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SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

JOHN V. 39

"Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh.

Prov. i. 24-26.




PARLOR LECTURE

ON

Tuesday, February 26th,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M., BY

REV. PROF. BURWASH, D.D.,

Of Victoria College, Cobourg.

Subject—"BRICKS AND THE BIBLE."

All invited. Ladies welcome. No charge for admission.

OUR WORKERS.

AT our last monthly gathering of Workers we had a larger number than at any previous gathering of a similar nature. It was a most encouraging sight to look at the happy faces of over 60 young men, many of whom had been led to the Lord in our Rooms at different times. Several members of the Board were present, and the chairman, Mr. Briggs, (who has for many years been associated with the work), remarked

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Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.
 Heb. x. 24.

For the Lord giveth wisdom : out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.—Prov. ii. 6.

in his address that he had no recollection at any previous time in our history when so many young men were to be found associated with us in efforts to benefit their fellows. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

LEADERS OF MEN.

SUCH was the title of the fifth lecture of our Members' Course of Parlor Lectures, delivered on Thursday evening last. The Parlor was filled with an attentive audience, almost exclusively Young Men. Those who knew the ability of Dr. Sutherland were prepared for an able and an instructive lecture, but the remark made by one gentleman on leaving the hall, fully represented the views of all, "I never listened to a more able or more instructive lecture." A wish was expressed that the lecture should be repeated in our large Hall. Perhaps we may be able to induce the Lecturer to consent.

The next lecture will be delivered on Tuesday evening, 26th inst., by Rev. Prof. Burwash, of Victoria College, Cobourg, the subject being, "Bricks and the Bible." We had the pleasure of listening to this lecture in another city, and we advise all Young Men and others interested in Bible research, to make it a point to attend.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

WHAT NEXT?

Clip the following from the *Bulletin* of an Association in the State of New York:—

"LEAP-YEAR SUPPER.—The leap-year supper, held in Y. M. C. A. hall, on Monday evening, and conducted by the young men, was a success. The young men who waited on the table wore aprons and paper caps, and made first-class waiters, receiving many compliments from the ladies. It is proposed in a few weeks to have an oyster supper conducted in the same manner."

This is what we call "being all things to all men" (*and women too*) with a vengeance. We do hear Paul say, "We are fools for Christ's sake," but we have no thought that Paul would consider the cause of Christ as being advanced by such folly as the above article refers to. If some anxious young man had strayed into that Y. M. C. A. hall on that particular night, he certainly would hesitate before asking spiritual advice from a young man wearing "an apron and a paper cap;" and if he had ventured to ask the question, "What must I do to be saved?" we can readily imagine the questioned one as hesitating for a few minutes while he should lay aside said *paper cap and apron*, before he would give the only and all-important answer to the question.

We are told that the world is "getting better." Well, we shall not venture a discussion on this subject, but if such work is an *improvement*, we are glad that we did not live in the evil days.

May the Lord give us true wisdom and grace to keep from any such nonsense, and such parodies on the name and work of a Young Men's *Christian* Association.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.—Psalm xxxiv. 18.

There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.—Prov. xxx. 12.

Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.—Prov. xix. 1.



THE CROOKED STICK.

JAMES THERROL, an old carpenter on Salisbury Plain, once reproved a young Christian, who complained that she was unworthy to serve the Lord—"I used," he said, "to think as you do, but the Lord taught me by a crooked stick. One day my son went to a sale of timber, and in the lot he bought was a piece so twisted and bent that he said sharply, 'It will be of no use.' 'Wait a bit,' said I; 'don't fret; let us keep a look out, there is a place somewhere for it.' Soon after I was building a house. There was a corner to turn in it; not a stick in the yard would fit; I thought of the crooked one and fetched it. It seemed as if the tree had grown for the purpose. Then," said I, "there was a place for the crooked stick after all, and without doubt there is a place for James Therrol as well."

What a sad thing it is not to have found one's own place! There is yet one thing sadder, and that is to feel that

one has not a place at all, that one is of no use and no good in the world.

How many young men are apt to think that because they cannot do what a friend of theirs does, therefore they are of no use. They want to accomplish great things, and failing that, they sorrowfully say that they cannot do anything.

The thing is that so many of us are not willing to be individually guided of God. We think we ought to be in the same position or standing as So-and-so, and we fret and worry and make ourselves completely unhappy because we cannot reach that position. And it may be that God has quite a different place and work for us to that of the one we envy, and yet one not a whit less useful or blessed. Oh, if each one of us were more content to be led by God, if we were trustful enough to know that His plan for us is best, then we should have fuller, richer lives, and should find that after all there was a place for us.

There is a place for you, friend, and a place for me, somewhere, even if we are only like a poor crooked stick; there is a niche that only we can fill, and if we do not fill it, it will be left empty. How many an one has felt, "I cannot speak for the Saviour here; when I am in other circumstances then I will work for Him." Ah, but it is just where God places you that you can best work for Him.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All We come.

He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness and honour.—Prov. xxi. 21.

REMEMBER

—THE—

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Held

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR

COME.

HARD TO BLOW OVER.

 HEARD of an old Dutchman up in Connecticut who built a stone wall around his farm, and he made it five feet thick and four feet high. It was after one of the tornadoes had passed over. Somebody said: "Neighbor, why are you building a wall thicker than it is high?" "Vell," he says: "Shust von of dose storms plow it ofer, und it will be higher than it vas before!" Well, the Bible is a pretty high Book, but it is a good deal broader than it is high. Once in a while you read an advertisement; somebody is going to knock the Bible over. They make a great speech. They tell all about the mistakes that Moses made; all about the sins that David had been guilty of. They say: "We are going to knock it over," and all of a sudden there is a great clap! but it is higher than it was before they knocked it over. Every time you knock it over it is as high as it was before. The knock has only pushed it on further.

Rev. G. R. P.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES

COME.

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MONDAY, FEB. 25.

12 noon.—Thanksgiving and Praise Meeting. The Secretary.
8 p.m.—Young M. n's Bible Class, in Parlor "B."
Conducted by the Secretary.
9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26.

12 noon.—Man can offer no Valid Excuse for Refusing God's Invitation. Matt. xxii. 2-10. Rev. R. Wallace.
8 p.m.—Lecture by Rev. Prof. Burwash, of Coubourg. Subject—"Bricks and the Bible."

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27.

12 noon.—Whole-Hearted Repentance. Joel ii. 12-14. R. Sims.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28.

12 noon.—God Makes Men His Stewards and Holds Them to Account. Luke xii. 41-48. Rev. J. Smith.
8 p.m.—Worker's Meeting for Prayer and Mutual Education.

FRIDAY, FEB. 29.

12 noon.—Lost Through Disobedience. 1 Sam. xv. 16-26; xxviii. 15-19. R. Merryfield.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1.

12 noon.—Cried too Late. Zech. vii. 8-14. Rev. J. Mutch.
4 30 p.m.—Teacher's Bible Class. Rev. Prof. McVicar.
7 30 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
8 00 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. J. O. Anderson.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2.

3 00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.
" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.
" Chinese Class. W. M. Moise.
" Italian Class. A. E. Hines.
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.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26.

12.30 to 12.55 noon.—In G. T. R. Roundhouse Reading Room. Rev. H. M. Parsous.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2.

3 p.m.—Union Station. Jos. Greeno and W. C. Jex.
4 p.m.—West End Branch (1020 Queen W.) For speakers, see West End notices below.

West End Branch.

G. F. POPE, Secretary.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26.

7 p.m.—O. L. S. C. Meeting.
8 p.m.—Bible Class. Mr. R. Awde.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1.

8 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. A. Reese.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2.

4 p.m.—Gospel Meeting. Messrs. S. R. Briggs and G. F. Pope.