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If any man be in
Christ, he is a
new creature: old
things are passed
away; behold, all
things are become
new.—2 Cor. v. 17.

OUR NEW YEAR'S MOTTO.

"THE LORD HATH BEEN MINDFUL OF US;—
HE WILL BLESS US."

TRULY Thou hast been mindful, Lord,
And ne'er has failed Thy faithful word;
The record of the closing year
Bids us give thanks and banish fear.
No morning came without Thy love,
And countless blessings from above;
Thy sheltering wings made midnight shade,
And we, Thine own, were safely laid.

O, may we praise Thee as we ought,
For hopes fulfilled and joys unsought;
O, may we love Thee as we might,
Were feeble faith exchanged for sight;—
That all we asked Thou didst not give.
That daily chast'ning made us live
More near to Thee; and joys ungiven
Increased our treasure-store in heaven.

We are but weak, Lord, yet the more
Would we Thy mindfulness adore,
And trust Thy love this Opening Year,
With all that is so dearly dear.
Lead us, Lord, in the homeward way,
Our joy be Thine, our Staff and Stay;
Bear Thou our burdens and our cares,
And bless us as Thy word declares.

—Selected.

OUR BULLETIN.

THE present number completes
Volume II. of our BULLETIN.
During the year we have re-
ceived, from many quarters,
testimony as to its usefulness, and hopes
have been expressed that its publication
may be continued. It has proved itself
specially useful to our work in boarding
houses and hotels, as it is readily received,
and even welcomed by many who would
certainly refuse a tract. We feel thankful
that the Lord has thus owned our effort.
It has ever been our aim to make the
BULLETIN an advocate for whole-souled
Christian work by Christian Associations.
We are daily becoming more impressed
with this fact, that there is too much of the
world and its amusements mixed up with
many of our Christian organizations of
the present day, and the sooner the separa-
tion takes place, the better it will be, both
for the world and the Christian. The
complaint made by the Lord, as spoken
in Ezekiel xxii. 26, "They have put
NO DIFFERENCE between the holy
and profane, neither have they showed
DIFFERENCE between the unclean and
the clean," is to a great extent applica-
ble to much of the Christian (?) work in the
present day. There has been much
pandering to the tastes and desires of the
world, and we have been so anxious to
heed the advice, "to be wise as serpents,"
that without being aware of it, we fear we
have been doing much of the "old ser-
pent's" work. It is vain to expect that we
can beat Satan with his own weapons. He
is too well skilled in their use, and nothing
but the "sword of the Spirit and the shield
of faith" will prove of service against him.

We are not prepared at the present mo-

ment to say anything as to our future course in regard to the BULLETIN. Should it be decided to continue its publication, it will in the future, as in the past, be conducted without any view to the fear or favor of man; and the aim of its editor will ever be to exalt none but Jesus, and to speak against nothing but sin.

In closing, we thank the friends who have favored us with their advertisements, and we sincerely trust that their experience has been, that while helping us they have also advanced their own interests.

OUR ANNIVERSARY.

FOR some years past our anniversary has been held in the month of May, and has formed one of the "May Meetings." At a recent meeting of our Executive it was decided to make a change, and to hold the anniversary in the last week of January. The experience has been that May is not a favorable month, in this country, for holding such gatherings, as it is with many a busy month. We have reason to hope that the change will prove beneficial. Every effort will be made to render the meeting attractive and beneficial. Invitation has been extended to one of the most prominent and widely known workers in the United States, to be present with us. The meeting will probably be held on Tuesday, 31st January. Our friends will please bear this in mind, and keep that evening reserved for us.

BIBLE READINGS.

WE learn, with pleasure, that Rev. W. S. Rainsford has made arrangements with Miss Smilie to hold a mission in St. James Cathedral for two weeks, commencing Monday January 9th. The meetings we believe will be held at 4 p.m. each day. We have in former years listened with much pleasure and profit to Miss Smilie. She is a woman taught of God, and we believe that her labors in Toronto will be much blessed.

YOUNG MEN REMEMBER

A
Hearty welcome awaits you

At any of our Meetings.

COME AND SEE.

SOCIAL GATHERING.

WE purpose (D.V.) holding a social meeting of our workers on Friday evening, January 6th, when we trust every member of the several committees will be present.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

THE Evangelical Alliance has made arrangements for observing the Week of Prayer, commencing Monday Jan. 2nd, on which morning at 10 o'clock a meeting will be held in our Parlor. Every afternoon during the remainder of the week the meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in Shaftesbury Hall. In consequence of the morning meeting on Monday, there will be no noon prayer meeting held.

"I'LL TURN OVER A NEW LEAF."

IT is all very well to say that you will "turn over a new leaf." But, let me ask, What about the *past black leaves of guilt*? The schoolboy, after spilling the ink on the page of his copy-book, turns over a new leaf, resolving that in future he will be more careful; but "turning over a new leaf" does not remove the blotted one.

A merchant finds that he is in difficulties. He takes his cash-book and begins a "new leaf," forgetting that there is a "carried over" and a "brought forward" column. *New figures* on the "new leaf" won't pay the *old debts*.

Reader "turning over a new leaf" won't do for you. You must become a new creature in Christ Jesus.

HIS PRESENCE.

Christ . . now . . in the **PRESENCE** of God for us.—Heb. ix. 24.

Glory and honour are in His **PRESENCE**.—1 Chron. xvi. 27.

My **PRESENCE** shall go with thee.—Ex. xxxiii. 14.

Times of refreshing shall come from the **PRESENCE** of the Lord.—Acts iii. 19.

In Thy **PRESENCE** is fulness of joy.—Ps. xvi. 11.

The upright shall dwell in Thy **PRESENCE**.—Ps. cxl. 13.

No flesh should glory in His **PRESENCE**.—1 Cor. i. 29.

Him that is able to present you faultless before the **PRESENCE** of his Glory with exceeding joy.—Jude 24

In the **PRESENCE** of the Lamb.—Rev. xiv. 10.

Evening of Readings.

MR. BENGOUGH

WILL GIVE AN

Evening of Readings

IN SHAFTESBURY HALL,

On Thursday, 5th Jan'y.

Members of the Association, by presenting their membership ticket to the Secretary, on or before Wednesday, 4th, can secure a ticket of admission. No tickets will be issued *after* Wednesday.

Bulletin for Week Commencing January 2, 1882.

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| MONDAY | | Jan. 2 | ...10.00 A.M. | MEETING FOR PRAYER (under auspices of Evangelical Alliance.) |
| | | | 8.00 P.M. | WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER. |
| TUESDAY | | " 3 | ...12.00 M. | NOONDAY PRAYER. Spiritual Blindness: its cause and remedy. 2 Cor. iv. 3-6; John xii. 46. H. B. Gordon. |
| WEDNESDAY | .. | " 4 | ...12.00 M. | NOONDAY PRAYER. The Faithful God. Deut. vii. 6-9; 1 Cor. i. 9; x. 13. Rev. J. C. Antliff. |
| THURSDAY | | " 5 | ...12.00 M. | NOONDAY PRAYER. God our strength. Ps. xlv. 1-8; Eph. vi. 10. S. R. Briggs. |
| FRIDAY | | " 6 | ...12.00 M. | NOONDAY PRAYER. The evil of strong drink. Prov. xxiii. 29-35; Isa. v. 11. Rev. H. Melville. |
| | | | 8.00 P.M. | BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards. |
| SATURDAY | | " 7 | ...12.00 M. | NOONDAY PRAYER. The curse of a neglected duty. Est. iv. 6-14; James iv. 17. W. E. Burford. |
| | | | 4.50 P.M. | TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake. |
| | | | 8.00 P.M. | YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. A new year. Exod. xii. 1-14. Geo. T. Fergusson. |
| SUNDAY | | " 8 | ...3.00 P.M. | EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs |
| | | | 8.30 P.M. | GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. H. O'Brien. |

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Jan. 8, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meetings at Union Station and at Nipissing Station.



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