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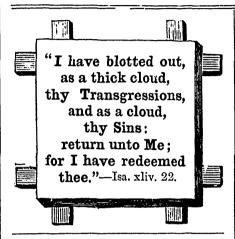
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THE BULLETIN.



CARCELÝ a week has passed without being requested to resume publication of the Bulletin. Added to the re-Bulletin.

quests has been the continued appeal of our Boarding House Committee, members of which stated that it proved invaluable in this work, in fact that without it they found it difficult to gain access to the Houses. While desiring to meet their demands we did not feel warranted in resuming it unless the way was opened for its publication without advertisements, and without contracting debts. We have thus far made no appeal for help, but the matter ap- FROM 8 A.M. TO 10 P.M. pears to have been pressed upon the hearts of some Brethren, and a few days ago our worthy ex-treasurer authorized us to publish for one month at his expense. This we now undertake, and shall continue the publication just so long as the Lord sends the wherewithal to meet the Printer's claim. We shall contract no debt, and non-receipt of QUEEN AND JAMES STS.

funds will be to us an evidence that the Bulletin should again rest. We shall take the stand of the aged saint as set forth in the following lines:

Thou hast a scanty breakfast. "Nay It is enough," she quickly cried

"The promise fails not from day to day I know my Father will still provide'

"And if so be he should want me home It is a token that's easily read: Whenever he means to bid me come, And not before, he will stop the bread,"

YOUNG MAN.

are you a

STRANGER IN TORONTO?

If so, we invite you to

COME

to our Rooms. We shall gladly meet

AND WELCOME

you. Our Rooms are open

EVERY DAY

except Sunday,

The Rooms are in

SHAFTESBURY HALL

corner

THE WORK.



T a recent meeting of the workers it was unanimously decided to direct the attention of the whole staff to the one

grand work of seeking out young men. While it is admitted that there are many fields requiring earnest laborers; still we profess to have banded ourselves together for the specific work of reaching young men. This field has not been cultivated as it should have been. The laborers have not pressed into those portions wherein the heaviest and richest sheaves lie waiting to be gathered.

By the roadside we have gathered a little, and we still intend to labor there. but, in the rich harvest fields of our boarding-houses, factories, and warehouses we cannot claim to have faithfully worked. It is true something has been done in this part, and the results of that work are so encouraging that we desire to press on till our staff of workers find themselves in the heart of the harvest field.

The workers appear to be in earnest in this matter. May their zeal be intensified, and may discretion be their guide in that which requires both zeal and discretion.

EXAMPLES.



EMBERSHIP Tickets have been presented by one of our members to the scholars of his Sunday school class, ten in

number; while another has acted in like manner toward the clerks in his office. We mention these cases in hopes that others may be led to do likewise.

ONE LESS.



ROTHER W. N. Macfarlane. who for some years past has been one of our most faithful workers on the Tract Com-

mittee (as chairman), and also on the Boarding-house Committee, has returned to "Auld Scotia." We miss his cheerful face and his ready-helping We cannot remember a solitary instance wherein the word "no," or "I cannot" came in response to our request for help. Did we need a sup-

ply for some Mission service? Some person to sit up with a sick young man -Invitations distributed—A Leader for the Bible Class-An address at our Gospel Meeting? Our thoughts went out at once to Bro. McF., and never did we fail in an appeal. May he have journeying mercies as he travels homeward.

Who will fill the place left vacant on our staff of workers?

ENCOURAGING.



GLANCE at our statistics for the past six months will reveal the pleasing fact, that during that period there has

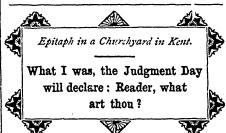
been an average weekly attendance of 934 at our strictly religious meetings, that is, Bible classes, prayer and gospel meetings. We feel grateful for this, and trust that the numbers of those who wait on the Lord, or come to hear His messages of love, may be greatly increased. Brethren pray for this.

LIBRARY.



UR Librarian has completed the new arrangement of books, and a catalogue has been prepared, neatly framed,

placed in the parlour. Our library is now in excellent working order. rules are being strictly enforced without any exception, or favoritism. result is a promptitude in return of books hitherto unreported. The last monthly report showed only four books out beyond four weeks. Eleven vols. have been added by a lady friend, New paper racks are being made for the members' parlour, and when complete, additions will be made to the number of papers on fyle.



Summery for Six Months ending April 1st, 1882.

151 Daily Prayer Meetings, aggregate attendance, 2,478, average 16.

27 Workers' Bible Classes, 354, average 13.

25 Young Men's Meeting (Saturday evening), 1,760, average 70.

25 Bible Classes (Sunday afternoon), 1,250, average 50.

26 Bible Classes (Teachers), 4,722, average 186.

25 Gospel and Song Service (Sunday evening), 12,425, average 498.

21 Boys' Prayer Meetings, 434, average 21.

2 Meetings in interest of Railway work, 750, average 375.

25 Lectures, &c., 12,475, average 500.

5 Board Meetings, 65, average 13. Bulletins issued (to Jan. 1, 1882, 20,000, Tracts distributed (pages) - 165,000, 27,500. Invitations distributed Young Men aided 37

directed to boarding 62 houses Employment secured, temporary 34, permanent 15 49

Letters of Introduction received 43 32 New Members 205

OUR GYMNASIUM.



UR Gymnasium has not proved for; (at the same time wound not wish it to be understood not wish it to be understood it entirely useless,)

that we pronounce it entirely useless.) therefore, this department of our (?) work has been closed. No doubt there was a time when it had a place in the machinery, but the day of its usefulness seems to have passed, and the Board finally decided to close up the As History repeats itself, so it is possible that this branch may at some future day be resumed; but we believe that there are more direct avenues of approach to, and facilities for reaching young men, with a view to winning them for Christ, and which are more likely to ensure success, and to merit, or at last meet with the Divine approval. We are looking for those avenues, and now feel more liberty, as our eyes are not needed to watch the now closed side roads.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE CLASS.



URING the severe illness of Bro. S. R. Briggs, we have been favored by the valuable aid of Mr. John McGregor,

who conducted this class with much acceptance, and we have reason to believe that his teaching has been blessed. Mr Briggs will resume charge on Sunday next. All are invited to the class. Many Ladies' now attend, and others will be cordially welcomed. The hour of meeting is from 3 to 4 P.M.

WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS.



N this class the Secretary has been much encouraged by the interested manifested.

numbers attending has not been large, but the Lord has blessed in the exposition of the word to those who have heard it.

WINNIPEG ASSOCIATION.



E are rejoiced to hear of the good work being accomplished by this Association. We believe there exists ro more

important field within the limits of our Dominion, and, we trust that ere long the Association may be furnished with a building, and all the requirements necessary to help the brethren keep pace with the work. We have been engaged in "helping them to more work" by sending a Christian Brother to the Maridal T to the Manitoba Excursion train, and distributing to young men, copies of the Winnipeg Association Directory. The Brother who visited the train on Wednesday last, circulated over 150 directories, and he returned from his work with a beaming face, and the remark that it had been a "delightful duty." He said the farewells given by aged parents to departing sons, were most touching; but in more than one instance the mother's heart seemed to be cheered at the thought that there are Christians waiting to welcome the young men on their arrival in Winnipeg, and the words "God bless you," testified to the ray of light which had gleamed athwart the dark hour of farewell, May God richly own the labors of our brethren in the Prairie Province.

EVANGELISTIC.



HAFTESBURY Hall has been rented for 3 weeks to the Canadian Evangelistic Society and a series of Meetings are

being held by Mr. Oscar Owers of England. The services consist of Bible Readings every afternoon and Cospel meeting every evening except Saturday and Sunday, which evenings are always reserved for our own Association work.

Mr. Owers meetings attract a goodly number, principally of Christians. The Evangelization Society, has secured the services of the Grand Opera House for a Service next Sunday evening.

REMEMBER

-THE-

Young Men's Meeting,

HELL

EVERY SATURDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME

Bulletin for Week Commencing April 24, 1882.

MONDAY..... April 24....12.00 M. THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. R. Merryfield.

8.00 P.M. Workers' Bible Class. Conducted by the Secretary.

TUESDAY.... "25....12.00 M. NOONDAY PRAYER. A precious stone; or, a rock of offence. 1 Pet. ii. 1-18. S. R. Briggs.

WEDNESDAY. "26....12.00 M. Noonday Prayer. One who sought pleasure. Eccles, ii. Rev. J. Matheson.

THURSDAY... " 27....12.00 M. NOONDAY PRAYER. The perfect High Priest. Heb. vii. 15-28. W. Anderson.

FRIDAY "28....12.00 M. Noonday Prayer. A place of refuge.

Josh. xx.; Isa. xxxii. 2; Ps. xlvi. 1,

Rev. H. Melville.

8.00 P.M. Boys' Meeting. Charles Edwards.

SATURDAY.. "29....12.00 M. NOONDAY PRAYER. No new Gospel. Gal. i. 6-12; Rev. xxii. 18, 19. W. E. Burford.

4.50 P.M. TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S H. Blake.

8.00 P.M. Young Men's Meeting. Coming too late. Jer. viii. 20; Luke xiii. 23-27. R. Kilgour.

SUNDAY " 30.... 3.00 P.M. EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S.R.Briggs. 8.30 P.M. GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, April 30, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meetings at Union Station and at Nipissing Station.