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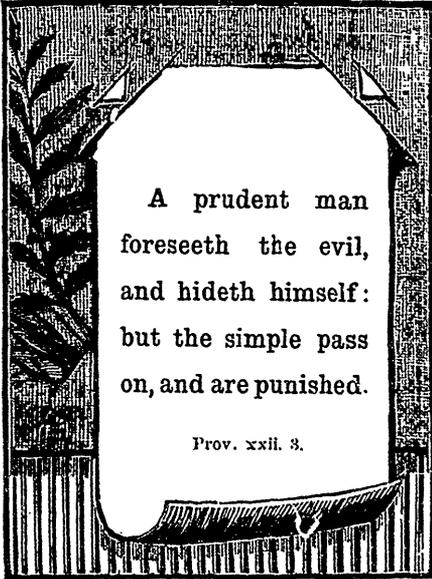
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Our next issue will complete Volume IV. We feel grateful for the tokens of blessing which have been given us; and particularly in the way our needs have been supplied thus far. To complete Vol. IV without debt will require \$35, but there are yet nearly two weeks before us, and during that time we confidently expect to receive the amount required.

### CHRISTMAS.

**O**n Christmas morning at 9 o'clock we intend (D. V.) holding a Thanksgiving service in our Parlor. We have abundant cause for thanksgiving, whether we view the subject from a spiritual or temporal stand-point. God has given us many souls during the past twelve months, and he has also given us favour in the eyes of the people, so that we have grounds for stating that the debt on our building will soon be a thing of the past, and added to this, we will no doubt be enabled (by the liberality of friends) to make several much needed alterations in our building. We invite our workers and active members to join us on Christmas morning.

### WELCOME.

**W**e have been cheered by a visit from an old (?) fellow-helper, Mr. A. Munro, the Railway Secretary at Troy, N. Y. Mr. M. reports success in the past, and bright hopes for the future. May his hopes be more than realized.

### NEW YEAR.

**O**ur New Year's packet designed as a gift to the Young Men of Toronto, is in preparation, and will be in the hands of our Boarding House Committee for distribution on New Year's morning.

Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity.  
Micah vii. 18.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses.  
Daniel ix. 9.

### MR. BLAKE'S BIBLE CLASS.

Friends will please bear in mind that this class meets at 4.30 instead of 4.50 p.m. each Saturday.

#### LECTURES.

**M**R. Lewis's lecture on "Vocal Culture," delivered in our Rooms on the opening evening of the Elocution Class, was an occasion of much interest and profit. The attendance was large, and one result has been, the organization of a very encouraging class.

On Tuesday last (18th.) Ald. J. T. Moore delivered the second lecture of our "Members Course," the subject being "From the Lakes to the Rockies." The lecturer was greeted by an audience of such proportions as to occupy every seat in the room. For over one hour and a half, Mr. Moore held the undivided attention of the audience, and the frequent plaudits gave evidence of the interest he was imparting to the subject in hand. The chair was occupied by Mr. L. C. Peake, Chairman of the Lecture Committee.

#### TRUTH AND FALSEHOOD.

I once asked a deaf and dumb boy, "What is truth?" He replied by thrusting his finger forward in a straight line. I then asked him, "What is falsehood?" when he made a zigzag with his finger.

## YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

### OUR CRAFT IS SMALL.

When the hardy Norwegian puts out to sea,  
With his sails well trimmed, and the rocks a-lee,  
Ere upon his sight the land grows dim,  
He chants for protection this well-worn hymn,  
"God help us all, whatever befall!  
For the ocean is vast, and our craft is small."

So ever as dashes the ocean's wave,  
With a tried, true soul, and a heart as brave,  
He looks aloft through the rack of the storm,  
And pierces the void for a formless form;  
For he knows and feels, whatever befall,  
That God is great, though his craft is small.

God help us all in this voyage of life!  
God keep us pure from its stain and strife,  
And wherever may dash the angry wave,  
Teach us to say, with a spirit brave,  
God help us all, whatever befall,  
For Thou art so vast, and we so small.  
GUNNISON.

"That disciple whom Jesus loved did outrun Peter." If we would be quick runners in "the race that is set before us," it must be by "*looking off unto Jesus*," not by boasting of our love for Jesus, or even thinking of it. — *Selected.*

## EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD  
EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation.  
2 Thess. ii. 13.

Peace to you which were far off, and to them that were nigh.  
Eph. ii. 17.

## THE WIG IN THE CANNON'S MOUTH.

BY REV. P. B. POWER, M.A.

**A**T the battle of Ross, in the dreadful rebellion in Ireland in the year 1798, the rebels were more like men who were mad, than in their senses. One rebel, bold with drink and excitement, came on before his comrades, toward a cannon, crammed his hat and wig into it, and cried out, "Come on boys: her mouth is stopped!" At that instant the gunner laid the match to the gun, and blew the unfortunate man to atoms.

Such a story as this, one could scarcely believe; but its truth was sworn to by a person who witnessed it from a window.

There are hundreds and thousands of people, many of whom at least should know better who are dealing with the terrible law and justice and anger of God against sin, as this unfortunate wretch dealt with the cannon at the battle of Ross.

They come boldly up to the cannon's mouth—right up to the law: they are not afraid of it. They have, as they think, what will satisfy it—what will prevent its doing them any harm—what will stop its mouth, and hinder its death and destruction from coming forth.

And what do they bring? Their own good deeds—not one of which has been perfect enough to satisfy the law. A scrap of imperfection makes a deed worthless in itself; and our best righteousness is full of shortcoming.

It is with this, men dare to approach the law of God. But it is madness. Every man who does this is as insane as that rebel who was mad with drink. That flimsy hat and wig—what were they, to stop the iron ball and the gunpowder's blast? Every step that unfortunate man took up to the gun, only brought him nearer and nearer to a ruin more and more sure.

No chance of that gun's missing him—himself by his reckless daring, took too good care of that.

And, reader if you are trying to stop the mouth of God's law with your own miserable righteousness, and are deluding others into doing the same, it needs but the fire to touch the gun—and *you die!* I would far rather this very hour, try to stop a cannon's mouth with the palm of my hand, than I would try to stop the mouth of God's righteous law by any good deeds of my own—it would be one flash, and then death.

But what man could not do, God Himself can.

God has found out a way of stopping the mouth of all that could hurt you—even of His own law. "Who is he that condemneth? it is Christ that died!" He has told us that "there is now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." He has Himself quenched the fire that would have destroyed you, in the blood which cleanseth from all sin.

**A**N agnostic who was once present in a refined circle, was surprised to learn that a certain noted lady believed firmly in the sacred Scriptures. He ventured to ask her,

"Do you believe in the Bible?"

"Most certainly I do," was her reply.

"Why do you believe it?" he queried again.

"Because *I am acquainted with the author*

This was her testimony; and all his talk about the unknown and the unknowable went for nothing, in view of the calm confidence born of her personal acquaintance with God. And it is this knowledge which is most effectual in dispelling the doubts and uncertainties which linger in the human mind. It is good to know the Bible; it is better still to know the Lord. It is important to know the truth; it is still more important to know Him who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Blessed are they that *know the Lord*; for to know Him is life eternal.

God having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you.

Acts. iii. 26.

## GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

*Every Sunday Evening,*

AT 8.30.

**GOOD SINGING.**

**SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES**

**COME.**

## REMEMBER

—THE—

## YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

HELD

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

**COME.**

## & Bulletin for Week Commencing Dec. 24, 1883.

MONDAY.....	Dec. 24....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING.
				The Secretary.
		8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor
				"B." Conducted by the Secretary.
		9.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S PRAYER AND TESTIMONY
				MEETING.
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY.</b>				
TUESDAY.....	" 25....	9.00 A.M.		THANKSGIVING MEETING.
WEDNESDAY.	" 26....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. H. B. Gordon.
		8.00 P.M.		CLASS IN BOOKKEEPING. P. McIntyre.
THURSDAY...	" 27....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. R. Sims.
		8.00 P.M.		CLASS IN ELOCUTION. R. Lewis.
FRIDAY .....	28....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Aston.
		8.00 P.M.		BOYS' MEETING. J. W. Walker.
		" "		CLASS IN DRAWING. H. B. Gordon.
SATURDAY....	" 29....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Asst. Sec.
		4.30 P.M.		TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
		7.30 P.M.		INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR
				PRAYER.
		8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. G. T. Fergusson.
SUNDAY .....	' 30....	3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon
		" "		DEAF MUTE CLASS. F. S. Brigden.
		" "		CHINESE CLASS. W. M. Morse.
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. D. C. Forbes.
				Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

*Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.*

## RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

GOSPEL MEETINGS every Sunday at 3 p.m., at Union Station and at West End Branch (1020 Queen W.)

Young Men's Meeting every Saturday at 8 p.m.; Bible Class every Tuesday at 8 p.m.; Workers' Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 7.30 a.m., in the West End Branch Rooms.

Noon Meeting every Tuesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in the G. T. R. Roundhouse Reading Room, and every Wednesday at the same hour, in the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Workshops.