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CONVERSAZIONE.

CON Tuesday evening last, our Sixth Annual conversazione was held in Shaftesbury Hall. The attendance was very large, the two galleries as well as the main floor being filled during the carrying out of the programme. The hall and parlors were decorated with streamers bearing the arms of different nations, and appropriate Scripture mottoes. The programme opened shortly after eight o'clock with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. Dr. Potts. Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake in his capacity as president, followed with an address referring to Y. M. C. A. work throughout the world. He showed the good effected by these institutions, maintaining a mutual Christian connection, in the aid which young men were able to receive when they would otherwise be strangers in a strange land. He also referred to the kindly feeling now existing between the association and the ministers of the various denominations, and hoped that the time

would soon come when in every hamlet in the land young men's associations would be working hand in hand with local temperance and religious bodies in the effort to stem the prevalent intemperance of the time. After the conclusion of the address, the formal programme was proceeded with. This was very ably sustained by the ladies and gentlemen named in another part of this article. Rev. Mr. Macdonnell also gave a practical address on the relations of "contentment" and "aspiration," and an exhibition dialogue given by the members of the deaf mute class was pathetically interesting.

At the close of the programme the parlors were thrown open, and the guests enjoyed the preparations made for their entertainment. Among the articles on exhibition were idols, costumes, models and other curiosities from India, China, Palestine, etc., and other matters of interest or scientific exhibits. The "book reception" resulted in an addition of about 250 volumes to the Library.

During the promenade before and after the programme, music was furnished by the Orchestra under the direction of Mr. J. Bayley.

We were much pleased with the tone of the whole entertainment, and feel confident that it resulted in something more than mere amusement. Our aim and desire at all times is to make these gatherings profitable, in the fullest sense of the word, and we desire to record our hearty thanks to the following friends, through whose kindness the evening's entertainment was made such a complete success:

To Miss Jones, organist of Bloor st. Methodist Church, Accompanist; Miss Bcyd, pianist; Miss Clara Dack, Messrs. H.M. Blight and G. C. Warburton, solos; Mr. J. K. Cameron, reading; Revs. Dr. Potts and D. J. MacDonell; Members of

the deaf-mutes' class; T. James Claxton, Esq., of Montreal, for having forwarded, at considerable trouble, his unique and valuable collection of several hundred specimens of curiosities, &c., from India, China, Palestine, and Turkey. Rev. Geo. Cochrane, for the loan of a large collection of Japanese curiosities; T. Claxton, Esq., Yonge street, a collection of rare and curious musical instruments; C. Potter, Esq., galvanic battery and collection of photographs; Notman and Fraser, graphoscope and views; J. Bruce, Esq., cuimenoscope; W. Millichamp Esq., loan of glass cases; Educational Department, concave—convex reflector; Hon. W. C. Howell, U. S. Consul. Mark Irish, Esq., C. S. Gzowski, Esq., Messrs. Rice Lewis and Son, loan of flags; Messrs. King and Yorston, tables and mirrors for dressing-rooms.

WE have received No. 1 of the Association Record, published by the Hamilton (Ont) Association. We trust that Bruton may find the Record a help to him in his work.

SUNSHINE.

THE day had been overcast; suddenly the sun shone out, and a little patch of sunshine brightened the corner of the carpet. Immediately little dog Tray got up, and, with a wise look, trotted to the bright place and laid himself in it. Only one patch of sunlight in the place, and the sagacious little dog walked out of the shadow to roll himself in the brightness. Let not the dogs example be lost upon us; but wherever there shall shine one patch of sunlight let us enjoy it. (*Selected.*)

IT is estimated that in common musketry it takes an average of eighty bullets to bring down a man. But with a sharp shooter, taking deliberate aim, nearly every shot is effective. So in Christian warfare—a vast amount of ammunition is wasted in vague and general effort for want of aim. Single out individuals; labor and pray for them.

"He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

Rom. viii. 32.

WORKERS BIBLE CLASS.

WE call attention to this class, held every Thursday evening, and conducted by the General Secretary.

CHRIST IN THE PSALMS.

PSALM xl. 6, speaks of our Lord's coming in our nature, to abolish the Mosaic dispensation, of which "sacrifice and offering" was the distinguishing feature (Heb. x 5).

Psalm cxxxii. 11, predicts that the Messiah should be of the family of David (Acts 11-30).

Psalm xlv. 6, 7, declares His Divine nature (Heb. 1-8).

Psalm cxviii, 22, quoted six different times in the New Testament, foretells the rejection of Him by the Jews.

Psalm xxii. His suffering on the cross. Psalm xvi. 9-11, His resurrection (Acts ii. 27).

Psalm lxviii. 18, His ascension and sending the Holy Spirit (Eph. iv. 8).

Psalm lxxix and cix, the sore judgment which should befall Judas and the Jewish nation (Rom. xi. 9-10 and Acts 1-20).

Psalm cxvii, the call of the Gentiles (Rom. xv. 11).

Psalm lxxii, the final triumph and universal establishment of the Messiah's kingdom.

Psalm cx. is prophetic, and applies throughout and exclusively to Christ.

Nearly fifty of the Psalms are quoted in the New Testament.

"If you ask, 'What is Truth?' you must not do as Pilate did, ask the question, and then go away from Him that only can give you an answer: for, as God is the Author of Truth, so is He the Teacher of it."—(Jeremy Taylor)



ANY a man would like to begin the Christian life if he could only begin it somewhere in the middle. If he could only turn about when nobody was looking; if when all the world were asleep or away he could slip quietly into the kingdom of God and take his seat with the air of a man who had been seated there all the time! It is the turning over of the leaf when everybody is reading it—it is the right-about-face on the crowded street when everybody will see the act and what it means—this it is which makes it easier to put off till to morrow the supreme duty which ought to be done to-day.—*Christian Union.*

MEMBER'S COURSE.

Shaftesbury Hall,
TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH. 1881.

READINGS AND SKETCHES

BY

F. M. BELL SMITH, ESQ.
OF HAMILTON.

Tickets secured at the Secretary's Office.

Bulletin for Week Commencing April 4, 1881.

MONDAY.....	April 4....	12.00 M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Follow peace. Heb. xii. 1-16. Rev. J. Pearen, B.A.
	"	8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY....	" 5....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. God's thoughts. Isa. lv. Rev. G. C. Workman, M.A.
WEDNESDAY	" 6....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Christ's parting promise. John xiv. 1-14. Rev. J. M. Reekie.
THURSDAY....	" 7....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Personal responsi- bility. Matt. xxv. 14-29. Rev. J. P. Sheraton, B.A.
	"	8.00 P.M.	WORKER'S BIBLE CLASS. The Secret'ry.
FRIDAY.....	" 8....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Encouragements. Isa. xl. 26-31. J. J. Gartshore.
	"	8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	" 9....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Good Samaritan. Luke x. 25-37. W. Anderson.
	"	4.50 P.M.	TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
	"	8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. R. Kilgour.
SUNDAY.....	" 10....	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. H. O'Brien.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Apr. 10, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station.—Hon. JOHN McMURRICH and Rev. JOHN SALMON.

At Nipissing Station.—Mr. MUNRO and Rail-
road Secretary.

COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every THURSDAY 8 P.M.—30 Mercer St.

FRIDAY 8 P.M.—31 Taylor St.

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