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A few more issues and our volume for 1884 will close. At present we need a considerable amount to meet the claims of the printer. We commend this subject to our Christian friends.

NOTICE.

ALL meetings usually held on week evenings are discontinued during the present month. We wish our Workers to devote all their energies toward the special services.

MEN ONLY.
EVERY NIGHT
IN
SHAFTESBURY HALL
AT 8 O'CLOCK,
MR. FERDINAND
SCHIVEREA

The Brooklyn Street Preacher.

BE SURE TO ATTEND.

No tickets required. No collection.

"Whosoever will let him take the Water of Life freely."

This is His name whereby He shall be called—**THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**—Jer. xxiii. 6.

Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.—Rom. x. 4.

OUR MEETINGS.

GOD is with Bro. Chivera in the nightly meetings for young men. Not a night has passed without witnessing many enquirers, and of these, a large proportion have been "saved by Grace." Last Saturday night was a time of great refreshing. The meeting took the form of a testimony meeting, and full liberty was experienced. In response to a request that young Christians specially, should tell of the Lord's work in them, 48 spoke in the brief space of 25 minutes, and at the close, 15 young men rose for prayer. At the Sunday evening (mixed) meeting, our Hall was filled in every part of the ground floor and also in the first gallery.

Notwithstanding a wish expressed by some that the closing week's services should be open to both sexes, we have decided to adhere to our first resolution, and confine them to men. Our mission as an Association is to *Young Men*, and by God's grace we are determined to stick to that point.

GOOD NEWS.

WE are pleased to hear of blessing resting upon special services being held in connection with some of our city churches, and also in the Mission Hall, and we trust that what has been experienced may prove but as the drops before the coming shower.

SERMONS TO YOUNG MEN.

ON Sabbath 9th and 16th, sermons to Young Men were preached in fifty of our city churches. We fully appreciate the hearty manner in which our respected pastors have co-operated, but we know that in complying with our request they were actuated by a far higher motive than merely that of

showing their sympathy with our work. On that point we needed no proof. We know the great object they had in view was to reach the hearts of the young men in their respective congregations, and thus win them for Christ. The young men of Toronto enjoy unusually high privileges, for few cities can boast of such faithful Gospel preaching as that to be heard from our pulpits each Sabbath. With these privileges comes correspondingly great responsibility. Young men, how do you stand as to that responsibility?

A WELCOME GIFT.

WE are indebted to Mr. J. L. Rawbone, Artist, for a large crayon portrait of the late Wm. Anderson. As we look at the portrait we are reminded of one who in a very marked manner *lived* for the Association. Its interests were his. Its success gave him pleasure. Its reverses made him sad. Bro. Anderson was one of a circle of friends who gathered round our work, and his death left a vacancy hard to fill. We thank Mr. Rawbone for the gift, than which a more acceptable one could not have been bestowed.

DEAF MUTE CLASS.

THE members of this class held their Annual Social on Wednesday evening last. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and the members of the class *loudly* (in their silent way) expressed their appreciation of the great interest taken in their welfare by our good brother, J. D. Nasmith. It is pleasing to note the increasing interest manifested by this class in the various meetings held. The attendance is large, and we have reason to believe that efforts put forth by the chairman and by Mr. F. S. Brigden, the leader of the meeting, are being owned of God.

Their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord.

Isaiah liv. 17.

For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified—Heb. x. 14.

THE WORK.

THE following selections from our correspondence of the past few weeks tend to prove as to the usefulness of Y. M. C. As.:-

The writer is at present out of employment, and has not funds enough to keep himself and wife very long without work. Am sorry to trouble you, but thought it possible that you might hear of something that would answer for me.

Can you kindly give me any information concerning a young man named _____. He wrote me some three months ago, telling me to forward any letters to the Y. M. C. A. Last month I received a letter from his mother, in which she says they are very anxious about him, as they cannot get any letters from him.

I have a son, a youth about 19 years of age, in Toronto, named _____. He has given his address for letters at the Y. M. C. A., Toronto. From his last letter home, he appears to be in bad health and out of employ. May I ask you to have the kindness, if you do not already know him, to find him out, and try to find out what is the matter with him, and if he should be in need of help, to assist him, till you can communicate with me. I will re-pay you, and send money to bring him home if he desires it, on hearing from you or himself. Again requesting you to do whatever you can for us in this matter, as we are in great trouble on his account at home, we shall ever esteem your kindness.

Kindly have an eye to _____. He has given way to his old enemy, drink. This is the first I have heard from him in a long time. Any efforts will be appreciated that are in your power.

A thousand thanks for your letter. I never before realized what a boon the Y. M. C. A. is to parents and society at large. What a grand work it is! May God abundantly bless your work of faith and labour of love among the young men. It is so good of you to go yourself to see my dear boy. I am so delighted with your account of him, though I must say I should like him to go to the Y. M. C. A. room more frequently, and really to belong to the Y. M. C. A. Thanks for your offer so cheerfully made, to relieve my anxiety on any point relating to my boy. I feel he is very young to be out there on his own resources. I am really grateful to you for giving him a word of counsel.

Allow me to thank you for your kind letter. I was indeed grieved to hear so sad an account of _____, and hoped the money forwarded to New York might have settled any difficulty, enabling him to make another attempt to steer in the right path. He is a bright, intelligent young man, could do so well, and has had every opportunity to do so,—a good father and home, preferring to leave it. He knows how he is crushing his parent by his worthless conduct. Oh that he may be brought to see his evil, unprincipled ways before it is too late.

My brother, _____, went out to Toronto some months ago. The only letter we got from him was nearly two months past. We are all extremely uneasy about him, and it occurred to us that you might know something about him and his circumstances. I cannot tell you how very much we would feel obliged to you, and what a relief it would be to us all, if you would kindly acquaint us of whatever you know concerning him. I apologize for troubling you thus, seeing you are a complete stranger to us, but hope you will excuse me under the circumstances.

Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.—1 Cor. i. 30.

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

Will be resumed on

MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 1st,

AT 8 O'CLOCK;

Conducted by the GENERAL SECRETARY.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

IN SHAFTESBURY HALL,

FOR YOUNG MEN ONLY

EVERY NIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK,

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

CONDUCTED BY

MR. FERDINAND SCHIVEREA,

(EVANGELIST) of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Gospel Meeting (open to all).

SUNDAY EVENING at 8.30.

An Enquiry Meeting will be held in the Member's Parlor at the close of each meeting.

Will Christians pray for all these meetings, and we ask those who can help at the Enquiry Meetings to come and take part. Others may help by distributing our Invitation slips.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Prayer Meeting every day from 12 to 12.45 noon, open to all.

MR. FERDINAND SCHIVEREA will be present, and take part.

MONDAY,	November 24th.	Praise and Thanksgiving. General Secretary.
TUESDAY,	" 25th.	The Young Converts of Bethsaida. John i. 35-51. G. T. Fergusson.
WEDNESDAY,	" 26th.	Promises to Returning Backsliders.—Deu. xxx 1-10; Hosea xiv. W. Marks.
THURSDAY,	" 27th.	When Shall I Entreat for Thee.—Ex. viii. 1-15; ix. 27-35. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY,	" 28th.	How Shall We Measure Our Debt to Christ?— Luke vii. 36-50. S. R. Briggs.
SATURDAY,	" 29th.	Who Are Excluded From the Kingdom of God?— 1 Cor. vi. 9-11; Gal. v. 19-21; John xvi. 8, 9. Assistant Secretary.