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There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Luke xv. 10.

### BULLETIN FUND.

**F**RIENDS cannot fail to notice that it occupies more space to announce that no monies have been received this week, than would be required to make acknowledgments of several contributions.

### RE-UNION.

**O**N Thursday evening, May 31st, a Social Re-union of our "Workers" was held. The gathering took place by invitation of the Secretary, and none were invited but those who are *actually* engaged in the work; and a proof of the blessing which has attended the

Association was given in the fact, that to cover the whole staff it was necessary to issue 168 invitations, and over 125 responded, while letters or personal explanations fully accounted for the absence of 20. At 7 p.m. 102 sat down to tea, and at 8 o'clock the chair was taken by Hon. S. H. Blake, who in his usual happy manner addressed words of cheer and counsel to the workers. Short addresses on the work were given by Messrs. Briggs, Kilgour, Bolton, Hines and the Secretary. Rev. H. M. Parsons gave a very forcible address on "The True Power for Christian Service." Rev. J. Salmon also spoke on the importance of faithful performance of duties devolving upon us.

The choir, under the direction of Mr. Manton, did much to add to the pleasure of the evening.

The meeting was one of marked spiritual power, and the unanimous verdict was, "it was good to be there."

### "OUR WORKERS."

**S**EVERAL of the young men engaged in our work, feeling the importance of Christian fellowship, counsel and training, having expressed a desire to meet together weekly, it has been decided to hold a meeting every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The object of the meeting is for prayer, for mutual encouragement, and also for training calculated to prepare the younger members to take part in the public meetings of the Association. We expect much profit to result from this gathering, and we trust that God may soon make the way clear for holding services in which the talent developed may be called into use.

"Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

1 Cor. vi. 20.

"Not by Works of Righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us."—Titus iii. 5.

### "He Led Them by the Right Way."

(Ps. cvii. 7.)

**G**OD led the Israelites to and fro, forward and backward, as in a maze or labyrinth, and yet all the while under the direction of the pillar of the cloud. He led them about, and yet He led them aright. His way in bringing people home is always the best, though it may not be the nearest.—*Matthew Henry.*

### WHAT CHRIST MAY BE TO ANY

He is the *path*, if any be misled,

He is a *robe*, if any naked be,

If any chance to hunger, He is *bread*,

If any be a bondman, He is free.

If any be but weak, how *strong* is He,

To dead men, *life* He is; to sick men *health*;

To blind men, *sight*; and to the needy, *wealth*;

A *pleasure* without loss, a *treasure* without stealth.

NO MAN can lift himself above the world unless he takes hold of something higher than the world; he cannot lift himself out of himself unless he grasps something higher than himself.

### ODD-JOB CHRISTIANS.

**A**T some services in Liverpool, a man spoke at an experience meeting. He said, "I used to be an odd-job Christian; now, thank God, I'm on full time." Are we odd-job Christians, working for Jesus when it suits us, and the rest of the time pleasing ourselves? I am afraid most of us are guilty. What do we want? Why, we want a baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." (Eccl. ix. 10.)

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Zech. iv. 6.

### WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

**W**HEN we were in Venice we purchased a few curiosities, and finding them burdensome, we thought of sending them home by one of the English vessels lying in the Canal. We went out in a gondola with our box, and having asked for the captain of one of the vessels, we put to him the question, "Will you take a box for us to London, and what is the charge?" His reply was very ready, "*I can't say till I know what's in it*, for I don't want to get into trouble." A very common-sense answer indeed: *we* admired its caution and honesty.

What a pity that men do not exercise as much care in spiritual matters, as to what they will receive or reject. Dear reader, in these times there are thousands of bad books published, and herds of bad teachers sent forth to deceive the unwary; you must be on your guard, lest you be led into error. Take nothing for granted, enquire into things for yourself, and try every new doctrine, and professedly old doctrine too, by the Word of God. You may take contraband goods on board before you are aware of it; keep both eyes open, watch and examine, and when a thing is pressed upon you, *find out what's in it.*—*Spurgeon.*

## YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Acts xvi. 31.

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us."—1 John iii. 16.

## A MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS

IS HELD

EVERY MONDAY EVENING FROM 7-30 TILL 9.

In Parlor C (up stairs) Shaftesbury Hall.

### A GOOD EPITAPH.



ON the tombstone of the Rev. Dr. Morrison, the renowned Chinese missionary, is the following very characteristic epitaph:—

I have sinned;  
I have repented;  
I have trusted;  
I have loved;  
I sleep;  
I shall rise; and (through the grace of God, though unworthy),  
I shall reign.

### REMEMBER.



HERE is no portion of time that is our time and the rest God's; there is no portion of money that is our money and the rest God's money. It is all His; He made it all, gives it all, and He has simply trusted it to us for His service. A servant has two purses, the master's and his own; but we have only one.—*Monod.*

## EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

All are invited.

### THE GREAT SPIDER.

A spider sat in his basement den,  
Weaving his snares for the souls of men.  
"I will not work with my hands," quoth he;

"An easier pathway must open for me."  
He spread his tables of greenest baize,  
And many a cunning trap he lays;  
The marble balls are smooth and white,  
The den is blazing with floods of light.  
Behind "*the Bar*" the spider stands;  
There is not a wise man in the land  
But will lose his wit and become a fool,  
If he yields himself to this spider's rule.  
There is not a man so strong and brave,  
But the spider will dig him a shameful grave.

There is not a youth so noble and fair,  
But will learn to drink, and gamble and swear,

In the spider's den. But, do not, pray,  
Dare to dispute the spider's sway;  
If you sweep the den with the law's strong broom,

Perhaps you might make a cleaner room.  
But, then, men are so fearful,—a little afraid

In fact, on the spider to make a raid;  
'Twould stir up excitement—and spiders *must live*;

So our dear household treasures we patiently give.

And the spider still sits in his loathsome den,

Lying in wait for the souls of men.

—*Mrs. E. J. Richmond.*

"HE WAS MANIFESTED TO TAKE AWAY OUR SINS."

(1 John iii. 1).



THE GREAT Spirit, untie the load of our sins. If this load were bound round our shoulders, we could untie it for ourselves; but it is bound round our hearts, and we cannot untie it, but thou can'st, Lord; untie the burden now!" Such was the prayer of a converted Feejee Islander. Was ever the Christian's experience of sin more perfectly set forth?

"My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness."—2 Cor. xii. 9.

# 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 June 11, 1883.

MONDAY.....	June 11....	12.00 P.M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING The Secretary.
		7.30 P.M.	MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C."
		7.30 P.M.	INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
		8 00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 12 ...	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. R. Merryfield.
WEDNESDAY...	" 13 ...	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. S. R. Briggs.
THURSDAY...	" 14 ...	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Aston.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING for mutual edifi- cation.
FRIDAY.....	" 15 ...	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. Marks.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING.
SATURDAY....	" 16 ...	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. A. Gay.
		4.50 P.M.	TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake.
		7.30 P.M.	INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.
SUNDAY.....	" 17...	3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
		" " "	DEAF MUTE CLASS.
		" " "	CHINESE CLASS.
		8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. S. R. Briggs. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

## RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, June 17, 3.00 P.M.

GOSPEL MEETING at Union Station. Railway Secretary and General Secretary.

" " West End Branch (1020 Queen, W.) Mr. Witmer and  
Rev. J. Mutch.

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

Noon Meeting every Wednesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in Toronto, Grey and Bruce  
Workshops.

COTTAGE MEETINGS at 8 p.m. every Thursday, at 87 Esther Street.  
" " " " Friday, at 46 Bathurst Street.