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They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isa. xl. 31.

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THE EXHIBITION.

THE wet weather has somewhat hindered the work in our tent, not from any defect in the tent or its appliance but the rain caused the visitors to the exhibition to keep inside the buildings. The meetings have been very good. Our Ice water fountain has been largely patronized, but we find in connection therewith the same difficulty met with on presenting the Gospel. While we have done all we could to make the fountain conspicuous—to make the way of access easy—to make all its surroundings attractive—and to extend a cordial invitation to all

to drink—still many stand at a distance, thirsty and longing for a drink, but thinking that such arrangements cannot surely be made and the water to be had for *nothing*. They think they must pay, and perhaps, some have but little money to spare. The idea of “free for the taking” seems to perplex them.

In our next number we will give particulars of the work which will by that time be a work *concluded*.

A WELCOME VISITOR.



R. Gawin Kirkham, the well known English Open Air Preacher and Evangelist, will visit Toronto this week. We purpose holding a meeting of our workers on Tuesday evening next, as Mr. Kirkham has expressed a desire to meet with them during his stay. We need not urge our workers to attend, as they are always on hand when needed.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.—Psa. lxxxix. 13.

Unto him that washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father.—Rev. i. 5, 6.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD
EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

C. L. S. C.

It is proposed to organize among our Young Men a branch of the "Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle" under the direction of Mr. L. C. Peake, Chairman of our Lecture Committee and who is also Secretary of the Ontario Branch of the C. L. S. C.

This organization aims to promote habits of reading and study in nature, art, science, and secular and sacred literature, in connection with the routine of daily life, (especially among those whose educational advantages have been limited), so as to secure to them the college student's general outlook upon the world and life, and to develop the habit of close, persistent thinking.

To reduce the expense to a minimum, we purpose securing a few sets of the books of study and place them in our Library so that every Young Man may have access to them. Friends desirous of joining the circle will please hand in their names to the Secretary at as early a date as possible. The study will commence Oct. 1st. On Tuesday Sept. 25th Mr. Peake will open our Winter course of Parlor Lectures by a lecture on "Chautauqua and its associations."

A MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS

IS HELD

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

From 7.30 till 9,

In Parlor C (up stairs) Shaftesbury Hall.



"HAVE YOU GOT THE SHILLING?"

WHILE walking one day with a lady, at whose house I was staying on a visit, I met an old woman who was in great poverty, and had come some distance to seek a little assistance in money. Getting into conversation I pressed upon her that eternal life is the gift of God, and that if she would at once accept Christ, she would be saved. To illustrate this I took a shilling out of pocket, and holding it between my forefinger and thumb, I said, "I offer you this shilling as a free gift;" upon which she held out her open hand with the palm up, but did not take the shilling. After a few seconds, during which we stood opposite to each other, I said, "Have you got the shilling?"

She replied, "No, I have not."

"Well," I said "I offer it to you as a free gift: have you got it?"

"No said she, "I have not."

Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.—Matt. xxv. 34.

The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it.—Isa. i. 5, 6.

I said, "I am not going to put it into your hand, but I offer it to you as a gift, and we may stand here for ten years, and the shilling will be no good to you; but that is not my fault, for I am offering it to you."

The woman then turned to the lady who was with me, and said to her, "I don't like to take it from him."

The lady replied, "Is he not offering it to you as a gift?"

She said, "Do you think I may take it from him?"

The lady replied, "I advise you to take it, since he is offering it to you."

The woman now made up her mind to take the shilling, and closing her forefinger and thumb on it, I let go saying, "Have you got it?"

She said, "Yes, I have," and immediately began to thank me for the gift I bestowed in her need.

Now the only reason why this old woman had not the shilling before was because she did not take it when offered; she was waiting instead of accepting.

"The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. vi. 23.) God offers eternal life in the person of His Son to sinners by nature dead in sin, and God says, "He that hath the Son hath life." (1 John v. 12.)

One reason why so many have not eternal life is, that they do not believe that God means what He says; they do not accept Christ, as God's gift and thank Him for giving His Son to die for them.

God is the Giver, and He gives freely; the sinner has only to accept Christ as his Saviour, and all the blessings of the Gospel will flow out towards him.

"As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." (John i. 12.)

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." (John iii. 36.)

Like the old woman waiting instead of taking the shilling, sinners are waiting, and hoping for some great change or feeling, instead of accepting Christ,

trusting Him and believing what He says, and then thanking and praising God for giving them eternal life and pardon for sin through the blood of Jesus.

"Whosoever will let him take the water of life freely." (Rev. xxii. 17.)

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (John v. 24.) C.

A BIBLE READING ON THE SERVICE OF GOD.

BY THE REV. JOHN RICHARDSON, M.A.

I. It is a service which brings no shame.

It is not a service into which a man is forced (Eph. vi. 6).

It is not a service in which man is humiliated (Rom. vi. 23).

It is not a service in which a man is disappointed (Luke x. 42).

I. It is service under a glorious Master (Acts xvi. 7; 1 Thess. i. 9).

Think of His Majesty (2 Chron. xviii. 18).

Think of His dominions (Col. i. 16.)

Think of His power (Dan. iv. 35.)

III. It is service in a gracious work.

It is doing good (2 Tim. ii. 24, 25).

It is getting good (Rom. xiv. 18).

It is showing good (Titus ii. 7; Pet. ii. 9.)

IV. It is service with a rich reward. There is a reward in serving (James i. 25).

There is a reward after serving (Rom. ii. 6, 7.)

V. It is a service with an undying interest (Rev. vii. 15.)

There is no night, because they need no rest.

There is no cessation, because there is no fatigue.

There is no interruption, because there is no hindrance.

Remember a plain fact; Matt. xi. 24.

Make a sensible resolve; Josh. xxiv. 15.

Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered.—Jer. viii. 22.

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, 2

At 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

Bulletin for Week Commencing Sept. 17, 1883.

MONDAY.....	Sept. 17....	12.00 M.	PRAISE & THANKSGIVING. The Secretary.
		7.30 P.M.	MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C."
		7.30 P.M.	INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
		8 00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 18....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Aston.
WEDNESDAY.	" 19....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. E. Merryfield.
THURSDAY...	" 20....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. S. R. Briggs.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING for mutual edification and prayer.
FRIDAY.....	" 21....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. Marks.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING.
SATURDAY....	" 22....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Asst. Sec.
		7.30 P.M.	INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SUNDAY.....	" 23....	3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon
		" "	DEAF MUTE CLASS.
		" "	CHINESE CLASS.
		8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. J. McGregor.
			Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Sept. 23, 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 Street.
" FRIDAY, " 232 Dundas Street.