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And this
is the record, that
God hath given to us
eternal life, and this
life is in His Son.

I John v. 11.

BULLETIN FUND.

The following amounts have been received during the past week :—

Friends, per Mr. R. M..... 2 00

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

A Lady, 2 volumes for the Library.
A Friend, 2 Framed Pictures for the Parlor.

OFFICERS FOR 1882-83.

AT the Annual Meeting held last Tuesday evening, the following were elected as officers for the ensuing year :

President—Hon. S. H. Blake.
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EBENEZER.

STANDING as we do to-day, at a point whence we look back over a twelve months' journeying and labor, we are constrained to address our officers and members in the words of Joshua, "Ye know in all your hearts, and in all your souls, that **NOT ONE THING HATH FAILED** of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you ; **ALL ARE COME TO PASS** unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof." While we are compelled to write across much of our work "**UNFAITHFUL**."—He hath ever shown Himself to be the covenant-keeping God. And if His goodness has been so manifested toward us amid unfaithfulness what might we not have looked for had we risen on all occasions to a just conception of the noble character of our work, and of the responsibility resting upon us. But regrets are unavailing. Past failure cannot be remedied. It is now for us to gird on the armour and in the name of the Lord go forth for another year's campaign against sin and satan, resolving that, forgetting these things which are behind, and reaching forth unto these things which are before, (we will) press

toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We desire to render thanks to God for the measure of success which has attended our work, and for the souls which have been given us. We have had cheering evidence that our Rooms have been made the birth-place of souls, and that wearied and tempted ones have been comforted and strengthened. For all this we are grateful. It is also cheering to be able to say that our work is becoming more concentrated upon the grand object of the Association—Young men. In fact we might say that our whole work for the past year has been in this direction. Our boarding house committee, hotel visitation, street invitations, lectures, meetings, classes, &c., have all been conducted with this object in view, and each department has been owned and made (in a measure) successful. The annual meetings just held have been most cheering gatherings. The large attendance, deep interest, spiritual tone, and brotherly feeling which marked them could not fail to impress any stranger present.

As our BULLETIN next week will (D. V.) contain an abstract of the several reports (prepared for our Anniversary), we refrain from further comment beyond asking our friends in Toronto and elsewhere to remember the work in prayer—that the year now entered upon may be one of rich blessing.

A LOSS.

THE musical portion of some departments of our work suffers a serious loss in the removal from the City, of Miss Bowman, who for years past has ever been in her place at the organ on Sunday afternoon, and at the piano at our Sunday evening Gospel service. Her readiness to serve at all times has won for her many friends, and she leaves with our heartfelt prayer that her married life may be one of great happiness and usefulness.

Who will volunteer to fill up this break in our ranks of workers?

OUTLINES FOR BIBLE STUDY, NO. 4.

BY ALF. SANDHAM.

Gleanings from the Psalms.

PSALM 106 AND 107.

ISRAEL—

Understood not, (7) Ignorance.
Remembered not (7) Forgetfulness.
Provoked, (7) Stubbornness.
Lusted, (14) Dissatisfaction.
Enviéd, (16) Presumption.
Made a Calf (19) Rejection of God.
Despised Canaan,
(a land of de-
sires,) (24) Despising.

What was the reason for all this?

They believed not, (24) UNBELIEF.

Just so it is with the sinner now. Note the fact that, notwithstanding all this sin on the part of Israel, God saved (8), delivered (9), redeemed (10), gathered (107: 3), led (107: 7), gave a home (107: 7), satisfied (107: 9). In like manner will He do for the sinner if he will but heed (107: 19). Reader! bear in mind (107: 43). Why did God so act towards Israel? He did it for His own name's sake (106: 8), that he might be glorified (106: 8), and because He remembered His covenant (106: 45).

IF you want to live in this world, doing the duty of life, knowing the blessings of it, doing your work heartily, and yet not absorbed by it, remember that the one power whereby you can so act is, that all shall be consecrated to Christ, and done for His sake. All true love to God is preceded in the heart by these two things—a sense of sin and an assurance of pardon."

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

ALL INVITED.

HOW TO WIN SOULS.

A VERY distinguished theological Professor lately remarked:—"If I should return to the pastoral charge of a church, there are two things which I should do. I would spend no time on the rhetoric of my sermon; I should saturate my mind with Bible truth, and then deliver that truth in the simplest idiomatic English words that I could find. The second thing would be direct *personal* effort for souls, and more personal conversation with the unconverted."

Let us profit by the counsel here given. A mind *charged* with the truth, a heart *controlled* by the truth, a life *compelled* by the truth, and every active member of this Association may be fitted to do the noblest work entrusted to man—the winning of souls by personal effort. The opportunities for this personal work are many in our rooms. An impression *formed* at a service of song or gospel meeting may be *fastened* "as a nail in a sure place" by the personal effort of one such young man described above. And then there are those, feeling after God, who just need the help and sympathy of a Christian young man to lead them into the light. There may not be the excitement and publicity that attend large revival meetings, but that is not what the soul winner is after; it is not the applause of men, but the approval of God, that is to be the reward. As we remember how great are the *opportunities* presented for this work, let us also remember how strong is the *obligation* resting upon us to meet them.

—Selected

NO APOLOGY NEEDED.

FOR other books we offer an apology. We apologize for Shakespeare, and we say it was the practice or influence of the age in which he lived. But the Bible spurns apology; it needs none; it repudiates an apology the moment we offer it.—*Cumming*.

GOD IS LOVE.

DON'T FAIL TO BE PRESENT

AT THE

ANNIVERSARY

Next Tuesday Evening,

IN

SHAFTESBURY HALL.

See LIST OF SPEAKERS on last page.

PROOF OF HIS LOVE.

YOU ask for a proof of *God's love*, and we point you to *God's gift*—the Lord Jesus Christ; for God so *loved* that He *gave*. We point you to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. We point to that dark day when He bowed His head and died; and we say, behold the love of God to the sinners of earth! Was there ever love like His? Nay. "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were *yet sinners*, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5: 7, 8). What further proof would you desire of the love of God? Shall He commend His love in vain? It is His will that you should be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth.

IN the New Testament there are no fewer than 284 quotations from the Old. Of these 45 are found in Matthew, 34 in Mark, 34 in Luke and 20 in John. Passing over the acts of the Apostles and the Epistles, having their due proportion of citations, and coming to Revelation, we find as many as 245 recognitions of the Old Testament gleaming from its 22 chapters.

It is also worth noticing that one-half of the quotations from the Old Testament appearing in the New, and having a Messianic bearing, are from the Psalms.—*Dr. Flemming*.

NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Toronto Young Men's Christian Ass'n.,

SHAFTESBURY HALL,

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 1882.

ADDRESSES BY

Rev. Dr. GORDON, of Buffalo,

Rev. W. S. RAINSFORD, St. James' Cathedral,

Hon. S. H. BLAKE, President,

The friends of the Association are cordially invited.

Bulletin for Week Commencing Oct. 16, 1882.

MONDAY.....	Oct. 16....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. F. Aston.
			8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 17....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. Marks.
WEDNESDAY	" 18....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. J. J. Gartshore.
THURSDAY...	" 19....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY	" 20 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Assistant Sec'y.
			8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SATURDAY ..	" 21....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Alf. Sandham.
			8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Geo. T. Fer- gusson.
SUNDAY.....	" 22....	3.00	P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
			8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. J. McGregor.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETING.

SUNDAY, Oct. 22, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meeting at Union Station, and Credit Valley Station, Parkdale.