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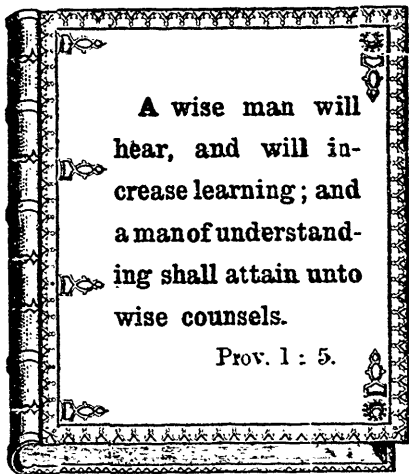
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A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels.

Prov. 1 : 5.

BULLETIN FUND.

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| A Lady..... | \$ 1 00 |
| Mrs. A..... | 1 00 |
| E. S..... | 15 00 |

OUR VISITOR.

MR. Gawin Kirkham's visit among us will we trust prove of much profit to our Young Men. He rendered us good service at our Exhibition Meetings, and also at our Gospel Services in the Hall. On Monday evening at the close of the Bible Class, he (accompanied by several of our Young Men) held an open air service on the corner of Yonge and Adelaide street. The Electric light for a time rendered good service, but the proprietor of one

of the stores did not relish the gospel so close to him and indicated his dislike by shutting off his electric lamp. But after all the task was a needless one, as having no key at his disposal he was unable to turn off the moon's rays, so Bro. Kirkham was not at all hindered. On Tuesday there was a special gathering of our workers at which our visitor spoke of the elements of successful street preaching. There was a good attendance, and the questions asked by those present, proved that interest had been awakened.

MEMBERSHIP FEES.

MEMBERS will please bear in mind that the fee for 1883-84 is due on the 1st. October. To share in the advantages offered by the Lecture Committee, it is necessary that this fee and arrears be paid up.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE CLASS.

OUR President, (Hon. S. H. Blake, will resume his Teacher's Bible Class on Saturday, October 6th, at the usual hour,—4 50 P. M. Friends who read this notice will please acquaint those likely to be interested in the subject.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

Prov. i. 10.

My son, walk not thou in the way with sinners; refrain thy foot from their path.—Prov. i. 15.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

LECTURES AND CLASSES.

OUR Lecture Committee is engaged in perfecting arrangements for the coming Season. Parlor Lectures will be delivered every Tuesday evening, beginning Sept. 25th, and continuing to end of April, excepting months of November and January, during which we hope to arrange for special Evangelistic Services. A complete list of the Lectures will be published in a future issue of our Bulletin. These lectures will be free to the members. The Committee has also concluded arrangements with Mr. H. H. Ragan for a series of four of his interesting illustrated lectures on Travel. Those who heard Mr. Ragan last Season will be pleased to learn of this

Two of Mr. Ragan's lectures are entirely new; one being on Ireland, and one on Wales. Members who have paid their fees for 1883-1884, will be entitled to a reserved seat ticket for the four lectures for fifty cents.

Classes in Drawing, Phonography and Book keeping, have been arranged for, and we hope also to add one in Elocution.

A MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS

IS HELD

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

From 7.30 till 9,

In Parlor C (up stairs) Shaftesbury Hall



"I'LL NEVER SWEEP ANOTHER CROSSING."

POOR man was one day sweeping a crossing on one of the streets of Dublin. A lawyer, with his umbrella under his arm, came up and spoke to him. "Is your name so-and-so?"

"Yes," said the street-sweeper.

"Had you a friend called S—, who lived in T—, in America?"

"Yes."

"Well, I have come out to find you, and to tell you that this friend of yours has died, and left you ten thousand pounds, which you can get at once!"

The poor man was greatly astonished. He could scarcely believe it true, it was so good. He asked some questions. At length he came to see it was really true. *He was worth ten thousand pounds.* He lifted up his broom, flung it as far away along the street as he could, and said, "I'll never sweep another crossing!"

My son, forget not my laws; but let thine heart keep my commandments.—Prov. iii. 1.

My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord ; neither be weary of his correction.—Prov. iii. 11.

Thus it is with the sinner. When he gets a full pardon of all his sins, he cares little about theatres, and dances, and songs. He has got something better; and he flings away the broom as a matter of course.

O unconverted reader! through Christ's obedience unto death, even the death of the cross, God offers to you at this moment, without money or price, the pardon of all your sins, a new heart, victory over your besetting sins, with joys and pleasures unspeakable and full of glory. You can get them as freely as that street-sweeper got his legacy. You can scarcely think so, but it is really true. "He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities," Isaiah LIII 5. "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely," Rev. xxii. 17. O don't refuse the precious gifts God offers you, because they are so great and so free. Don't think this too easy a way to be saved. It is easy for you, but it was not easy for Christ. He redeemed us with a great price. And now, we get pardon and salvation for *nothing*, through his precious blood.

NUTS FOR SKEPTICS TO CRACK.

THERE are infidels who do not believe in a God who judges and punishes, and afflicts. They believe in *nature*, and in nature's laws.

But what do they gain by the change? Are not "the laws of nature" as they term them, as immutable as those inscribed on tables of stone? Do not fires burn, floods overwhelm, waters drown, earthquakes swallow up, lightnings blast, tornadoes desolate, tempests destroy, sunbeams scorch, frosts congeal, diseases waste, pains rack, sorrows pierce, and calamities afflict mankind? Are not toil, and labor, and hunger, and famine, and pestilence and all the nameless agonies of dying men in accordance with "the laws of nature?" Does not "the god of nature" do all this? Pray then, what do men gain by

throwing away their Bibles which they will not believe, when they must find the same facts and worse ones, in the Book of Nature where they can neither doubt them nor deny them? The facts will stand. Skeptics may deny man's fall, but they can not escape its consequences. They can not argue pain out of their bones, misery out of their hearts, nor death out of their families. They may deny that God has cursed the ground, but they can not rid themselves of thorns and thistles, with all their arguing and with all their unbelief. And sorrow, and guilt, and condemnation, will follow them in spite of all their doubts and skeptical objections. What then do they gain by their efforts to get rid of God?

They gain just this: they put away the chastisement of a Father, and fling themselves amid the revolving gears of an Almighty Machine that crushes them in the just, and then grinds them to powder. They have the same *facts* they had before, with no possible relief from them. They retain every trouble, and reject every consolation. They have the same realities of sin, and sorrow, and penalty; they have only blotted out mercy, made penitence vain, and forgiveness and peace impossible. They have kept the disease, and flung away the remedy.

Let then the infidel glory in the fact that he has *preserved his death warrant and burned up his pardon* that might have cancelled it; that he has kept every sorrow of earth, and rejected every joy of heaven;—but let the Christian rather rejoice that he possesses every real blessing of which the ungodly man can boast, and, added to them all, he has the presence of a Divine Father, and the sympathy of an Almighty Friend, who while he reproves in righteousness and punishes in justice, yet pardons with such infinite and compassionate love, that the heart of the penitent turns with tears to him as the only Saviour, saying, "THERE IS FORGIVENESS WITH THEE, THAT THOU MAYEST BE FEARED."

H. L. Hastings.

Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.—Prov. iv. 10.

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 Sept. 24, 1883.

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| MONDAY..... | Sept. 24.... | 12.00 M. | 7.30 P.M. | 7.30 P.M. | 8 00 P.M. | PRAISE & THANKSGIVING. The Secretary. MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C." INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER. YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlour "B." Conducted by the Secretary. |
| TUESDAY..... | " 25 ... | 12.00 M. | 8.00 P.M. | NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Astou. PARLOR LECTURE by L. C. Peake, "Chautauqua and its Associations." | | |
| WEDNESDAY. | " 26 .. | 12.00 M. | | NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon. | | |
| THURSDAY... | " 27.... | 12.00 M. | 8.00 P.M. | NOONDAY PRAYER J. J. Gartshore. WORKERS' MEETING for mutual edification and prayer. | | |
| FRIDAY | " 28 ... | 12.00 M. | 8.00 P.M. | NOONDAY PRAYER. Geo. T. Fergusson. BOYS' LECTURE, by Mr. C. Edwards, "Kobwebs from New York." | | |
| SATURDAY.... | " 29.... | 12 00 M. | 7.30 P.M. | NOONDAY PRAYER. Asst. Sec. INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER. | | |
| SUNDAY | " 30... | 8.00 P.M. | 3.00 P.M. | 3.00 P.M. | 8.30 P.M. | YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. S. R. Briggs. EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon DEAF MUTE CLASS. CHINESE CLASS. GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. J. J. Gartshore Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15. |

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Sept. 30, 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.

EVERY MONDAY, 8 P.M., 2 Hunter's Terrace, Dufferin St.
" THURSDAY " 118 Lisgar St
" FRIDAY, " 232 Dundas St