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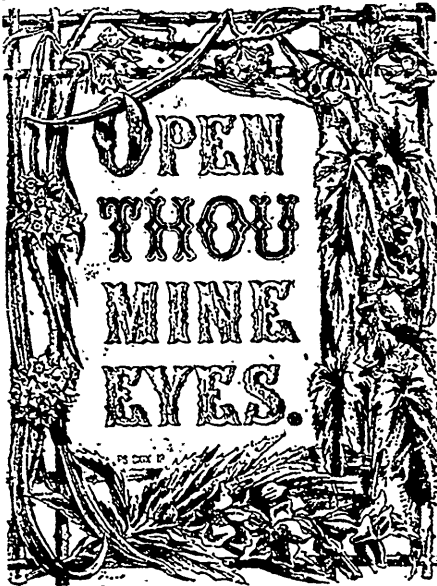
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Workers \$3 40
M. D. 25
Miss R. 1 00

There is a pressing need for additions to this fund.

THE WORK.

THE following Reports (with that of the Boarding House Committee published last week), will furnish some idea of the extent of the work in our Rooms during the month of June:

Report of Meetings from 30th May to 26th June inclusive.

No. of Meetings.	Total Att.	Average.
24 Noon Prayer	324	13
4 Young Men's Meeting	290	72
4 Workers Meeting for Prayer	52	13
4 Young Men's Bible Class	175	44
4 Evangelistic " "	127	32
4 Teachers " "	475	118
4 Gospel and Song Service.	2065	516
4 Enquiry	50	23
4 Boys'	173	40
Average weekly attendance at meetings held in the Rooms		871

Report of Invitation Committee for June 1884:

	Total Wor's.	Avo.	Total In. Distrib.	Avo.
5 Young Men's (Sat)	30	6	2600	520
5 Evang B Class (Sund.)	18	2	700	140
5 Secretary's B. Class	21	4	1450	290
5 Hotels visited once a week, and invitation cards distributed				

TRAINING CLASS

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

Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them.—Matt. xviii. 20.

Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
Matt. xxviii. 20.

TRAINING CLASS.

FOR some time past there has been a growing desire among our workers to become better qualified for service. Many of these young men have but lately become followers of the Lord, and therefore have enjoyed but few privileges in the way of Bible Training. On Thursday evening last, the first session of the Class was held when the Bible Parlor was well filled by a band of happy young workers, who seemed to fully enter into the Psalmist's experience—"Oh! how I love Thy law It is sweeter than honey to my taste."

Until such time as a more thoroughly competent leader can be secured, the General Secretary will take charge of the Class. We shall welcome any young Christian to the Class. It is not confined to our members.

CHAUTAQUA.

MR. Peake has again arranged for an excursion to Chautauqua. While this Association has no connection whatever with the trip, still we trust that many of our Young Men and especially members of the Shaftesbury Hall C. L. S. C. may be able to avail themselves of the cheap ticket to the home of the "circles."

The tickets will be good to leave Toronto by Steamer Chicora between the 12th and 16th August to return up to 26th, thus giving 14 full days. Price \$4. All applications to be made to Mr. Peake, Drawer 2859, Toronto.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

John iii. 17.

OUR BUILDING.

SOME days ago, in conversation with a gentleman, we referred to the Meetings held in our Building. He seemed astonished, and said, "Why! I had no idea that it was so much used!" As there may be others like our friend, we think it well to give the following summary of meetings held by the Association and other Societies:—

BY THE ASSOCIATION EACH MONTH.

- 28 Noon Day Prayer Meetings.
- 4 Gospel and Song Services.
- 4 Teachers' Bible Classes.
- 4 Young Men's Bible Classes.
- 4 Evangelistic Bible Classes.
- 8 Invitation Committee Prayer Meetings.
- 4 General Inquiry Meetings.
- 4 Boys' Meetings.
- 4 Deaf Mutes' Classes.
- 4 Italian Classes (In winter there were three each week).
- 1 Workers' Social Meeting,
And in winter, Educational Classes
four nights each week.

Other Organizations use our Building, as follow:—

- Ministerial Association—Fortnightly.
- Toronto Temperance Reform Association—Monthly.
- Ladies' Christian Temperance Association—Weekly.
- Y. W. Phonography Class } — Weekly.
- Working Girls Fr'dly Soc. }
- Evangelical Alliance Prayer Meeting—Monthly.

Our Rooms are always at the disposal of the ministers or Religious Societies wishing to hold special Committee Meetings during the day. The central position of our Building makes it a convenient place to gather, and we are pleased to say that our Pastors understand that we mean what we say when we invite them to look upon us as "helpers of the churches."

I am the True Vine, and My Father is the husbandman.

John xv. 1.

He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing.—John xv. 5.

THREEFOLD SALVATION.



YOU may remember the ancient fable of the man who was chained to the rocks by his cruel and relentless enemy. At his feet the waves of the sea are rolling in; over his head, and upon his bare shoulders, the rays of a tropical sun are beating; near his lips, but not within reach (for his hands are manacled with heavy chains), is placed a cup of cold water and a biscuit; the man is slowly dying of starvation. Over his head there hovers a huge and rapacious bird of prey. It is just in the act of swooping down to strike its talons into the unhappy man's flesh, when a blow from an unseen hand lays the great bird lifeless at its victim's feet. Recovering his senses, for he had fainted, the captive looks up and perceives the form of his would-be deliverer fading away in the distance. Gathering up all his remaining strength, he cries, in tones of deepest despair, "Hold, hold! come back, come back! You have only half saved me. If you

would deliver me from a more terrible and painful fate, strike off these chains, and set me free." But his voice dies away in the distance, and the retreating form turns not at his prayer.

Now, that was only a half salvation. He was saved from the more immediate death by the bird, only to be left a prey to death by drowning, or the lingering death by starvation. It was at best only a half salvation. But the salvation which the Lord Jesus Christ offers is a full and complete salvation. It is a finished work. The Lord Jesus Christ, by the atonement He has made, takes up the sentence of our condemnation, and, bearing it Himself, leaves behind the precious promise, "Sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the law, but under grace." This salvation is threefold. It is—

1. *Present salvation from the PENALTY of sin.*
2. *Present salvation from the POWER of sin.*
3. *Future salvation from the PRESENCE of sin.*

In this threefold salvation which Christ offers, there is a glorious provision for all your spiritual need. Permit me to ask, in all tenderness and affection, whether you have accepted it? "How SHALL we escape if we neglect so GREAT salvation?" Delay no longer. "NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME;" TO-DAY IS THE "DAY OF SALVATION."

REMEMBER

—THE—

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Held

Every Saturday Evening,

At 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

Then said they all, Art Thou the Son of God? And He said unto them, Ye say that I am.—Luke xxii. 70.

"HE KNOWS."

"HE SAW THEM TOILING IN ROWING."

HE always sees our toils and distresses in this world. We do not see Him, and sometimes we think He has forgotten us, but that is never true. He is never indifferent for a moment. From His place in glory He ever looks down upon us. On the heights of Sedan, while the battle was in progress, stood a group of men, watching the struggle in the plain below. In this group was General Sheridan, and he watched the mighty strife with the keen eye of a soldier. King William was also there, but his interest was different from Sheridan's. His sons were in the thick of the fight, and he watched the battle with the eye of a father as well as of a soldier. Christ looks down upon our struggles in this world. He sees us toiling; all our battles and strifes He sees. He sees us in the waves and in the storms. And He sees us, not with the eye of the calm spectator merely, but with the eye of tenderest love. This is a great thought; if we can only get it into our hearts it will give us wondrous courage in the hour of trial, sorrow or struggle. Jesus knows when the battle is hard, when the night is dark, when the temptation is more than we can bear. He knows and He cares too. His heart is in His eye.

GOD'S almanac has but one day, that is to-day; Satan's almanac has but one day, that is to-morrow.

TIME.

Time *was*—is past; thou canst not it recall;
Time *is*—thou hast; employ the portion small;
Time *future* is not; and may never be:
Time *present* is the only time for thee.

ETERNITY.

A gulf whose large extent no bounds engage,
A still beginning, never-ending age:
Which, when ten thousand thousand years are run,
Is still the same, and still to be begun.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, JULY 13.

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, JULY 14.

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

8 p.m.—Young Men's Bible Class, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 15.

12 to 12.45 noon.—God Punishes Our Neglect of His House. Hag. i. 2-12. R. Merryfield.

WEDNESDAY JULY 16.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Jeroboam—Growth in Sin. 1 Kings xii. 25-33; xiv. 16. Asst.-Secretary.

THURSDAY, JULY 17.

12 to 12.45 noon.—"Were there not Ten Cleansed?" Luke xvii. 11-19. Rev. H. Melville.

8.00 p.m.—WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS. By the Secretary.

FRIDAY, JULY 18.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Successful Fledging of God's Promises in Prayer. Ex xxii. 6-14. Rev. J. Salmon. 7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, JULY 19.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Danger of Refusing to Glorify God. Jer. xiii. 16; Acts xii. 21-23; Mal. ii. 2. Rev. W. C. Young.

7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer. 8.00 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. Geo T. Ferguson.

SUNDAY, JULY 20.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon. Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian's Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. H. O'Brien. 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, JULY 20.

3 p.m.—Union Station. P. A. Hertz and R. Sims.

3 p.m.—Y. M. C. A. Trent, York.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.