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WEEKLY
BULLETIN

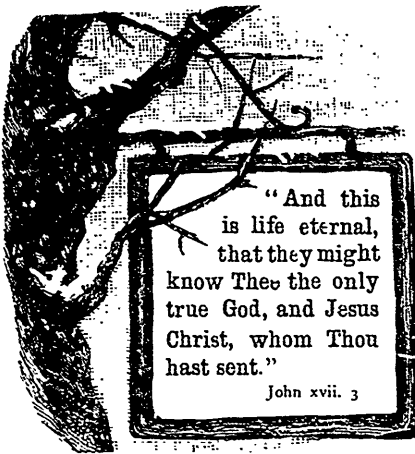
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"And this
is life eternal,
that they might
know Thee the only
true God, and Jesus
Christ, whom Thou
hast sent."

John xvii. 3

BULLETIN FUND.

A New Year's Gift.....	\$1 00
J. O. B.....	1 00
J. H.	2 00
Cash.....	1 00

HOW NEW YEAR'S DAY WAS SPENT.

At 9 a.m. about 25 of our young men assembled in the rooms and spent some time in prayer, after which they proceeded to visit the boarding houses on their several routes, for the purpose of distributing our New Year's Packet to young men.

This packet consisted of a large envelope on which was printed :—

WISHING THE
YOUNG MEN OF TORONTO

A Happy New Year

IN THE BEST SENSE OF THE WORD.

PLEASE ACCEPT OF THIS PACKET AND
PERUSE ITS CONTENTS.

In the envelope were placed a copy of "The Inspiration of the Bible," by

His banner over me was love.

Song of Solomon ii. 4.

The commandment is a lamp, and the law light.
Prov. vi. 23.

H. L. Hastings. (reprinted by the Association.)

A copy of "Our Annual."

A Copy of the BULLETIN for Jan. 1st.

A small book with illuminated covers, and a calendar for 1884.

The young men spent about three hours in the work, and the reports given as to their reception, etc., were most cheering.

At 12 o'clock was held a "Consecration Meeting," when the room was filled with young men, and over an hour and a half was spent in most delightful exercises of praise, prayer and dedication. It was with some difficulty that the meeting was brought to a close, and the general expression was that it was good to be there. In the evening a number of the workers met and spent a profitable hour in prayer. Altogether it was a most enjoyable New Year's Day, and we doubt not but that the result of the day's services will be "fruit unto God."

WEEK OF PRAYER.



THE services under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance, will be held in our Parlour during the week, commencing Jan. 7th, as follows:

Monday	Rev. E. Roberts.
Tuesday	" J. M. Cameron.
Wednesday	" Dr. Thomas.
Thursday	" R. Wallace.
Friday	" Dyson Hague.
Saturday	" Geo. Cochran.

These Meetings to begin at 4 o'clock, p.m., (except Saturday on which day the hour will be 3 p.m.), and last one hour. The Annual Meeting of the Alliance will be held in Knox Church, Thursday the 10th at 8 p.m. Addresses by Rev. H. D. Powis and others.

What think ye of Christ?

Mercy and truth to them that devise good.
Prov. xiv. 22.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

BOARDING HOUSE.

The following is the report for the month of December.

Visits to Boarding Houses.	1,131
" Hotels.....	77
" Fire Halls.....	37
" Police Stations.....	16
" Livery and Car Stables	37
Young Men Spoken to.....	223
Bulletins Distributed.....	6,207
Tracts, etc. ".....	5,300



THE best things are nearest; breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you. Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All We come.

He is thy Lord, and worship thou Him.
Psalm xlv. 11.



A PAINTED MASK.

LOOK now at sin. Pluck off that painted mask, and turn upon her painted face the lamp of God's Word. We start—it reveals a death's head. I stay not to quote texts descriptive of sin.

It is a debt, a burden, a thief, a sickness, a leprosy, a plague, a poison, a serpent, a sting; everything that a man hates it is; a load of curses and calamities beneath whose crushing, most intolerable pressure the whole creation groaneth. Name me the evil that springs not from this root—the crime that I may not lay at its door. Who is the hoary sexton that digs man a grave? Who is the painted temptress that steals his virtue? Who is the murderess that destroys his life? Who is the sorceress that first deceives, and then damns his soul?—Sin.

Who, with icy breath, blights the fair blossoms of youth? Who breaks the hearts of parents? Who brings old men's grey hairs with sorrow to the grave?—Sin.

Who changes gentle children into vipers, tender mothers into monsters, and the fathers into worse than Herods, the murderers of their own innocents?—Sin.

Who casts the apple of discord on household hearths? Who lights the torch of war, and bears it blazing over trembling lands? Who, by division in the Church, rends Christ's seamless robe?—Sin.

Who is this Delilah that sings the Nazarite asleep, and delivers up the strength of God unto the uncircumcised? Who, winning smiles on her face, honeyed flattery on her tongue, stands in the door to offer the sacred rights of hospitality, and when suspicion sleeps, treacherously pierces our temples with a nail? What fair Siren is this, who seated on a rock by the deadly pool, smiles to deceive, sings to lure, kisses to betray, and flings her arm around our neck and leaps with us into perdition?—Sin.

Who turns the soft and gentlest heart to stone? Who hurls reason from her lofty throne, and impels sinners, mad as Gadarene swine, down the precipice, into eternal ruin?—Sin.

Dr. Guthrie.

ST PAUL does not teach like a heathen moralist to put on such a virtue and put off such a vice; but he says, "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ," and this is *at once* to put on all virtue and put off all vice.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

FOR

YOUNG MEN ONLY,

EVERY NIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK,

Commencing **MONDAY, January 14, 1884.**

COME.

If ye love Me, keep My commandments.
John xiv. 15.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES

COME.

REMEMBER

—THE—

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Held

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.....	JAN. 7....	12.00	M.	PRAYSE A D THANKSGIVING. Ps. ciii. 1-5; Joshua xxiii. 14. The Secretary.
		8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
		9.00 P.M.		MEETING FOR PRAYER AND MUTUAL EDIFICATION.
TUESDAY.....	" 8....	12.00	M.	HUMILIATION AND CONFESSION. Neh. i. 6, 7; Luke xviii. 13, 14. S. R. Briggs.
WEDNESDAY.	" 9....	12.00	M.	PRAYER FOR FAMILIES AND INSTRUCTORS OF YOUTH (Including Christian Associations and Sunday Schools). 2 Tim. i. 5; iii. 17; Gen. xviii. 17.19. W. H. Howland.
		8.00 P.M.		CLASS IN BOOKKEEPING. P. McIntyre.
THURSDAY...	" 10....	12.00	M.	PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF CHRIST (Including the Ministry and Candidates for the office). John xvii. 20, 21; Gal. iii. 26-28. Rev. H. M. Parsons.
		8.00 P.M.		CLASS IN ELOCUTION. R. Lewis.
		8.00 P.M.		WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
		9.00	"	C. L. S. C. MEETING.
FRIDAY.....	" 11....	12.00	M.	PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS. Isa. ii 2-4; Zech. viii. 20-23; Eph. ii. 11-22. H. B. Gordon.
		8.00 P.M.		BOYS' MEETING J. W. Walker.
		" "		CLASS IN DRAWING. H. B. Gordon.
SATURDAY....	" 12....	12.00	M.	PRAYER FOR MISSIONS, HOME AND FOREIGN. Matt. xxviii. 16-20; Acts xiii. 1-3; Gal. i. 1-3, 15-17. 22-24. Geo. T. Fergusson.
		4.30 P.M.		TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
		7.30 P.M.		INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
		3.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SUNDAY	" 13....	3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon
		" "		DEAF MUTE CLASS F. S. Brigden.
		" "		CHINESE CLASS. W. M. Morse.
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE R. Kilgour. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.