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If the righteous scarcely  
be saved, where shall  
the ungodly and the sinner  
appear?

1 Peter iv. 18.

### UNDER CANVAS ONCE AGAIN.

**B**Y permission of the Managers of the Industrial Exhibition we are this year to re-occupy with our Reading Tent, the position assigned us last season. A more prominent point could scarcely have been selected, and we look forward to our tent being an instrument, which in God's hand shall be used in advancing the eternal welfare of many persons. A meeting will be held daily at noon, for prayer and praise, and if found practicable, an afternoon of each week will be devoted to a Gospel and Song service. In our next week's bulletin we will give an illustration, showing the position and arrangement of our tent.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

**O**NE pleasing feature of our work is the ready response given to any special appeal made by us. A few weeks ago we decided to renovate our parlors. We mentioned

the matter to outside friends, and at once they fell in with our suggestions. Robert Parker, Esq., of the Yorkville Dye Works, made our curtains look quite new again, and the favor was made doubly acceptable by the genial spirit in which it was performed, the receipted account being accompanied by a note assuring us of his readiness to be of service at any time. J. M. McFarlane, Esq., of the Union Shade Manufacturing Co, also supplied us with material for new window shades at a reduction of nearly one half. We thank these friends.

We are also indebted to a lady friend for a donation of two volumes to our library.

### OUR LIBRARY.

**T**HIS department is being re-arranged and placed in thorough order. We have just added to the reference library a complete set of the latest English Edition (10 vols.) of Chamber's Encyclopedia.

### READING ROOMS.

**N**EW paper racks, files, &c., are being added, and when the arrangements are complete, we believe we will be safe in saying that the Lord has kindly helped us to offer to young men a suite of rooms equal to any association in the land. May they prove the birth-place of souls is our heartfelt prayer.

### TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS.

**T**HE opening session of Mr. Blake's Bible class last Saturday was very well attended.

## A NEW ASSOCIATION.

**A**N association has been organized at Yorkville, under very favourable auspices. For the information of strangers we may say that while Yorkville is an independent municipality, yet, it is so united to Toronto as to make it difficult to tell where Toronto ends, or Yorkville commences.

We expect that the work of our own and the Yorkville association will be as intimately and agreeably related.

## ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

**M**R Albert Hines who has been an active member with us for some time past, has been engaged for the balance of the Association year, in the capacity of Assistant Secretary. We trust that the Lord may make him a helper to the Young Men.

## CAMP FUND.

**D**O not forget the small balance yet remaining due on this work. The Lord has helped us thus far, and we fully expect the amount required will be sent to us.

## TRAVELLING SECRETARY.

**M**R. Crombie reports his work thus far to be encouraging. He finds that some Associations have succumbed to the opposition met with from those, who, if they better understood the true spirit of Association work, would be friendly to it. It is unfair to oppose *all* Association work, because some one Association, or (as in some instances) some one member of an Association has been doing that which is injudicious. If the Brethren will but keep to the legitimate work for which Associations were designed, they will meet with little opposition from those for whose opposition they need care. As for the outside world, they may expect opposition from it only when they, like Zerubbabel say, "Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God."



THE LOST DIAMOND.

**A**N elegantly-dressed lady, as she stepped from her carriage dropped a valuable diamond ring into the gutter, where it speedily was buried in the filth flowing towards the sewer. She looked with dismay on the foul and turbid stream, and offered to reward a policeman if he would put his hand down into it and find the ring. He hesitated, but at length assented, and reached down into the filth and explored the gutter, but found nothing, and at length gave up the search, and told her that it had probably been washed along and gone down into the sewer. The lady paid the policeman for his trouble and he went his way, while she stood looking sadly down at the place where her lost gem had disappeared. But she could not bear to abandon the treasure, and so she lingered and hesitated, until at length taking off her glove pushing back her silks and ruffles and laces, and baring her arm for the work, she put her hand down into the reeking filth, and after searching in every direction, at last brought up the precious jewel and carried it away in triumph.

There are other jewels more precious than rubies, or diamonds, or pearls, lying in the deep and filthy gutters of sin and vice and iniquity. And persons are

standing by and looking pitifully down and asking, "Who will restore my jewels and give me back the treasure that I have lost? Who will rescue the perishing, and deliver those that are swiftly going down to death?" But no money can purchase the needed zeal; no price can buy the tenderness of heart, the deep anxiety of soul which is needed in such an hour as this; and the only thing that remains for Christian men and women to do is, to roll up their sleeves, and bare their arms, and reach down into the filth, and bring the jewels up. It may be disagreeable work. So it was an unpleasant task for that lady to seek for her diamond in the mire; but doubtless many a time as it shone in its beauty upon her finger, she

recalled with pleasure the hour when it was so nearly lost, and so carefully regained. Truly if a woman would do this to win a gem that should sparkle for a little while upon her finger, what should not Christians do to win back from the gulf of death those who shall shine in the Redeemer's crown, as jewels of beauty and of grace for evermore! Let those who are faithful, and who seek with patient hearts to rescue and win and save the lost, remember that not only those who are rescued shall sparkle like gems in the Saviour's diadem, but that "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." H. L. H.

## Bulletin for Week Commencing September 5, 1881.

MONDAY .....	Sept. 5	12.00 M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING S. R. Briggs.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY.....	" 6	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Ye are my witnesses. Isa. xliii: 10-21. W. E. Burford.
		4.00 P.M.	MEETING FOR CONSECRATION & PRAYER.
WEDNESDAY..	" 7	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The only power which ensures success. Zech. iv. Alf. Sandham.
THURSDAY.....	" 8	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Of whom the world was not worthy. Heb. xi. 32-38. Rev. I. Tovell.
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Gen. Secretary.
FRIDAY.....	" 9	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Some results of continuance in sin. Hos. iv. 17; Rom. ii. 3-11. R. Merryfield.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	" 10	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Rock of Ages. Isa. xxvi. 1-4. W. Marks.
		4.50 P.M.	TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. The President, S. H. Blake, Q. C.
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. The friend of the friendless. John v. 1-14. A. Munro.
SUNDAY.....	" 11	3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs.
		8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE. S. H. Blake, Q. C., and H. O'Brien.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

### RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Sept. 11, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station, and at Nipissing Station.

NOON PRAYER MEETING—Toronto, Grey and Bruce R. R. Workshops every  
WEDNESDAY at 12.30.

COTTAGE MEETING, THURSDAY 8 P.M.—81 Mercer Street.



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