

# Shaftesbury Hall

WEEKLY

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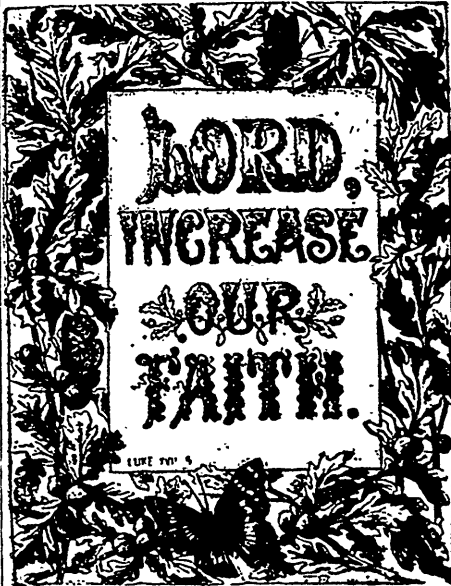
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## STRANGERS

### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

That the Rooms of the  
TORONTO YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN  
ASSOCIATION,

ARE IN ITS BUILDING,

## SHAFTESBURY HALL

Corner Queen and James Sts.,

ONE BLOCK WEST OF YONGE STREET.

Rooms open daily from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m.

You will be cordially welcomed.

## THE EXHIBITION.

As noticed in our last issue, we have once more commenced our Tent Work upon the Industrial Exhibition grounds. By the kindness of Mr. Hill, Manager, we have been allowed to occupy the same site as last season. A more prominent position could not be given us, facing as it does the widest avenue, and directly opposite the Main Building. It is due to the gentlemen comprising the Exhibition Committee, to say that they have

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee.—Isaiah liv. 10.

I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground—Isaiah xlv. 3.

ever manifested the most cordial spirit towards us in the work.

The meetings this year will be in charge of our faithful co-worker, Rev. John Salmon. Mr. Saunders, Assistant Secretary, will take charge of general details, and we have been favored in securing the musical services of Mrs. Cornell, who will preside at the organ and conduct the singing. The only regular meeting to be held will be daily at 12 noon, but occasional Gospel services will be conducted as Mr. Salmon may think best. We pray that these services may be owned of God, as in years gone by, and even more abundantly.

### LECTURES.



REV. DR. SEXTON, of London, Eng., who is now on a visit to America, kindly agreed to deliver a course of lectures on "Various Phases of Modern Scepticism." Dr. Sexton, who is an eloquent speaker, is fully at home upon the subjects chosen by him, and the manner in which he handled the same, made several of the Freethinking and Sceptical persons who were in the audience feel anything but "at home." To note the manner in which they moved about after the lecture, reminded us of "stirring up a nest of hornets," and they kept looking out for opportunities to "sting," but we have no proof that they left much of their poison behind. Dr. Sexton delivered two lectures in our Hall, and (D.V.) will deliver a third on the evening of our date of issue. From this latter we anticipate much benefit to our Young Men, the subject being "Alleged Bible Contradictions." It has never been our privilege to hear a lecture equal to Dr. Sexton's, upon the subject which he discusses, and we could only wish that every Association in the land had the privilege of presenting him and his lectures to their Young Men.

### HOW TO USE A SWORD.



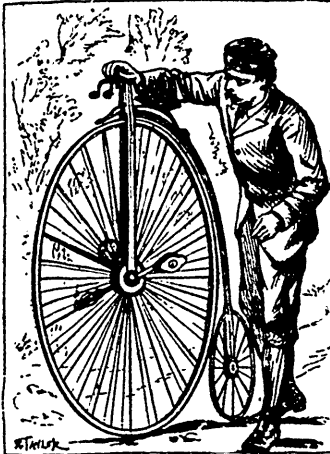
**A** SWORD is put into a soldier's hand that he may use it in smiting the enemy. What would be thought of a warrior, who, at the enemy's suggestion, should, in the very midst of the fight, lay down his sword and enter into a lengthened discussion with him as to the maker's stamp, and the quality of the metal, etc.? The soldier may be most earnest and eloquent in his efforts to prove that his weapon bears upon it the royal stamp of his sovereign, and that its metal is superlative; yet it is not difficult to see that the enemy gains an immense advantage meantime. Into our hands, Christ, our sovereign, has put the "Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God," not for protection and safe keeping, but that we may use it against His and our foes. Is it not time, therefore, to cease our disputation with the Devil, and to "gird on every man his sword?" Full well Satan knows the stamp it bears, and the keenness of its double edge. Our great Captain, with this weapon, dealt him a deadly blow. There is nothing the Devil fears so much as this "Sword of the Spirit." If he cannot persuade us to break it in pieces and throw it away, he will have us place it in the scabbard, and devote our attention to guarding it. I somehow imagine that in no way can we so well prove our sword, and honour our King, as by slaying His enemies. No wonder that the enemies of Christ triumph, when His soldiers are mainly employed defending their weapons. "The Word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart." Fellow Christian soldiers, let us see that no strategy of the Adversary shall turn us aside from the constant and valiant use of our sword.

A. G.

I will pour My Spirit upon thy seed, and My blessing upon thine offspring.—Isaiah xlv. 4.

I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.—Hosea xiv. 5.

## THE CYCLOMETER.



**W**HAT is a cyclometer? It is a small instrument used by bicycle and tricycle riders for measuring the distance run. It is attached to the axle of the driving-

wheel, and is so constructed that a train of wheels, contained in a case, and mechanism revolve, setting in motion hands which move on dial-plates outside, as in a watch. These dial-plates show either the number of revolutions of the driving-wheel, or the distance in miles and furlongs. In the former case a little calculation is required to find the exact distance run; in the other, the length of the journey can be seen at once. At various stages on his journey the traveller alights and examines the distance-register. He can thus tell how far he has travelled since his last examination; he can calculate his rate of speed, and, if he knows the route, can tell the probable time of his arrival at his destination.

The cyclometer is of direct use only to the rider; but it has its lesson for all. In a spiritual sense we are all travellers along a road we have not traversed before. We shall do well, therefore, to carry with us a spiritual cyclometer, and frequently to use it. After the day's work it were well to ask, "What distance have I run to-day, and along what road have I travelled?"

One's all-important enquiry which you

must settle before proceeding farther is this:—*On which road am I travelling?* Scripture speaks of two paths. There is the broad path that leadeth to destruction, and there is the narrow way that leadeth unto life. Settle at once this question:—*Is my face set Heavenward?* Whither do my footsteps tend—to Heaven or hell? There is no middle course. I am either treading the path that leadeth unto life, or I am following the road that leadeth to destruction. On which road am I?

Are you a believer? Then self-examination will open out to you a wide range of enquiry. But beware lest while looking at yourself you withdraw your gaze from Christ. Self-examination will only be a help so far as it unites you more closely to Him. Do not confuse things that differ. Your acceptance before God depends entirely upon the work of Christ for you. The work of the Holy Spirit in you is the result of that acceptance. Is thine heart right? Measure it fairly; test it honestly. The Bible will suggest many topics of enquiry. Self-examination in the light of God's Word will show you your weakness. You are at the best an unprofitable servant; but let not this discourage you. Your source of strength is Christ. Bring all your sins of omission and commission, of thought, word, and deed to the Lord Jesus, and rejoice in His pardoning love. "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

## EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him.—Nahum i. 7.

# GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening, at 8.30.

GOOD SINGING. SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.

COME.

## FRUIT.

AS the recorded result of twenty-three years' labor of one of the twelve metropolitan branches of the Young Men's Christian Association of London, twelve of its members have been ordained pastors; twelve missionaries have gone out, eight of them laboring in India, China, Africa, Spain, etc.; five now in college preparing for the ministry, two for the foreign field; one colporteur; thirteen elders and deacons; eight superintendents of missions; five secretaries of Young Men's Christian Associations; eight conducting young Men's Bible classes; eight evangelists. Great numbers have become teachers in Sunday and ragged schools, school superintendents, members of different churches, tract distributors, visitors to the sick, and workers in every department of Christian usefulness.

It is just as easy for Christ to save a man with the weight of ten thousand sins upon him, and all his chains around him, as to save a man with one sin. If a man has offended in one point, the Scripture says he is guilty of all. (Jas. 2: 10.)

## YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME

## BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

Bible Class at 8 p.m., and Gospel and Song Service at 8.30, followed by an enquiry meeting at 9.15. All invited.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

12 noon.—Thanksgiving and Praise Meeting. The Secretary.

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.

9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Repeated Disobedience Brings Repeated Chastening. Deu. i. 20-44. J. J. Gartshore.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Service. *Christ's*, Matt. xi. 28-30; John viii. 35, 36. *Satan's*, Rom. vi. 16-23. S. R. Briggs.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Our Bodies, Temples of the Holy Spirit, to be Consecrated to Him. 1 Cor. iii. 16-23; vi. 19, 20. R. Sims.

8.00 p.m.—WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS. The Secretary.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Not He that Commendeth Himself is Approved, but whom the Lord Commendeth. Luke xviii. 9-14; Rom. ii. 29. R. Merryfield.

7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Those Ignorant of the Scriptures Easily Fall into Discouragement. Luke xxiv. 13-32. Assistant Secretary.

7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.

8.00 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.  
R. Connors.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.

" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian's Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. H. B. Gordon. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

## Railway Men's Meetings.

W. C. JEX, Railway Secretary.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

3 p.m.—Union Station. R. Johnson and W. C. Jex.  
3 p.m.—Y. M. C. A. Tent, York.

## YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.