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**"THIS IS THE PROMISE
that He
hath promised us,
EVEN ETERNAL LIFE."**

1 John ii. 25.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE.

LAST Sunday evening our Room was crowded. One encouraging feature of this meeting is the fact that fully three-fourths of those who attend are young people. Glancing over the audience, the eye rests upon row after row of benches occupied entirely by young men and lads, ranging from 14 to 24 years of age, and the great mass of these are unconverted. This meeting is one of the most important held in our Rooms, and we ask the prayers of Christian friends that our speakers may come to their appointment full of the Spirit, and that souls may be won for Christ.

NOON-DAY PRAYER MEETING.

WE are pleased to note a marked improvement in the attendance at this meeting. Since the ministers of the city have so heartily entered into this part of our work, we have had many precious seasons together, and we are looking for a yet larger attendance, and much spiritual profit.

There are two Young Men's Christian Associations in successful operation on the island of Madagascar.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

THIS meeting has also increased in attendance; yet there is room for many more. Come in with us, young man. We give you a cordial invitation, and assure you a hearty welcome.

BIBLE CLASSES.

INCREASED interest is being manifested in the Bible classes. Vice-Chancellor Blake's class for teachers, is so largely attended, that at times it is difficult to provide comfortable seating room.

The Sunday afternoon class, conducted by Mr. Briggs, is a time of much blessing and spiritual power.

The Monday evening class led by the Ass.-Sec., has also greatly revived.

NOTES FOR BIBLE STUDY.

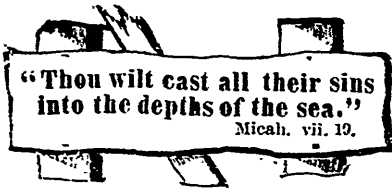
WE cheerfully commend to our members and friends this valuable aid to Bible Study. The subscription price is only 36 cents per year, and certainly the notes upon the International Lessons alone are worth more than that amount each month to a Sabbath school teacher.

REV. E. P. HAMMOND.

THE work of grace in Peterboro' has surpassed the most sanguine expectations of those who were instrumental in inviting Mr. Hammond to that town. Not only have the largest churches been crowded night after night, but at the close of each meeting many anxious ones have remained to be conversed with, as to their eternal interests. One

of the most encouraging features of the work is the interest manifested by young men. At one of the meetings a minister said that nearly all the young men in his Bible class were seeking the Lord or rejoicing that they had found Him. A young men's prayer meeting has been started in the Union School. At the first meeting there were from twenty-five to thirty young men present, and some for the first time in public, poured out their hearts in prayer. There can be no doubt that the Spirit of God is working mightily upon the hearts of the people.

Unless present arrangements are altered, Mr. Hammond will have commenced services in Toronto by the time this Bulletin reaches our members and friends. He opens his work in Sherbourne St. Methodist Church (Rev. J. B. Clarkson, Pastor,) where he continues one week, and it is earnestly hoped that the interest may become so general as to lead to a desire for union services in some central part of the city. Our heartfelt prayer is, that the Lord may mightily use Mr. Hammond in Toronto.



The multitudes of young men who crowd all the leading thoroughfares of the city during the hours of Divine Service is a sad spectacle. No man, young or old, can afford to absent himself from the house of God on the Lord's day. Neglect of public worship is often the first step in the downward path. The influence of each one of our members should be most actively used among their fellow clerks and acquaintances to induce their regular attendance at a stated place of worship on the morning and evening of the Lord's Day, and at the week day evening services.—
New York Bulletin

THE MINIMUM CHRISTIAN.

The minimum Christian! And who is he? The Christian who is going to heaven at the cheapest rate possible. The Christian who intends to get all of the world he can, and not meet the worldling's doom. The Christian who aims to have as little religion as he may without lacking it altogether.

The minimum Christian goes to church in the morning; and in the evening, unless it rains, or is too warm, or too cold, or he is sleepy, or has the headache from eating too much dinner. He listens most respectfully to the preacher, and joins in prayer and praise. He applies the truth sometimes to himself, oftener to his neighbors.

The minimum Christian is very friendly to all good works. He wishes them well; but it is not in his power to do much for them. The Sabbath-school he looks upon as an admirable institution, especially for the neglected and ignorant. It is not convenient, however, for him to take a class. His business engagements are so pressing during the week that he needs the Sabbath as a day of rest; nor does he think himself qualified to act as a teacher. There are so many persons better prepared for this important duty, that he must beg to be excused. He is very friendly to home and foreign missions and colportage, and gives his mite. He thinks there are "too many appeals;" but he gives, if not enough to save his reputation, pretty near it, at all events he aims at it.

The minimum Christian is not clear on a number of points. The opera and the theatre and card-playing, and large parties give him much trouble. He sees no harm in this, or that, or the other popular amusement. There is nothing in the Bible against it. He does not see but that a man may be a Christian and dance or go to the opera. He knows several excellent persons who do. Why should not he? He stands so close to the dividing line between the people of God and the people of the world, that it is hard to say on which side of it he is actually to be found.

Ah, my brother, are you making this attempt? Beware, lest you find at last

that in trying to get to heaven with a little religion, you miss it altogether, lest without gaining the whole world, you lose your own soul.

Be not Afraid only Believe.

Mark v. 36.

Dunedin, New Zealand, has an Association numbering three hundred and seventy-two members; a secretary is employed and a building is being erected at a cost of \$8,500.

The railroads running into St. Louis show their appreciation of the Y. M. C. A. work done among their employees by contributing \$330 per month toward sustaining the same.

Bulletin for Week Commencing February 14, 1881.

MONDAY.....	Feb. 14....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING & PRAISE MEETING. Ps. xxxiv. 1-10 Rev. Dr. Potts.
TUESDAY....	" 15....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Perishable and the Eternal. 1 John ii. 15-19. Rev. W. Brookman, M.A.
WEDNESDAY..	" 16....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Delight in the Word of God. Ps. cxix. 97-103. Rev Dr. Hamilton.
THURSDAY....	" 17....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Earthly and the Heavenly Canaan. Gen. xii. 1-5; Heb. xi. 8-9; Phil. iii. 20. Rev. J. C. Antliff, B.D.
FRIDAY.....	" 18....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Old Man and the New Man. Col. iii. 8-17. Rev. T. C. Des Barres.
SATURDAY....	" 19....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Preaching of Jesus. Luke iv. 14-21. W. E. Burford.
SUNDAY.....	" 20....	9.30 A.M.		WORKER'S MEETING FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY.
		8.00 P.M.		BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
		4.50 P.M.		TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
		8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Blind Bartimeus. Mark x. 14-21. P. H. Burton.
		3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. S. R. Briggs.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Feb. 20, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station.—RAILROAD SECRETARY and ALF. SANDHAM.

At Nipissing Station.—Mr. WM. ANDERSON and Mr. BUILDER.

COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every THURSDAY 8 P.M.—31 Stewart St. FRIDAY 8 P.M.—47 Brant St.

FREE CLASSES.

ELOCUTION.....	MR. R. LEWIS.....	MONDAY, 8 P.M.
PHONOGRAPHY.....	MR. R. McNAB.....	MONDAY and SATURDAY, 6.45 P.M.
BOOKKEEPING.....	MR. McINTYRE.....	TUESDAY, 8 P.M.
DRAWING.....	MR. H. B. GORDON.....	FRIDAY, 8 P.M.
GYMNASIUM (for Young Men).....		MONDAY and THURSDAY, 8 P.M., SATURDAY, 4 to 6 P.M.

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