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I will trust
in the covert
—of—
Thy wings.

Psalm lxi. 4.

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CALLED.

CT a special meeting of the Board of Directors, held on Wednesday last, a call to the General Secretariate of the Association was extended to Mr. McCullough, at present Gen. Secretary of the Sundusky, (Ohio)

Y. M. C. A. Mr. McCullough was in Toronto for some days looking over the field. A telegram has been received, signifying his acceptance, and that he will enter the work early in April.

MEMBERS' COURSE OF

Parlor Lectures.

SHAFTESBURY HALL,

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, '85

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, P.M.

REV. G. M. MEACHAM, D.D.

SUBJECT:

JAPAN AND THE JAPANESE.

You are cordially invited.

It is the blood that maketh atonement.
Leviticus xvii. 11.

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Psalm li. 7.

ASLEEP IN CHRIST.

DEATH has once again made a break in our rank of workers. Our brother and fellow worker, W. N. McFarlane, died on Thursday last, after a brief illness. Bro. McFarlane was for several years Chairman of our "Bible and Tract Committee," and one of our most earnest and faithful workers. For the past two years he has been attending college, preparing for the ministry, but amid his cares as a student he always found time to help in our work whenever called upon. His funeral took place on Saturday, at 2 p.m., from Knox College, and was attended by many of the Workers. To know Bro. McFarlane was to love him. He was a genial, whole-souled Christian.

Only a few days have elapsed since he was assigned to labour for the coming summer on his field of last season, Baysville, Muskoka. But as he remarked to us a few hours before his death, "God knows best. Man may propose, but He disposes." Our brother was conscious to the last, and he passed away in triumph. Truly may we desire to "die the death of the righteous."

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

Conducted by Mr. S. H. Blake,

EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every MONDAY Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

MEMBERS LECTURES.

WE call attention to the Lecture to be delivered (D. V.) on Tuesday, 24th. Rev. Dr. Meacham's long residence in Japan, and his intimate knowledge of the people and customs of that interesting land, will place him in a position to give a rich treat to our members.

IMPROVEMENTS.

THE Board has at last taken up the work of renovating and improving the Building. Thus far the improvements are being confined to the Parlor. A new carpet has been laid and the furniture renewed. No more pleasant room than this parlor is to be found in the City, and all that was required to make it the most attractive is now being attended to.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING


Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.


COME

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth.
Psalm cxli. 3.

AT LAST.


UR Annual Report has been printed and is now being circulated. This is the first report printed during five years. It does not however touch upon the work outside of the past year, and the expenses attendant upon this issue, might and probably would have been avoided but for the necessary publication of the new Constitution and By-Laws, with some details as to the Building Fund. Work done for the Master requires no special notice, but so long as we are in the flesh we suppose it will be required that reports be made and printed

VITAL FULNESS.

ECHANICAL fulness is one thing, vital fulness is another. Fill a pitcher with milk this evening, and to-morrow morning the pitcher will be full. Fill a babe quite full with milk this morning, and before to-morrow morning the babe will want more. All vital fulness demands a constant supply. The trees of the Lord are full of sap—not only sap enough for the roots and trunks, but for the bark, the twig, the branch, and the topmost bud or leaf. So with us. The trees of the Lord are full of sap, but to be full of sap they must draw every day from the heaven above and the earth beneath, and they must never interrupt the drawing. There must be a dependence that is perpetual—never interrupted. The moment the cedar of Lebanon felt that it was so strong that it could do without rain, and sun and the soil—that it could live on its own power and glory, it would soon cease to be full of sap.

—Rev. William Arthur.

“THANK GOD FOR ‘HATH,’
‘SHALL NOT,’ AND ‘IS.’”

F you were dying to-night, where would your soul be? Such was the question asked at the close of a Gospel meeting, by an Evangelist, of a young woman who remained for personal conversation. Trembling with emotion, she instantly replied “If I were dying now, I would go to hell, for I am not born again.” The Holy Ghost had shown her her danger, and she did not attempt to excuse herself or palliate her guilt. She did not say, “That is a hard question: no one can answer that,” but she took the place of a condemned sinner.

Reader, if *you* were dying to-night, where would your soul be? Don't shelter yourself under the widespread delusion that “No one can tell” for the Book says, “YE MAY KNOW that ye have eternal life” (1 John v. 13), and surely you prefer believing the Word of God to that of any human being. The reason assigned by the young woman for believing she would then go to hell, was, that she had NOT BEEN BORN AGAIN.

Allow me to ask, “Have *you* been ‘born again?’” Have you experienced this great change? If not, the Lord Jesus has declared that you cannot enter heaven—“Except a man be born again he CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD” (John iii. 3), and “Marvel not that I said unto thee, YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN” (John iii. 7). Upright, moral, sincere, and conscientious you may be; but unless you are born from above—“born again”—you cannot enter the pearly gates of heaven, but you must spend eternity in the pit of woe.

The Evangelist, perceiving the young woman's condition, told of God's desire to save her, and pointed her to John v. 24, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word, and believeth

Thou wilt show me the path of life.
Psalm xvi. 11.

on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life," with the request that she would meditate on it while he spoke to others. On returning to the place where she sat, he observed that her countenance was radiant with delight. Asking the question that he had previously proposed, she immediately replied, with beaming face; "If I were dying now, I would go to heaven." "How did the change come about?" "Through three words in the verse—'Hath,' 'shall not,' and 'is.' I see I have everlasting life according to God's Word. I shall not come into condemnation. I am passed from death unto life. For a fortnight I have been trying to FEEL SAVED, but now I KNOW I AM SAVED ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD."

Not long afterwards the Lord took her to be with Himself, and on her death-bed she used again and again to say, "THANK GOD FOR 'HATH,' 'SHALL NOT,' AND IS."

Have you heard the word of the Lord Jesus? Have you heard Him speaking to you in the BOOK? Do you believe that Jehovah sent Him to die on Calvary for you, that He finished the work of atonement for you, and that God is perfectly satisfied with what He has done?

"With all my heart I do,"

If this is really so, God declares that you HAVE everlasting life, that you SHALL NOT come into judgment, that even now you ARE passed from death unto life.

The three links in the chain are "hearing," and "believing," and "having," and, resting on the bare word of God, you will be able to say with the young woman, now with the Lord, "Thank God for 'hath,' 'shall not,' and 'is'."

—Selected.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by MR. H. B. GORDON,

Chairman of Devotional Committee.

ALL INVITED.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22.

Bible Class at 3 p.m., and Gospel and Song Service at 8, followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9. All invited.

MONDAY, MARCH 23.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. R. Merryfield.
3 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Of Whom speaketh the Prophet Daniel? Dan. vii. 13, 14; Matt. xxviii. 18-20. W. Marks.
8 p.m.—LECTURE by Rev. Dr. Meacham. Subject, "Japan and the Japanese."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Have I hearkened unto this Prophet? Dan. xviii. 15-19; Acts iii. 22-26. J. J. Gartshore.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Valley of Humiliation. Joshua vii. 1-12. Rev. J. Salmon.
8.00 p.m.—SINGING CLASS.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Forgiveness ever offered to the Penitent. Deu. iv. 29-31; Heb. vii. 25. H. B. Gordon.
7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Place where Christ Suffered—Are we there? Lev. xvi. 27; Heb. xiii. 11-13; 1 Peter iv. 12-16. Assist. Secretary.
7.00 p.m.—MALE CHOIR PRACTICE,
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. J. J. Findlay.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon
" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.
" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.
" Italian Class.
8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. R. Kilgour. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

Railway Men's Meeting.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29.

3 p.m.—Union Station. John Wood and J. P. Mill.