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Draw nigh to
God, and He will
draw nigh to
you.

James iv. 8.

OUR NEW YEAR.

MEMBERS will please bear in mind that membership fees are due to-day. Please send them in, and save us the trouble and expense of collecting.

LIBRARY.

OUR Library is closed until after the annual meeting. In the meantime we hope all who have books will return them, at once, as we propose re-arranging and cataloguing them. Any friend having a desire to increase our stock of books could not select a better time than the present to do so. We acknowledge receipt of three volumes from a lady friend, being the second donation from the same source during the past three months.

Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Association will be held on

TUESDAY EVENING, OCT. 4, '81

FOR THE

Election of Officers

AND OTHER BUSINESS.

A FULL ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS IS DESIRED.

CLASSES.

INQUIRY has frequently been made at our Rooms for the services of Young Men who have a knowledge of Phonography, and in but one or two instances were we able to meet the demand. An opportunity is afforded our members to qualify themselves for good positions by connecting themselves with our class in Phonography, to be taught by Mr. McNab, a gentleman of much experience in this important art. Remember there is no extra charge for attendance at this class.

A SAD CASE.

A YOUNG stranger dropped in at one of our noon-day prayer meetings last week, and at the close was spoken to by one of the friends, when conversation revealed the fact that the stranger was very ill, without friends, without money or home. For two days he had been without food. He had spent his last cent in paying for a week's

lodging. At once he was sent to a boarding place, and our friend, Mr. Sottly, prison missionary, undertook to secure him admittance to the hospital. The following day he was received, but his stay was brief, as he died the third day after. It was a sad case, but not a solitary one. During the past month we have met with three or four similar cases of actual distress, and we feel thankful for the opportunity of lending a helping hand.

WORDS OF WARNING.



ASSOCIATIONS, are not exempt, any more than individuals from danger.

In all work carried on by committees, with more or less elaborate machinery, there is always risk that there may be great activity and appearance of zeal when the inspiring cause—the love for souls, the devotion for the Master—has slackened or passed away. Let us beware of such “dead works.”

The individual too may be deceiving himself, and in the excitement of overmuch serving may be losing the touch of the Master's hand. May this not be so with any one of our members!

The sectarian spirit may arise, and great watchfulness is necessary to prevent this.

The educational and material benefits provided, may, as it were, swamp the spiritual work of Associations, and, instead of being the handmaids of the Gospel, may actually become its enemies.

The insidious attacks of worldliness may invade us, and we may stoop to lower aims and meaner methods than become the children of light.

God forbid that any member with us should fail to remember that we are *Christian first*, and then—nay, *Christian first, and last, and all through*. The worst danger of all surely is that in our work educational,—social—physical,—missions,—temperance advocacy,—spiritual or evangelistic efforts of any kind, a lower motive should be present than the glory of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ. —“*Word and Work*.”

ALL IN ONE.

(Lines written on the fly-leaf of a Steamship Bible.)

A **Mine of Wealth**, where every one may toil,
And for his pains grow rich in golden spoil.

A **Living Spring** with waters running free,
Where all who thirst may drink unastintedly.

A **Glowing Sun** whose light and warmth
are shed,
For wandering souls, whose light and warmth
are fled.

A **Lavish Feast**, and all way-farers woo'ed
No price in hand, to eat immortal food,

A **Spotless Dress** made ready to array,
All pilgrim's stained in sin's defiling way.

A **Hand Book** true, where they who run
may read,
To shun what paths, and what safe guides to
need.

A **Passport** sure, made out by Christ's
own hand.
For all who seek than earth a “better land.”

Mine—Spring—Sun—Feast—Dress
—**Guide—Passport—thou,**
O Blessed book! what lacks the traveller
now?

CHIEF END OF MAN.



VARRO, an eminent writer, reckons up no less than 288 different opinions, concerning the chief good or happiness of man. Alas, the world will not believe that there is “but **ONE THING** needful.”

We question whether Varro had met with the definition we read in a book of Etiquette handed in among the donations at our last Book Reception. In the opening paragraph the author says, “**THE CHIEF END OF A GENTLEMAN IS TO SHINE IN SOCIETY**” and then proceeds with a chapter on Dancing &c. Why, even a Butterfly is designed for other than to display his beautiful wings, and a Grasshopper was never made simply to show nimbly it can jump. There is, however, one sense in which “**Shining in Society**” may be said to be the Chief end of Man. “**LET YOUR LIGHTS SO SHINE before MEN THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.** MAT V—16.

SAILING ORDERS.

To CAPTAIN HEAD-KNOWLEDGE, *of the Ship*
 SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS, *lying in the Bay*
 of DELUSION



YOU are ordered to weigh anchor forthwith, as the equinox in 1 Thes. v. 3, is approaching. Your holding-ground is not good, and your vessel is in such bad repair, that we think it unsafe for you to remain there one minute longer. You will, therefore, sail into the dock, Isa. lxiv. 6, and

there undergo a thorough repair. Let all the old works between decks be removed, Col. iii: 5-9. Your ballast has been too much by the *head*, you are therefore ordered to get it amidships, Deut. xi. 18. Your vessel must be newly rigged, and fitted for sea by the directions in Eph. ii. 8, 9. You will then proceed to join the Fleet.

THE late President Garfield was a sustaining member of the State Y.M.C.A. work in Ohio.

Bulletin for Week Commencing October 3, 1881.

MONDAY	Oct. 3	...12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING Alf. Sandham. 8.00 P.M. WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY.....	" 4	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Promise of the Spirit. Joel ii. 28, 29; Isa. xlv. 3. S. R. Briggs. 4.00 P.M. MEETING FOR CONSECRATION & PRAYER.
WEDNESDAY. .	" 5	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Believer and the Unbeliever. 1 John iii. 4-12. Geo. T. Fergusson.
THURSDAY.....	" 6	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Cruel Covetousness Rebuked. 1 Kings xxi. 1-25. R. Merryfield. 8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Gen. Secretary.
FRIDAY.	" 7	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The atoning blood. Lev. xvii. 10, 11; Heb. ix. 18-28; 1 Pet. i. 18, 19. W. E. Burford. 8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	" 8	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. God's threats and promises alike unfulfilling. Num. xxvi. 63-65; Josh. xxiii. 14, 15. W. Marks. 4.50 P.M. TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. The President, S. H. Blake, Q.C. 8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Report of World's Conference by the Delegates.
SUNDAY.....	" 9	... 3.00	P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs. 8.30 P.M. GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Oct. 9, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station, and at Nipissing Station.
 NOON PRAYER MEETING—Toronto, Grey and Bruce R. R. Workshops every WEDNESDAY at 12.30.
 COTTAGE MEETING, { MONDAY, 8 P.M.— 61 Sackville Street.
 THURSDAY, " — 30 Mercer Street.
 FRIDAY, " —136 Portland Street.



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