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Blessed is he
whose sin
is covered.

Psalm xxxii. 1.

IMPROVEMENTS.

SHAFTESBURY HALL is at present undergoing repairs. The platform is being lowered, and the entire wood, iron work and seats painted.

The Board at its last meeting decided that during the time those repairs were being made, the Gospel and Song Service, usually held in the Hall at 8.30 (Sunday evening) would be held in the Parlor for men only, at the usual time. We hope to be able to occupy the Hall again early in September.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,
AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL WELCOME.

HE SLEEPS.

DEATH has again made a break in our membership, in the removal of Wm. H. Harris, aged 21 years, who died, after a brief illness, on 10th August, at the residence of his father, 67 Avenue Road.

Our brother's time on earth was short, but we have the blessed assurance that he now rests in peace, in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. Our prayer is, that Divine comfort may be the portion of those loved ones who are left to mourn his loss.

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." 1 Thess. iv. 14.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every **MONDAY** Evening,
AT 8 O'CLOCK,

The Lord our God is holy.
Psalm xcix. 9.

Let us go forth, therefore, unto Jesus.

Heb. xiii. 13.

GOOD ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN.

PRESIDENT PORTER, of Yale, recently gave this sound and wholesome advice to the students:— Young men, you are the architect of your own fortunes; rely on your own strength of body and soul, take for your star self reliance, inscribe on your banner 'Luck is a fool, Pluck is a hero.' Don't take too much advice; keep at the helm and steer your own ship, and remember that the art of commanding is to take a fair share of the work. Think well of yourself; strike out; assume your own position; rise above the envious and the jealous. Fire above the mark you intend to hit. Don't swear; don't deceive; don't marry until you can support a wife, advertise your business; love your God and fellowmen: love truth and virtue, love your country and obey its laws " And we might add, don't use tobacco in any form. It is doubtful if there is a more common or filthier habit than tobacco chewing. How ladies can allow their male associates to use it in their presence is more than we can account for. When will the time come that young ladies will use their influence against this loathsome habit, and also that of using intoxicating drinks? Will it ever? God grant that it is not far distant.

It is the nature of sin to obtain great power by little beginnings.—Anon.

WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS EVERY THURSDAY,

AT EIGHT P.M.

All young men who desire to be better fitted for Christian work are invited to attend this meeting.

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,
EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

RELIGION IN COMMON LIFE.

ANTHONY the Hermit was told, in a dream, that there was a shoemaker in Alexandria who was to be a sharer of his immortal glory. Anthony was astonished, and hastened to Alexandria to see him; for he thought that the shoemaker must be a most excellent highly-gifted man to be fit for his company in heaven. When he came to him, he found him at his work, by which he supported his family, and, said to him "My friend, I know that you, serve God faithfully: I pray you, tell me what you do, what you eat, what you drink how or when do you pray? Are you in the habit of watching and praying all night?" "By no means," said the shoemaker "but morning and evening I thank God for His gracious protection; and I pray that He will forgive all my sins for Christ's sake; then I pray that He would continue to guide me by His Holy Spirit, and not give me up to temptation. When I have offered my prayers, I again go diligently to my leather, and work for the support of my family; beyond this I do nothing, except to take care that I do nothing against my conscience."

We see the faults in a picture by comparing it with a perfect picture. We see how small we are by standing beside those much larger. So Christ convicts men of sin by His perfect life. So all good men convict bad men of sin, and hence are hated by them.—*Selected.*

Without the camp, bearing His reproach.

Heb. xiii. 13.

The only wise God.
Jude 25.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.
Conducted by General Secretary.
ALL INVITED.

"THE SAME GOD."

THE sweet simplicity of the following incident, quoted from the *Vermont Chronicle*, is what gives it special interest. Johnnie was a little boy sent by his mother on a long journey into the country, and put into the charge of a lady friend. They had arrived at a hotel for the first night when the story begins.

After supper Johnnie went to bed.

"Shall you leave the light?" he asked.

"What would your mother do?"

"Oh, she would not leave it."

"Do you want to offer your prayers before I leave you?"

"I don't think I can pray in this place."

"Did I not hear your mother say to you, just before you left her, 'Remember, your prayers to-night?'" "yes."

"Did your father ask the Lord to take care of his little son on the journey, at family prayers this morning?" "yes."

"And we have had a safe journey; do you not want to thank God?"

"I don't think I can in this strange place."

"We have had a very pleasant ride."

"Yes we have."

"And now don't you want to thank thank God for it?"

Johnnie was silent.

"I presume your mother went to her room, as soon as we left her, to ask God to take care of us."

"Yes she said she would."

"Don't you want to thank Him yourself?"

Johnnie started up in bed. "Why is it the same God here in Lexington that my mother prays to in Boston?"

"Yes, the same. 'The same Lord who loved the little children when He was on the earth; the same who called little children to come to Him, and took them in His arms and blessed them.'"

Oh, I know Him, and I love Him! I forgot it was the same God here," and clasping his hands, Johnnie offered "Our Father" and "Now I lay me," and then followed a few loving words of his own, as he was accustomed to do. As the lady was leaving him he said, "You may take the light, *I am not afraid now*. I forgot it was the same God here too. I know him; I am not afraid now."

"BY THE GRACE OF GOD I AM WHAT I AM."

TWO or three years before the death of the eminent John Newton, when his sight was become so dim that he was no longer able to read, an aged friend and brother in the ministry called on him to breakfast. Family prayer succeeding, the portion of the Scripture for the day was read to him. It was taken out of Bogatsky's Golden Treasury. "By the grace of God I am what I am." It was the pious man's custom on these occasions to make a short familiar exposition on the passage read. After the reading of this text he paused for some moments, and then uttered the following affecting soliloquy:—

"I am not what I *ought* to be! Ah! how imperfect and deficient! I am not what I *wish* to be! 'I abhor what is evil,' and I would 'cleave to what is good!' I am not what I *hope* to be! Soon, soon I shall put off mortality, and, with mortality, all sin, and imperfection! Yet, though I am not what I *ought* to be, nor what I *wish* to be, nor what I *hope* to be, I can truly say, I am not what I *once* was—a slave to sin and Satan; and I can heartily join with the Apostle and acknowledge, 'By the grace of God I am what I am.'"

I will put my spirit within you.
Ezek. xxxvii. 14.

REMEMBER
THAT A
BOY'S MEETING

IS HELD

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING,

At 8 o'clock, in Parlor "B" Shaftesbury Hall.
ALL BOYS INVITED.

POWER.

IT is well for our workers never to forget the true source of genuine power in Christ's service. We have a beautiful home, well adapted to our work, but our facilities will avail nothing unless our work is done in the power of our blessed Lord.

"Ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Let us more than ever be earnest in seeking His help and mighty presence Who can make weakness strength and ignorance wisdom.

A MOMENT of time is a moment of mercy.

God's forgiveness is deep as the ocean high as the heavens, and broad as eternity.—J. H. Evans.

THE best portion of a man's life is that devoted to little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love.—Anon.

THE Christian grows: First by "appropriation." God expects us to seize the precious truths of His word and assimilate them to our spiritual life. Many admire without appropriating. Second, by "obedience." Third, by "diffusion." The church is like the fire-fly. On the wing she glows, when she rests she grows dim. Christ gave himself for us only that we may give him unto others.—*Bishop Baldwin.*

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

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

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BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. General Secretary.

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The By-Path. 1 Kings xii. 26-33; Jer. vi. 16. J. Bousfield.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26.

12 to 12.45 noon.—How can I Make the Most of Life? Ecc. xii. 13, 14; Matt. vi. 33-35. R. Hall.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Am I Self-confident? Matt. xxvi. 31-35; 1 Cor. x. 12. J. M. Robertson.

8 p.m.—WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Lost by Dallying with Sin. *Strength*, Jud. xvi. 16-19. *Sight and Liberty*, Jud. xvi. 21. *Life*, Jud. xvi. 29, 30. R. Merryfield.

7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ our Hope. 1 Tim. i. 1; Ps. xlii. 5-11. Assist. Secretary.

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

8.00 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Testimony and Consecration Meeting. What has God done for me? What will I do for Him? C. S. Gzowski, jr.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30.

9.30 a.m.—Beginner's Bible Class. Assistant Secretary.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. General Secretary.

" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service For Men only. S. Caldecott. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Sec'y.

Railway Men's Meeting.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27.

7.30 p.m., for one hour.—At York. Cottage Meeting at John Lee's; address by W. C. Jex.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30.

GOSPEL MEETINGS.

3 p.m.—Union Station. Jas. Gibb and Chas. Hastings.

3.15 p.m.—At York. W. C. Jex and Richard Connors.