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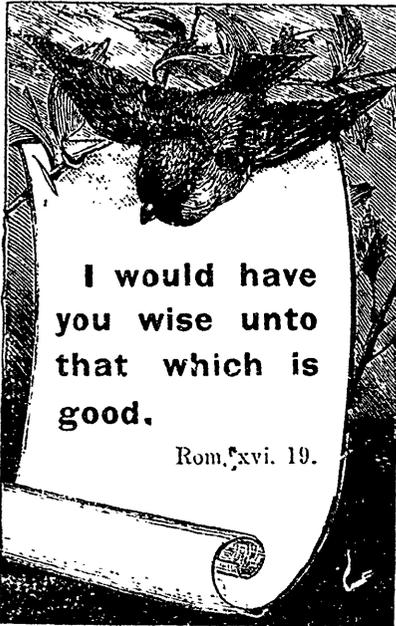
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I would have
you wise unto
that which is
good.

Rom. xvi. 19.

OUR ANNUAL.

WE expect that "Our Annual" for 1884 will be ready for issue during the coming week. It will contain much valuable information regarding our work, and with the monthly calendar, perpetual calendar and map, will prove of service to any person receiving it. The printers (Messrs. Hill & Weir) deserve credit for their portion of the work.

BULLETIN FUND.

IT is needless for us to say that it costs money to print the BULLETIN. That the publication is being owned of God, we have full proof. Last week one young man by reading an article in the BULLETIN was led to see the folly of the course he had thus far pursued, and he was by the spirit of God led to accept of Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

If nothing had been accomplished beyond this, it would of itself amply repay all money expended. But this is not a solitary case.

We commend this subject to our readers. Pray for the BULLETIN, that it may be a still greater blessing.

C. L. S. C.

THE Association Circle is progressing favorably. The number has increased, and the interest is good. It is not too late to join, but those desirous of so doing would do well to give in their names *at once* to Mr. Hines, at the Rooms. The Circle meets every alternate Thursday at 9 p.m., that is, at the close of the Workers' Prayer Meeting.

THANKS.

WE are indebted to our worthy Treasurer, Mr. R. Kilgour, for a donation of the printing of over 25,000 invitation handbills; to Dr. Fraser, for two volumes "Uncivilized Races of the World;" to a lady friend, "Smith & Surenne's Dictionary."

One thing have I desired of the Lord.

Psalm xxvii. 4.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him.

Psalm cxlv. 19.

BIBLE CLASS.

THE attendance of Young Men at the Monday Evening Bible Class still increases. Last Monday the room was crowded, and a season of much profit and pleasure was spent over the

"Word of God.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

FRIENDS! remember the special services for Young Men only, to be held during the month of November. Make them a subject of daily prayer, and endeavour at the same time to interest your young companions, so that they may be led to attend.

A NEW COAT.

"HOW much brighter it looks." Such is the exclamation of many as they enter our main hallway from Queen Street, the walls of which have recently been re-painted and decorated. This is instalment No. 1 of the work of renovation, to be carried on (D.V.) till our whole building shall present a new aspect. We long for the day when the two-fold liberty shall be ours: Free from debt; free from everything that would hinder the work of the Lord.

OUR CLASSES.

MEMBERS intending to join the classes must hand in their names during the present month, and the earlier the better, as the sessions will commence in November.

Arrangements have been completed for the Elocution Class, under Mr. R. Lewis, to meet every Thursday evening, and the class in Phonography, under Mr. A. McIntyre, every Friday evening. The evening of meeting for the Drawing and Book keeping classes will be announced next week.

TOO CHEAP.

A preacher of the Gospel had gone down into a coal mine, during the noon hour, to tell the miners of that grace and truth which came by Jesus Christ. After telling them

the simple story of God's love to lost sinners—man's state, and God's remedy—a full and free salvation offered—the time came for the men to resume work, and the preacher came back to the shaft, to ascend to the world again. Meeting the foreman, he asked him what he thought of God's way of salvation?

"Oh, it is too cheap; I cannot believe in such a religion as that."

Without an immediate answer to his remark, the preacher asked

"How do you get out of this place?"

"Simply by getting into the cage," was the reply.

"And does it take long to get to the top?"

"Oh, no; only a few seconds!"

"Well, that certainly is very easy and simple. But do you not need to help to raise yourself?" said the preacher.

"Of course not," replied the miner.

"As I have said, you have nothing to do but get into the cage."

"But what about the people who sunk the shaft, and perfected all this arrangement: was there much labour or expense about it?"

"Indeed, yes; that was a laborious and expensive work. The shaft is eighteen hundred feet deep, and it was sunk at great cost to the proprietor; but it is our only way out, and without it we should never be able to get to the surface."

Just so. And when God's word tells you that whosoever believeth on the Son of God hath everlasting life, you at once say, "Too cheap!" "Too cheap!" forgetting that God's work to bring you and others out of the pit of destruction and death was accomplished at a *vast cost*, the price being the death of His own Son.

He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psalm. xxxvii. 4.

Oh that God would graunt me the thing that I long for.

Jcb vi. 8.



"I WILL KNOCK AGAIN."

IT was a bitter cold day. A poor man was trudging along, carrying in a basket his little stock of fruit. He had been unsuccessful in making any sales that day. At length he came to the residence of a merchant, and knocked. At that moment the merchant was thinking over some business difficulties, and better still had been praying about them. Still the cloud was not removed, and at times he was led to ask, "Will He be favorable no more?" The knock aroused him from his reverie. "I may as well answer it myself," thought he. At the door stood the poor man, who at once endeavored to sell some of his wares. "None to-day," was the answer given. He turned sadly, and lifting his basket moved slowly away. The gentleman stood at the window, and noticed the slow movements of the man, who at last stopped, looked back, and then he hastily stepped back to the door, and raising the knocker,

brought it down with such force as to startle the annoyed yet amused gentleman.

"What can the man mean," thought he. "I told you," he said when he had opened the door, "that I should not buy anything to-day."

"Sir," said the poor man; "Forgive me. It was very bold to come back; but," and his hands and his lips trembled with emotion, "I can't sell my oranges, and I know they are good ones. Please, sir, do buy a few for I am hungry."

And he succeeded. That second knock did the business. And the gentleman learned a lesson also. "I will knock again, and again," said he. "How faithless I was to think myself repulsed because my prayer has not been immediately answered. Lord help me." and he did knock again, and received an answer.

Christian reader, do you ever pray, and fancy that your petitions are unheeded? Then, pray again.

**Ask and ye shall receive,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and it shall be opened unto you.**

—Selected.

COME TO JESUS.

YOUNG MEN'S
BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

Ask and ye shall receive.

John xvi. 24.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

A.T. 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 October 29, 1883.

MONDAY.....	Oct. 29....	12.00 M.	PRAISE & THANKSGIVING. The Secretary.
		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.
		9.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S PRAYER AND TESTIMONY MEETING.
TUESDAY..	" 30	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. J. J. Gartshore.
WEDNESDAY.	" 31	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
THURSDAY..	Nov. 1	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Aston.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING.
		9.00 P.M.	C. L. S. C. MEETING. Subject—Pericles, or the Golden Age of Athens.
FRIDAY ...	" 2	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. Marks.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. J. W. Walker.
SATURDAY....	" 3	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Asst. Sec.
		4.50 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. J. O. Anderson.
SUNDAY.....	" 4	3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon
		" "	DEAF MUTE CLASS. F. Brigden.
		" "	CHINESE CLASS. Mr. Morse.
		8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. S. Caldecott. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Nov. 4, 3.00 P.M.

GOSPEL MEETING 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, Gray and Bruce Workshops.