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BE YE
THEREFORE
READY ALSO:
FOR THE
SON OF MAN
COMETH AT
AN HOUR WHEN
YE THINK
NOT.

OUR MEETINGS.

HERE has been no marked change in our meetings. The attendance still continues to keep up to the average in all the gatherings and increasing in some.

BULLETIN FUND.

A. C.....	\$10 00
Gilgal ...	10 00
Workers.....	1 70
Miss H.....	1 00

TESTIMONY.

WE are indebted to Col. Denison for a copy of the Blue Book of the Militia Department, from which we have made extracts for publication in our next issue. It will then be seen that our camp work in the past has not been in vain.

EVANGELISTIC.

IT is expected that a series of Evangelistic Services will shortly be held in our Hall, to be conducted by Mr. George Soltau, of London England. The meetings will be under the auspices of the Canadian Evangelization Society. Mr. Soltau comes with high testimonials from well known christian workers in England. We have personally received a letter from Mr. D. L. Moody in which he commends Mr. Soltau as an honored servant of God. We shall welcome this visit and trust that God may abundantly own the services.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.
Psalm cxix. 36.

He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.—Prov. xix. 26.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Held every Sunday Afternoon,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

THAT WORD "POWER."

“**T**HAT word ‘power,’ brethren, means a great deal to me. You know I am a machinist, working at the factory all day. We have plenty of good machinery, all in fine order, well oiled, and men enough to guide it. But what do you suppose we could accomplish without the power,—without the steam which enables us to set all the bands and wheels in motion? Yes, power is a great word with us machinists. We’re always comparing notes with each other, when we meet, about the power which we use. Now, as I look at it, if prayer is the power which we Christians are to use in our work for the Master, it is a very important matter that we should be much in prayer. The more prayer, the larger results, it seems to me.

“There’s another thought, brethren. You know we often put up a sign like this: ‘Room to let, with power.’ We are willing to share our steam-engine with others, provided it is powerful enough. Now, that seems to me, in one view of it, like an illustration of social prayer. There is a loss of power unless we meet often, and stir up each other’s minds and hearts by united prayer.”

YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

IF you shake up a basket of fruit or of gravel, the smaller portions will go toward the bottom; the larger will come toward the top. This is the order of nature. There is no way of evading it. And the same order prevails in the basket of human life. The world’s shaking will send the smaller characters downwards, and bring the larger ones toward the top. The larger characters are not to blame for this. The smaller ones have no right to complain of it. It is the shaking that does the business.

TEACHER’S

BIBLE CLASS

HELD

Every Saturday Afternoon,

AT 4.30 O'CLOCK,

Conducted by Hon. S. H. BLAKE, Q.C.

Y. M. C. A. BASIS.

The Worlds Conference of Y. M. C. Associations held at Paris, (France) in 1855, there was laid down that basis now known as the Paris Basis, and which was adopted by the Association of America at the 3rd International Convention held at Montreal in 1856. This basis reads as follows:—

“The Y. M. C. Associations seek to unite those young men who, regarding Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour according to the Holy Scriptures, desire to be His disciples in their doctrine and their life, and to associate their efforts for the extension of His kingdom among young men.”

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.—Prov. xiii. 20.

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all
thine increase.—Prov. iii. 9.

WRITE THEM A LETTER TO-NIGHT.

Don't go to the theatre, lecture or ball,
But stay in your room to-night;
Deny yourself to the friends that call,
And a good long letter write—
Write to the sad old folks at home,
Who sit when the day is done,
With folded hands and downcast eyes,
And think of the absent one.

Don't selfishly scribble: "Excuse my haste,
I've scarcely the time to write,"
Lest their brooding thoughts go wandering back
To many a by-gone night,
When they lost their needed sleep and rest,
And every breath was a prayer
That God would save their delicate babe
To their tender love and care.

Don't let them feel that you've no more need
Of their love and counsel wise;
For the heart grows strangely sensitive
When age has dimmed the eyes.
It might be well to let them believe
You never forget them quite—
That you deemed it a pleasure when far away,
Long letters home to write.

Don't think that the young and giddy friends
Who make your pastime gay,
Have half the anxious thoughts for you
That the old folks have to-day.
The duty of writing do not put off,
Let sleep or pleasure wait,
Lest the letter for which they looked and longed
Be a day or an hour too late.

For the sad old folks at home,
With locks fast turning white,
Are longing to hear of the absent one—
Write them a letter to-night.

OUR salvation is *in* Christ, and with
him, but not apart from him. When
a bank note or a gold coin is put into
my hands, my money is *in* that, not
apart from it. When a deed is signed,
sealed, recorded, and delivered to me,
my title is in my deed, and not apart
from it. My deed will insure me my
farm. Even so, *in* Christ, I have my
debt cancelled, my journeying support,
and my heavenly inheritance all secure.

BEING LET GO, THEY WENT TO THEIR OWN COMPANY.

Acts iv. 23.

"**C**OMpany is known by the com-
pany he keeps." "Birds of
a feather flock together."
There are a good many re-
straints that hold men back
from the company they
would like—company of their own sort;
but when those restraints are off, the
men naturally go to their own company.
It is Dr. Alexander Raleigh, I think,
who has brought out this truth most
forcefully in a sermon from this text.
He pictures the restraints of the day-
time to men of business, to clerks, to
mechanics, to students, holding one and
another to the higher or the lower asso-
ciations, until the evening's freedom
permits them all to seek their own com-
pany. Then being let go, some go to
the theatre, some to the bar-room, some
to the gambling house, some to the
library, some to their own homes, some
to the place of prayer. If you could
pick your own company, what would it
be at this hour? When death loosens
the restraints of life, you *will* go to
your own company.

A MIGHTY MYTH.

SOME time since, a woman de-
livered a lecture in Lancashire,
England, against Christianity, in
which she declared that the gos-
pel narrative of the life of Christ
is a myth or fable. One of the
mill-hands who listened to her, obtained
leave to ask a question.

"The question," said he, "I want to
ask the lady is this: Thirty years ago, I
was a curse to this town, and every-
body shrank from me that had any
respect for himself. I often tried to do
better, but could not succeed. The tea-
totalers got hold of me, but I broke the
pledge so often that they said it was no
use trying me any longer; then the

So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst
out with new wine.—Prov. iii. 10.

police got hold of me, and I was taken before the magistrates, and they tried; and next I was sent to prison, and the wardens tried what they could do; but though they all tried, I was nothing better, but rather worse.

"Now, you say that Christ is a myth. But when I tried, and the teetotalers, the police, the magistrates, and the wardens of the prisons all tried in vain, then Christ took hold of me, touched my heart, and *made me a new man*. And now I am a member of the church, a class-leader, a superintendent of the Sunday school; and I ask, if Christ is a myth, how comes it to pass that that myth is stronger than all the others put together?" The lady was silent. "Nay, Miss," said he, "say what you will, the gospel is the power of God unto salvation."—*Christian Secretary*.

REMEMBER

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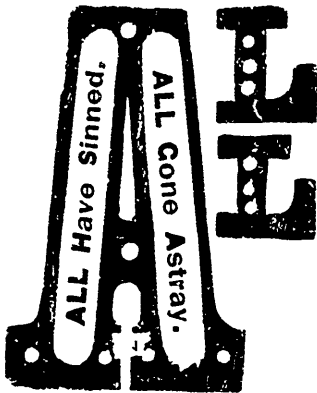
YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

HELD

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.



God commandeth ALL men everywhere to repent.—Acts xvii. 30.
(By Jesus) All that Believe are Justified from All things.—Acts xiii. 39.

HE DIED FOR ALL.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, APRIL 21.

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

8 p.m.—Young Men's Bible Class, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 22.

12 to 12.45 noon.—"I Am the Bread of Life." John vi. 1-13, 25-34. Rev. C. Duff.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 23

12 to 12.45 noon.—What is my Testimony? Job—Job xxiii. 12; *Jeremiah*—Jer. xv. 16; *David*—Ps. cxix 14, 103. Rev. A. Gay.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24.

12 to 12.45 noon.—A Confidence in God which made me Sensitive about Asking Help from Man. Ezra viii 21-32. Rev. E. Roberts.

6.30 p.m.—WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.

FRIDAY APRIL 25.

12 to 12.45 noon.—"Everlasting Kindness." Isa. liv. 18-10; Ps. lxxxix. 33. 34; Heb. vi. 17-20. S. R. Briggs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26.

12 to 12.45 noon.—What Testimony am I Bearing for Christ? Rev. Dr. Cochran

4.30 p.m.—Teacher's Bible Class. Hon. S. H. Blake

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

8.00 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. H. B. Gordon.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27.

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. Geo. T. Ferguson. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

Railway Men's Meetings.

W. C. JEX, Railway Secretary.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22.

12.30 to 12.55 noon.—In G. T. R. Roundhouse Reading Room. Rev. E. Roberts.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27.

3 p.m.—Union Station. R. Sims and A. F. Hines.

4 p.m.—West End Branch (1020 Queen St.) For speakers, see West End notices below.

West End Branch.

G. F. FOPE, Secretary.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22.

7 p.m.—C. L. S. C. Meeting.

8 p.m.—Bible Class. Mr. R. Awde.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27.

4 p.m.—Gospel Meeting. Rev. E. Clement and W. C. Jex.