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SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

JOHN V. 39

This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him

Matt. xvii. 5.

REST

JOY

MR. SCHIVEREA.

THE labors of Bro. S. have been richly owned of God. At no previous time in the history of our Association has there been such a marked spiritual interest among young men. Night after night they assembled in our Parlor and no night passed without several having manifested a desire to be saved. The closing meeting, on Sunday evening, was the largest gathering we have ever had under our auspices. The Hall with its two galleries was crowded, and hundreds were turned away from the doors. The power of God rested on both speaker and hearer, and fruit was gathered to God's glory. We thank God for having directed the steps of Mr. Schiverea to our city and we sincerely trust that he may be led to accept the invitation extended to him to come and labor with us another season.

MR. MOODY.

WHEN we say that this honored servant of God has been in our city, those who have been in cities where he has been holding conventions will understand that the "city is moved." in every

BULLETIN FUND.

Workers..... \$2 36

Both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one.
-Hebrews ii. 11.

The first-born among many brethren.

Romans viii. 29.

quarter. Thousands were unable to gain admission to the building in which the meetings were held. Some came from a great distance only to find themselves "shut out". Major Whittle, with Mr. and Mrs. McGranahan, arrived here on Tuesday, and their overflow meetings were seasons of much blessing. We believe that the visit of these workers will do much towards stimulating Christian activity in our churches and in the surrounding country.

THE WORK AND WORKERS.

 ON Monday evening last the workers and young converts (gathered in during the past month or two) assembled in our Parlor in such numbers as to entirely fill the room. After tea, short addresses were given by the chairman of the Devotional Committee and the leader of the Chinese and Italian classes, after which Mr. Schive-rea gave an earnest and practical address advising the young person who had professed faith in the Lord Jesus, to (1) identify themselves with some church. (2) To be diligent students of the Word of God. (3) To seek out some work for the Master and having found it to do it with all their might. (4) To be men of much prayer. His remarks were listened to with attention, and we have reason to believe will be productive of good.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

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THE PAST MONTH.

We glean the following from the monthly reports presented at the meeting held November 23:

BOARDING HOUSE.

Visits to Boarding Houses.....	1,225
Hotels.....	96
Fire Halls.....	22
Police Stations.....	16
Car and Livery Stables.....	23
Public Library, West Branch.....	4

Young Men spoken to.....	98
BULLETINS distributed.....	5,060
Tracts, &c.....	4,800

RAILWAY SECRETARY.

Visits to Engines.....	126
Cabooses.....	85
Roundhouses.....	8
Switch Houses.....	26
Yards.....	5
Offices.....	21
Injured and Sick.....	11
R. R. Reading Rooms and Bunk Rooms.....	8

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Meetings Held. Attendance.

Union Depot.....	5	205
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Papers and Books distributed.....	668
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R. R. SPECIALS distributed.....	1000
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DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee, in reporting, stated that he had never before witnessed such interest among young men. He reported the following meetings and attendance.

	Total Att.	Avg. Att.
23 Noon.....	361	15
4 Teachers' B. Class.....	610	152
2 Young Men's Meetings.....	175	87
4 Bible Classes. (Sun. aft.).....	190	47
4 Gospel and Song.....	3100	775
1 Young Men's B. Class....	40	40
1 Training Class.....	35	35
3 Boys.....	126	42
17 Special for Young Men..	2225	130
2 " Prayer.....	30	15

There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Prov. xviii. 24.

Greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life
for his friends.—John xv. 13.

During the Special Services the Bible Class for young men and the Training Class had to be discontinued which accounts for but 1 being reported.

INVITATION COMMITTEE.

This committee has been very actively engaged. On some evenings there have been twenty-four workers in the streets, and these have distributed during the month 35,000 invitations to attend the several meetings.

The other Committees reported very favourably of the work entrusted to them. Taking the reports together, there was much—very much—to call for devout gratitude to God, and to encourage the workers to go on and labour for Him who *has* given and is *still* ready to give increase.

From among those who have recently been led to Christ in our rooms, we have secured additions to our staff of workers, and we now have more efficient working committees than we have been blessed with for years.

SEPARATION.

AT the last monthly meeting of the Board, the members, with but two or three exceptions, were taken by surprise when, under the head of "New Business," they were called upon to receive the resignation of the General Secretary. The relation had been so friendly, and the work so encouraging, that any thought of this change had not arisen. No definite action was taken beyond appointing a Committee to confer with the General Secretary in the matter. He has given his decision, that a separation, so far as the office is concerned, must take place, and he requests that if possible he be set free from duty at the close of the present month.

STRANGERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

That the Rooms of the
Toronto Young Men's Christian
Association.

ARE IN ITS BUILDING,

SHAFTESBURY HALL

Corner Queen and James Sts.,

ONE BLOCK WEST OF YONGE STREET.

Rooms open daily from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m.

You will be cordially welcomed.

PEBBLES FOR JEWELS.

A SET of half-witted people went to the sea to gather precious stones. Not being well able to discriminate between true and false stones, they took for precious stones a lot of common pebbles, thinking they must be good because they were of bright colour and heavy. The really precious stones, being of uncertain colour and light weight, they rejected as worthless.

Moral. The generality of people make the same mistake with regard to religion. Wealth, fame, honour, look brighter and better, and are preferred to the fruits of religion; but in reality those who reject religion for worldly things are rejecting diamonds and choosing common pebbles.

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

Conducted by Mr. S. H. Blake,

EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

This is my beloved, and this is my friend.

Cant. v. 16.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every MONDAY Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

Conducted by the GENERAL SECRETARY.

THE TWO MEN INSIDE.

THEN an old Indian once asked a white man to give him some tobacco. The man gave him a loose handful from his pocket. The next day the Indian came back and asked for the white man. "For," said he, "I found a quarter of a dollar among the tobacco." "Why don't you keep it?" asked a bystander.

"I've got a good man and a bad man here," said the Indian pointing to his breast, "and the good man say, 'It is not mine, give it back to the owner.' The bad man say, 'Never mind, you got it, and now it is your own.' The good man say 'No, no! you must not keep it.' So I don't know what to do, and I think to go to sleep, but the good and bad men keep talking all night and trouble me; and now I bring the money back, I feel I have done right."

Like the old Indian, all Christians have a good and a bad man within. The bad man is the old nature, the good man is the new nature, and they keep talking for and against many things that we do every day. Which wins? That is the question; the answer is, "If ye live in the Spirit, ye shall not fulfil the lusts of the flesh."

"Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

EVANGELISTIC

BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by MR. H. B. GORDON,

Chairman of Devotional Committee.

ALL INVITED.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7.

Bible Class at 3 p.m., and Gospel and Song Service at 8.30, followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15. All invited.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8.

12 noon.—Thanksgiving and Praise Meeting. The Secretary.

3 p.m.—**YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.**

9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Young Converts of Bethsaida. John i. 35-51. R. Merryfield.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

12 to 12.45 noon.—What Have I to Praise God For? Psalm.ciii. 1-14. S. R. Briggs.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Some Reasons Why we Persuade Men. 2 Cor. v 11; Rev. xx. 12, 13; Acts xvii 31. Rev. A. F. McGregor.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Do I Believe Christ Died for Me? Isaiah.liii.; John i. 11-13. W. Marks.
7.30 p.m.—**BOY'S MEETING**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13.

12 to 12.45 noon.—God's Gift to Man. Isa. ix. 6, 7; Luke ii. 13, 14; John iii. 16. Assistant Secretary.

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

8 p.m.—**YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.**

W. C. Jex.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon

Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.

Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

Italian Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service H. B. Gordon. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

Railway Men's Meeting.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14.

3 p.m.—Union Station W. C. Jex and W. Marks.