUNCTUALITY** may be considered a debt. If we have made an engagement with a person to meet him at an exact time, we owe it to him not to hinder him from fulfilling some other engagement, or from entering on some important labour.

Some of the most eminent men have been very remarkable for this excellence of punctuality. Malancthon, the friend of Martin Luther, not only fixed the hour, but the very minute of his engagements, and expressed his grief when his friend disappointed him. George the Third often refused to see those, even on important business, who came a few minutes beyond the specified period. Lord Nelson used to say that he owed all his honours to his rigid punctuality. And the illustrious Washington was as remarkable as any of these great personages, and with great dignity would reprove those who failed in the duty. We once knew an eminent Christian minister who was remarkable for attention to his engagements; and when the clock had once struck and he was absent from his post, every one said, 'The clock is too fast,—which really proved to be the case.

A poor Sunday-school boy was an apprentice, and for several years passed a certain store every morning as the neighbouring church clock struck six, at which time a very precise old merchant always took down the shutters of his store. Each bowed as Joseph passed—each giving the salutation, 'Good morning, sir,' beyond which they never spoke to each other. What, think you, was Joseph's surprise when he learned that the old gentleman had suddenly died, and left him his whole business and stock! By his punctuality our young friend came into the possession of property which ultimately grew to nearly a quarter of a million, with which, it is pleasant to add, he did a vast amount of good.—*be punctual.*

## YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every MONDAY Ev'g, at 8 o'clock.

## BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, APRIL 6.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. Rev. Dyson Hague.  
8 p.m.—**YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.**  
9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ the Firstfruits. 1 Cor. xv. 12-23. W. Marks.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Am I Safe or in Danger? John iii. 36; Rom. i. 16, 18. Rev. J. Salmon.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9.

12 to 12.45 noon.—What Companionship shall I Seek? Ps. cix. 63; Prov. xiii. 20; Mal. iii. 16. J. J. Gartshore.  
6.30 p.m.—**WORKERS' SOCIAL.**

FRIDAY, APRIL 10.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Doubting Castle. John xx. 24-29. General Secretary.  
7.30 p.m.—**BOY'S MEETING.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 11.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Woe to the Drunkards? Isa. v. 11, 12; 1 Cor. vi. 10. Assist. Secretary.  
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.  
8 p.m.—**YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.** The General Secretary.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.  
“ Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.  
“ Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.  
“ Italian Class.  
8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. H. O'Brien. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

## Railway Men's Meeting.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9.

7.30 p.m., for one hour.—At Yo.k. Cottage Meeting at John Lee's; address by W. Marks.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10.

12.35 to 12.55 p.m.—Bible Reading at G.T.R. Roundhouse, City. Robert Hall.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12.

GOSPEL MEETINGS.

3 p.m.—Union Station. H. Thomas and R. Smith.  
3.15 p.m.—At York. W. C. Jex and J. Bousfield.