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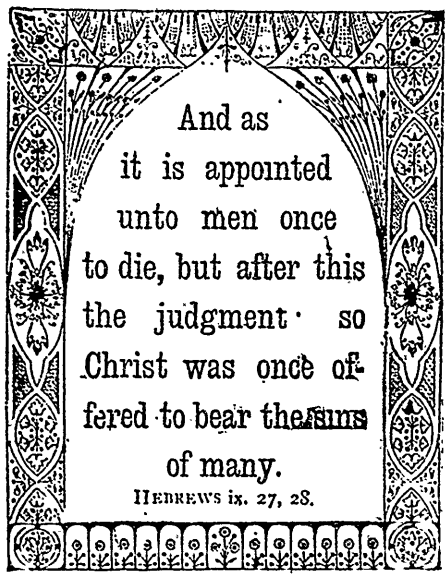
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And as
it is appointed
unto men once
to die, but after this
the judgment: so
Christ was once of-
fered to bear the sins
of many.

HEBREWS ix. 27, 28.

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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.

LECTURE.

ON Tuesday last, our worthy Librarian, Mr. W. A. Douglas, delivered the second Lecture of our "Members' Course," and, to quote the words of one of the audience, "I never listened to a lecture which conveyed such an amount of information in such a brief compass." We are not astonished at this, for we know of no man better fitted than Mr. Douglas to deal with such a subject.

There was a large attendance, and a marked appreciation of the Lecturer's services. Mr. R. Kilgour occupied the chair,

He remembered that they were but flesh.
Psalm lxxviii. 39.

Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope.
Zech. ix. 12.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL WELCOME.

MONTHLY SOCIAL.



ON Thursday next, 29th inst., our workers Monthly Social will be held. Tea will be served at 6-30 and the usual exercises of Praise, Prayer, Testimony and Reports of work will be taken up at 7-45.

We shall expect to see our workers turn out as usual in full force, and we trust they will come up in the spirit of prayer.

MUSICAL.



THE Devotional Committee is about concluding arrangements for a leader to take full control of the musical part of our services. This has been a weak point with us, and those who have filled the office of General Secretary of an Association know the difficulties in the way of the Musical Committee.

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

Conducted by Mr. S. H. Blake,

EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every MONDAY Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,



OUR heartfelt prayers and sympathies are with our Railway Secretary Bro. Jex, in the affliction which has befallen him in the death of his beloved Mother. She has been ill for several months of an incurable disease, (Cancer), and during the time of illness suffered very much. She passed away on Saturday 17th inst., at her residence Cobourg.

We have felt deeply for Bro J., during the past few months. Knowing as we did, that he was laboring earnestly among the Railway men and at the same time was carrying the weight of thought concerning his sick mother at whose side he fain would have been, to cheer her.

May the Lord comfort the bereaved ones.

EVERY duty which is bidden to wait returns with seven fresh duties at its back.

TO BREAK off all known sin because it is offensive to God and ruinous to us is repentance.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS are often like a loosely-tied cord, on the first strain of temptation they slip. They should be tied in a hard knot of prayer. And then they should be kept tight and firm by constant stretching God-ward. If they slip or break, tie them again.

Ask for the old paths, and walk therein.
Jeremiah vi. 16.

When I see the blood, I will pass over you.
Exodus xii. 13.

A SEARCH FOR HONEY.

A WORD TO YOUNG MEN.

"Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee."—Prov. xxv. 16.



HERE is a very mistaken notion abroad among young folks that religion is a melancholy business, that it is the enemy of pleasure, the stern opponent of all that is delightful, and that it puts a strict embargo upon all that goes to make life enjoyable. Its demands are so hard, its restraints so many and so binding, and its general influence so depressing, that nature, especially in the young, rebels against it, and regards its demands as a burden too grievous to be borne.

It is a lie, as false as the devil, the father of lies, who coined it. But perhaps you have been deceived by him, and have been seeking pleasure (or honey) in the world.

My friend—my young friend—you who refuse to seek pleasure and to search for sweet treasure in the same fields as I—what success have you had? Hast thou found honey? Have you found it in your recreations, your amusements, your freer methods of hunting pleasure? Ha! there, you say, we have him on the hip. Religion frowns on recreations, puts a ban on amusements, has a puritanical antipathy to good fellowship. Stop thy impeachment, friend; for, lo! I deny it altogether. Let me tell you what my religion allows, I was going to say *enjoins*, in the way of pleasant recreations. First, *they must do me no harm*. Second, *they must recreate my body*,

brace it up, and leave me readier for after-service. The pleasure that results in weariness, faggedness, lassitude, is not pleasure—you will find precious little honey in that. Thirdly, *they must refresh my mind*: not make it sluggish, heavy, depressed, and ill at ease. The so-called pleasures that stupefy, irritate, make languid, and superinduce "the blues," as you call them, on the morrow, these are ghastly parodies on pleasure, and produce as much honey as you can gather from a whinbush in November. Fourthly, *they must cheer my heart*. In their present influence, in their results, and in their memory; they shall neither vex me with regrets, sadden me with reproach, nor sting me with remorse.

Do I speak to any person whose search for pleasure goes beyond that—who never seeks anything else but pleasure!—who seeks pleasure in immoral enjoyments and sheer sensual delights? I say, hast thou found honey? Nay, verily. Young men! the pleasures of sin are not honey. They may be sweet to the taste. Half the deadliest drugs on the apothecaries' shelves are sweet. Brothers, it is sin! sin! not religion that maketh melancholy. It is sin! sin! not Christianity that saddens the life, blasts the future, breaks the heart and makes the soul weep tears of blood. The world, the foolish, the purblind, call sin pleasure; and the word elicits the loudest laugh of hell! Men and women saunter down into the gay garden of sensual delights and pluck what they call the flowers of pleasure; and unknowingly gather hemlock and henbane, and nightshade and hellebore, and all the herbs that make up the pharmacopœia of the damned! "Be not deceived, God is not mocked." There is no honey in sin; though it is sweet to the tongue, its nature is wormwood, and in the belly it is bitter as gall!

Young men! I know where honey, true honey, the sweets of real delight, lie hidden in rich profusion. In the

The Lord will bless his people with peace.
Psalm xxix. 11.

Bible! Hark you: "How sweet are Thy words to my taste, yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth?" David had found honey! "If My people had hearkened to My word and walked in My way, I would have fed them with honey out of the Rock." They rejected the honey. What say you? Will you accept it, or will you reject it?

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

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

COME

FRESCOES.

The following inscription is from the walls of a church in Lubeck:

You call Me Master—and you do not ask My will.
You call Me Light—and you see Me not, You call Me the Road—and follow Me not.
You call Me Wise—and imitate Me not. You call Me Life—and you desire Me not.
You call Me Good—and love Me not. You call Me Rich—and from Me ask nothing.
You call Me Eternal—and yet do not seek Me.
You call Me Merciful—but do not trust in Me.
You call Me Noble—and do not serve Me.
You call Me the All-powerful—and do not honor Me.
You call Me Just—and do not fear Me. When I condemn you, therefore, blame Me not for it.

—London Baptist.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by MR. H. B. GORDON,

Chairman of Devotional Committee.

ALL INVITED.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25.

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, JANUARY 26.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. W. Marks.
8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ our Redeemer. Gal. iii. 10-13; Titus ii. 11-14. Rev. J. Salmon.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Strong Christians should be Burden-Bearers, not Stumbling-Blocks. Rom. xv. 1-3; 1 Cor. viii. 9-13; Gal. vi. 2. S. R. Briggs.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29.

12 to 12.45 noon.—"I would be a Christian, but—" John i. 12; v. 40. R. Merryfield.
6.30 p.m.—WORKERS' MONTHLY SOCIAL.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

12 to 12.45 noon.—DAY OF PRAYER FOR COLLEGES. An Educated Young Man's Religious Principles Tested. Dan. i. 1-21. Rev. Dyson Hague.
7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Victory, Possessions and Rest lost by Unbelief. Deu. i. 21-26; Heb. iii. 15-10. Assistant Secretary.
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. W. Blackley.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.
" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.
" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.
" Italian Class.
8.00 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 Meeting.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

3 p.m.—Union Station. Jos. Greene and W. C. Jex.