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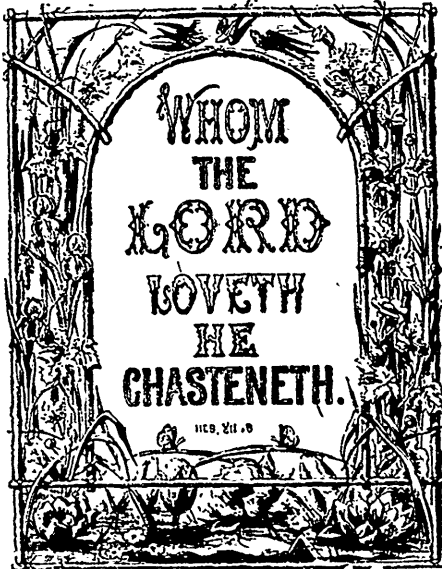
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This fund has never been so much in need of remembrance as at present. That God has blessed the BULLETIN we have abundant proof. Whether He has

some other channel through which He designs to convey the blessing in future, is what we are desirous of learning. We have no wish to continue one day longer than will be for His glory. Will our Workers make this a subject for prayer, that we may be guided aright.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

Will (D.V.) be held

In the Member's Parlor,

On the evening of

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

The Annual Report of the Directors and Sub-Committees will be presented, officers for the ensuing year elected, and revised Constitution and By-laws submitted.

A full attendance of members is desired.


ALF. SANDHAM, S. H. BLAKE,
Gen. Secretary. President.

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.


1 Timothy i. 15.

The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.
Luke xix. 10

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING.

HE Annual Board Meeting held on Friday, 28th ult., was the longest session held for many years past. The business discussed was of the highest importance to the future welfare of the Association, and the reports presented by the sub-committees spoke of an unusually large amount of work and corresponding success. As these reports will form the basis of the Annual Report to be presented at the meeting on Tuesday, we shall not give any figures or make any comments until after that meeting.

PROVINCIAL CONVENTION.

NCE again we call attention to the 15th Annual Provincial Convention to be held at Peterborough on Oct. 23-26. The circular of the Association at that point has been received and from it we quote the following:—

“A cordial welcome, both from the members of our Association, and from the Christian public generally, awaits all who come. We would urge every Association in the two Provinces to send delegates, if at all possible. We also give a hearty invitation to brethren interested in our work, in towns where no Association exists.

“In order to make satisfactory provisions for the entertainment of guests, we ask the Associations to send us by the 13th October, the names of delegates intending to be present.

“A Reception Committee, wearing badges, will be present at the arrival of trains to receive delegates.

“Believing that great good will result from our gathering together at this time, and hoping to welcome representatives from all our Associations, we are”

Yours, in the Work,

GEO. E. WILLIAMS, J. FRITH JEFFERS,
General Secretary. *President.*

We shall be pleased to hear from any of our Workers who may desire to attend. Attendance upon the Convention will not entail much expense upon the delegates, and would doubtless prove helpful to the worker himself, and indirectly to the Association represented. It will be observed that there is no time to be lost in deciding the question of attendance.

WEEP WITH THOSE THAT WEEP.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors at its last meeting:

Moved by Lewis C. Peake, seconded by J. J. Gartshore, and *Resolved*,—

1. That this Board has learned with deep sorrow of the irreparable loss sustained by our dear brother and late General Secretary, T. J. Wilkie, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in the sudden death of his wife.

We offer to our beloved brother and co-worker the assurance of our profound sympathy in this mysterious visitation, with our earnest prayers to the Giver of all grace, that He may grant to Brother Wilkie that measure of grace which is necessary to sustain him in this sore trial, and bring him forth as gold from the furnace.

2. That this Board directs that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Brother Wilkie, by the General Secretary.

S. S. TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Saturday Afternoon,

CONDUCTED BY HON. S. H. BLAKE.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—Matthew xi. 28.

The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.

I John i. 7.

THE BIRD IN THE HAND.



THERE was the sign-board, swinging backwards and forwards, with a rough daubing of a man who had just caught a bird in a snare, and was now holding it in his hand. Not a bad sign either, if it was meant to tell the honest truth. No doubt the man or woman who goes there is as a poor bird caught in a snare, and is now in the hand of the publican, and it may not be an easy thing to get out of it. I dare say, if he escapes, it will be with very few feathers, and not much life left in him! Better keep out of the snare, and as far away from it as you can. Better avoid the sin and the riotous company, and the bad language that abounds there. And if you have been caught, better take the first opportunity and make a struggle and fly out, and never darken the door-step again.

When you make a resolution to do this, stick to it, it will be the best day's work you ever did. You will have more liberty, and more food, and more feathering for your nest, and a great deal more peace. Blessed are they who

learn to live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world!

But the sign-board recalls to my mind a talk between two men. It is so good that I have often spoken of it, and will recount it here. A modern disciple of unbelief was glorying in his freedom from the restraints of religion, and in his power to enjoy to the full the various pleasures which the world has to offer.

"I am far better off than you are," said he to the other man, who was a Christian; "I have a bird in the hand, and you have only a bird in the bush. I can enjoy myself as I like now, but you are waiting for your happiness till the world to come."

"Oh, no; you make a great mistake," said the Christian; "*I have a bird in the hand, and a bird in the bush as well.* I have far more happiness now in religion than you have in the world; and when your happiness is over, when your bird is dead and buried, my bird will be alive and go on singing forever."

There is a great deal of truth in this argument. A Christian has far the best of it in the present life. The faith of Christ robs a man of no single thing which ministers to his real peace and comfort. It only bids a man do himself no harm. Just look at the contrast which you may see every day before your eyes. Look at the men in the streets who have no guiding principle, and just follow the impulse of the moment. What numbers you see whose very look tells you that all joy is withered and dead out of their lives; and the worst of all is, that they are rapidly losing all capacity for a better life either here or hereafter. On the other hand, you meet with many Christians who have no exemption from life's burdens, but yet there is a calm peace about them that tells how they make their daily refuge beneath the wings of the Almighty. They have their sorrows, but in the Saviour they have comfort and rest and hope. The promises of God make their hearts sing with joy.

By Him all that believe are justified from all things.

Acts xiii. 39.

They know that their sin has been pardoned though Christ's blood, and that the Lord Jesus is to them a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Then there is a rest beyond. They look forward to the time when God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and when the Good Shepherd will lead them to living fountains of water.

What is your position? What is your choice?

SUNSHINE.

TOUCHING story was told of a little child who received the prize from the hands of Lord Shaftesbury for the best flowering plant grown in the East of London. His lordship asked her how she managed to get such lovely blossoms in the dark, dingy garret which was her home, in one of the worst courts in London? She answered, "There are too small slits in the windows in our room, and when the sun has left one side, I take the plant to other." The first recorded words of our almighty Creator were, "Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good." Let us keep in the sunshine.

THE WIND WAS CONTRARY UNTO THEM. Yet Jesus had told them to go out to sea. So we learn that even when in the clear line of duty, when going where we ought to go, and doing the things God has bidden us to do, we may encounter opposition and sore difficulty. We may may even be beaten back for a time, and find the resistance too great for our strength. Many of the Lord's disciples have to make their voyage ever very stormy seas in their way to glory. For some people duty is hard; indeed a true, noble, positive, aggressive life must always be in the face of opposition and contrary winds.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,
AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

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BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Bible Class at 3 p.m., and Gospel and Song Service at 8.30, followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15. All invited.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6.

12 noon.—Thanksgiving and Praise Meeting. The Secretary.
8 p.m.—**YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.** Conducted by the Secretary.
9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Righteousness, Its Work and Effect. Isa. xxxii. 17; Prov. x. 2; Jas. iii; 18. Rev. J. Salmon.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ's Readiness to Receive Those Who Would See Him. Luke xix. 1-10. Rev. A. F. McGregor.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Can I Live Without Him? Mark x. 17-22; 1 John v. 12. S. R. Briggs.
8 p.m.—**WORKER'S TRAINING CLASS.** The Secretary.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10.

12 to 12.45 noon.—God Will Ask Account of Our Stewardship. Luke xix. 12-27; xvi. 10. W. Marks.
7.30 p.m.—**BOY'S MEETING.**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Peace—How Secured. Eph. ii. 14-17; John xiv. 27; Isaiah xxvi. 3. Assistant Secretary.
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
8 p.m.—**YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.** Assistant Secretary.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class H. B. Gordon.
" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.
" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.
" Italian Class.
8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. H. B. Gordon. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15. Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Sec'y.

Railway Men's Meeting.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5.

3 p.m.—Union Station Jos. Greene and W. C. Jex.

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