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Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think of these things.

Phil. iv. 8.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

VISITORS to our Rooms will find the following members of this committee on duty during the evening.

MONDAY.—A. Munro, J. B. Griffith, Chas. Macpherson, R. Anderson.

TUESDAY.—W. Russell, W. N. McFarlane, J. McLellan, W. H. Fairbairn.

WEDNESDAY.—W. Stripp, F. Macpherson, O. H. Allen.

THURSDAY.—J. B. Good, J. Stewart, J. L. Keogh.

FRIDAY.—F. H. Fatt, W. C. Lawrence, R. Anderson, W. H. Gairns.

SATURDAY.—R. Kilgour, J. O. Anderson.

SUNDAY EVENING MEETING.—W. Russell, J. Bolton, R. Anderson, F. McPherson, W. N. McFarlane, W. S. Shipman, J. Stratton.

TRACT WORK.

WE are pleased to report that the number of workers in this department is increasing, and yet there is room for more. As one of the members said at a recent meeting of the Tract Committee: "If we had 100 volunteers we could assign work to all." Who will offer himself for the work? Send in your name to the General Secretary or to Mr. W. N. McFarlane, Chairman of the Tract Committee.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

DURING the past week we have received twelve volumes for our library; also a collection of fifty stereoscopic slides for our parlor. We are still open for similar favors. Do not be afraid of offending us by sending in, even small donations of articles calculated to benefit our library, or embellish our room. We think that a few healthy flower plants would make the room look more cheerful. *Perhaps* we may be wrong. Will some of our kind friends give us an opportunity to decide whether we are right in our thoughts?

THE BIBLE.

Study it carefully,
Think of it prayerfully,
Deep in thy heart let its pure precepts dwell;
Slight not its history,
Ponder its mystery,
None can e'er prize it too fondly or well;
Accept the glad tidings,
The warnings and chidings,
Found in this volume of heavenly lore;
With faith that's unailing,
And love all prevailing,
Trust in its promise of life evermore.

JESUS WEPT.

SORROW.

TN almost every home you will find a bruised and aching heart. The trouble with those who mourn is, that in too many cases, they try to bear their sorrows alone. That may be done; but it will drive color from the cheek, sprightliness from the eye, furrow up the brow and prematurely whiten the locks. It will cast the shadow of age across the very noon of life. No heart is strong enough to long bear alone the mighty strain of some heavy grief. And what folly to do so, when the great Healer is at the door, and, with pitying eye, looks in and wants to be asked to bind up the wounded spirit. That is part of His mission in the world. "He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted." Do you remember how He comforted the weeping sisters of Bethany? Have you never read how He made that poor, sorrow-stricken widow's heart rejoice as she was one day following her only boy to the tomb? Aye, you have often. Well then, know thou that Jehovah is the same "yesterday" to-day and forever." Earth has no sorrow which He cannot heal.—*Selected.*

THE PRECIOUS PROMISES.

THE promises often lose their sweetness because we have been eating the grapes of Sodom. Our taste is at fault. The promises are sweet and rich as ever.

REMEMBER THE EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS,

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COME!

AS AN OX TO THE SLAUGHTER.

Prov. vii., 22.

THERE is nothing in the voice or manner of the butcher to indicate to the ox that there is death ahead. The ox thinks he is going on to a rich pasture-field of clover, where all day long he will revel in the herbaceous luxuriance; but after a while the men and boys close in upon him with sticks and stones and shouting, and drive him through bars into a doorway, where he is fastened up, and, with a well-aimed stroke, the axe fells him, and so the anticipation of the redolent pasture-field is completely disappointed. So many a young man has been drawn on by temptation to what he thought would be paradisaical enjoyment; but after a while influences, with darker hue, and swarthier arm, close in upon him, and he finds that, instead of making an excursion into a garden, he has been driven "as an ox to the slaughter."

TO EVERY MAN HIS WORK.

OUR Lord Jesus has left "to every man his work;" He has something for every young man to do for Him. One evening a lamplighter was going his round. He was not alone, for a little boy ran along by his side, whose great desire it evidently was to have a share in the work. For some time nothing was given him to do, though he made repeated requests. At length, on reaching the foot of a lamp-post, the man put his lantern into the boy's hand, and bade him run up the ladder. Eagerly did the little fellow climb the steps, light the lamp and slip down again, and then with a pleased face he looked up at the light; and thus, after that, they went along the street, the man carrying the ladder, the boy lighting the lamps. The lamplighter's work must have been over sooner than usual that evening, and with less fatigue.—*Word and Work.*

—Dear young Christian, there is work for you in the great harvest-field of this City. There are many dark corners. Will you not join with us in our work of holding forth the word of life—of preaching Jesus "the true Light?"

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

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SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES,

COME!

The Recorder of the city of Montreal in a recent public address, said that in the past four years 45,000 persons were brought into the criminal courts through drunkenness, and 95 per cent of the separation of husbands and wives was from the same cause.

Jesus—the Light of the World.



F a man whose body was radiant and bright, were walking through a land of Egyptian darkness, all who followed him would actually walk in the light, and the closer they kept to him, the clearer their light would be and the safer their walk. He who follows Christ, follows one from whom light streams upon the road we are to go—an illuminated man—laying bare its hidden pitfalls—discovering its stumbling stones—showing all its turnings and windings, and enabling us to walk safely, surely, and cheerfully on the way.

Bulletin for Week Commencing May 29th, 1881.

SUNDAY	May 29	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 & SONG SERVICE. J. Macgregor and S. R. Briggs
MONDAY	" 30	12.00 M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. God's Word unchangeable. Num. xx. 10-13; Deut. xxxii. 48-52. Rev. J. M. Reekie.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY	" 31	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. A Picture from Life. 2 Kings viii. 7-15; Mark vii. 21-23; Jer. xvii. 9. Rev. Dr. Potts.
WEDNESDAY	June 1	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. A Prevention of Sin. Ps. xxxvii. 31; cxix. 9-16. Rev. J. F. Ockley.
THURSDAY	" 2	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. God's people Divinely fed. Ex. xvi.; 4, 14-27; John vi. 31-35. Rev. E. M. Botterill.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKER'S BIBLE CLASS.
FRIDAY	" 3	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. A joyful reception of Jesus. Luke xix. 1-10. W. P. Crombie
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY	" 4	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Jesus lifted up. John xii. 20-36. W. Marks.
		4.50 P.M.	TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. A young man's safety. Prov. ii. 1-9. S. R. Briggs.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, May 29, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station.—Messrs. Hon. J. McMURRICH and Rev. JOHN SALMON.

At Nipissing Station.—Messrs. JOS. GREENE and WM. ANDERSON.

NOON PRAYER MEETING—Toronto, Grey and Bruce R. R. Workshops every WEDNESDAY at 12.30.

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