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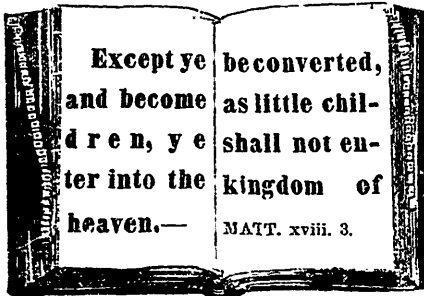
## WEEKLY BULLETIN.

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### BOYS' WORK.

**W**E are prayerfully looking for guidance in connection with our proposed extension of this desirable feature of Y. M. C. A. work.

Just at present we are not prepared to announce any definite programme, but it is probable that Monday evenings will be devoted to talks on Scientific subjects, and on Friday evening as usual, a religious service. We want a good selection of papers and books for the Reading Room. If the work is of the Lord, the material help needed will come in. Remember the work in your prayers.

### OUR GYMNASIUM.

**A**T a recent special meeting of the Board of Directors, it was decided to curtail this department. While all agreed that recreation is needed, still, the generally expressed opinion was adverse to making a gymnasium a specialty. Some in fact, doubted the advisability of carrying on the work at all. The great majority felt that less at-

tention paid to the gymnasium, and more to the work among boys would result in greater practical benefit, and to the advancement of *spiritual life* in the Association. It was therefore unanimously decided that from October 1st the gymnasium be closed at 6 p.m., and that during the evening it be used as a reading room for the boys. We are inclined to the belief that this is a move in the right direction. The step has not been taken hurriedly. For many months it has occupied thought, and been the subject of prayer by the brethren composing the Board.

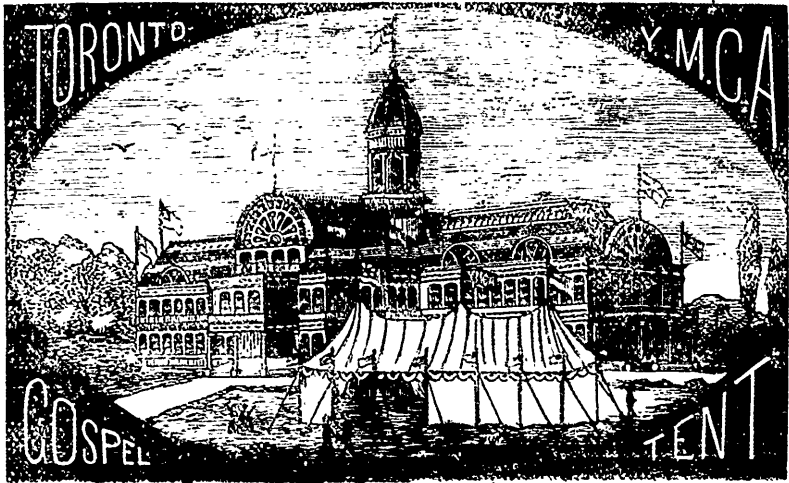
### LECTURES.

**I**N a week or two we expect to announce a course of Lectures which cannot fail to interest our Members and the public generally. The membership fee for 1881-82, will include one free ticket to each lecture. Non-members will be charged the usual rates for admission.

### GOOD.

**T**HIS year the Exhibition was opened with religious exercises, in which Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. W. S. Rainsford and Rev. J. M. King, officiated. This is a step in the right direction.

**G**RANTED there are dark places in the Bible; you need not stay in them. There are dark caves in the earth, and some people have been foolish enough to live in them; but that is no reason for questioning the brightness or the beauty of the sun." Dr Gibson.



### THE EXHIBITION.



OUR Tent is in full working order, and attracts a fair share of attention from the visitors to the Exhibition.

Every effort has been put forth to make it not only attractive but useful. A liberal display of bunting in the form of English and American flags, commands the attention of those at a distance. Drawing nearer they are attracted by the large sign over the entrance.

**Y.M.C.A. TENT,  
ALL WELCOME.**

Approaching still nearer, they read the signs on either side, announcing the noon-day prayer meeting. Entering the tent they find a table neatly arranged for writing purposes, over the table is a card inscribed

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the tent are arranged all the Toronto dailies, Montreal Gazette, Star and Witness, Christian Guardian, and London Advertiser.

The tent is fully seated with comfortable benches. Near the Assistant Secretary's desk hangs a map of the city.—A City Directory, Railway Time Tables &c., and on the centre pole is a clock. It will therefore be seen that every provision has been made towards ensuring the comfort of our friends. Turning to leave the tent, attention is directed to another label.

**FREE.**

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In all our arrangements for furnishing the tent we have been led to see the hand of God guiding and controlling. The "lions in the way" were all found to be chained.

The tent is in charge of Mr. Hines (Assistant Secretary,) and the noon meetings are conducted by members of the Association. Thursday of each week the meetings are devoted to Temperance, and are under the chairmanship of Rev. H. Melville.

By request of the Superintendent of the grounds, a service will (D. V.) be held in the Tent on Sunday afternoon, specially for the benefit of the large number of persons, remaining in charge of the exhibits. Part of our Choir and Orchestra will be in attendance. We trust that the Spirit of God may guide the service.

**SUGGESTIVE.**



THE first object which meets the eye of a visitor to the "Carriage" department at the exhibition, is a guadily decorated dray, manufactured for a well-known brewing firm.

The last object seen, as he leaves the building at the other end, is a Hearse. We do not suppose that the arrangement was designed to teach any lesson, but certainly to our minds it conveyed a solemn one. Young man beware of the liquor with the glitter and show with which it is surrounded, and the hearse will not so quickly be needed. In that building the distance between the brewer's dray and the hearse is not great. The distance from the bar-room to the grave and eternal ruin is but short. Don't be deceived "there is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

**Bulletin for Week Commencing September 12, 1881.**

MONDAY .....	Sept. 12	12.00 M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING Alf. Sandham.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY.....	" 13	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Scul hunger satisfied. Matt. v. 6; John vi. 47-58. Rev. A. F. McGregor.
		4.00 P.M.	MEETING FOR CONSECRATION & PRAYER.
WEDNESDAY..	" 14	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Consider Christ Jesus. Heb. iii. 1-6; xii. 3. W. E. Burford.
THURSDAY.....	" 15	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Hospitality rewarded. Heb. iii. 2; 2 Kings iv. 8-10, 18-21, 32-36. W. Marks.
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Gen. Secretary.
FRIDAY.....	" 16	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Use means, but rely on Christ. Jude 20, 21, 24, 25; Phil. ii. 12, 13. Rev. J. Mathewson.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	" 17	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. What we should guard. Prov. iv. 23; Psalm xxxiv. 13; Prov. iv. 26, 27. Rev. H. Melville.
		4.50 P.M.	TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. The President, S. H. Blake, Q.C.
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. What a young man should seek. Prov. iii. 13-26; Matt. vi. 33. J. B. Griffith.
SUNDAY.....	" 18	3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs.
		8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE. S. R. Briggs.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

**RAILROAD MEETINGS.**

- SUNDAY, Sept. 18, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station, and at Nipissing Station.
- NOON PRAYER MEETING—Toronto, Grey and Bruce R. R. Workshops every WEDNESDAY at 12.30.
- COTTAGE MEETING, THURSDAY 8 P.M.—81 Mercer Street.



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