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CLASSES

THESE are now in full operation. Any member wishing to join will please do so at once.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE.

THE attendance at the service last Sunday evening was the largest we have yet witnessed. The Hall (ground floor) was full and many were standing. *Young Men* were in the majority.

MEMBERS LECTURE COURSE.

FROM THE LAKES
TO THE
ROCKIES.

A LECTURE BY

ALD. JOHN T. MOORE,

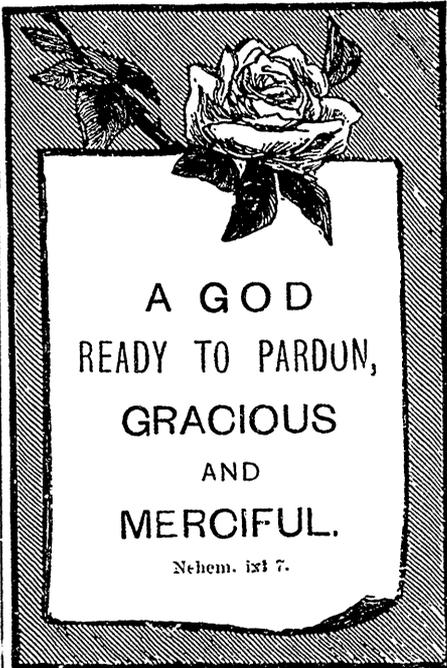
(Manager Saskatchewan Valley
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IN SHAFTESBURY HALL

Tuesday December 16th,

AT 8 P.M.

All Invited, No Admission Fee.



A GOD
READY TO PARDON,
GRACIOUS
AND
MERCIFUL.

Nehem. ix: 7.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETINGS.

THE time at the meeting last Saturday evening was fully occupied by Young Men in testifying as to the Lord's work for and in them. Among the number, several testified to the fact that during the past year they had (in our rooms) been led to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Thou shewest loving-kindness unto thousands.
Jeremiah xxxii. 18.

Forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.
Eph. i. 7

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

THE CHRISTIAN RACE.

"Let us run with patience the race that is set before us looking unto Jesus" (HEBREWS xii. 1, 2.)

"So run, that ye may obtain" (1 CORINTHIANS ix. 24.)

THE GOAL.

ETERNAL LIFE (1 JOHN ii. 25).

THE PRIZE.

"A CROWN OF GLORY that fadeth not away" (1 PETER v. 4).

"The CROWN OF LIFE" (JAMES i. 12.)

"AN INHERITANCE INCORRUPTIBLE, AND UNDEFILED" (1 PETER i. 4).

THE WINNER.

"He that believeth on the Son of God" (1 JOHN v. 10).

READER!—*The Prize is offered to you.*

If we cannot go to God with a broken heart, let us go to him for one.

"THERE is no greater mistake," said Dr. Bushnell, "than to suppose that Christians can impress the world by agreeing with it. No: it is not conformity that we want; it is not being able to beat the world in its own way; but it is to stand apart and *above* it, and to produce the impression of a holy and separate life. This only can give us a true Christian power."

"WILL MY CASE BE CALLED
TO-DAY?"

CMAN had an important case pending in court. The time for trial arrived, and meeting his counsel who had it in charge, he said, "Will my case be called to-day? Are you sure that nothing is left undone? If judgment is pronounced against me, I am a ruined man." His earthly all, hung upon the results of that trial; the decisive day had come and he was anxious to meet the issue successfully.

There is a greater day which draws near; a day when every man's case is sure to be called. There will be no postponement, and there can be no appeal. The issues are vital; the decisions are for eternity. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. What will be the issue of that solemn judgment? Has everything been done that can be done to make an acquittal sure? How is it with each one of us?

Is it not time to seriously consider this important matter? Is it not time to begin in earnest to prepare for the coming of that great and terrible day? God "now commandeth all men everywhere to repent; because he hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

Return unto the Lord: for He will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah lv. 7.

Your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.
1 John ii. 12.

"PLEASE, ALLOW ME."

S was told lately, by a young man who had been in Scotland, that he came one day to a gate, when the gate-keeper's little girl ran down to open it, saying, "You have not to pay anything to pass; you have only to say, 'Please allow me to go through,'" and the gate is immediately opened. The owner just wished to preserve the right of entrance, that was all. So simply "ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."—*Spurgeon.*

THE hankering after applause springs from vanity. What are we? Did we create and fashion ourselves? No; we are His workmanship.

When a boy receives a prize at school, he may hold up his head amongst his fellows saying, "I am better than you!" But had he humility of mind he would go to the master and hand up the prize to him saying, "You taught me, and it is through your kindness and wisdom that I occupy this front position to day."

Inspired by this beautiful spirit, you will not see the redeemed in Heaven wearing their crowns. They are kings, nobler kings than any seen on earthly thrones, but as each receives his glorious crown, he takes it off and kneels down at the feet of Jesus, saying, "Let my crown rest there!" Who could wear his crown in the presence of Jesus, for did He not lay down His life for us? did He not seek us in childhood, in middle age, and some of you in old age, until He found you? And will He not keep by us bearing with us until He has us safe in glory? Come, then, let us in humility of mind, be content, if Jesus gets the praise.

No one is so strong that he can afford to play with sin.

CLEVER atheist informed the public by placards on the wall, that on a certain night he was going to give a lecture, the title of which was "A Plea for my Heresy."

A Christian need not make any excuse for his faith in God; but I think an atheist cannot rest unless he makes some plea or excuse for doubting the existence of the good, loving heavenly Father of whom Jesus teaches. The Christian believer is fixed like a well-built lighthouse on an everlasting rock; but the atheist is like a house on the sand, and a large portion of his time is needed in making excuses for his self-assumed insanity.

THERE is a Gaelic proverb which says, "If the best man had his faults written on his forehead, he would always wear his hat over his eyes." Yes, it is so; but it is a blessing that nobody knows all our faults, excepting God and His angels. A man will strive earnestly to get rid of some great sin, such as drunkenness, or swearing; but should we not also strive to put away our little faults?

For our little errors
Lead the soul away
From the path of virtue,
Far in sin to stray.

Let us try to get rid of anything in us or belonging to us that is contrary to the truth. Let us be open and "above board" in everything we do; and thus adorn the religion of our Saviour.

THE Gospel is **NEWS**, good news for everybody, in every quarter of the world, —North, East, West, and South. Reader, are you helping to carry and deliver the message?

GOD is a sure paymaster. He may pay at the end of the week, month, or year; but I charge you remember He pays in the end.—*Anne of Austria.*

The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.
Titus ii. 11.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES

COME.

REMEMBER

—THE—

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

HELD

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

Bulletin for Week Commencing Dec. 17, 1883.

MONDAY.....	Dec. 17....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. The Secretary.
		8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
		9.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S PRAYER AND TESTIMONY MEETING.
TUESDAY.....	" 18....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. R. Merryfield.
		8.00 P.M.		CLASS IN PHONOGRAPHY. A. Intyre.
WEDNESDAY..	" 19 ..	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. Marks.
		8.00 P.M.		CLASS IN BOOKKEEPING. P. McIntyre.
THURSDAY..	" 20....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. H. Melville.
		8.00 P.M.		CLASS IN ELOCUTION. R. Lewis.
FRIDAY	21 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. N. McFarlane.
		8.00 P.M.		BOYS' MEETING. J. W. Walker.
		" "		CLASS IN DRAWING. H. B. Gordon.
SATURDAY....	" 22....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Asst. Sec.
		4.50 P.M.		TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
		7.30 P.M.		INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
		8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. H. F. Thomas.
SUNDAY	" 23...	3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon
		" "		DEAF MUTE CLASS. F. S. Bridgen.
		" "		CHINESE CLASS. W. M. Morse.
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. H. B. Gordon. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

GOSPEL MEETINGS every Sunday at 3 p.m., 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 Workshops.