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BEHOLD the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

JOHN i. 29.

THE General Secretary may be found in his office from 8-30 a.m., to 11 a.m., from 4 to 6 p.m., and nearly every evening during the week. Many demands are made upon his time outside of the rooms which will excuse him if found out during these hours.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every **MONDAY** Evening,
AT 8 O'CLOCK,

BOARD MEETING.

THE reports presented from the Boarding House and Invitation Committees also that from the General Secretary were most encouraging. They showed that in the various departments of the work progress was being made, and the interest fully sustained, it is most pleasing to announce as showing the marked increase in attendance at some of our meetings, that while for the month of May the average at young men's meeting on Saturday evening was 76 for the month of June it, has been 89. Better far than all this outward growth are the tokens of Divine blessing which have come to us, for scarcely a meeting passes without some soul being brought to a knowledge of the truth.

WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS

EVERY THURSDAY,

AT EIGHT P.M.

All young men who desire to be better fitted for Christian work are invited to attend this meeting.

Give diligence to make your election sure.
2 Peter 1. 10.

Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest.
Micah ii. 10.

MEMBERSHIP.

The following gentlemen were received as members during the month of June:—

ACTIVE.

Wm. McIntosh, Wallace H. Pendle,
Jas. B. Haslam, B. Walton,
Alex. More, John J. Smith.

ASSOCIATE.

John H. Thomson, L. J. Wamecke,
Jas. Taylor.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

THE following Report from the Reception Committee was read, at the meeting of the Board last week:—

The report of the reception Committee for the past month is a most gratifying one. In the first place we are pleased to hear testimony to the fact that never since this Committee entered office has their been so many of the young men who are members of the Associations around the rooms in the evenings.

On 18 evenings of this month the duties of the day were brought to a close by a short service or family worship as it is called. At this meeting the average attendance has been 15. At one meeting there were present 33 at another 25. In the second place as chairman of this important Committee I must praise God for His goodness to us, and also express my thanks (and I hope the board will fully endorse it) to the members of this Committee who throughout the warm evenings of the month have denied themselves, and night after night have fulfilled their duties in the parlor.

R. NORTHY, *Chairman.*

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.—Ps. cxlv. 18.

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,
EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

BEWARE OF SMALL BEGINNINGS.

SOME workmen were once building a large brick tower, which was to be carried up very high. In laying a corner, one brick, either by accident or carelessness, was set a very little out of line. The work went on without it being noticed, but as each course of bricks was kept in line with those already laid, the tower was not put up exactly straight, and the higher they built the more insecure it became. One day, when the tower had been carried up to about fifty feet, there was a tremendous crash. The building had fallen, burying the men in the ruins. All the previous work was lost, the materials wasted, and worse still, valuable lives were sacrificed, and all from *one brick laid wrong at the start*. Think what may come of one bad habit, one brick laid wrong, while you are building a character.

EVANGELISTIC

BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by General Secretary.

ALL INVITED.

Be patient, therefore, unto the coming of the Lord.

James v. 7.

The Lord shall be to thee an everlasting light.
Isaiah lx. 19.

AFTER THE ATLANTA CONVENTION.



OUR friends will be interested in learning the results of the Atlanta Convention as revealed in the following letter from the Secretary of the Association there, Mr. F. De S. Helmer, to the Philadelphia Association :

"The results of the late Convention have been the most remarkable on record. A great revival is now in progress which is sweeping the city. Young men who were converted at the Men's meeting, on Sunday of the Convention, are among the most active workers. The place of meeting for the Union services is one of the largest cotton warehouses, the use of which is given rent free. Dr. L. W. Munhall is conducting the services. The attendance ranges from 2,000 to 5,000. Those who have been converted or reclaimed backsliders now number over 1,000, including all classes and grades in society. Fast young men, saloon-keepers and society people may be found among the number; Many have already united with the churches, and more will do so soon. We hold our Young Men's Meeting on Saturday nights, that of last Saturday being the largest ever held. Sixty-three were present, and the meeting was most intensely interesting about thirty taking part. A series of parlor conferences have also been held at the homes of several of our leading citizens and have been of a character never before known, being a blessing of the business and religion in such a manner that we have secured subscriptions amounting to nearly \$80,000, for the erection of a building. The spiritual awakening also has resulted in several conversions among our most prominent business men, as well as the reconsecration of many professing Christians. The subscriptions have been very general, about sixteen hundred having subscribed in amounts

varying from \$5.00 to \$1.00 Our membership roll is rapidly enlarging, and we are getting a large number of excellent workers."

GRATITUDE is a means of grace. Many a mortal would be consoled in his mere annoyances could he get a glimpse of the real trouble from which God saves him. Others, in comparatively light affliction would cease murmuring could they realize the heart-break that abides with some one else. There is always firm ground for thanksgiving to God for deliverance from that always possible greater trouble.

IN SPITE OF ALL MAN'S SIN, the world does prosper marvellously, miraculously; in spite of all, God is stronger than the devil, life stronger than death, wisdom stronger than folly, order stronger than disorder, fruitfulness stronger than destruction; and they will be so more, till the last great day, when Christ shall have put all enemies under His feet and death is swallowed up in victory, and all mankind in one fold, under one Shepherd Jesus Christ, the righteous King of all.—*Kingsley.*

STRANGERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

That the Rooms of the

TORONTO YOUNG MEN'S

Christian Association

ARE IN ITS BUILDING,

SHAFTESBURY HALL

Corner Queen and James Sts.,

ONE BLOCK WEST OF YONGE STREET.

Rooms open daily from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m.

You will be cordially welcomed.

I will purely purge away thy dross.

Isaiah i. 25.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every SATURDAY EVENING,
AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME

WALKING IN THE LIGHT.

THE MAN who looks toward the light sees no shadow; a man who walks toward the light leaves darkness behind him. People get in darkness by turning away from the light. They hide in obscure corners; they bury themselves in nooks where the rays of the Sun of Righteousness cannot reach them; they close their blinds and shutters, and wonder that they have no light.

A house may be dark, but it is not the fault of the sun. A soul may be dark, but it is not because the Light of the world does not shed beams abroad. He that followeth Christ "shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." But if our deeds are evil we shall turn away from God, and love darkness rather than light; while if we are willing to be reprov'd, corrected and guided in the right way, we shall find that "light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart." Walking in the light as Christ is in the light, we have fellowship with the Father, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.—*The Armory.*

THERE is no life which in the past has testified to the power and beauty of the Gospel but what lives to-day and shall continue in our future, unfolding life. There has been no shrinking from duty or sluggishness but what has left its impress on us; and, on the other hand, no gift, no act of self-denial which does not still work in us as a beneficent power.—*R. S. Storrs.*

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL WELCOME.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, JULY 6.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. General Secretary.

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

TUESDAY, JULY 7.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Legionary Forces of Evil, Mark v. 1-13. Rev John Salmon.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8.

12 to 12.45 noon.—What Companionship Ought I to Shun? Prov. ii. 11-15; 2 Cor. vi. 14-18. W. Marks.

THURSDAY, JULY 9.

12 to 12.45 noon.—A Loyal Response. 2 Chron. xxxi. 5-10; Rom. xii. 1. R. Hall.
8 p.m.—WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS.

FRIDAY, JULY 10.

12 to 12.45 noon.—"Plenteous Grace with Thee is Found." Luke vi. 17-19; Rom. v. 17-21. S. R. Briggs.

7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, JULY 11.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Punishment Sure to Follow Individual or National Sin. Deut. xxxii. 48-52; iv. 22-26. Assistant Secretary.
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee meets for Prayer.

8.00 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.
All Astray. Isa. liii. 6; Rom. iii. 10-12; 23. 24. C. Joselin.

SUNDAY, JULY 12.

9.30 a.m.—Beginner's Bible Class. Assistant Secretary.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. General Secretary.

" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. H. B. Gordon. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Sec'y.

Railway Men's Meeting.

THURSDAY, JULY 9.

7.30 p.m., for one hour.—At York. Cottage Meeting at Alex. Shields; address by J. Bcusfield.

SUNDAY, JULY 12.

GOSPEL MEETINGS.

3 p.m.—Union Station. W. C. Jex and J. Gibb.

3.15 p.m.—At York. P. A. Hertz and W. Marks.