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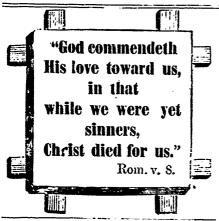
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NEW YEAR'S NOON MEETING.



NEW era in the history of Israel was inaugurated at the time of their redemption from the bondage of Egypt. The Lord said, "This month shall

be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you;" Ex. xii: 2. Theirs was to be a new life-a life of faith-moving onward as led by the pillar of cloud or fire. A new experience was to be theirs. No more harsh treatment at the hands of the task-master. No more unreason. So'clock. All are invited. able demands. Those were to be things of the past. They were now "saved by the blood." We are thankful to say that as a result of the noon meeting held on New Year's Day one who had long been held in the bondage of sin was set free, and is now rejoicing in his new found liberty. That day was truly "the beginning of months" to him, and as a new creature in Christ Jesus he is journeying onward towards the promised rest. May he be kept from any of those acts of rebellion, or those murmuring words which marked the history of Israel.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

The meetings held in our building at 4 p.m. have been very largely attended. In fact the parlor has been filled each day. Our noon-day meeting is also increasing in numbers, and we believe in interest also.

FREE LECTURES.

On Tuesday next Rev. Leonard Gaetz will lecture in Shaftesbury Hall. As the lecturer comes from Hamilton expressly for this purpose, and has minifested his deep interest in our work by doing so, without any charge to the Association, we feel assured that our members and friends will testify their appreciation of his act by turning out in goodly numbers to welcome him.

SINATATIC INSCRIPTIONS.

Prof. Hirshfelder of Toronto University has kindly consented to exhibit his collection of photographs and drawings of the "Inscriptions in the rocks at Mount Sinai" and to give an address upon this important subject. Those interested in Bible study will do well to be present. The address will be given in our parlor on Thursday evening at

RAILROAD ITEMS.

A reading room is to be opened in one of the buildings belonging to the G. T. R. Friends who are receiving periodicals, or English and other papers would greatly help by forwarding the same to the R. R. Sec. at Shaftesbury

The Railroad Secretary acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$20 from Mr. J. L., to be used in the relief of an aged Christian who has lately lost her husband.

"FOOLS MAKE A MOCK AT SIN."

(Prov. xiv. 9.)

Who laughs at sin laughs at his Maker's frowns; Laughs at the sword of vengeance o'er his head; Laughs at the great Redeemer's tears and wounds, Who but for sin had never wept or bled.

Who laughs at sin laughs at the numerous woes
Which have this gui ty worl: so oft befel;
Laughs at the whole creat ons groans and throes,—
At all the spoils of death and pains of hell.

Who laughs at sin laughs away his peace,
Welcomes approaching terments with his smiles,
Dares, at his souls expense, his fancy please,—
Affonts his God,—himself of bliss beguiles.

Who laughs at sin sports with his guilt and shame; Laughs at the errors of his sensel as mind; For so abourd a fool there wants a name. Expressive of a folly so teflued.

"Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." (James i. 15.)

PAINT THE WART.



HEN Cromwell was having his portrait painted, the artist, thinking to flatter the Protector, omitted painting the

tector, omitted painting the big wart on his face. "Paint me just as I am," said Cromwell, "wart and all!"

There are a good many painters in the world who use no brush; but such portraits as they paint! Some omit describing the mental wart; they see their friends' deformity, but they would gladly pass it over. Some, see only the wart, and so they devote their time and skill to painting it, and they make it as unlovely and hideous as possible. Some people, again, paint warts where they don't exist. These are they who dwell upon the faults of their friends, and who graciously supply those which are lacking.

Paint your friend's portrait if you will, paint even the warts; but paint them no bigger than they are, while you remember that what you fail to see in your own face may possibly be seen there by others with startling distinct-

ness.

"Him that comeih to me, I will in no wise cast out."—John vi. 37.

WHAT ARE Y. M. C. A's?

(Selected.)

What relation does the Y. M. C. Assistain to the church? The same relation that the hand sustains to the body. The Y. M. C. A. is organized for work. This is precisely the office of the hand.

The Young Men's Christian Association is not an independent body, but simply an arm of the church, reaching out to lift up the young men. Whatever wrong impressions some men may have of the work, it does not alter the fact that the great mass of Y. M. C. A. workers are the most faithful to their own churches.

Young Men's Christian Associations are NOT "substitutes for, nor rivals of, We hold the the churches of Christ. obligation and duty of our members to the churches with which they are con nected, as superior to those due the We recognize and Association. uphold the ministry, and are not in sympathy with any that dissemimovement anti-church views. nates We seek to reach the young men of our city, and throw around them such influences as will lead them to the churches. Many a young man away from his home, whose boarding house offers few if any attractions, has found our cheerful rooms a place where the evenings may be profitably spent, and under the influence of the young men's meeting, and other devotional meetings, has been led to a church home, where he has been helped and where he has proved of service. We are looking forward with strong desires to increase our usefulness, as the possibilities of the future open up to us, and hand in hand with the churches, we reach out to occupy the "much land to be possessed."

"How can the Y. M. C. A. but be in sympathy with, and a benefit to, the churches? Are they not interested to carry out the very object of the churches? How then can the churches suffer from them? There may be some exceptions, but it is not the animus of the Y. M. C. A. at large to oppose the churches.

FREE LECTURE.

Rev. LEONARD GAETZ,

(OF HAMILTON).

WILL DELIVER A LECTURE IN OUR ROOMS ON

TUESDAY NEXT.

AT 8 P.M.

Subject: "Is Life worth Living?"

ALL ARE INVITED.

PROFESSOR HIRSCHFELDER.

Of Toronto University. Has kindly consented to give an ADDRESS upon the

"INSCRIPTIONS ON THE ROCKS

OF MOUNT SINAL"

On Thursday Evening, 13th instant, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

PHOTOGRAFHS AND DRAWINGS OF THE INSCRIPTIONS WILL BE EXHIBITED.

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Bulletin for Week Commencing January 10, 1881.

MONDAY.... Jan. 10....12.00 M. THANKSGIVING & PRAISE MEETING. Ps. exlv. Rev. John Burton, B.D. Young Men's Bible Class. H. A. Bruton 8.00 P M.

TUESDAY.... "11... 12.00 M. NOONDAY PRAYER. Devotion to Christ. Phil. ii. 25-30; Matt. xvi. 25. Rev.

M. H. Matthews.
M. Noonday Prayer. The Best Gift—free WEDNESDAY ... " 12 ...12.00 to all. Is. lv. 1-13. Rev. Dr. Castle. THURSDAY.... " 13 .. 12.00 M. NOONDAY PRAYER. Christian Fellowship. Mal. iii. 16-17; Heb. iii. 13.

Rev. J. M. King, M.A. FRIDAY "14 . 12.00 M. NOONDAY PRAYER." ONDAY PRAYER. Stilling the Tempest. Mark iv. 35-41. Mr. R. Kilgour.

Boys' MEETING. Charles Edwards. 8.00 P.M. SATURDAY "15...12.00 M. NOONDAY PRAYER. Christian Diligence. Heb. vi. 10-12; 2 Peter i. 10-11. Geo.

T. Fergusson. Blake. 4.50 P.M. TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. 8.00 P.M. Young Men's Meeting. Slaves of Sin Emancipated. John viii, 31-36. J. J. Gartshore.

SUNDAY.... " 16....9.30 A.M. WORKER'S MEETING FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs 3.00 P.M. 8.30 P.M. Gospel & Song Service. W. Anderson.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Jan. 16, 3.00 P.M. -At Union Station -- Messrs. J. RONEY and S. W. JONES.

At Nipissing Station.-Mr. A. MUNRO and R. R. SECRETARY.

COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every MONDAY 8 P.M.—23 Portland Street. THURSDAY 8 P.M.—11 Monck Street, and 6 Trefann St.

FREE CLASSES.

ELOCUTION MR. R. LEWIS MONDAY, 8 P.M. PHONOGRAPHY MR. R. MCNAB. \ MONDAY and SATURDAY.

BOOKKEEPING MR. McIntyre TUESDAY, 8 P.M. DRAWING: MR. H. B. GORDON FRIDAY, 8 P.M. GYMNASIUM (for Young Men). MONDAY and THURSDAY, 8 P.M.

SATURDAY, 4 to 6 P.M. GYMNASIUM (for Boys)Mr. Bruton ... { MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY 4.30 to 6 P.M.

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