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This is the condemnation, that light is come into the Represent the time is apworld, and men loved darkness rather than light, be- shall regret its discontinuance. But why should this be the area? cause their deeds were evil.

John iii. 19

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## OUR BOYS.

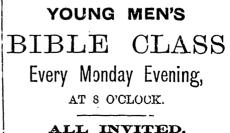


UR boys Branch held its Annual Picnic on Saturday, 14th inst. The place chosen was High Park. There was a good attendance, and the Boys enjoyed the day's pleasure. Games of Foot-ball, Lacrosse, &c., were heartily en-gaged in, and the prizes awarded were thankfully received. The Commissariat Department was well cared for, and added to a feast of good things of a sub-stantial nature, the boys were provided with an abundance of Strawberries and Cream. The party returned to the city about 80'clock p.m., and the unanimous verdict of the boys was "the best pic-nic we ever had."

### "OUR BULLETIN."

b dicate that the time is ap-proaching, if not already reached, when we must discontinue the Bulletin. Speak-

why should this be the case? If its mis-sion is done, we should not desire to continue a useless publication We ad-mit that we are but short sighted at best, and it is therefore easy to account for our being convinced of the useful-ness of the work, and in fact, to express our anxiety as to the success of some branches of our work without its aid. We do not wish to act hastily in the matter, and in fact our desire to avoid this, has led us to depart somewhat from our first decision not to continue it a week unless funds were furnished. We ask our friends to make this a subject of prayer, that we may be rightly di-rected. We shall (D. V.) publish up to 1st August after which date we shall cease, unless there are unmistakable tokens that the Lord has yet a work for the Bulletin to accomplish.



Believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. John xii. 36.

Take heed that the light which is in thee be not darkness. Luke xi. 35.

## DON'T FAIL

N our last issue we asked that every member should read the reprint of a circular just issued. The following is the circular referred to. We now say DON'T FAIL to respond to it:

#### Toronto, July 12th, 1883.

My Dear Sir,-You are doubtless aware that an effort is now being made having in view the liquidation of the debt resting upon Shaftesbury Hall, and making greatly needed alterations and additions to the building, thereby ensuring greater efficiency in the work | ly attend where you might think it adof the Association. If this effort is to succeed, our "Young MEN" must come I inclose you a few "Postal Card" to our help. The merchants of Toronto forms of notification, and we trust that have nobly responded, and most generous subscriptions have been given, but there still remain over \$8000 to be secured, and we feel certain that you, as a member, having the welfare of the Association at heart, will be delighted to share in the work of placing the Association upon a firm financial basis.

Among our membership there must be, at least 100 young men, who could contribute \$50 each, while a greater number could give \$25, especially when it is borne in mind that the payment of the same will extend over three years, and by quarterly instalments; the first to be paid Dec. 1st. 1883. Added to the material help afforded by such subscriptions, would be the fact that such action would demonstrate to the public that our own members are alive to the importance of the effort.

take the liberty of calling upon you. Yours truly,

> S. H. BLAKE, President, JOHN MACDONALD, Ch. Fin. Com. ALF. SANDHAM, Gen. Secretary.

# "I WAS SICK, AND YE VISITED ME."

HE following circular issued to the Medical Men of Toronto, will explain itself.

To Dr. — with compliments of the Toronto Y. M. C. A.

Toronto, July 9th. 1883.

My Dear Sir, -Feeling assured that you must at times be called upon to attend Young Men, lying ill in Boarding Hou. ses, and to whom an occasional friendly visit would be acceptable; I desire to inform you that we have a Visiting Committee, the members of which will gladvisable, or likely to be acceptable.

with your kind co-operation, we may be enabled to serve our suffering fellow Young Men. I am,

Your's very truly.

The Postal card referred to, reads as follows:---

A Young Man, named ..... is lying ill at.... ... Street.

I have reason to believe that he would be pleased to receive a visit from a member of your Association.

#### CHAUTAUQUA.

UR friends who patronized the excursion to Chautauqua last year, will be pleased to learn that our indefatigable S. S. worker, Mr. Peake has concluded arrangements for a similar

Please return (as early as possible,) (trip this season. The party will leave enclosed slip, stating amount you are by the Chicora on Tuesday Aug. 14th, prepared to contribute. Unless we hear at 7 a.m. Tickets good for 10 days can from you before August 1st, we shall be secured for \$4. In our next number we will give particulars.

Although our Association has no share in the arrangements for this trip, we feel assured that many of our members will be pleased to avail themselves of it.

Take ye heed, WATCH and PRAY: FOR YE KNOW NOT WHEN THE TIME IS.—Mark xiii. 33.

# THE WONDERFUL TELEGRAM.

HE following is taken from a tract published in Glasgow. We, however give the telegram in the regular telegraphic alphabet, and at the foot of the article will be found a key to the same. The telegram is well worthy your perusal, and we sincerely pray that the study necessary to decipher it may fix its grand truths upon the memory and hearts of many.—ED.]

"The Electric Telegraph is chiefly used for the purposes of business. Often circumstances of family life call for its power of rapid transmission. At times it is made the means of spiritual work. A young operator in a provincial town in England became the subject of religious awakening. His soul was burdened with the load of sin. He longed for relief. He would have desired a message in re-assuring words from heaven. He did not expect that one would reach him so soon, and in the way it did—in the line of his own profession.

"It was morning, and he went to his daily duty. The beauty of surrounding scenery had nothing to please his eye. It was peace he needed, the peace of God; and that peace had not come. His soul was engaged in unuttered and unutterable prayer. The pent-up cry of the publican was re-echoing in the chambers of his soul, and his tongue was all but rolling out the words in fervent repetition, "God be merciful to me a sinner!"—The answer was given! He heard the click of his instrument. His office was signalled for a message, and a message came! He took his place. With overwhelming amazement and emotion, he spelled out and recorded the following:—

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"This telegram had been sent by a Christian brother to his sister,—a servant girl, who, under conviction, and in deep distress, had written to him of her great concern. It was a winged arrow from the quiver of the King. It struck home to the heart of her to whom it was despatched, not to wound, but to heal. It gave life to her despairing soul—and she was saved.

<sup>17</sup> Yes, it came to him also to whom it was not sent. It was intended for him to whom it was not addressed. It was a direct response from heaven to his eager prayer; it brought the assurance of love and the comfort of light to his distressed soul. He saw, and received, and rested in the Lamb of God.

"That was, my unsaved reader, a wonderful telegram—and it saved two precious souls. It brought a message of living power to them, and it brings the same to you, if you will but receive it. Will you not do so ?"

## TELEGRAPHIC ALPHABET.

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GOSPEL AND SONG SERVIC Every Sunday Evening A'F 8.30. GOOD SINCINC. SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESS COME.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING Every Saturday Evening.
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FRIDAY " 2713.00	cation. M. Noonday Prayer, A. Gay.
8.00 P. SATURDAY " 2812.00 7.30 P.	M. Boys' Meeting. M. Noonday Prayer. W. Marks. M. Invitation Committee meets for Prayer.
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Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

# **RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.**

SUNDAY, July 29, 3.00 P.M.

Gospel Meeting at Union Station and at West End Branch (1020 Queen W.) Young Men's Meeting every Saturday at 8 p.m., Bible Class every Tuesday at 8 p.m.; Workers Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 7.30 a.m., in the West End Branch Rooms. Noon Meeting every Tuesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in the G. T. R. Roundhouse Reading Room, and every Wednesday at the same hour, in the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Wor' ops.