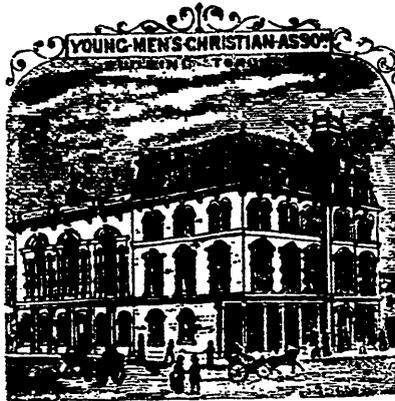


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**"JESUS CHRIST
came into the world
to save sinners; of
whom I am chief."**

—1 Tim. i. 15.

A NEW YEAR'S PROMISE.

"Certainly I will be with thee" (Ec. iii. 12.)

"CERTAINLY I WILL BE WITH THEE!" Father, I have found it true:

To Thy faithfulness and mercy I would set my seal anew

All the year Thy grace hath kept me; Thou my help indeed hast been; Marvelous the loving-kindness every day and hour hath seen.

"CERTAINLY I WILL BE WITH THEE!" Let me feel it, Saviour dear Let me know that Thou art with me, very precious very near.

On this day of solemn pausing, with Thyself all longing still.

Let Thy pardon, let Thy presence, let Thy peace my spirit fill.

"CERTAINLY I WILL BE WITH THEE!" Blessed Spirit come to me.

Rest upon me, dwell within me let my heart Thy temple be;

Through the trackless year before me, holy One, with me abide!

Teach me, comfort me, and calm me, be my ever-present Guide.

"CERTAINLY I WILL BE WITH THEE!" Starry promise in the night!

All uncertainties, like shadows, flee away before its light.

"CERTAINLY I WILL BE WITH THEE;" He hath spoken; I have heard!

True of old, and true this moment, I will trust Jehovah's word.

—Frances Ridley Havergal.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE WEEK OF UNITED AND UNIVERSAL PRAYER.

JANUARY 2-9, 1880.

IN accordance with the usual custom, arrangement has been made by the Alliance for observing the Week of Prayer according to the following programme:

Monday, Jan. 3.

PRaise AND THANKSGIVING FOR ALL BLESSINGS.

Shaftesbury Hall, 4 p.m.; chairman, Rev. P. McF. McLeod.

Tuesday, 4th.

HUMILIATION AND CONFESSION.

Shaftesbury Hall, 4 p.m.; Rev. W. S. Blackstock, chairman; and St. Andrew's Church, King Street, at 8 p.m., Hon. O. Mowat, chairman. Addresses by Rev. Dr. Castle and Rev. H. D. Powis.

Wednesday, 5th.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Shaftesbury Hall, 4 p.m.; Rev. John Burton, chairman.

Thursday, 6th.

PRAYER FOR THE YOUNG AND THEIR INSTRUCTORS.

Shaftesbury Hall, 4 p.m.; Rev. Mr. Sims, chairman.

PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS.

Friday, 7th.

Shaftesbury Hall, 4 p.m.; Rev. W. S. Rainsford, chairman; and Baptist Church, Jarvis Street, at 8 p.m.; John McDonald, Esq., chairman. Addresses by Rev. D. J. McDonnell and Rev. H. Baldwin.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.

Saturday, 8th.

Shaftesbury Hall, 4 p.m.; Rev. W. Jolliffe, chairman.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE CLASS.

This class is increasing in attendance and interest. Next Sunday the subject will be, "Waiting for the coming of the Bridegroom." The class is open to all.



FREE OF DEBT.

The Montreal Brethren hope soon to have their beautiful Building "FREE OF DEBT." And this they really expect to accomplish in a *truly legitimate manner!* If any person asks what we mean by these words, we answer, just read the following extract from their last bulletin:

"Three years ago a debt of \$20,000 rested upon this Association, and it was felt to be a great burden and a hindrance to *spiritual* work. Three of the darkest years in the commercial history of this city have passed, when men's hearts have been failing them for fear, and young men have been thrown out of employment, and in many cases, compelled to seek it in other cities, and others have had to face reduced incomes, — and yet through the goodness of God, to-day \$15,000 of that debt has been paid, and the balance of \$5,000 we hope to see cleared off before the close of this present year.

This represents a large number of contributors, many of whom have given out of their poverty, and it is a special cause for gratitude that this has been accomplished *without recourse to any of the "questionable" modes now so largely adopted in raising funds to carry forward christian work.*

This will give a handsome building for christian work amongst the young men of this city entirely free from any encumbrance, and where they can owe no man anything but LOVE, which is a great debt, not by any means as easily discharged as the \$20,000!

"Praise God from all blessings flow."

OLD ENGLAND.

AT the National Conference of Young Men's Christian Associations, recently held in Manchester, 370 associations were reported in Great Britain and Ireland, and about 107 delegates attended. The meetings were of the most earnest, practical, and encouraging character. A deep tone of spirituality and brotherly unity prevailed them, and it was fully recognized that mere Literary, Moral, or Philanthropic successes, valuable as these undoubtedly are, *do not fulfil* the aims of the Young Men's Christian Association, whose *main object* is to win young men to the love and service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

EXCELSIOR!

The Harrisburg (Pa.) Association has decided to exclude games from their rooms. Their Bulletin says, "Our rooms in the evening have been disorderly. . . The checker and chess boards have ever been the centres of confusion." We wish our Harrisburg brethren every success in their decision to break away from this or any other evil which may have crept in. To other Associations we say "Go thou and do likewise."

"FATHER."

THE Superintendent of an excellent Asylum for deaf and dumb children had a little girl placed under his care. She was about twelve years of age, the idol of her father, who was a gentleman of wealth. No doubt he loved her all the more tenderly because of her affliction, and often had he longed with unutterable desire to hear even one word from her lips. But she could neither speak nor hear.

Having been placed in the Institution by her father, he returned to his distant home, and did not see her again for several months. Meanwhile by constantly imitating the movement of her teacher's lips she had learned to pronounce one word. At length her father, who knew nothing of her attainment, announced that he was coming to see his child, and with intense eagerness she waited for the time of his arrival. He had no sooner left his carriage than she flew along the walk to meet him.

And it is not strange that in the joy of beholding her again, he forgot for a moment the great sorrow that darkened her young life. Just as she reached him, and he was in the act of pressing her to his breast, she looked up, and exclaimed, "Father!" So sudden, so unexpected was the sound, he fell to the ground overcome by his emotions, and wept and cried aloud for very gladness at hearing from those sweet, dumb lips the word "Father!"

Has it ever occurred to the doubting Christian that he could give joy to the great loving heart of God by looking up into His face, and saying in the confidence of an unflinching faith, Father? Was it not the purpose of our Lord in going to the cross that the tongue of the dumb should speak? "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." (Rom. viii. 15.)

Bulletin for Week Commencing January 3, 1881

MONDAY.....	Jan. 3....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING & PRAISE MEETING. Ps. cxlvii; 2 Cor. ix. 11. Rev. J. Smith.
	"	8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. H. A. Bruton
TUESDAY....	" 4 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Humiliation and Confession. Dan. ix. 3-19. Rev. H. Melville.
WEDNESDAY ..	" 5 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Prayer for the Church of Christ. Eph. iv. 1-16; Ps. lxxxv. 6-8. Rev. W. S. Blackstock.
THURSDAY....	" 6 ...	12.00	M.	Prayer for Educational Institutions, Y. M. C. A., and the Press. Prov. iv. 1-13; 1 Tim. iii. 14-17. Rev. A. Gilray.
FRIDAY	" 7	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. For all Nations. 1 Tim. ii. 1-8. W. H. Howland.
		8.00 P.M.		Boys' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY	Jan. 8.....	12.00	M.	Prayer for Christian Missions. Isa. lii; 4.50 P.M.—TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
		8.00 P.M.		—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. The Subject of Rejoicing. Luke x. 17-20. Mr. Adams.
				Mark. xvi. 15-20. W. Anderson.
SUNDAY.....	" 9....	9.30 A.M.		WORKER'S MEETING FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY.
		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, Jan. 3, 9 00 P.M.—At Union Station.—A. MUNRO and MR. MUTCH.
At Nipissing Station.—Messrs BUILDER and BOYLE.

COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every MONDAY 8 P.M.—23 Portland Street. THURSDAY 8 P.M.—11 Monck Street, and 61 Sackville St.

FREE CLASSES.

ELOCUTION.....	MR. R. LEWIS.....	MONDAY, 8 P.M.
PHONOGRAPHY.....	MR. R. McNAB.....	MONDAY and SATURDAY, 6.45 P.M.
BOOKKEEPING.....	MR. McINTYRE.....	TUESDAY, 8 P.M.
DRAWING.....	MR. H. B. GORDON.....	FRIDAY, 8 P.M.
GYMNASIUM (for Young Men).....		MONDAY and THURSDAY, 8 P.M., SATURDAY, 4 to 6 P.M.
GYMNASIUM (for Boys)	MR. BRUTON...	MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY 4.30 to 6 P.M.

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