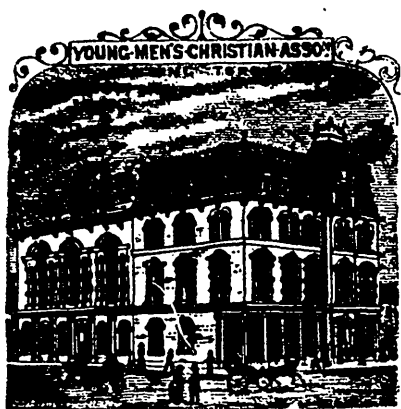


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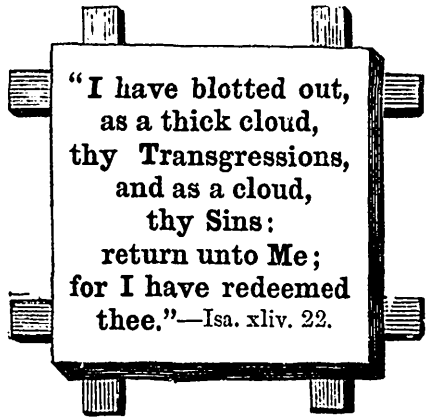
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THE BULLETIN.

SCARCELY a week has passed without being requested to resume publication of the Bulletin. Added to the requests 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 appears 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

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,

FROM 8 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

The Rooms are in

SHAFTESBURY HALL,

corner

QUEEN AND JAMES STS.

THE WORK.

AT 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.

MEMBERSHIP 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.

BROTHER W. N. Macfarlane, who for some years past has been one of our most faithful workers on the Tract Committee (as chairman), and also on the Boarding-house Committee, has returned to "Auld Scotia." We miss his cheerful face and his ready-helping hand. 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. Mck', 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.

A 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.

OUR Librarian has completed the new arrangement of books, and a catalogue has been prepared, neatly framed, and placed in the parlour. Our library is now in excellent working order. The rules are being strictly enforced without any exception, or favoritism. The 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 file.

Epitaph in a Churchyard in Kent.

What I was, the Judgment Day
will declare: Reader, what
art thou?

EVANGELISTIC.



SHAFTESBURY 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 Gospel 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,

HELD

EVERY SATURDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME!

Bulletin for Week Commencing April 24, 1892.

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. xlv. 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.