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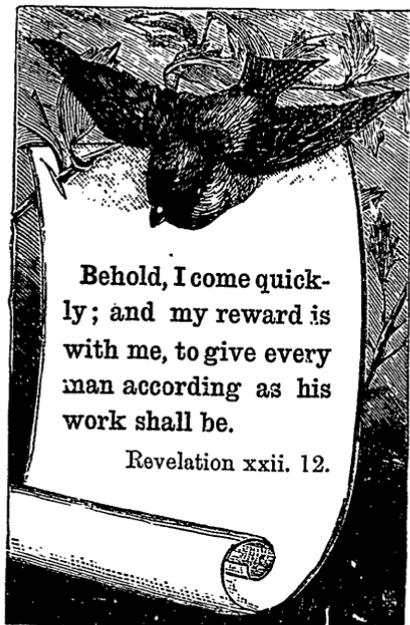
## WEEKLY BULLETIN.

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Behold, I come quickly;  
and my reward is  
with me, to give every  
man according as his  
work shall be.

Revelation xxii. 12.

### BULLETIN FUND.

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### TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS.

IN consequence of the intended absence from the city of Hon. S. H. Blake, it has been decided to close the Saturday afternoon Bible Class until the second Saturday in September.

### UNDER CANVASS.

AS usual we take up the work in the camp at Niagara this year. By the kind permission and co-operation of Col. Denison Dep. Adg. Gen., our tent has been erected and the work entered upon. We will in our next issue have further to say about the work.

### SABBATH AFTERNOON BIBLE CLASS.

WE are pleased to announce that Mr. H. B. Gordon, a member of our Board of Directors, has consented to take charge of this class.

Mr. Gordon is a close student of the word of God and has gifts specially fitting him for this work.

Mr. S. R. Briggs after four years service as leader bid his class farewell last Sabbath.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

OUR thanks are hereby tendered to friends for donations of articles of value to us in our work:

To Col. Gzowski, A. D. C., for a "fly" covering to the gospel tent donated by him last year.

To Mr. C. J. Gzowski Jr., a mammoth heater coal stove for our West End Branch.

To Kilgour & Bros., for 10,000 slips for Young Mens Meetings.

To a Lady friend, for a neatly framed motto "Call again."

To another lady, for 2 volumes for the Library.

JESUS said,—If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John xiv. 15.

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John iii. 3.

## RULES FOR READING THE SCRIPTURES.

**N**EVER open the Word of God, without remembering that you must be tried by it at the judgment-seat of Christ.

Read with prayer for direction to the right meaning; with earnest attention to the words, and connection of the passage; with diligent comparison of every passage with the whole Bible; and with "patient thought" concerning the result.

When you read the Scriptures, let not your attachment to the systems, or the sentiments of men, obscure their meaning, or induce you to pervert them.

When you discover any truth in the Bible, receive it with candor, maintain it with meekness, and avow it with courage.

When you discover any duty in the Bible, meet the discovery with a cheerful obedience.

In your daily perusal of the Sacred Volume, receive its doctrines with a lively faith, practice its duties with a holy boldness, and pray for divine grace, by which these doctrines and these duties may become the fountain and the streams of genuine Christian discipleship.

This Book contains the law of the most High God. It founds its claim to this divine origin on the harmony of its facts with the records of universal history; on the moral character of its inspired penman; on the sublime yet simple majesty of its style; on the excellence of its doctrines; on the purity of its morals; on the rapidity with which its truths were originally promulgated, under circumstances the most unpromising; and on the evidence of indisputable miracles.

To the Christian, this Volume supplies a surer guide than the Israelites enjoyed in the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night. It unfolds the consoling doctrine and the directing precept; the warning threat and the

cheering promise; it exposes our guilt; proclaims our danger, and reveals our duty; it condemns to justify, and justifies to condemn no more.

To the dead it speaks life, and to the living it unfolds immortality. It makes the weak strong, and to the strong it increaseth strength; it invites inquiry, and amply rewards the honest inquirer; it holds up a guiding star through the pilgrimage of life, and extends the horizon of our mortal existence into the boundless ocean of a happy eternity.

"ONLY BELIEVE."

MARK v. 23.

Matthew ix. 21.

It was only a *touch*,  
But the woman was whole;  
With the plague of her sins  
Fully purged from her soul.

John ix. 6.

It was only the *clay*  
But that finger made light;  
And the "Light of the world"  
Gave the blind one his sight.

Mark vii. 34.

It was only a *sigh*,  
But it severed the spell,  
Which had bound tongue and ear;  
He did all things so well.

John xi. 43.

It was only a *voice*,  
But it rang through the tomb;  
And the dead was called forth  
From its foulness and gloom.

Luke xxii. 61.

It was only a *look*,  
But it broke Peter's heart;  
And the spirit was cleansed  
In its innermost part.

Matthew xi. 23.

It was only a *word*,  
And that one word was "Come,"  
But it told the good news  
Of which grace was the sum.

Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.—Matthew xviii. 3.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.—John vi. 47.

John iii. 14.

It was only a *cross*,  
And the symbol of shame;  
But it stands as a pledge  
Of life through His name.

Cant. v. 2; Rev. iii. 20.

It was only a *knock*,  
But it rouses some saint;  
Not refreshment He asks,  
But for love He is faint.

Matthew ix. 13.

It was only a *call*,  
But salvation is meant;  
Unto all who are lost  
Is the glad message sent.

Hebrews iii. 13.

It is only a *day*,  
That the Saviour will wait.  
When as Judge He returns  
It shall then be—*too late*.

AN INFIDEL said: "There is one thing that mars all the pleasures of my life." "Indeed," replied his friend, "what is that?" "I am afraid the Bible is true. If I could know for certain that death is an eternal sleep, I should be happy; my joy would be complete. But here is the thorn that stings me, this is the sword that pierces me—If the Bible is true I am lost forever."

If we stand right with Heaven, every cross is a blessing; and if we be in God's disfavour, every one of his His benefits is a judgment.

## EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

**All are invited.**

I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish.

John x. 28.

## YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

**ALL INVITED.**

### TURNING THE TABLES.

 CANNOT forget the confusion into which I saw a conceited young fellow thrown once when he turned to an aged minister, and, as if challenging discussion, said, "I am told you believe in the inspiration of the whole Bible?" The good man answered quietly, "Oh yes, my friend; what do you believe in?" A little laugh covered the defeat, but he continued, "But you certainly know what the great scholars say about it?" when again the calm answer met him, "Somewhat; but what do they say to you about your soul?" Now the inquirer grew restive. "They say you are leading men along with a farthing taper in your lantern." To this the aged preacher only said, "Do they say men would see any better if we would *let them put the taper out?*"

## A MEETING FOR BOYS

IS HELD

*Every Friday Evening,*

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

**ALL BOYS WELCOME.**

## 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 Week Commencing June 25, 1883.

MONDAY.....	June 25....	12.00 P.M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. The Secretary.
		7.30 P.M.	MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C."
		7.30 P.M.	INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
		8 00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "E." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 26 ...	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
WEDNESDAY...	" 27....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Aston.
THURSDAY...	" 28....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. R. Merryfield.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING for mutual edifi- cation.
FRIDAY .....	" 29....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. S. R. Briggs.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING.
SATURDAY....	" 30....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. E. Burford.
		7.30 P.M.	INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. G. T. Fergusson
SUNDAY .....	July 1...	3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon
		" "	DEAF MUTE CLASS.
		" "	CHINESE CLASS.
		8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. J. Adams. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

*Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.*

## RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, July 1, 3.00 P.M.

GOSPEL MEETING at Union Station and at West End Branch (1020 Queen W.)  
Young Men's Meeting every Saturday at 8 p.m.; Bible Class every Tuesday at  
8 p.m.; Workers' Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 7.30 a.m., in  
the West End Branch Rooms.

Noon Meeting every Tuesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in the G. T. R. Roundhouse  
Reading Room, and every Wednesday at the same hour, in  
the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Workshops.

COTTAGE MEETINGS at 8 p.m. every Thursday, at 87 Esther Street.  
" " " " Friday, at 46 Bathurst Street.