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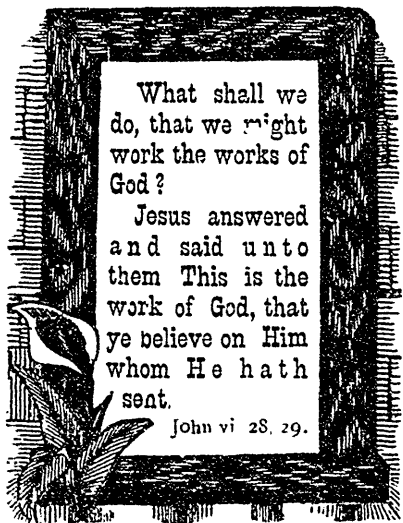
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What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Jesus answered and said unto them This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent.

John vi 28, 29.

WORKERS' MEETING.



PLEASEING and profitable monthly social meeting of our workers was held on Thursday, 15th inst. There was a good attendance, and a deep spiritual tone pervaded the gathering. The reports from the workers in the several committees were such as to call for devout thanksgiving. We question whether any Association in our land is privileged in having a more faithful band of workers. It is a rare occurrence to find a worker on the Boarding House Committee absent from his post, and the effect of such faithfulness is being manifested in the interest taken by young men at the boarding houses in the visits paid. If those strangers could but hear the prayers offered on their behalf, and listen to the suggestions made by the workers as to how they might be reached and won for Jesus, they could not fail to appreciate the work, and the motives which prompt the work. May the day of reaping soon come, is our earnest prayer.

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THE BULLETIN.

WITH increasing demands for this paper, we are looking to Him for whose glory it is published, and when he gives he gives the signal to advance we will gladly obey the order, and send forth additional numbers of this silent messenger.

The Lord has owned the presentation of His word at our meetings, and each week has witnessed some being set at liberty. We praise Him for it.

A MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS

IS HELD

EVERY MONDAY EVENING. FROM 7.30 TILL 9.

In Parlor C. (up stairs) Shaftesbury Hall.

A Member of the Devotional Committee will be in charge.

He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again. - 2 Cor. v. 15.

Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold : but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.—1 Pet. i. 18, 19.

INNOCENT (?) GAMES.



NUMBER of years ago a lady told me a sad story of the fate of a young man whose mother was an acquaintance of hers.

It was in this wise.

The young man was an only child. His parents, being anxious that their child should grow up rightly, studied to know the best course to pursue. His associates were of a worldly character, and if they allowed him to mingle with them they feared he would soon be beyond their reach. To avoid this, and to keep him at home, they concluded to bring into their home the same amusements that would be enjoyed outside, and join with him in them. His mind inclined more especially to various games, including card-playing; and finally anything he suggested they would assent to. Card-playing seemed to be his choice among all his amusements, and so almost every evening was spent in this way.

The boy became quite expert at all games, and soon had a reputation for great skill. When he was about fifteen years old his father died, leaving a considerable property to his wife and child. The family ties were now broken, and home did not seem as before; but the poor boy had learned an art that afterward led to ruin and death.

He grew up into manhood, and spent his leisure hours in gambling saloons. And in one of these dens, in a moment of anger, he struck a blow at one of his companions, which resulted in death.

He was arrested, taken to gaol, tried, and condemned to death. The day before his execution a number of friends were gathered in his cell, when, in their presence he turned to his mother and said—

“Pardon me, my mother, I would bring no reproach upon you. You thought it was right, you meant it for my good; but, my dear mother, it was the games and card-playing that led

me into that gambling saloon. Had I never known how to play cards, I should not have been found in this place.”

It is a quarter of a century since I sat by her fireside, and heard that woman, with tearful eyes, relate this mournful tale. I have never forgotten it, and I record it here as an admonition to other parents, that they may be wise before it is too late.—*Harriet B. Hastings.*

[We would desire this to be an admonition to those Associations, who have introduced or may intend to introduce games into their Rooms. They are a device of the Devil, and it is our firm conviction that in the Great Day when all things shall be revealed, it will be seen that for every young man led to the Lord or brought under the sound of His word by such questionable means, there have been an equal (if not greater) number taught to take their first step in the downward course.

We have in our mind at present an instance somewhat similar to the above. The games were introduced by the Father who hoped thereby to keep his sons at home. He learned to play so that he might take part with his sons, but soon they were able to beat him in every game, and it became monotonous. They therefore looked for abler antagonists, which the Billiard Room furnished, and soon the father had to mourn the folly of which he had been guilty.

The old rat's advice to the young one, when it was asking as to the best way in which to get a piece of cheese out of the trap without being caught, was “Don't try it. So we say to Associations, in all branches of their work. “Don't try this plan” it is dangerous. But as our words may not have much weight we call attention to God's word. “Abstain from ALL APPEARANCE OF EVIL.” 1 THESS. V. 22]

Ye are not your own For ye are bought with a price. therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.—1 Cor. vi. 19, 20.

Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.—Col. iii. 17.

HE LEADETH.



OW much profit we may gain by looking around and tracing God's hand in the experience of others or of ourselves. To give an illustration: On Saturday evening, 10th inst., there stood in the ranks of our choir a young Christian, a comparative stranger in the city, no friends or relatives, and but little of this world's goods belonging to him. But he "had Christ in the Heart," and gladly joined in "singing unto the Lord." On Tuesday a person came into the Rooms to say a man had taken a fit in the street at our door and they had carried him up into one of the passages. We hastened out to have him brought and laid on a lounge in the parlor,—then we recognized in the sufferer, the young singer. A doctor was sent for, who pronounced him far gone with inflammation of the lungs. A carriage was secured and he was taken to the Hospital to be cared for (as we intended) at the expense of our Association. But while he lay in our rooms a member of the Association dropped in, after his lunch, to read. He saw the sick one and recognized in him one who had been attending the same church. Next day he informed us that he had spoken to the minister and that the church would defray his hospital account. The young sufferer has been visited several times, and we hope may recover. But now for the lesson: That young man had been ordered by a doctor to procure medicine. He came to a druggist on Queen street and was on his way to his residence when he fell at our door. Now why did he not go to some other druggist on some other street? Why should he fall at our door? Why should one of our members be entering at the time and suggest his being carried up stairs? Why should a fellow church member drop in just as he was lying there ill? CHANCE, says the worldling. GOD'S HAND we say. He led the sufferer to the only spot in

Toronto where could be found several who knew him and would be likely to care for him. "He doeth all things well," even in the apparently small matter of directing a sick and feeble child of His. Are you, dear reader, able to say "He leadeth me." If not, you may become one of His flock now "this moment." He is the "GOOD shepherd," and will lead to "quiet waters." "Only trust Him."

"**D**O you think that you have been born again?" "I think I have." "Well, whose work is that?" "Oh, God did a part, and I did a part." "Ah, what part did you do?" "Why, I opposed God all I could, and He did the rest."



SAYS William Jay: "One of the most useless of all things is to take a deal of trouble in providing against dangers that never come. How many toil to lay up riches which they never enjoy, to provide for exigences that never come, sacrificing present comfort and enjoyment in guarding against the possible wants, of a period they may never see."

YOUNG MEN'S

BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

Conducted by the General Secretary.

ALL INVITED.

Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.—Matt. xxv. 40.

REMEMBER

—THE—

Young Men's Meeting,

HELD

EVERY SATURDAY EVENING.

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME!

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,
AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES

COME!

Bulletin for Week Commencing Feb. 26, 1883.

MONDAY.....	Feb. 26....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING Secretary,
				7.30 P.M. MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C."
				8.00 P.M. WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 27....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Penitent, but too late. Gen. xxvii. 30-38; Heb. xiii 16, 17; Prov. i. 25, 33. W. Marks.
WEDNESDAY..	" 28....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Wh. re am I laying up my treasures. Matt. v. 19-21. John vi. 27. F. Aston.
THURSDAY...	March 1....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Second Com- mandment. Ex. xx. 4, 6; 2 Cor. x. 3-5. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY.....	" 2....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Looking unto Jesus. Assist. Sec.
				8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SATURDAY ..	" 3....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. We ought to obey God rather than man. Acts v. 29. J. J. Gartshore.
				4.50 P.M. TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. S.H. Blake, Q.C.
				8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. "He is able." J. J. Findlay.
SUNDAY.....	" 4....	3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs.
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. S. R. Briggs

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, March 4, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meetings at Union Station, and Credit Valley Station, Parkdale.