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WEEKLY
BULLETIN

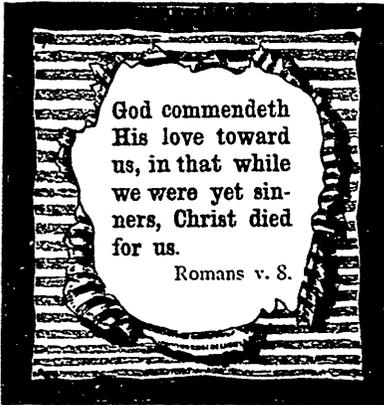
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God commendeth
His love toward
us, in that while
we were yet sin-
ners, Christ died
for us.

Romans v. 8.

BULLETIN FUND.

Miss H. L.....	\$10 00
Workers.....	2 05
Saved by Grace.....	1 00

BOY'S WORK.

THE Lord is blessing in a marked degree the work among our Boys. Many of the lads have professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and others are impressed. Thus the quiet religious work for this class is being

owned, and we trust that this is but as the drops before a coming shower.

"HE SLEEPS."

"Died, at Rapid City, Manitoba, on Friday, May 2nd, Frederick Whitcomb, Pastor of the Baptist Church, Rapid City."

When in May 1873, our Boy's Work was first inaugurated, Bro. Whitcomb, then a boy himself, took deep interest in it, and in 1874 was appointed chairman of the meeting, *vice* Mr. (now Rev.) Dyson Hague, who was the first chairman. Bro. W. continued in office until 1876, and the recollection of his valued work is still fresh. One of the former members of the class, in speaking to the writer, said, "He was a fine young fellow, and the work was much blessed while under his care."

"He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him."

ABSENT, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

THE White Star Line steamer which sailed from New York on Thursday last, had among its passengers, our beloved brother and worker, Mr. R. Kilgour. Among the faithful members of the Board of Directors, none have been more faithful than he in his attendance,

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.—Romans x. 9.

I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins : return unto Me ; for I have redeemed thee.—Isa. xlii 22.

and among those who make the Association interests their own, none more than Mr. Kilgour. We shall miss him during his three months' absence, but we shall not forget him, and we pray that journeying mercies may be vouchsafed him each day.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Held every Sunday Afternoon,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

VARIETIES.

 Our friends could sit with us for a week, and listen to the applications made, or read the letters received, they would learn that to fill the Secretary's chair, in accordance with the varied notions formed by the general public, as to the manner in which he should fill it, would necessitate a thorough knowledge of Spiritual matters, of business, of finances; in fact he is supposed to be to the public what a concordance is to a Bible student,—only to be consulted, and the object is secured. The following selections from personal applications and letters received during one week, will illustrate the point :—

PERSONAL APPLICATIONS.

- No. 1.—Two young men desire to sign pledge.
- No. 2.—A minister; would like us to take his pulpit on Sunday.
- No. 3.—Wishes a letter introducing his son to the Chicago Association.
- No. 4.—Wishes to speak on matters pertaining to his salvation.
- No. 5.—Wants advice as to best part of country likely to offer inducements to enter business.
- No. 6.—Would like to secure a boarding house, but having no money, he cannot comply with landlady's demand for payment in advance. *Could we be security for him ?*

No. 7.—Just out from Ireland. Wants a situation.

No. 8.—Wants to get back to England. Could we give him the address of any person shipping cattle, so that, if possible, a passage may be worked out

No. 9.—A *little* hard up. Only temporary trouble; expect money by next mail. A loan of \$5 *would help* (!)

No. 10.—Called to enquire as to the progress of work. Wishes to leave a trifle for the BULLETIN Fund.

No. 11.—Could you arrange to take charge of the mission prayer meeting in ——— street this week.

LETTERS.

No. 1.—From Germany. Friends of a young man named S—— are anxious about him. Could we learn his whereabouts, and communicate.

No. 2.—A member of our Association has gone to Toronto. Please visit him and invite to rooms.

No. 3.—Wishes to start in a small business. To secure stock, needs some person as security for \$100. Will we do so ?

No. 4.—An anxious mother requests prayer for a wayward son.

No. 5.—From New York. Please forward any letters addressed to me, and now lying at your Rooms.

No. 6.—Expect to visit Canada this year. Would like to deliver a few lectures to cover my travelling expenses. Will the Association enter into arrangements with me.

No. 7.—From Scotland. Two young men wish to emigrate. Would like advice as to best point to look to, and what are prospects.

No. 8.—Can you secure us some illustrated papers to distribute among the railway navvies on the C P. R.

No. 9.—Expect to visit Toronto. Will be accompanied by my wife. Can you direct me to a cheap, yet respectable, boarding place.

No. 10.—Contains a list of Tracts and Books. Writer wishes to know if they can be purchased in Toronto. If so, at what prices ?

The wages of sin is death ; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Romans vi. 23.

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

John i. 29.

We have been enabled to give desired information, counsel and assistance to each of the applicants, excepting only Nos. 6 and 9 of personals, and No. 3 of correspondence. Our "financial position" forbidding any *permanent* investments, we were compelled to decline.

In the work we meet with a mixture of sadness on the one hand, and the ludicrous on the other.—The sorrowing mother.—The needy prodigal. The conscience-stricken criminal.—The would-be suicide.—The trembling drunkard.—The hungry stranger.—The anxious father. All these have been met with in our office; and to the Association these troubled come, to pour out their sorrows and ask advice; and at times our hearts become saddened and our sympathies are keenly aroused, as with them we bow at the throne of grace, there to find grace to help in time of need.

On the other hand, is the cool impudence of the professional tramp. The skilfully contrived tale of trouble,—the well-worn "pledge card," shewn to convince us that *drink* is not the trouble,—the air of injured innocence put on when we venture to suggest that said card has no apparent effect on the present *breathings* of the applicant. All these, and numberless other ruses, cause us at times to sit in a sort of half sad, half amused state,—for while we cannot but pity the poor men, we are amused at the cool manner in which they present their plea for assistance.

If any person has a special desire to study human nature in all its phases, he might with profit occupy the Secretary's chair for a week or two.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening, at 8 30.

GOOD SINGING. SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.

COME.

BAILING OUT.

BR. ROBINSON, in his book entitled, "Sermons from Neglected Texts," devotes a chapter to comments upon John vi. 17. He represents the disciples as, 1st. They were rowing. 2nd. They were trying to keep the head of the boat toward the point to which Jesus told them to go. 3rd. They were bailing out the water. 4th. They were cheering each other. 5th. They were looking for Jesus to come.

Under the third head he says:—"Among all the sea-going vessels, little or large, which have sunk in the waves, and are now lying down on the solemn floor of the ocean, not so much as one ever since the dawn of creation, was foundered by the storm as long as the water kept on the outside of it; it was always the water inside which made the trouble. And of all the churches which have perished since the day when the seven that received the letters in the Apocalypse went out of existence, not one ever was destroyed by the world beating upon it from the outside; it has been the rush of worldliness, stealing in little by little, that has finally overwhelmed it. Our duty is to watch our own hearts cautiously, and help those around us to press back the stream."

We utter a hearty *Amen* to every word of this, and we sincerely pray that God may enable those who have charge of our *Association vessels* to fully act up to the plan which the disciples are represented as having adopted.

Above all, dear brethren, keep close to Nos. 2 and 3. These are weak points at present. "Keep her head right," and "keep the water out."

He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.—John v. 24.

NEAR ENOUGH WON'T DO!

CONVERSING one day with a civil engineer, he introduced the subject of road-making and drainage. "I had a first-rate foreman," he said; "I could always rely upon his work, whether there myself to oversee it or not. The secret of it all was this—he never would say, 'That's near enough'; but always insisted upon having every fall and joint perfectly exact.

And I wended my way homeward musing over this fact. "True my friend," thought I: "'near enough' won't do in your work, then will it do in the great work of a soul's salvation?"

Every part of the plan of pardon must be perfect or no soul can be saved. "Near enough" won't do. But God on His part did not stop short at "near enough," and man on his part must not. Note well these two great facts.

(1) God has provided a perfect Salvation. A perfect Saviour. Thus the Lord found that "near enough would not do."

(2) Nor must man stop short at "near enough." "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." Nothing short of this can save.

Now your temptation, my sober, moral and church going friend, may be to imagine that these things in themselves bring you "near enough." Pray do not deceive yourself. "Near enough" on your part will not do.

Therefore lay to heart this solemn fact. If you could live fifty years and only commit one small sin, and after this live fifty more without even one, and then die, you could not enter heaven unless washed white in the precious blood of Christ. Does this seem hard? It is the teaching of God!

One sin unpardoned would shut heaven against you for ever and ever.

"Near enough" saved means quite lost. As Christ must be a perfect Saviour, so must you be perfectly saved. There is no middle course. No reformation will suffice, however thorough, no morality, however pure. "Ye must be born again." "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

"NEAR ENOUGH WON'T DO!"

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, MAY 19.

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, MAY 20.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Have I Personally Appropriated the Lord Jesus to the Needs of my own Soul? John vi 47-58. Rev. H. Melville.

WEDNESDAY MAY 21.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Be Prepared and Watchful for Christ's coming. Matt. xxv. 1-13. H. B. Gordon.

THURSDAY, MAY 22.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Our As. ended Lord. I. eb. ix. 24-28; John xiv. 3. Rev. J. Saluon
6.30 p.m.—WORKERS' MONTHLY SOCIAL.

FRIDAY MAY 23.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Backslider's Cry. Ps li
Rev. W. C. Young.
8 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, May 24.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Liberal Giving. 2 Cor. ix. 1-15. S. R. Briggs.
4.30 p.m.—Teacher's Bible Class. Hon. S. H. Blake
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
8.00 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. J. J. Gartshore.

SUNDAY, MAY 25.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.
" Deaf Mute Class F. S. Bridgen.
" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.
" Italian Class.
8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. Geo. T. Ferguson. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 11.5.

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

Railway Men's Meetings.

W. C. JEX, Railway Secretary.

SUNDAY, MAY 18.

3 p.m.—Union Station. Alex. Saunders and A. White.

TUESDAY, MAY 20.

12.30 to 12.55 noon.—In G. T. R. Roundhouse Reading Room. Rev. T. Cullen.

TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS

HELD

Every Saturday Afternoon,

AT 4.30 O'CLOCK,