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## EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every Sunday Afternoon,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

## BULLETIN FUND.

Workers ..... \$2 55

## THE EXHIBITION.

**W**E expect as usual to take up our position in the grounds of the Industrial Exhibition. We have not as yet received the official sanction, but have no doubt that it will come in due time. In past years, our tent meetings have been blessed of God to many, and our reading desks, with the facilities for correspondence, have been much appreciated.

## STRANGERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

That the Rooms of the  
TORONTO YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN  
ASSOCIATION,

ARE IN ITS BUILDING.

## SHAFTESBURY HALL

Corner Queen and James Sts.,

ONE BLOCK WEST OF YONGE STREET.

Rooms open daily from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m.

You will be cordially welcomed.

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

Psalm xxiii. 1.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.—John x. 11.

## TRAINING CLASS

For Christian Workers,

EVERY THURSDAY, at 8 P.M.

Conducted by the Secretary.

All Christian Workers Invited.

### THE WORK.

**T**he monthly meeting of the Board held Friday last, the reports of the several Committees were most encouraging.

We present herewith a summary of the same:

#### REPORT OF MEETINGS.

From 25th July to 28th Aug. inclusive

No. of Meetings.	Name of Meeting.	Total Atten.	Aver. Atten.
30	Noonday Prayer.....	300	10
5	Young Men's (Sat.)...	317	63
5	Training Class (Thurs)	175	35
1	Monthly Social (Tues)	50	
5	Young Men's Bible Class (Mon.).....	195	39
4	Evangelistic B. Class, (Sun.).....	105	26
5	Gospel & Song, (Sun.)	2000	400
5	Enquiry, (Sun.).....	128	25
5	Boy's, (Frid.).....	136	27

Total attendance..... 3406

#### REPORT OF BOARDING HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Visits to Boarding Houses.....	1351
“ Hotels.....	116
“ Fire Halls.....	25
“ Police Stations.....	20
“ Car and Livery Stables.....	25
“ Public Library, West End	5
Young Men spoken to.....	141
BULLETINS distributed.....	6260
Tracts, &c.....	6000

#### REPORT OF INVITATION COMMITTEE.

5 Young Men's Meetings (Sat.)—			
	Total No. of Workers.	Average Workers Dist.	Total Dist.
	35	7	2950
4 Secretary's B. Class (Mon.)			
	20	4	1300
			260
Tot. Workers	55	Tot. Dist.	4250

#### RAILWAY SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Visits to Engines.....	117
“ Roundhouses and Shops..	18
“ Offices.....	40
“ Cabooses.....	49
“ Switch Houses.....	15
“ Yards.....	1
“ Injured and Sick R.R. Men.	11
“ Reading Room G. T. R....	14

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No. of Meetings. Attendance.

Union Depot.....	5	180
York Roundhouse. 5.....	5	390
	10	570

Papers distributed.....	688
R. R SPECIALS distributed....	1000

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The work for the past Month has been very encouraging, especially at York. The meetings have been well attended at that place, as many as 125 Railroad men and their families, have attended the Sunday afternoon service. The visits to the Engines, Cabooses, Roundhouses, &c., have also been encouraging. Last week the sum of \$12 was subscribed by a few of the R. R. men at York to assist the R. R. Committee in meeting the expenses in connection with the work.

THE DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE reported a continued spiritual interest. Young men are being saved. The meetings are more largely attended than is usual during the summer months, and the workers are very faithful. There is a marked growth of interest in Bible Study.

I will set up one shepherd over them, and He shall feed them.

Ezekiel xxxiv. 23.

**One is your Master, even Christ.**  
Matthew xxiii, 10.

THE DEAF MUTES' COMMITTEE reported a slight falling-off in attendance, but this is accounted for in the fact that many of the friends are spending their holidays in the country.

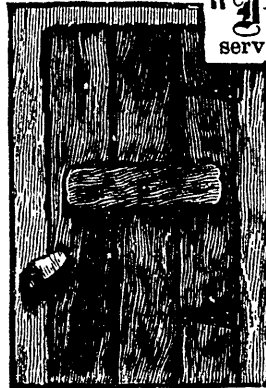
In all the other departments, the work is progressing favourably, and viewing the month's labours we are constrained to thank God, and give Him glory for all He has accomplished by us.

**SOMETHING PRECIOUS.**

**L**ET us all resolve *from this day forward to prize the Bible more.* Let us not fear being idolators of this blessed book. Men may easily make an idol of the Church, of ministers, of sacraments, or of intellect. Men cannot make an idol of the Word. Let us regard all who would damage the authority of the Bible, or impugn its credit, as spiritual robbers. We are travelling through a wilderness: they rob us of our only guide. We are voyaging over a stormy sea: they rob us of our only compass. We are toiling over a weary road: they pluck our staff out of our hands. And what do these spiritual robbers give us in place of the Bible? What do they offer as a guide and provision for our souls? Nothing! absolutely nothing! Big swelling words! Empty promises of new light! High sounding jargon; but nothing substantial and real! They would fain take from us the bread of life, and they do not give us in its place so much as a stone. Let us turn a deaf ear to them. Let us firmly grasp and prize the Bible more and more, the more it is assaulted.

Reader, God has given you the Bible to make you wise unto salvation, and guide you to everlasting life. Do not neglect this precious gift. Read it diligently. Walk in its light, and you shall be saved.

**USEFUL THOUGH HUMBLE.**



**I**F I cannot do any worthier service, it is not unworthy to be what I am," said the button on the old shed door. And then it went on to say: — "No doubt there are stronger and much better buttons than myself; but, after all, a

button's a button, whether it be of iron or brass, whilst I am but a plain wooden one. Well, but if my master does not despise me and I answer the purpose for which buttons are designed, I ought to be happy in being what I am, and thankful I've lasted so long. Many better things than buttons wear out in shorter time, and my labour is much less than others. The poor hinges have harder work, and therefore often crack and groan with the weight of the door hanging upon them, and the door itself would be roughly used by the wind and other causes were it not for me to fasten it; and therefore with all my poverty, who am but a humble wooden button, let me be thankful I have nothing more in my lot to complain of, and that I still can do the work for which I was first affixed to this post.

Brethren the humblest offices in society have their good uses, and those members of the body which seem to be more feeble are necessary (1 Cor. 12: 22.)

Right views of ourselves will prove grounds for humble thankfulness. What have we that we "have not received"? Grace excludes boasting, therefore said St. Paul. "By the grace of God I am what I am."—BOWDEN.

**Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.**  
John xiii. 13.

# GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening, at 8.30.

GOOD SINGING. SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.

COME.

## A COMMON REASON.



ONE day Carrie, aged six years, was doing some trifling thing that her mother thought she should not do. "Why Carrie!" she exclaimed, "how could you do that?" "Other little girls do so," replied Carrie. "But that doesn't make it right does it?" "No," answered Carrie slowly, "but it makes it a deal more comfortable."

As we read this saying, we cannot but help thinking how very *comfortable* some people are made in their visits to Theatres, or Ball rooms (which they know to be wrong) by the fact that others do the same. And in Association work also, some Secretaries and Boards are made to feel *comfortable* in their questionable entertainments simply because some other Association held a similar entertainment, or some church has hired a Broom Brigade. Brethren bear in mind that making sin or folly in any shape *comfortable* to another, means that for so doing you will be likely to feel very *uncomfortable* at some future day. "Abstain from all appearance of evil," is the command. 1 Thes. 5: 22.

# YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR

COME

# BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

Bible Class at 8 p.m., and Gospel and Song Service at 8.30, followed by an enquiry meeting at 9.15. All invited.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

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

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Future of which the Believer is Made Certain. 2 Cor. v. 1-9. Rev. J. Salmon.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Heart, Who Can Know It? Jer. xvii. 9, 10; Ps. cxxxix. 23, 24. Rev. T. Cullen.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Profitableness of Godliness. Prov. xi. 4-8; 1 Tim iv. 8; Isa. xlvi. 17. S. R. Briggs.

8.00 p.m.—WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS. The Secretary.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

12 to 12.45 noon.—"Hold Fast." Heb. x. 23; iv. 14. R. Merryfield.

7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ Sets One Free From the Bondage of Satan. Luke xiii. 15-17. Assistant Secretary.

7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer. 8.00 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

R. Connors.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

8.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.

" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Briggs.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian's Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. H. O'Brien. 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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

8 p.m.—Union Station. P. A. Hertz and G. F. Pope.  
8 p.m.—Y. M. C. A. Tent, York.

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AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.