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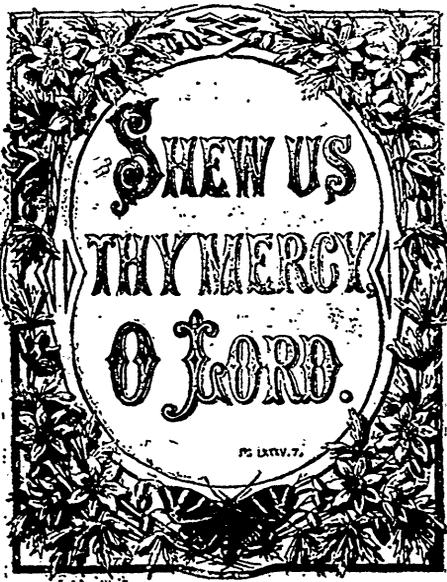
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TEXT CARDS.

WE are indebted to Mr. S. R. Briggs, of the Willard Tract Depository, for the gift of some packages of illuminated Scripture Text Cards, of a class well adapted for distribution in special work, and published at a remarkably low price. The shield texts are very neat and cheap.

A HELPER GONE.

REV. DR. COCHRANE has, on many occasions, stepped in to our help. His lectures on "Japan, its people and costumes," have been listened to with interest, and his recent address on the "Growth of the Bible," was a season of much profit to our young men.

But we have heard his voice for the last time, probably, for years, as he left our city on Thursday last "en route" to his former field of labor in Japan, whither he goes to take charge of the Educational interests of the Methodist Missions.

He has the prayers of our Association.

BULLETIN FUND.

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The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night.
2 Peter iii. 10.

Jesus said, "My sheep.....shall NEVER perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hands."—John x. 28.

MUSICAL.

MR. MANTON, who for the past four years has been in charge of our Choir, has resigned, having entered upon another field of Christian labour, which necessitates his absence from the city. Bro. Manton rendered us valuable assistance, and we wish him every success in his new field. Mr. Samuel Frisby, who was in the service with his cornet, when we took up the Association work, has kindly consented to take the place of Mr. Manton. He has also agreed to take charge of our Male Choir, which we are now organizing. The Sunday night mixed Choir meets for practice every Tuesday evening, and the Male Choir will meet every Thursday after the Bible Training Class. We shall be pleased to meet any *Christian* young man desirous of helping us in this Choir.

Another change will shortly take place. Every member is familiar with the pleasant face and skilful play of our young organist, Master Arthur Hewitt. For about three years he has faithfully stood by us at our Saturday evening and Sunday evening meeting, and during two seasons at our Exhibition and Volunteer Camp work. But we are in a world of change, and our young friend is about to return to England. We shall miss him very much, and hope to see him back again, although at present he has no such intention.

Now, young men, who among you can "play upon the organ?" If you can, will you not consecrate this talent to the Lord's service, and come and help us? Think over it. Pray over it.

TRAINING CLASS

For Christian Workers,

EVERY THURSDAY, at 8 P.M.

OUR POLICE FORCE.

FEW cities (if any) can boast of a finer body of men than is to be found in our City Police. And when fine physique and courage are supplemented by Christian character and manliness, we have something still more desirable. We are pleased to say that the force contains many God-fearing men; and these brethren, desiring to gain further knowledge of God's Word, and to benefit themselves and companions, have banded themselves for Bible study, and now meet each Tuesday afternoon in our Bible Parlor. The attendance of course varies, as duty oftentimes interferes. The class is conducted by the members themselves, save on one or two occasions, when our Association has been called upon to supply a leader. Such calls have been to us seasons of pleasure and profit. We pray God that this class may be abundantly blessed.

EXTRAS.

NEVER was there an architect's plan adopted, but "extras" were sure to be added. In fact we once heard a man, who was in financial difficulties, say, that "if ever the Devil got the advantage over me, it was when I allowed myself to enter upon building my house. However," said he, "I could have held out under the architect's first plan, but the 'extras' ruined me." We cannot help thinking of this man's experience, when we read of the 'extras' which are being added to *the work* (?) of Associations. For instance, we noticed some time ago a "paper cap and apron" affair; now we read from another Bulletin as follows:—"The *zither recital* and *pop-corn sociable* planned by our entertainment committee for Friday evening, June 20th, was a most novel and successful affair. . . . A

As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live.—Ezekiel xxxiii. 11.

Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O
house of Israel.—Ezekiel xxxiii. 11.

number of our young men, decked with aprons and paper caps, then "cooked" and served pop-corn in various styles to the crowd, and an informal good time was indulged in until a late hour. Several young men, never before in our rooms, were present and expressed their determination to visit our quarters frequently. Taking it all in all, we consider the entertainment a grand success."

Beware, brethren! These are extras for which you will have to pay dearly; and if you do not put a stop to them, there will be but one fate—RUIN; and then as you sit and think of what you were, and what you are, you will say, "Surely the Devil got into our Association when he set us to popping corn instead of living and preaching Christ.

Let us be social. Let us have social gatherings for young men, but let them be Christian. Surely it is prostituting the word "social" to apply it to a gathering such as that referred to. We are pained at these growing indications of nearness to the far country and the husks. Do, dear brethren, for the sake of the perishing young men around you, for the reputation of the Associations, and for the glory of God, "stop these extras."

"IT IS FINISHED."

WHAT HAD TO BE DONE.

THE magnitude of that which had to be done proved the sinner's total inability to do it.

Sin had to be put away; could man do that? Nay, it was by him it had come in.

The serpent's head had to be bruised; could man do that? Nay, he had become the serpent's slave.

God's claims had to be met; could man do that? Nay, he had already trampled them under foot.

Death had to be abolished; could man do that? Nay, he had by sin introduced it, and imparted to it its terrible sting.

SIN'S FOOTMARKS.

THERE is an old legend of a goblin horseman that galloped over men's fields at night; and wherever his hoof struck, the soil was blasted so that nothing would ever grow on it again. So it is with the heart over which the beastly feet of lust, of sensuality, of greed, of selfishness, of passion are allowed to tread. Not only do they beat it down into hardness, but they leave a blight upon it. There is an impression that it does young people no harm to indulge in sin for a time, if they afterward repent. No more fatal falsehood was ever whispered into any ear by the tempter. The heart that is trodden over by vile lusts or indulgences of any kind is never the same again.

THE DRUNKARD'S WILL.

I LEAVE to society a ruined character, wretched example, and memory that will soon rot.

I leave to my parents during the rest of their lives as much sorrow as humanity, in a feeble and decrepit state, can sustain.

I leave to my brothers and sisters as much mortification and injury as I could well bring on them.

I leave to my wife a broken heart, a life of wretchedness and shame to weep over my premature death.

I give and bequeath to each of my children poverty, ignorance, a low character, and the remembrance that their father was a drunkard.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

There is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him.—Romans x. 12.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Held every Sunday Afternoon,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

HAS infidelity ever raised a man or a woman from the haunts of vice, and made his or her life clean? Has it ever taken a drunkard from the gutter, the gambler from his cards, the fallen from a life of shame? Has it ever found a man coarse and brutal in character and life, and made him a kind husband and faithful father. Has it ever gone out into heathen lands and found people ignorant and barbarous, delighting in rapine and murder, and, by the power of its teachings, lifted them out of their degradation until they adopted the customs of civilized nations? Is there, in all the history of infidelity, a story of its moral triumph that will match the regeneration of the Fiji Island, under the labor of Wesleyan missionaries? Has it added anything to the sum of human happiness? Does it bring one ray of comfort into the chamber of death, filling the soul of the dying with peace, and the hearts of weeping friends with hope? The religion of Jesus Christ has done all these things. The tree is known by its fruits.—*Monmouth, Ill., Bulletin.*

AN old colored woman praying for one who had been guilty of slander, said: "O Lord won't you be kind enough to take the door of his mouth off, and when you put it on again, just hang it on the gospel hinges of peace on earth and good will to men? Amen.

HOGARTH, in his pictorial temperance sermon, "Gin Lane," had only three good houses in the street, the work-house, the gin-shop and the pawn-broker's. Whiskey absorbs everything and leaves nothing for its victims.—*Toledo Blade.*

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, JULY 20.

Bible Class at 3 p.m., and Gospel and Song Service at 8.30, followed by an enquiry meeting at 9.15. All invited.

MONDAY, JULY 21.

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

8 p.m.—Young Men's Bible Class, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 22.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Crisis in Jacob's Life Gen xxviii. 10-22; xxxii. 24-32. W. C. Jex
6.30 p.m.—WORKER'S MONTHLY SOCIAL.

WEDNESDAY JULY 23.

12 to 12.45 noon.—How to Obtain Faith. Rom. x. 14-17. R. Sims.

THURSDAY, JULY 24.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Peace of Heart is the Fruit of—*Acquaintance with God*, Job xxii. 21; *Love of His Law*, Ps. cxix. 165, *Trust in His Power*, Isa. xxvi. 3, 4. S. R. Briggs

8.00 p.m.—WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS. By the Secretary.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

12 to 12.45 noon.—Suffering Borne for Christ Brings Joy. Acts v. 40, 41, 1 Peter iv. 13, 14. Rev. J. Salmon.
7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, JULY 26.

12 to 12.45 noon.—A Personal Testimony and its Fruit. Luke viii 38-40. Asst. Secretary.
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
8.00 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. J. J. Gartshore.

SUNDAY, JULY 27.

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

Deaf Mute Class F. S. Bridgen.

Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

Italian's Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. S. R. Briggs.
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, JULY 27.

3 p.m.—Union Station. S. R. Briggs and W. Marks.
3 p.m.—Y. M. C. A. Tent, York.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.