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“Let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord, which exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.”

Jeremiah ix. 24.

OUR WORK.

WE are thankful to be able to say, that notwithstanding the heat, our meetings are keeping up both in attendance and interest. The Bible Class on Sunday afternoon has in no wise abated, and the Secretary's class on Thursday evening is increasing in numbers. We would like to see a larger attendance at the Saturday evening meeting for Young Men, but, at the same time, we notice an improvement over that of a couple of months ago. The Sunday evening Gospel meeting is largely attended, and there are many hopeful signs in connection therewith. The general interest taken in the meetings is best expressed in the words of a report made at the Board Meeting by Mr. S. R. Briggs, chairman of the Devotional Committee. “Seldom, if ever, during my connection with the Association has the Devotional meetings been so well sustained during the summer months.” We thank God and take courage. We would not, however, have our readers to understand that we are *satisfied*. We want to see our rooms crowded every Saturday evening with young men. Help us by coming yourself, and by “Bringing another.”

EXCHANGES.

THE latest addition to our exchange list is No. 1, Vol. I., of the Denver (Colorado) Monthly Bulletin. From it we learn that the work is being owned of God, and Bro. Huntington, the Gen. Sec., is apparently much encouraged. During the month of June, 38 meetings were held, with an attendance of 961; the attendance at the Reading Room during the same period was 1860. Bro. H. B. Chamberlin, a well-known Y. M. C. A. worker, conducts a Christian Workers' Bible Class. We assure our Denver brethren that our sympathies and prayers are with them.

THE SHADOW OF SIN.

BE sure your sin will find you out. You may commit sin on the other side of the world, and you may come to this, and you may think you have left it there; you may go and mix with the crowd and be lost even to yourself, and have forgotten it for years. Ah! it will crawl after you, it will search you out; in the midst of the crowd it will scent you, and find you out, and pour its poison into your bosom, and torture your very soul. There will be a time come to every sinner when conscience will awake: sin will find every man out, either by contrition, that shall break the heart by amending it, or by remorse that shall break the heart without softening or bettering it.—*Rev. T. Binney.*

WASHINGTON drew his last breath in the last hour of the last day of the last week of the last month of the last year of the last century, December 31, 1799.



THE STORY OF ROBERT ANNAN.

EN Saturday, the 3rd of August, 1867, there was buried in Dundee, with all the honours of a public funeral, thousands following the body to the grave, one of the poorest of the citizens—Robert Annan.

Robert Annan was only thirty-six when he died, and was born in Dundee. Up to the age of twenty-nine he had lived a wild and wicked life. His nature was fierce and ungovernable, and his ferocity had been made more savage by a life of habitual drunkenness. Like many others, he imagined that new circumstances could make new men; and so he went to the United States, hoping to turn over a new leaf in a new land, among new associates. He was disappointed. He soon moved to Canada, and enlisted in a Highland regiment. He deserted. He went into the Navy; but did not long stay on board his ship. From that service also he deserted. He afterwards gave himself up, was punished, was then bought off by his relatives, and returned to Dundee. What he wanted was not a change of place but a change of heart; and this, "God, who is rich in mercy," gave in the place whence he had wandered.

In 1860 there was a revival of religion in Dundee. Robert Annan was induced to attend some meetings carried on in the Barrack Park and Kinnaird Hall. At one of these meetings the Word of God made a deep impression, and by wisely directing him to the Word of Him who cannot lie, Robert Annan was led to the peace which comes from believing.

He at once gave himself to work for the Master in the roughest part of the missionary work of the Hilltown Church. Strong faith, undaunted courage, were ever with him. Insult and abuse could not move. Every night, and many times each Sabbath, he stood to plead with men. "Often in winter did he stand with the snow to his knees, and with streaming eyes plead with men to turn to the Lord and live."

He became famous in Dundee for his heroic efforts to rescue the drowning. In the year of his death he had saved at least five lives, and perished himself in endeavouring to save a sixth. He had an instinctive sympathy with suffering. This led him to say, "Can I stand aside and see a fellow-creature perish, while I have the power to save him?"

On the day Robert Annan died, after breakfast he spent some time in secret prayer. As he left the house he took a piece of chalk and wrote the word "ETERNITY" on the pavement outside the door. In two hours he was in the eternal world!

Some accounts of his most interesting career were published at the time. One of these fell under the eye of the Hon. James Gordon, a son of the Earl of Aberdeen. He was very deeply impressed with the incident just related—with the fact that, for the admonition of his fellows, Annan should have written on the pavement this great word; and that its monition should be so awfully impressed by the sudden call thither. "Eternity" kept ringing in his ears. Nor in his case was the warning vain. The one word was blessed to his conversion. On leaving home for Cambridge, he requested that the word "ETERNITY" should be carved at his expense on the stone on which Robert Annan had chalked it, so that it might preach for ever afterwards to all who passed that way. The Rev. J. Macpherson received a letter from the

young nobleman's mother conveying his request. Two days after he, too, stood amid the glories of the eternal world, shot accidentally dead; yet one more comment on the great and mighty word!

Reader! where will you spend Eternity?



DO you say sin is too strong for you? It is not too strong for Omnipotence that dwelleth in you. I don't want so much to be afraid of going to hell, as to be afraid of sin. Let me be afraid of sin, and then I need not be afraid of going to hell.—*Rowland Hill.*

Bulletin for Week Commencing August 8th, 1881.

MONDAY	Aug. 8 ...12.00 M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Alf. Sandham.
	8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY.....	" 9 ...12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Heirs—to what inheritance. Rom. viii: 17; 1 Pet. 1: 3-5; Rev. xxi: 7. S. R. Briggs.
	4.00 P.M.	MEETING FOR CONSECRATION & PRAYER.
WEDNESDAY..	" 10 ...12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The voice of wisdom neglected. Prov. i. 7, 20-32; Luke xix: 41-42. R. Merryfield.
THURSDAY....	" 11 ...12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The wonderful things God does for his people. Isa. xxv: 1-9. Rev. J. Salmon.
	8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Gen. Sec. Subject, "Worship."
FRIDAY	" 12 ...12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Delight in the word of God. Ps. cxix: 97-103. Geo. T. Ferguson.
	8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	" 13 ...12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. God's command. Exod. xiv: 19-27. W.E. Burford.
	8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. One more opportunity. Luke xiii: 6-10. J. J. Gartshore.
SUNDAY.....	" 14 3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS.
	8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE. R. Kilgour.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Aug. 14, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station, Messrs. W. Garside and Alf. Sandham.

At Nipissing Station, Bible Reading by W. E. Burford.

NOON PRAYER MEETING—Toronto, Grey and Bruce R. R. Workshops every WEDNESDAY at 12.30.

COTTAGE MEETING, THURSDAY 8 P.M.—18 Portland Street.



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