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My son, despise not
the chastening of the
Lord; neither be
weary of His correc-
tion:

For whom the Lord
loveth He correcteth;
even as a father the
son in whom he de-
lighteth.

Prov. iii. 11, 12.

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,
EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4:30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

THE members of the Association and other young men are cordially invited to attend this Bible Class, which meets every Monday evening, at 8 o'clock, in Shaftesbury Hall, for the study of the International Sunday School lesson. Mr. Geo. C. Robb has been secured as teacher, and we are confident that under his instruction the Old Testament lessons will be very profitable and full of practical application in the every-day life of the members.

VISITORS.

THE visitors to Shaftesbury Hall this past week included the following prominent and well-known Association workers:—Mr. W. H. Newett, General Secretary, Manchester, England. He is spending his vacation in Canada, and has gone on to the North-West for the purpose of gaining information, so that on his return home he may be enabled to send to the right localities young men who purpose to take up farming.

Another visitor was Mr. R. R. McBurney, General Secretary, New York City.

Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

James ii. 17.

His greatness is unsearchable.
Psalm cxlv. 3.

He has been for 23 years engaged in Y. M. C. A. work, and now occupies the honourable position of being a longer time engaged in this work than any other secretary in the country. To his untiring energy, practical forethought, and sound common sense, is to be attributed very much of the success which has attended the Y. M. C. A. work in New York City, State, and indeed the whole country.


We had also a very pleasant visit from Mr. F. R. Wardle, General Secretary, Cleveland, Ohio. He becomes co-Secretary with Mr. T. J. Wilkie, Brooklyn, in a short time, and we are sure that under their joint management the new building will not only be an ornament, but prove a real blessing to the young men of that city.

BOARDING HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT.

July 1st, 1885.

Visits to Boarding Houses.....	1137
“ Hotels.....	104
“ Fire Halls.....	32
“ Police Stations.....	16
“ Car and Livery Stables... ..	23
“ Public Library (West)....	4
Young men spoken to religiously	20
BULLETINS distributed.....	5120
Tracts, &c.. distributed.....	5000
Respectfully submitted, J. BOLTON, <i>Chairman.</i>	

THE Y. M. C. A. WATCHMAN.

 F our members desire to keep abreast of the widely extending work of the Association throughout America, and to become acquainted with the most approved methods and plans of carrying out this work among young men, then subscribe for the *Watchman*. The paper is an excellent one, and just now Mr. W. W. Vanarsdale, the publisher, makes a very generous offer, and is prepared to send the *Watchman*, which

is issued bi-monthly, from the 1st July to December 15th, for the small sum of 25 cents. Hand your names to the Secretary, and take advantage of this offer.


EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by General Secretary.

ALL INVITED.

BE A MAN.

 OOLISH spending is the father of poverty. Do not be ashamed of hard work. Work for the best salaries or wages you can get, but work for half price rather than be idle. Be your own master, and do not let society or fashion swallow up your individuality—hat, coat and boots. Do not eat up or wear out all that you earn. Compel your selfish body to spare something for profits saved. Be stingy to your own appetite, but merciful to others' necessities. Help others and ask no help for yourself. See that you are proud. Let your pride be of the right kind. Be too proud to be lazy; too proud to give up without conquering every difficulty; too proud to wear a coat you cannot afford to buy; too proud to be in company that you cannot keep up with in expenses; too proud to lie, or steal, or cheat; too proud to be stingy.—A. G.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every MONDAY Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

The Father of Lights.
James 1. 17.


The God of truth, and without iniquity.
Deut. xxxii. 4.

WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS EVERY THURSDAY,

AT EIGHT P.M.

All young men who desire to be better fitted for Christian work are invited to attend this meeting.

A WARNING TO YOUNG MEN.

 Nearly all the larger towns and cities young men form themselves into clubs of various kinds to enable them to pass away the hours of the long winter evenings socially and pleasantly. They are, many of them, among strangers, far away from the home circle, and the pleasant associations which gather around the hearthstone of their childhood, and they find it difficult to get into society. Their time, after the business hours of the day are past, drags heavily, and they are ready to take up with almost anything that offers itself in the shape of amusement or recreation. A club of jolly good fellows has many attractions under these circumstances. Whilst we would not do anything to curtail the real enjoyments of the young, especially under such circumstances as we have detailed above, we would warn them against those which are injurious to either soul or body.

An old merchant related in our hearing, a few evenings since, his own experience and observation in regard to this matter. When he left home to go into business in the city, he felt lonely in the evenings, and longed for companionship. He was diffident, and had no influential friends to take him by the hand and introduce him into society. A friend invited him to join a social club. They spent their time in song and jest, eating and drinking, and

general jollity. He kept a list of all who belonged to the club during his connection with it, and has traced their histories since. Of forty-nine, but three now remain enjoying a green old age. Most of the others went to early graves, the victims of intemperance. Very few of them were ever successful in business, though some of them were young men of fine business capacity. Our venerable friend thinks the seeds of their ruin were sown in the club-room. He said, with great emphasis, "Had I an iron voice, which I could ring through our whole country, I would say to every young man, Beware of the club-room, and especially the room of a drinking-club. Many a young man is ruined there before he is aware of his danger."—*Presbyterian Herald*.

SINCE the inception of Y. M. C. A. work in colleges, eight years ago, ten thousand students have been converted.

SAINTS are not an eminent sort of Christians; but all Christians are saints, and he who is not a saint is not a Christian.—*Maclaren*.

THERE is as much need to watch over grace as to watch over sin; full men will soon sleep, and sooner than hungry men.—*S. Rutherford*.

EVOLUTION stands by to note calmly the survival of the fittest in the struggle for existence. Christianity goes to work to make something more fit to survive.—*Charles S. Stockton, D.D.*

REMEMBER
THAT A
BOY'S MEETING
IS HELD
EVERY FRIDAY EVENING,
At 8 o'clock, in Parlor "B" Shaftesbury Hall.
ALL BOYS INVITED.

The God of patience and consolation.
Rom. xv. 5.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every **SATURDAY EVENING,**
AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

C O M E

A CHILD'S FAITH.

IN a town in Holland there once lived a very poor widow. One night the children asked her in vain to give them bread, for she had none. The poor woman loved the Lord, and knew that He was good; so, with her little ones around her, she earnestly prayed to Him for food. On rising from her knees her eldest child, a boy about eight years of age, said softly: "Dear mother, we are told in the holy book that God supplied His prophet with food brought by the ravens." "Yes, my son," the mother answered; "but that was a very long time ago" "But, mother, what God has done once may He not do again? I will go and uncloise the door to let the birds fly in." Then dear little Dirk, in simple faith, threw the door wide open, so that the light of their lamp fell on the path outside. Soon afterward the burgomaster passed by, and noticing the light, paused, and thinking it strange, he entered the cottage, and inquired why they left the door open at night. The widow replied, smiling: "My dear little Dirk did it, sir, that ravens might fly in to bring bread to my hungry children." "Indeed!" cried the burgomaster, "then here's a raven my boy. Come to my home, and you shall see where bread may soon be had." So he quickly led the boy to his own house, and then sent him back with food that filled his humble home with joy. After supper little Dirk went to the open door, and looking up, he said; "Many thanks, good Lord;" then shut it fast again; for, though no birds had come, he knew that God had heard his mother's prayer, and sent this timely help.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL WELCOME.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, JULY 20.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. General Secretary.

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

TUESDAY, JULY 21.

12 to 12.45 noon.—What doth the Lord Require of Thee? Deu. x. 12, 13; 1 John-iii; 23. W. Marks.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Will I be Shut out of Heaven? Matt. xxv. 1-13. R. Hall.

THURSDAY, JULY 23.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Are You Walking With God? Gen. v. 24; Luke xxiv. 32; Mic. vi. 8. J. Bousfield.

8 p.m.—WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS.

FRIDAY, JULY 24.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Encouragement for the Despairing. Ps. cxxx. 1-8; ciii. 3, 4. J. J. Gartshore.

7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, JULY 25.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ our Way. John xiv. 6; Heb. x. 19-22. Assistant Secretary.

7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee meets for Prayer.

8.00 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. An Impossibility. Heb. xi. 6; Rom. viii. 6-8. Alfred Mance.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

9.30 a.m.—Beginner's Bible Class. Assistant Secretary.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. General Secretary.

" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. D. C. Forbes. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Sec'y.

Railway Men's Meeting.

THURSDAY, JULY 23.

7.30 p.m., for one hour.—At York. Cottage Meeting at Alex. Shields; address by Robt. Hall.

SUNDAY, JULY 26.

GOSPEL MEETINGS.

3 p.m.—Union Station. Robt. Johnston and J. Wood.

3.15 p.m.—At York. W. Goforth and J. P. Mill.