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OUR LECTURE COURSE.

OUR Course for the season is now concluded. We regret that pressure of business prevented our worthy President from delivering that which was designed to be the concluding lecture, but we shall have the pleasure of listening to him as one of the treats to be offered in our next season's course.

CHANGES.

OUR Assistant Secretary, Mr. Hines, has resigned, intending to devote some months to study. His intention is to re-enter the work at some future day, should the way open. We wish Bro. Hines every possible success. During the (now nearly three) years, of his work with us, we have never had other than the most pleasant relations. We shall miss him in many ways, but we have no doubt that the decision at which he has arrived is reached after much prayer, and when the actual time of separation comes, he will leave with our best wishes and heartfelt prayers that God may be with him in whatever place he may be called to occupy.

Behold the Lord's arm is not shortened that it cannot save, neither is His ear heavy that it cannot hear.—Isaiah 1. 1.

Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God.
John iii. 3.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Held every Sunday Afternoon,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

"PROFESSED, AND WENT BACK."

WE professed, and went back "
"But," replied an old brother.
"Did he ever profess and go
forward?" And there is no
doubt that *that* is the ques-
tion. It is an easy matter to
make a profession; but the important
matter is *going forward*. Of course, if
one only *professes*, and remains as he
is, he can't be said to go back, for the
simple reason that one must go *forward*
before he can go *back*. A man at the
foot of the ladder has no distance to
drop. And we suspect the reason so
many "go back," as it is called, is sim-
ply that they have never gone forward,
but rested in a mere profession; and
when a professed convert makes a tum-
ble, the remarkable thing is, that the
people who make the most noise about
it are and have always been at the foot
of the ladder. They make such an ado
about So-and-so *falling back*, and yet
So-and-so has only fallen down to where
they are themselves. The true child of
God will mourn over those who go back
instead of rejoicing or talking about it;
and will be always rejoiced to hear of
souls professing *and going forward*.

W. S.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

ON DANGEROUS GROUND.

A GRIM, middle-age parable, with
a meaning in it, tells how the
devil was once challenged for
seizing upon a young man at
the theatre, and how he answered, "
*I found him upon my ground, and so I
took him.*"

Those who enjoy a constant, settled
happiness in Christ, do not, except when
it is a new thing, talk much *about* it;
they talk *out* of it.

A CALM hour with God is worth a
whole lifetime with man.

TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS

HELD

Every Saturday Afternoon,

AT 4.30 O'CLOCK,

Conducted by Hon. S. H. BLAKE, Q.C.

LUTHER AND A DYING STUDENT.

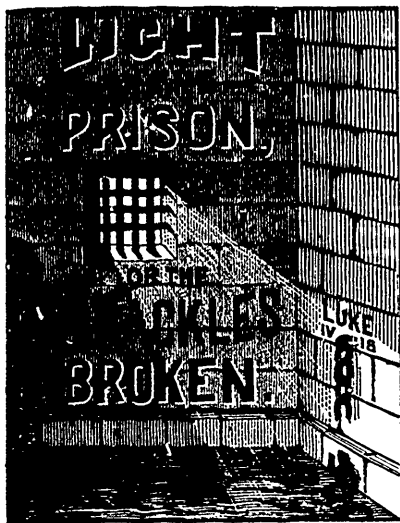
LUTHER once visited a dying
student; for to him it was com-
mon to have resort in cases of
difficulty or extremity. The
good doctor and professor asked
the young man what he should
take to God, in whose presence he was
shortly to appear. The young man re-
plied, "Everything that is good, dear
father—everything that is good!" Lu-
ther, rather surprised, said, "But how
can you bring Him everything that is
good, seeing that you are but a poor
sinner?" The pious youth replied,
"Dear father, I will take to my God in
heaven a penitent, humble heart,
sprinkled with the blood of Christ."
"Truly," said Luther, "this is every-
thing good. Then go, dear son; you
will be a welcome guest to God."

Ho every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters.

Issiah lv. 1.

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.—Psalm xxxiv. 8.

FREEDOM.



AT the closing session of the recent District Conference of Y. M. C. A.'s of Central Ontario, Rev. H. M. Parsons read a letter recently received by a Christian worker. This letter awakened much interest, and has since been published by Mr. S. R. Briggs, of Willard Tract Depository, to whom we are indebted for the use of the cut which we give herewith. We can only publish a brief extract from the letter, but would advise all to procure a copy, and read it in its entirety. The writer of the letter is a prisoner in the Central Prison. Through the teaching of the worker addressed, he was led to see his lost condition, and to look to Jesus Christ as his only Saviour. The opening part refers to his early impressions of the truth. He then says:—

“Your few words which illustrated the sorrow which the Saviour put in His look to Peter after the denial, affected me much; and also the definition

you gave of the reason why Peter was allowed to be tempted and to yield as he did; so that his *human nature* with all its pride, &c., might be subdued and cast away, and replaced by a *spiritual nature* better fitted for the work which he was destined to be called to perform. It led me to a closer searching of my own nature, and I saw I must give it up entirely, and let Christ act through me. Thus I went on, some days feeling very peaceful and at others being torn by doubts, until last Sunday, when you sent your messenger. But I received nothing new from him; that is he was not able to convince or assure me beyond a doubt that I was a saved and accepted child of God. It remained for God himself to do that through his Holy Spirit.

“On Monday evening I came in from my work, depressed in spirit, filled with doubt, and almost ready to pronounce as a fallacy the doctrine of assurance. After supper I knelt down and prayed, oh! how earnestly for light. I arose from my knees, and as I sat thinking, my mind went back to a scene which I witnessed nineteen years ago, in Virginia, U. S., I was then a soldier in the Union Army, and we were on the march towards Farmville, after passing through Petersburg, and as we came in front of a farm house, in front of which were gathered a large crowd of negroes, and when our Colonel came along, one of them asked him if they were free. On his reply in the affirmative, such as heard it shouted as loud as they could, “Glory be to God.” I was thinking of this and of all that freedom meant to them, when suddenly I thought, why, that is my condition! I was a slave to sin, and Christ says, “He that believeth on Me *hath* everlasting life.” Therefore if I believe on Him *I am free*. I then mentally said, I see it all; and right there and then such a feeling of joy came into my heart as I never experienced before. I could have shouted, and had all I could do to refrain. When I went to bed I could not


Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.—Isaiah xlv. 22.

sleep, and it was not until I prayed and asked God, that I was able to sleep or rest. And oh, dear brother, what a place this cell of mine is for me now. I used to find the time awful long, but now it is not long enough, for often just as I get deeply interested in some story in the Bible, out goes the light."

Friend, have you accepted the testimony of God's Word. If not, you are yet a slave A prisoner under condemnation. But thank God the shackles may be broken. Jesus is mighty to save. Only trust Him, NOW.

He will save you,
He will save you,
He will save you, NOW.

WORTH PRESERVING.

 It is better to have a faith which you cannot explain, than to be able to explain a faith which you do not enjoy. Here is a philosopher who understands thoroughly the circulation of the blood, but whose blood, through lack of vital vigor in the heart, is almost stagnant in his veins; and there is a little child, whose blood bounds through its body like a mountain stream, at every pulse, but who does not know that the blood is circulating in its veins. The philosopher would fain change places with the child. Give me, at all hazards, this spiritual life, and let me add a scientific theology if I can. It is better to believe in Christ, to the saving of the soul, although you could not demonstrate the nature and origin of saving faith, than to possess the power of analyzing faith so as to resolve it into its elements, while you do not yourself believe to the saving of your soul.

REMEMBER

—THE—

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Held

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, APRIL 14.

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, APRIL 15.

12 to 12.45 noon.—How the First Easter was Enjoyed by Two Young Disciples. Luke xxiv. 13-36. Rev. J. Salmon.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 16

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Significance of Christ's Resurrection. 1 Cor. xv. 12-26, 50-58 Rev. A. Gay.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ Reveals Himself to the Disciples by a Miracle. Luke v. 1-11 R. Sims.
6.30 p.m.—WORKERS' MONTHLY SOCIAL.

FRIDAY APRIL 18

12 to 12.45 noon.—True Liberty through Christ Alone. John viii. 31-36. Assistant Secretary.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Means of Growth. 2 Peter iii 18; 1 Peter ii. 1, 2; 2 Peter i 3, 8. J. J. Garthshore.

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. H. B. Gordon.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.
Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian Class.

8.20 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. S. R. Briggs.
Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

Railway Men's Meetings.

W. C. JEX, Railway Secretary.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15.

12.30 to 12.55 noon.—In G. T. E. Roundhouse Reading Room. Rev. T. W. Jeffery.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20.

3 p.m.—Union Station. S. R. Briggs and P. Hertz.
4 p.m.—West End Branch (10.20 Queen W.) For speakers, see West End notices below.

West End Branch.

G. F. POPE, Secretary.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15.

7 p.m.—C. L. S. C. Meeting.

8 p.m.—Bible Class. Mr. R. Awde.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20.

4 p.m.—Gospel Meeting. H. J. Brine and R. Connors.