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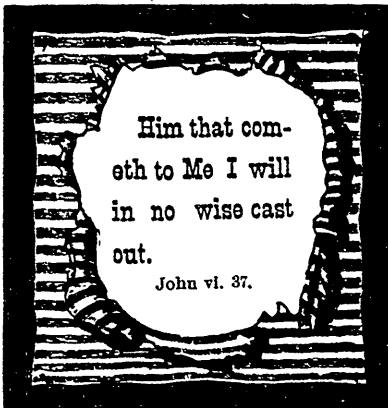
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A REQUEST REPEATED.

Will our Christian friends please remember in their prayers the work of this Association. Arrangements are being made for special services for Young Men, to be held about October. We need wisdom and guidance. Please pray for us.

BULLETIN FUND.

Workers	\$1 95
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WORKER'S SOCIAL

THE regular Monthly Social of our Workers was held Tuesday evening last. There were over fifty present, and a very profitable and pleasant evening was spent. The Lord has blessed the work in all the departments, and there is a growing spirit of unity among the workers. In fact anything like discord even in the mildest possible form is unknown in our ranks. The only desire appears to be for the advancement of the work and the salvation of souls. The "God of peace" rules, and many of the brethren experience, in its full sense, the "peace of God."

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,
AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME

I am the Good Shepherd: the good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.—John x. 11.

As the Father knoweth Me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down My life for the sheep.—John x. 15.

CAME ALMOST THE WHOLE CITY TOGETHER TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. (Acts xiii. 44.) It is easier to get a thousand men to hear the word of God than to induce one man to follow its teachings. The work of the preacher is by no means done when he has gathered a great many hearers. If he has well-nigh a whole city to listen to him, that fact does not, in itself, prove that he is a winner of souls. If, on the other hand, he has only a very few to hear him, he may be doing a great work for God's cause. When, as our Lord preached the Gospel, "there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another," in their desire to hear Him, there were, as we have reason to think, smaller immediate results in the conversion of souls than when He had only one listener by the well of Samaria. It is not in the numbers who listen to us, but in the blessing which God gives to our labours, that the secret of our success is found.

IT is a crowning glory of the religion of the Bible—the one true religion—that it opens the possibility of a *friendship* with God. Other religions—all the false religions—teach men to *fear* the gods, and even show the possibility of *servng* the gods; but only the religion of the Bible gives the conception of God as the Friend of those who are brought into trustful communion with Him.

TRAINING CLASS

For Christian Workers,
EVERY THURSDAY, at 8 P.M.

Conducted by the Secretary.

All Christian Workers Invited.

STRANGERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

That the Rooms of the
TORONTO YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN
ASSOCIATION,

ARE IN ITS BUILDING,
SHAFTESBURY HALL
Corner Queen and James Sts.,
ONE BLOCK WEST OF YONGE STREET.

Rooms open daily from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m.
You will be cordially welcomed.

"ABLE TO KEEP."

A SWEDISH officer was speaking to me in Stockholm about four years ago. He had been very fond of the world, and was not a man of strong character. He said to me: "I know it's all right; but I do not like to begin, because I do not think I have the power to keep at it." I said, "I am quite sure you have not the power." Taking out my pencil, and placing it in my hand, I said, "Look at this pencil; why does it not fall?" "Because you hold it up." "If I did not hold it up, what would happen?" "It would fall." "Now then, it is not any power in the pencil, but a power outside the pencil, that keeps it from falling. When God undertook to save man, He was going to be the power that was to hold up for ever and ever the poor sinner who should trust Him. Therefore, God pledges Himself that He will bring the weakest believer in the universe safe to glory."

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every Sunday Afternoon,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

I am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger.
John vi. 35.

I am the Living Bread which came down from heaven.

John vi. 51.

"THAT'S THEE, JEM!"



CBAND or "troupe" of young men with hands and faces blackened, and dressed in very grotesque costumes, arranged themselves before a gentleman's door one day for an exhibition of their peculiar "performances." After they had sung some comic and some plaintive melodies, one of the party stepped up to the door, tambourine in hand, to ask for a few "dropping pennies" of the people. The gentleman, taking a Bible out of his window, addressed the youth:—

"See here, young man," he said, "I will give you a shilling, and this Book besides, if you will read a portion of it among your comrades there, and in the hearing of the by-standers."

"Here's a shilling for an easy job!" he chuckled out to his mates; "I'm going to give you a 'public reading!'"

The gentleman opened at the fifteenth chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, and, point-

ing to the eleventh verse requested the young man to commence reading at that verse.

"Now, Jem, speak up!" said one of the party, "and earn your shilling like a man!"

And Jem took the Book, and read. There was something in the voice of the reader, as well as in the strangeness of the circumstances, that lulled all to silence; while an air of seriousness took possession of the youth, and still further commanded the rapt attention of the crowd.

As he read on, "That's *thee*, Jem!" ejaculated one of his comrades,—"*it's just like what you have told me of yourself and your father!*"

The reader continued. . . . "Why, that's *thee* again, Jem!" said the voice,—"*Go on!*"

"And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him."

"That's like us all!" said the voice, once more interrupting; "*we're all beggars; and might be better than we are! Go on; let's hear what came of it.*"

And the young man read on, and as he read, his voice trembled—"And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father—!"

At this point he fairly broke down, and could read no more. All were impressed and moved. The whole reality of the past rose up to view; and, in the clear story of the Gospel, a ray of hope dawned upon him for his future.

That day—that scene—proved the turning-point of that young prodigal's life.

As a further guarantee of the truth of this narrative, I append my name to the story.

ROBERT MAGUIRE, M.A.,
Vicar of St' Olave, Southwark.

I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.—John xiv. 6.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening, at 8.30.

GOOD SINGING. SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.

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YOUNG MEN.

ANYTHING that will teach and instruct young men in the ways of wisdom, virtue, and righteousness, is of great importance and value. Hence, we say to young men, If you wish to make your mark in the world, to be respected by the truly respectable, to acquire a competence of the things of this world, to rise to honor and usefulness in life, to be men in the best sense of the word, to enjoy the favor of God and good men, and to have a well-cherished memory and a blessed destiny, then observe these rules:

Hold integrity sacred.
Observe good manners.
Endure trials patiently.
Be prompt in all things.
Make few acquaintances.
Pay your debts promptly.
Lie not for any consideration.
Yield not to discouragements.
Join hands only with the virtuous.
Dare to do right; fear to do wrong.
Watch carefully over your passions.
Respect the counsel of your parents.
Fight life's battle bravely, manfully.
Question not the veracity of friends.
Keep your mind from evil thoughts.
Consider well, then decide positively.
Never try to appear what you are not.
Sacrifice money rather than principle.

Go not into the society of the vicious.
Use all your leisure time for improvement.

Attend carefully to the details of your business.

Injure not another's reputation in business.

Do your duty to God and man.

Take the word of God for your guide.

Live in all things for a heavenly destiny.

Selected.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31.

Bible Class at 3 p.m., and Gospel and Song Service at 8.30, followed by an enquiry meeting at 9.15. All invited.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

12 noon.—Thanksgiving and Praise Meeting. The Secretary.

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.

9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

12 to 12.45 noon.—What Our Lord Says About Profanity. Ex. xx. 7; Lev. xxiv. 16; Matt. v. 33-37. Rev. J. Salmon.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ Seeks to Save All Luke xv. 8-10; 1 Tim. ii. 4. S. R. Briggs.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Sad Res'ts from a Wrong Beginning Luke xv. 11-17; Waste, 13, Want, 14, Wretchedness, 15, 16, Woe, 17. Rev. H. Melville.

8.00 p.m.—WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS. The Secretary.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Watchfulness Repeatedly Urged Mark xiii. 34-37. R. Sims.

7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Trust in the Help of Man is Vain. Isa. xxxi. 1; xxx. 1-3; Heb. xiii. 6. Assistant Secretary.

7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.

8.00 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

C. S. Gzowski, Jr.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. — B. Gordon.

Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bugden.

Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

Italian's Class.

8.30 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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

3 p.m.—Union Station. J. Greene and R. Connors.

3 p.m.—Y. M. C. A. Tent, York.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.