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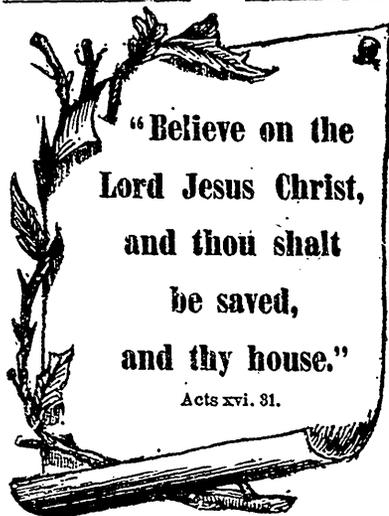
## WEEKLY BULLETIN.

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### RAILROAD ASSOCIATION.

**O**UR President, Vice-Chancellor Blake, during a recent visit to New York, had an opportunity of learning something regarding the work being done by the association among railroad men. He attended one of the meetings in the interest of this department of work, and was much pleased to find such deep interest manifested in it by men of the highest official positions. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Esq., is chairman of the executive, and also fills the same office in the Room committee at Grand Central Depot, where they have a reading room open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. At the Thirtieth street depot there is also a reading room open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. At the depot rooms Bible classes, Gospel meetings and Service of song, are held every week. The average daily attendance at the first named room is 105, and at

the latter 60. We trust the day is not far distant when the officials of the roads centering in Toronto will feel constrained to lend a helping hand towards providing similar rooms at the several depots. Mr. Blake speaks highly of the courtesy extended to him by Bros. McBurney and Morse, but those who know these brethren best, will know that they *could not help it*. It comes natural to them to be courteous. The Toronto Association thanks them for the kind reception given its president and will return the compliment should opportunity be afforded.

Mr. Henry Ware, who is well known to the Toronto Brethren, and also to many throughout Ontario, as an earnest worker for the Master, has been called to the position of Secretary of the London (Ont.) Association, a position for which he is well fitted. With a good knowledge of the Word of God, an earnest and pointed style of address, a sympathetic nature which ever draws the Young Men around him, and with a large share of sound common sense, we predict for him a successful term of office, and we expect to hear of a good, *solid Christian Work* being done in London.

### MEMBERSHIP.

The Y. M. C. A., at Tokio, Japan, has a fine library and reading room, and is in a very flourishing condition.

"The gift of God is **ETERNAL LIFE** through Jesus Christ our Lord."—Rom. vi. 23.

**"The wages of sin is DEATH."**

Rom. vi. 23.

### A DOOMED ARMY.

**T**RAMP, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching! Sixty thousand! Sixty full regiments, every man of which will, before twelve months, having completed his course, lie down in the grave of a drunkard! Every year during the past decade has witnessed the same sacrifice; and sixty regiments stand behind this army ready to take its place. It is to be recruited from our children and our children's children. Tramp, tramp, tramp!—the sounds come to us in the echoes of the footsteps of the army just expired. Tramp, tramp, tramp!—the earth shakes with the tread of the host now passing. Tramp, tramp, tramp! comes to us from the camp of recruits. A great tide of life flows resistlessly to its death.

What are they fighting for? The privilege of pleasing an appetite, of conforming to a social usage, of filling sixty thousand homes with shame and sorrow, of loading the public with the burden of pauperism, of crowding our prison-houses with felons, of detracting from the country, of ruining fortunes and breaking hopes, of breeding disease and wretchedness, of destroying both body and soul in hell before their time. Meantime, the tramp, tramp, tramp! sounds on—the tramp of sixty thousand yearly victims. Some are besotted and stupid, some are wild with hilarity and dance along the dusty way, some reel along in pitiful weakness, some wreak their mad and murderous impulses on one another, or on the helpless women and children whose destinies are united to theirs, some stop in wayside debaucheries and infamies for a moment, some go bound in chains from which they seek in vain to wrench their bleeding wrists, and all are poisoned in body and soul, and doomed to death. Wherever they move, crime, poverty, shame, wretchedness, and despair, hover in awful shadows.

There is no bright side to this picture. We forget there is a just one. The men who make this army get rich. Their children are robed in purple and fine linen, and live upon dainties. Some of them are regarded as respectable members of society, and they hold conventions to protect their interests! Still the tramp, tramp, tramp! goes on and before this article can see the light, five thousand more of our poisoned army will have hidden their shame and disgrace in the grave.—*Springfield, Ill., Bulletin.*

### RIGHT OR WRONG.

**A** BOY astonished his Christian mother by asking for a dollar to buy a share in a raffle for a silver watch that was to be raffled off in a beer saloon. His mother was horrified, and rebuked him. "But," said he, "mother, did you not bake a cake with a ring in it, to be raffled off in the Sunday school fair?" "Oh, my son," said she, "that was for the Church." "But if it was wrong," said the boy, "would doing it for the Church make it right? Would it be right for me to steal money to put in the collection? And if it is right for the Church, is it not right for me to get this watch if I can?" The good woman was speechless, and no person can answer the boy's argument. The practices are both wrong or they are both right.—*Christian Herald.*

### HOW TO BE FITTED FOR WORK.

**I**F we allow our work to get between the heart and the Master, it will be little worth. We can only effectually serve Christ as we are enjoying Him. It is while the heart dwells upon His powerful attractions that the hands perform the most acceptable service to His name; nor is there any one who can minister Christ with unction, freshness and power to others, if he be not feeding upon Christ in the secret of his own soul. True, he may preach a sermon, deliver a lecture, utter prayers, write a book, and go through the entire routine of outward service, and yet not minister Christ. The man who will represent Christ to others must be occupied with Christ for himself."

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**Bulletin for Week Commencing December 20, 1880.**

MONDAY.....	Dec. 20....	2.00	M.	PRAYER MEETING. S. R. Briggs.
	"	8.00	P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. H. A. Bruton
TUESDAY.....	" 21....	2.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Prayerfulness of Jesus. Mark i. 35; Luke vi. 12; ix. 28, 36. W. Anderson.
WEDNESDAY ..	" 22 ...	2.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Prayer for the young men of Toronto. Sinning against Grace. 1 Ki. iii. 5, 14; xi. 4, 10. Geo. T. Fergusson.
THURSDAY.....	" 23 ...	2.00	M.	BIBLE READING.
FRIDAY. ....	" 24 ...	2.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. What Christians are. Mat. v. 13, 15. Rev. S. T. Gibbs
		8.00	P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	" 25 ..	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Consider Him. Luke ii. 15, 16; Mat. xxvii. 35, 36; Heb. iii. 1. W. N. McFarlane.
		4.50	P.M.	TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S.H. Blake
		8.00	P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Thou shalt call His name Jesus. Mat. i. 21. W. P. Crombie.
SUNDAY.. ...	" 26....	9.30	A.M.	WORKER'S MEETING FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY.
		3.00	P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S.R. Briggs.
		8.30	P.M.	GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE. H. O'Brien.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary,

**RAILROAD MEETINGS.**

SUNDAY, Dec. 26, 3 00 P.M.—At Union Station.—ALEX. MUNRO and S. CALDECOTT.

At Nipissing Station.—JOS. GREENE and Mr. DOYLE.

COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every MONDAY 8 P.M.—23 Fortland Street. THURSDAY 8 P.M.—240 Little Richmond Street, and 6 Sackville Street.

**FREE CLASSES.**

ELOCUTION.....	MR. R. LEWIS.....	MONDAY, 8 P.M.
PHONOGRAPHY.....	MR. R. McNAB..	} MONDAY and SATURDAY, 6.45 P.M.
BOOKKEEPING.....	MR. MCINTYRE.....	
DRAWING.....	MR. H. B. GORDON.....	FRIDAY, 8 P.M.
GYMNASIUM (for Young Men).....		} MONDAY and THURSDAY, 8 P.M., SATURDAY, 4 to 6 P.M.
GYMNASIUM (for Boys).....	MR. BRUTON....	
		} MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY 4.30 to 6 P.M.

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