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WEEKLY BULLETIN.

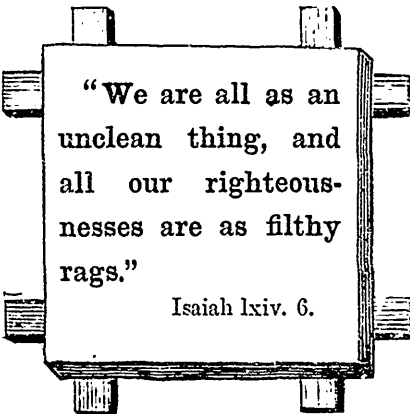
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"We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."

Isaiah lxiv. 6.

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RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

MEMBERS of the Board of Directors who have volunteered to be on duty with the Reception Committee, will please note the appointments for the present week:—

Monday, July 10, - A. Munro.
Tuesday, " 11, - S. R. Briggs.
Wednesday, " 12, - J. J. Gartshore.
Thursday, " 13, - L. C. Peake.
Friday, " 14, - J. D. Nasmith.

Please do not let other matters interfere with this most important appointment.

MARRIED.—At St. James' Cathedral, on the 3rd inst., Rev. H. J. Ware, of Kincardine, to Miss Sarah Joseph, of Toronto.

THE above notice of *Union* is also a notice of *separation*. While we congratulate the friends named, we at the same time suffer loss by the changes necessitated. For many years we have enjoyed the help of Miss Sarah (and Miss Maggie Joseph) in our musical exercises. Rain or shine, summer or winter, they have faithfully attended our noonday meetings and our Saturday afternoon Bible class, and now that we have lost their valuable aid, its value is made the more apparent to us. It was with them truly a labor of love. Our best wishes go with our friends, and trust that a long and useful life of service is before them. Now we ask, who will come and help us? Upon whom will the mantle fall?

A VISITOR.

DURING the past week we have enjoyed a visit from Mr. Oatts, General Sec. of the Glasgow (Scotland) Association. His smiling face and hearty words of encouragement were fully enjoyed and appreciated by us. During his visit he was the guest of W. H. Howland, Esq.

From Bro. Oatts we learn that the Glasgow Association maintains **180 Bible Classes every week**, with an aggregate attendance of 6000 young men. Think of that for **SOLID** work. It would take a well equipped Gymnasium and a great outlay of money in socials, &c., to reach 6000 young men, and when you had reached them the question would be how much nearer you were leading them to Christ, but 6000

brought into contact with the LIVING WORD—with a fire—a hammer—a guide. What life, zeal, power, safety must be the result. When we listened to the words of Bro. Oatts, we thought of those advisers who sometimes call upon us and suggest that less religious work, and more amusement would help us to reach a greater number of young men. Perhaps so my friend. But it is better to reach a drowning man with a cord which is sound than with a rope which is rotten. We KNOW that the Bible, the *Gospel of the Bible is sound*. We are not quite certain about the other means.

We can scarcely hope to increase our classes to the number of 180, but by the grace of God we will try to increase the interest in the study of God's word among our young men.

DOMINION CONVENTION.



CONVENTION of the Associations of our Dominion will (D. V.) assemble at Truro, Nova Scotia, on Thursday, 10th August, and will continue in session for three days. This promises to be a gathering of much interest. Reduced rates have been secured over the several lines of travel, and entertainment will be provided for every delegate. No better way of spending a vacation could be selected. The trip will embrace travel by river, ocean and rail. The routes pass through some of the finest scenery in Canada and the United States, and the expense will be very reasonable. We advise our young men to make inquiry before deciding upon any other trip. Added to the pleasure of such a trip will be the profit which must accrue from an interchange of thought with the prominent Christian workers of the land. Those who find it impossible to go, can nevertheless help in the success of the gathering by making it a subject of earnest prayer. What is needed in our Associations is *spiritual power*. We have all the machinery needed, perhaps too much. We need the motive power—the Spirit of God. Let us pray that the Truro convention may be marked by the manifestation of the Spirit with power.

RUNNING THE RACE.

"I press toward the mark."—Phil. iii. 14.



THE Christian's life is like a race. He is running in the road to heaven, and he is running with the hope of gaining a promised prize. The apostle Paul was running the heavenly race, and he has left us three rules for running it aright.

We must run with *steadiness*. Paul says, "This one thing I do." He gave himself up to it. He did not bring a divided heart to his work. He did not try to live a worldly life and a Christian life at the same time. He did not set himself to get earthly honours as well as heavenly honours. He did not seek after the praise of men and the praise of God by turns. He knew that "no man can serve two masters." None can win a race who try first for one goal and then for another.

We must run with *diligence*. Paul speaks of "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." He did not stop to look back and see how much ground he had gone over. He did not pause, and think that now he had got so far he could rest awhile. No; his motto was, Forward! Forward! His eye was fixed on the mark he had to reach. His thoughts were given to what lay before him. None can win a race who loiter in their course.

We must run with *energy*. Paul says, "I press toward the mark." He put forth his full strength. He spared no effort. He strove, and strove hard, to succeed. None can win a race who faint, and falter, and flag.

PERSONAL TESTIMONY FOR CHRIST.



YOUNG Christian traveller found himself in a commercial room one night, where, the party being large and merry, it was proposed that each gentleman present should give a song. Many of the usual character on such occasions were sung. It came to the turn of our young friend, who excused himself on the plea that he knew no songs they would care to hear. In derision, a gentleman present asked if he could not give them one of Sankey's hymns,

and several others cried out that they would join in the chorus. He decided to take them at their word, and choosing one of the well-known hymns, with its simple Gospel teaching, and with a silent prayer that God would use it for His glory, he sang—as perhaps he never sang before! All present joined in the chorus. Before its close there were moist eyes and troubled hearts. The spirit of jollity and fun was gone, but the Spirit of God was there. Several gathered round our young friend, thanking him for his song. He retired to rest, grateful for grace given.

He had not been long in his bedroom when he heard a knock at the door. It was opened by a young traveller, who requested permission to come in. He was in deep trouble. The song had brought back to his memory the strains he had heard a sainted mother sing. He knew his life had not been right, and the inquiry was upon his lips, "What must I do to be saved?" He was pointed to Christ, and retired with a brighter hope. Scarcely had this enquirer left, than another knock was heard at the bedroom door. This time it was an elderly traveller. The song had reminded him of lost peace and joy. He was a backslider, and the singer had the joy of pointing another sinner back to a loving Saviour. It was nearly two o'clock before he could lie down, but it was with heartfelt joy and gratitude to Him who had thus honoured his personal testimony for Christ.—*Christian.*

LOVE TO EVERYONE:

"For GOD

SO

loved the world, that HE GAVE His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John iii. 16.

GOD IS LOVE.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

Conducted by the General Secretary.

ALL INVITED.

DAILY THINGS.

Daily living	2 Cor. iv. 10.
" dying (self)	1 Cor. xv. 31.
" call upon God	Ps. lxxxviii. 9.
" cry to God	Ps. lxxxvii. 3.
" bread	Matt. vi. 11.
" allowance from the King	2 Kings xxv. 30.
" preservation	Isa. xxvii. 3.
" need supply	Ezra vi. 9.
" portion	Neh. xl. 33.
" provision	Dan. i. 5.
" goodness of God	Ps. lvi. 1.
" benefits	Ps. lxxviii. 19.
" praising	2 Chron. xxx. 21; Ps. lxxvii. 15.
" watching	Prov. viii. 34.
" praying	Luke ii. 37.
" searching the Scriptures	Acts xvii. 11.
" cross-bearing (deny self)	Luke ix. 23.
" consecration	Ps. lxi. 8.
" duty	2 Chron. viii. 14.
" work	1 Chron. xvi. 37.
" serving	Luke ii. 37; 1 Chron. ix. 33.
" fighting	Ps. lvi. 1.
" enemies round about	Ps. lxxxviii. 17.
" enemies increase	Ps. lxxiv. 22.
" misrepresented	Ps. lvi. 5.
" increase of evil, from bad to worse	Hosea xii. 1.
" distresses, judgment of God	Ezek. xxx. 16.
" exhorting	Heb. iii. 13.
" testimony	Ps. xcvi. 2; xcii. 2.
" gleanings	Kuth ii. 19.
" teaching and preaching Jesus	Acts v. 42.
" unity	Acts ii. 46.
" increase	Acts ii. 47; xvi. 5.
" presence of the Lord "all the days."	Matt. xxviii. 20.

Remember

THE

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

Every Sunday Afternoon,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME!

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,
AT 8.30.

Good Singing, with Y.M.C.A. Orchestra
accompanying.

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 July 10, 1882.

MONDAY.....	July 10....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. W. N. Macfarlane.
		8.00	P.M.	WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 11....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Am I sheltered by the blood? Ex. xii. 1-13; Rev. v. 9. W. P. Crombie.
WEDNESDAY	" 12....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. How to conquer the world. John xvi. 33; 1 John v. 4, 5. Rev. A. F. McGregor.
THURSDAY...	" 13....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The best light for life's pathway. Ps. cxix. 105; John viii. 12. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY	" 14....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The first and last invitation. Gen. vii. 1; Rev. xxii. 17. J. Nobbs.
		8.00	P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY ..	" 15....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. A vital question, thrice repeated. John xxi. 15-17. W. E. Burford.
		4.50	P.M.	TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. W. H. How- land.
		8.00	P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Am I ready? Rev. iii. 1-3; Matt. xxiv. 42-44. A. Munro.
SUNDAY	" 16....	3.00	P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS.
		8.30	P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, July 16, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meeting at Union Station.