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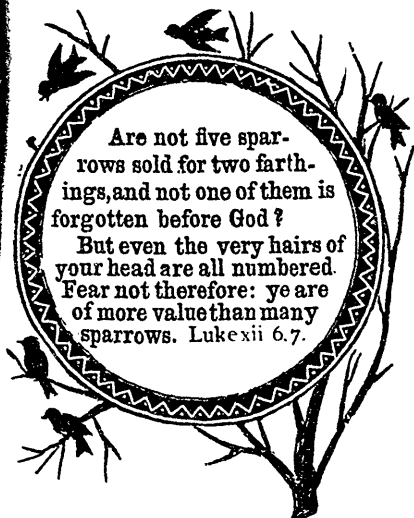
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GOSPEL MEETING.

AT this meeting the attendance has largely increased. Last Sunday evening the seats in the body of the Hall were filled. We feel grateful that so many are being sent in to hear the gospel. Will not our Christian friends make this meeting a subject of continued prayer that the power of the Spirit may rest upon it.

OUR PRAIRIE PROVINCE.

WE have received No. 1 of the Monthly Bulletin issued by the Y.M.C.A. of Portage la Prairie. We welcome this neatly printed sheet, not alone for its tale of interest concerning the work, but for the fact that it shows on the list of workers some who were formerly fellow-laborers with us in Toronto. Mr. A. D. Kean, one of our former active members, is leader of the Young Men's Bible Class held weekly. The Rooms of the Association are open every evening from 6 to 10 and the Secretary is in attendance from 7 o'clock. We expect to hear good news of the work.

The Association at Winnipeg continues to do a good work for the Master. The ranks of the workers are being reinforced, some going from our own city. Bro. Powell, a tried and faithful worker, left us last Monday for that point, and from what we know of his zeal, he will not be long finding a place among the *active* workers in Winnipeg.

Thus the Lord opens up new fields and transfers His workers. We admit there are regrets at losing the companionship and aid of such, but if HE needs them elsewhere, we should be content. One thing we praise Him for — He has ever raised up new workers to fill the gap, and we know He will continue to do so.

UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION.

THIS "Toronto University Association" the work is very encouraging. The meetings are largely attended, the average being over 50, while on one occasion over 100 were present. Mr. Wrong has been re-elected president.



NUMBERS of young men are frequenting our Rooms, and by God's help we mean to do all we can to induce more to come. What we aim at doing is to reach the thousands of Young Men who being strangers in the city are deprived of many of the comforts and privileges of home and social companionships. This is what the Y. M. C. A. rooms are for—although some seem to be ignorant of the fact, and think that our large building and comfortable Rooms should be reserved for the very few, (comparatively speaking) who directly connect themselves with us. We wish to do the greatest possible good to the greatest possible number. This is our motto, and (D. V.) we shall live up to it. This article will serve as an answer to one, who probably feeling ashamed of his suggestion merely, signs his letter "A Member."

"I WILL; BE THOU CLEAN."



ATHE Lord Jesus spake these blessed words to a poor defiled leper, who in his distress and need came to Him; and He is still the same loving and Almighty One to heal and save all who come to God through Him.

Are you clean in the sight of God? Have you been washed in the cleansing blood of Jesus? Unless you are, you are in danger of being lost eternally. Your sins are between you and God, between you and heaven; and if you remain defiled by sin, a great gulf will separate you eternally from the glorious presence of God and the bliss of the saved. But why should it be so? *JESUS waits to save.* He is able to save and cleanse you from all sin, and clothe you in His own righteousness; and thus clad you will be made meet for the inheritance He is preparing for them that love Him.

YOUNG MEN'S

BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

ALL INVITED.

WOULD YOU HAVE PEACE ?

Being justified by faith,

WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Romans 5, 1

READER—

Have you this precious Peace ?

[From the Watchman.]

"WORK BY YOUNG MEN FOR YOUNG MEN."

P. AUGUSTUS WIETING.



THIS is the motto of the Young Men's Christian Association, and is, in short, the whole that there is to it. And we know that this is what is practiced by most of the Associations claiming to be Young Men's Christian Associations. But there are some organizations assuming this appellation that, judging by the work they do for young men, or, rather by the work they don't do for young men, are no more entitled to this name than is a Home for the Aged entitled to be called an Orphan Asylum. And, alas, it is too often that our Association is judged by the work done by this class of so-called Young Men's Christian Associations. Our Association exists only for the benefit of young men. The Young Men's Christian Association does not live and have its being to distribute old clothes to destitute men, women and children; its work is not that of a general missionary society, nor that of a public relief association; its object is not to furnish to the citizens of the town a superb lecture course, nor to do the miscellaneous religious and charitable work of the churches. All these things are very good, but none of these things belong to the legitimate sphere of the Young Men's Christian Association; not unless it can be clearly shown that they are subservient to the best inter-

ests of our young men ; a hard thing to do in our way of thinking. To reach young men, to elevate young men, to benefit young men, to save young men, this and this only is the object and work of the Young Men's Christian Association, and anything short of this, no matter how much general good work is being done, how many glorious results are being accomplished, is a complete failure as a Young Men's Christian Association. The reason of the failure of so many Associations in the past has been this one thing ; too much general work and too little distinctive work for young men. They died because the work for which they were organized they did not do. And unless some of our so-called Young Men's Christian Associations of to-day change their methods of work and confine themselves to distinctive work for young men, the sooner they cease to exist the better it will be for the cause.

EMPTY HANDS.



WE are told that when Alexander, the conqueror of the world, was dying, he gave orders that at his burial his hands should be exposed to public view that all men might see that the mightiest of men could take nothing with him when called away by death. The same lesson was taught us by Job when he said, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither." He who died the other day worth three million and a half is now as poor as the beggar whom he passed in the street. What folly it is to spend all one's time in gathering a heap to leave it soon. "He heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them." How much wiser are they who seek an enduring inheritance which shall be theirs when the stars have died out in darkness. Blessed are they whose treasure is stored up, where time's moth cannot eat it, where care's rust cannot corrode it, and where misfortune's thief cannot steal it. Jesus cries, "Riches and honour are with me ; yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea than fine gold ; and my revenue than choice silver." "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE, Every Sunday Evening, AT 8.30. GOOD SINGING. SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES. COME !

SIMILES OF LIFE.



A BUBBLE, brilliant with rainbow hues, delighting the eye of youth for a moment and then gone for ever, leaving not a trace behind. Man, wilt thou risk thine all upon that bubble ?

A gourd, like that of Jonah, which cometh up in a night and dieth in a night. Wilt thou make its leaves thine only shelter ?

A meteor blazing its moment and then lost in darkness ! If thou be sane thou wilt desire another and more lasting light than this can give thee ! The Sun of righteousness shines on for ever.

Like *the swift ship* which skims the deep and soon disappears beneath the horizon's line ! Shall thy happiness be as fleeting ? Dost thou not long for a more enduring joy ?

As *the eagle* which hasteth to its prey, so passeth away thine earthly existence ! Whither art thou flying ?

An *arrow* speeding from a bow, a *hart* bounding over the plain. Speed is found in its highest degree in our life ; none can outrun it.

SUCH IS LIFE. A *flower* which bloometh for a little season and then withereth away. Ye young, ye gay, ye proud, are ye so busy as to dream that your earthly life will last for ever ? Think of your latter end, and seek that friend, who will be with you in life and in death, even Jesus, the sinner's Saviour.

REMEMBER

—THE—

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING,
HELD
EVERY SATURDAY EVENING.
AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME !

PUBLIC LECTURE COURSE.

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THE EMINENT SCIENTIST,

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Bulletin for Week Commencing Jan. 22, 1883.

MONDAY.....	Jan. 22....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Secretary.
				8.00 P.M.
				WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 23 ..	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The first commandment. Ex. xx, 3; Luke x, 27. J. J. Gartshore.
WEDNESDAY .	" 24 ..	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The secret of success. Gen. xxxix. 2-5, 21-23. W. Marks.
THURSDAY...	" 25....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Prayer for Young Men in Colleges. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY	" 26 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The fountain of living Waters. Is. lv. 1-7; John iv. 14. Assist. Secretary.
				8.00 P.M.
SATURDAY ..	" 27....	12.00	M.	BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay. NOONDAY PRAYER. An acceptable offering. II Cor. viii. 5; II Chr. xvii. 15. F. Aston.
				8.00 P.M.
SUNDAY.....	" 28...	3.00	P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
				8.30 P.M.
				GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Jan. 28, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meetings at Union Station, and Credit Valley Station, Parkdale.