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WEEKLY BULLETIN.

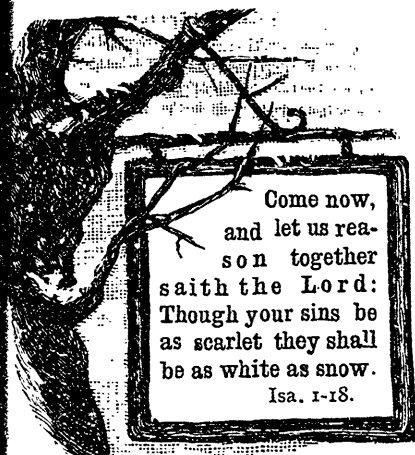
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Come now,
and let us reason together
saith the Lord:
Though your sins be
as scarlet they shall
be as white as snow.
Isa. 1-18.

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BOYS' MEETINGS.

ATHE attendance at the boys' meeting has somewhat increased. Last Friday evening the class attended Prof. Richard's lecture on "The Wonders of the Atmosphere," and enjoyed it very much.

RAILROAD BRANCH

OUR Railway Committee is quietly working out plans for the more thorough development of the work entrusted

to it, and with good hope of ultimate success. It is an old adage, "That great bodies move slowly." This has been verified in respect to the effort toward moving our Canadian Railway Corporations. It is, however, equally true that when you succeed in starting a heavy body it is comparatively easy to keep it moving. We trust that this may be the experience of our Committee with these Corporations.

A Social Reunion of Railroad Men, is to be held (D. V.) in Shaftesbury Hall, on Tuesday, Feb. 27th, when we trust a pleasant and profitable evening may be spent.

SACRED CONCERT

MR. PAULL, with his orchestra, assisted by the Choirs of Spadina Avenue and Dundas Street Methodist Churches, will give a Sacred Concert in our Hall, on Tuesday evening, 13th inst. There will be in all about 75 vocalists and musicians. Members and lady friends free. Tickets will be ready Tuesday, 6th inst.

ENQUIRER'S MEETING.

AMEMBER of the Devotional Committee will (D.V.) be in attendance in Parlour "C" every Monday evening from 7.30 till 9, to meet with and advise young men concerned about their eternal welfare.

DECLINED WITH THANKS.



AN American paper, in commenting upon the failure of a certain Association in the United States, undertakes to give some advice as to "how an Association could be made a success." Listen to the advice:

"Your young man might possibly avail himself of a cheerful resort, where, with congenial companions he could engage in a friendly game of *euchre*, *backgammon*, *checkers*, *dominoes*, *billiards*, or *pool*, where he could find the daily and weekly papers from various parts of the country on file, and where he could indulge in his *cigar* or *pipe* to his heart's content if he so desired. Also where, for the normal price of five cents, he could obtain a good cup of coffee or tea, or a plate of nice soup, with crackers and cheese, bologna sausage or sliced smoked sturgeon thrown in. . . . But religious instruction, prayer-meetings and exhortations must be kept *entirely out of the establishment*. . . ."

This is on a par with much of the advice given by men who know nothing about the subject they undertake to advise upon. What would the Editor think were we to tell him that to succeed as the publisher of a *newspaper* he must have a fine building, a well furnished private office, a carefully selected stock of type, first class compositors, &c., but on *no account whatever* must he think of publishing any *news* in his paper. He would simply say we were fools, "that we knew nothing about that whereof we were speaking." Why! a newspaper and "no news?" Yet he undertakes to tell us that the way to sustain a Young Men's *Christian Association* is to keep *Christianity* and the gospel, and prayer out *altogether*. We therefore decline to accept the advice, and intend keeping prayer *IN*, and amusements (such as he describes) *OUT*, for the moment we allow the devil to have any interest in the work, we will find the work having a tendency downward, as his interests all belong to that direction. Our work is to resist him, not to enter into partnership with him.

WHAT I WAS, AND WHAT I AM.



DEAR READER—I once resided with 2 Tim. iii. 4, and walked in Eph. ii. 2; and my continued conversation at that time is still recorded in Eph. ii. 3. I heard one day that an inheritance had been purchased for me, and a description of it reached me; you will find it at 1 Pet. 1. 4. One who resides in Heb. iv. 14, had purchased it, and paid an extraordinary price for it; but, to say the truth, I did not believe this report, as I was entirely unacquainted with this Man; and long experience had convinced me that strangers *never* gave favours through love alone, and friends seldom gave any favours that cost much. However, I called at 2 Tim. iii. 16, as my own prospects at Eph. ii. 12. were as bad as they could be. I found the house I sought for at 2 Cor. v. 1; and the invitations to it, which you see put up at Isa. lv. 1, 2, and by John at vii. 37, were wonderfully inviting to the poor and needy. The house has only one door; and it was some time before I saw the door at John x. 9. My permanent address will now be 2 Cor. v. 1; but if you call any day at Heb. iv. 16, you will meet me and many others; we are daily in the habit of meeting there. If you call, attend to what the servant says at Luke xiv. 22, and you may depend upon what the servant says.

VALUE OF THE SOUL.



FRANCIS XAVORIAS counselled John the Third, King of Portugal, to meditate every day a quarter of an hour upon that text, 'What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul?' Such a practice might be profitably adopted by many.

A BIBLE CLASS

IS HELD

Every Sunday Afternoon

AT 3 O'CLOCK,

In the Parlour of the Association,
SHAFTESBURY HALL.

Come! All Welcome.

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

2 Cor. x. 12.

SHORT MEASURE.

(A PARABLE.)

IN the village there was a great sensation among the young men. Recruits were wanted for Her Majesty's Service; men of a certain height. The company who usually gathered to spend the evening at the corner of the "Black Bull" were discussing the matter with considerable interest. They had been busy measuring themselves by themselves for some nights. Poor little Tom, who measured only five feet four inches, was unceremoniously thrown to one side, and told by "Big Ben" he ought to go home and grow a bit, else he'd have no chance. Ben was the tallest of the company; he stood a good inch above all the rest on his stocking soles, and he knew it too. The testing day arrived; the standard and the line were brought forth. Of course little Tom went to the wall (everybody knew that), and a good many more beside him. At last Master Benjamin appeared, when, to the surprise of many, even he was half-an-inch too short; and he found himself among the "not wanted" somewhere not far from little Tom. This may illustrate greater things. God declares in His Word that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God;" and He further declares that "there is no difference" (Rom. iii. 23). Now the bulk of people do not believe this at all. They consider that there is a great difference between the "drunkard" and the "good templar,"

and between the respectable church member and the profligate. And so there is as regards the life that now is, and also in the character of their sin; but there is no difference in this, that both are sinners, and must be born again before they enter God's kingdom. It is not "how do you compare with Mr. So-and-So?" or "you are not so bad as many;" but the point is: have you come up to God's standard? Are you all that He requires you to be? If not, then you are condemned, and you will go down to the lake of fire just as certainly as the very worst and vilest sinner on earth. Deep down in a lost eternity, men learn in awful reality that there is "no difference." There the Christless drunkard and the unsaved church member meet, alike rejected as unfit for heaven.

Reader, have you believed God, and submitted yourself to his verdict? Or do you seek, in solemn contempt of the court of heaven, to justify yourself, and go about to establish a righteousness of your own?

"IS NOT THIS THE CARPENTER?"

MARK VI. 3.

THOSE words of derision have come down, as it were, along the telephone of the ages, to the ear of every working man and working woman to whom the Gospel has come, or ever shall come, announcing Jesus to them as one whose heart would ever sympathise with them in their trials and in their rightful triumphs. Thanks to the enraged and contemptuous Nazarenes for this evidence that *Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, was one of the working classes, a mechanic, a carpenter!* They could have uttered no words which would have better told the working classes of every age and clime, that the Christianity which this despised and rejected Nazarene came to found, would be a true friend to them."

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

ALL INVITED.

REMEMBER

—THE—

Young Men's Meeting,

HELD

EVERY SATURDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME!

GOSPEL AND SONG

SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES

COME!

Bulletin for Week Commencing Feb. 5, 1883.

MONDAY.....	Feb. 5....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING Secretary, 7.30 P.M. MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C." C. S. Gzowski, Jr., in charge.
				8.00 P.M. WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 6 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Certainty concerning the Future Life offered to us. Cor. v. 1-8. Geo. T. Fergusson.
WEDNESDAY..	" 7....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. God's promise to the contrite. Isa. lvii. 15-18; Psa xxxiv. 17-22. W. Marks.
THURSDAY...	" 8 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Spiritual Paradoxes. 2 Cor. vi. 9, 10. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY	" 9 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Great sinners encouraged to return to God. Deut iv. 27, 29; Isa. i. 18. Assist. Sec. 8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SATURDAY ..	" 10....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. None other name Acts iv. 1-14. W. E. Burford. 8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. R. Kilgour.
SUNDAY.....	" 11....	3.00	P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs. 8.30 P.M. GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. H. O'Brien.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Feb. 11, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meetings at Union Station, and Credit Valley Station, Parkdale.