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"The entrance of thy
words giveth light; it
giveth understanding
unto the simple."

Psalm cxix. 130.

BULLETIN FUND.

THIS fund again needs replenishing. If our kind friends "whose hearts the Lord has opened" could but read the testimonies received from other cities, or hear the words which have been spoken to us, as to the blessings received from reading the Bulletin they would feel rewarded for the help extended. Our Motto will ever be "GOD'S GLORY, and the SALVATION OF YOUNG MEN."

MR. S. R. Briggs leaves us on Tuesday next for a Business trip to England. During his absence, his Sunday Afternoon Bible Class (which has increased in attendance) will be conducted by Mr. W. P. Crombie and other friends. Mr. B. will be absent about two months. We wish him a pleasant voyage and commend him to the care of "Him who made the sea."—Ex. xx. 11.

BOARD MEETING.

AT a recent meeting of the Board of Managers, a resolution was adopted expressing regret at the anticipated removal to New York of Mr. C. Edwards, whose interest in the boys' work has been so deep, and on whose labours the blessing of God has so evidently rested. Our prayers will follow him, that he may be successful in his new sphere of labour.

JEHOVAH-JIREH.

ONE day last week a young man called at our Rooms. In conversation with him we found him to be a child of God, and in much trouble of mind concerning his temporal affairs: in fact a more distressing case it would be difficult to imagine. Immediate help was needed, but how to render it was the difficulty. We knelt down and laid the case before the Lord, asking Him to open a way. It was about 11 o'clock when we prayed. As the bell sounded 12, the Secretary was passing out of his office to take the noonday prayer meeting, when a gentleman came in and handed a letter, saying, "I was asked to give you this." The letter was opened and was found to contain \$10 with a strip of paper on which was written,

"For the sick poor, &c.

—C."

Just what was needed and just when needed. "Remarkable," says one. What is remarkable? Is it remarkable that God should answer prayer? Would it not be remarkable if HE DID NOT? Has He not said, "Ask and ye shall receive?" Are we not commanded to cast ALL our care upon HIM?

OUR BOYS.



OUR Boys' 3rd Annual Picnic was held on Saturday afternoon, July 8th, when a party of about 60 left Yonge Street Station for the Exhibition Grounds, where it had been arranged to hold the Picnic. The party at once made their way to the Horse Ring and Grand Stand, which they quickly appropriated, and which turned out to be well suited for picnicing purposes.

The games' programme was carried out in a first-class manner, some of the games affording much amusement to the on-lookers.

The well-laden refreshment tables (in charge of a committee of ladies,) gave full satisfaction to the boys; and they were (between bites,) loud in their praises of the friends who had so liberally provided.

An interesting feature of the day's pleasure was the presentation of a gold locket to Mr. Chas. Edwards, who for several years has so ably conducted the work among boys, and who is about to leave Toronto, to enter business in New York. The following is a copy of the address:

TO MR. C. EDWARDS:

DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER:—It was with deep regret that we learned of your intention to depart from our midst, as your great interest in our welfare, and desire ever to afford us pleasure has endeared you to us in a way that we can hardly express. We beg you to accept this small present as a slight token of the regard we feel for you. Our associations with you we will cherish as a green spot in our memory, and your untiring efforts for our spiritual welfare we are satisfied will tell for eternity on many souls. We wish you a long and happy life, and hope that in your new field of labour you will be abundantly blessed. We bid a kind farewell, praying that on that day when we meet around our Father's throne you may wear a crown of many stars.

Signed on behalf of the Boys' Association,

J. J. FINDLAY,
W. ROBINSON,
J. McLEAN,
BERT. LUGSDEN.

Mr. Edwards thanked the boys for their kind remembrance, and gave them some sound advice. It was announced that Mr. Findlay had consented to take the position of leader in the boys' work.

At 7.15 p.m. the party started for home, much pleased with the day's entertainment.

The Chairman desires to thank those who kindly helped to make the occasion so great a success.

God solemnly declares that

“ **ALL**

HAVE SINNED,”

and “**Christ Jesus came into the world to SAVE SINNERS.”**”

CHANGES.



WE are continually being reminded that we live in a world, where changes are the rule, and not the exception. One after another of our workers have been removed to other spheres of labor, and at times we have thought “How shall the vacancy be supplied,” yet, God has never failed us. As one left, another came, and while we missed the familiar faces, the cheering words, and the active co-operation of the one who left, the work has gone on. This we should expect. We sincerely believe that this work in which we are engaged is the Lord's work, and that He placed us here to look after it, and we expect His aid at all times. “Who can hinder when God will work.” Reference to other items in this number will explain the changes made in our staff of workers.

He (God) hath said, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”

Heb. xiii. 5.

HOLIDAY TRIP.

SEVERAL members of the Association having expressed a desire that arrangements should be made whereby members and friends might enjoy an excursion in a manner which might be pleasant and profitable, the matter was taken up by our Lecture Committee. After consideration, it was decided to make arrangements whereby members might, at a low cost and with profit, spend their vacation. Negotiations have been completed for an Excursion to Chautauqua, the famed summer resort for Christian workers. The party will leave on Tuesday, Aug. 8th, by steamer "Chicora" to Niagara, thence by rail via Suspension Bridge and Buffalo to Chautauqua. The tickets will be good for 8 days, and will be sold at the remarkably low price of \$4 for the round trip. Board can be secured at Chautauqua from \$1 per day upwards.

It is unnecessary to dwell on the beauty of the spot chosen, with the attractions presented by the Grand Sunday School Assembly which will be in session that week. Suffice it to say that the dates named include the two most important gatherings of the season.

Students in C. L. S. C. will fully appreciate this opportunity. As the Committee (in order to secure such low rates, had to guarantee a certain number, it is hoped members and friends will do their part towards relieving them from any financial loss. Those who desire to secure tickets would do well to leave their names with Mr. L. C. Peake, Chairman of Lecture Committee, or with the Secretary at the Rooms.

DOMINION CONVENTION.

WE are pleased to learn from Mr. Crombie (the Travelling Secretary) that the prospects for a large delegation from these Provinces, are daily becoming brighter. There has been much prayer for this gathering, and we believe it will be a season of spiritual power and blessing. The Convention opens August 10th, (at Truro N. Scotia) and continues in session for 3 days. Go if you can.

CHINESE CLASS.

MR. D. McLaren, (who has taken a deep interest in the Chinese who live in Toronto, and to whose energy and love for Christ is due the efforts to reach these hitherto neglected members of our community,) is leaving the city for several months' absence: but "God hath been mindful of the work," and has sent a labourer into the field to take the place soon to be vacated by Bro. McLaren. Mr. W. M. Morse, who has had experience among Chinese in British Columbia, having consented to take charge of the work. The teachers have been very faithful in their attendance, and their labours are fully appreciated, as will be seen from the following extract from a letter written by one of Mr. McLaren's former pupils:—

MY DEAR FRIEND

I am very glad to hear from you about the Sunday School, that the scholars is advancing and many teachers. I would like to be there to see them once more. When I was in Toronto you was the only teacher in the school. There is a difference now. We have a school here but I don't like it as well as yours. I am sorry because I depended on the school to learn the English Language. Here they only teach the Catechism and one teacher has 20 or 30 scholars. So I have no chance to read the Bible. I believe Sue Hoey & Sam Kee getting to read better than me. They so clever and take much pains to study. * * * *

I must close as it is supper time. I expect to hear from you. I am your friend and always will be.

CHIN PEAN.

We have corrected some parts of the letter in order that it may be clearly understood; but, apart from the misplacing of words, the letter both as to spelling and penmanship would compare favourably with nine out of every ten we receive at our rooms.

The Chinese are a difficult class to reach and hold, and much grace combined with patience is needed to secure their attendance at the class; but when led to Christ they are very zealous in working for others, as will be seen by the facts stated in the following extract from an exchange:—

A Chinese Young Men's Christian Association, organized at Honolulu in 1877, has now a membership of 131. It occupies the premises No. 96 Nuanu Street. The upper front room

is a social hall, with pictures, tables, books, etc. The lower room is a crockery store, managed by the Association, and the profits spent in various ways in promoting evangelistic work among the Chinese. The Association has a regular monthly meeting for business, besides maintaining its own devotional meetings, Sunday noon and evening, immediately after the church services. It is to these meetings that they bring their countrymen, and try to lead them to the acceptance of Jesus Christ as the only Divine Redeemer for sinful men. This Association not only helps in the support of Sit Moon, their missionary, but aids and stimulates the feeble bands of Christian Chinese located at different points on the other islands.

REMEMBER

—THE—

Young Men's Meeting,

HELD

EVERY SATURDAY EVENING.

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME!

Bulletin for Week Commencing July 17, 1882.

MONDAY.....	July 17....	12 00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. S. R. Briggs.
				8.00 P.M. WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 18....	12 00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The great searcher. 1 Sam. xvi. 1-15; Jer. xvii. 9-10; 1 Chron. xxviii. 9. Rev. J. Salmon.
WEDNESDAY	" 19...	12 00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Precious promises to Sabbath keepers. Is. lviii. 13-14; lvi. 6, 7. W. P. Crombie.
THURSDAY...	" 20....	12 00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The anchor that holds. Heb. vi. 13-20. J. J. Gartshore.
FRIDAY	" 21....	12 00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee. Mat. xxv. 44-46; Rev. vi. 16-17. Alf. Sandham.
				8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING.
SATURDAY ..	" 22....	12 00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Standing up for Jesus. Mat. x. 24-33; Prov. xxix. 25. Robert Merryfield.
				4.50 P.M. TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. W. H. How- land.
				8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Sight for the Blind. Isa. xxxv. 5; Mark x 46-52. R. Kilgour.
SUNDAY	" 23....	3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS.
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETING.

SUNDAY, July 23, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meeting at Union Station.