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Behold what  
manner of love  
the Father hath  
bestowed upon  
us, that we  
should be called  
the sons of God.

1 Jn. iii. 1.



## THE MONTH.

THE monthly meeting of our Board was held last Friday. It was largely attended, 19 members being present. The reports presented were of a most encouraging nature. Spiritual and financial success had been vouchsafed.

About \$11,000 had been paid in on the account of our debt, and the mortgages had been reduced therewith.

The chairman of Devotional Committee reported that blessing rested upon all meetings held in our Building, and that he had no recollection of any former time when the spiritual work of the Association was better organized or more efficiently carried on.

The Boarding House Committee reported (three weeks labors) as follows:—

Visits to Boarding Houses . . . . .	1211
“ Hotels . . . . .	94
“ Fire Halls . . . . .	35
“ Police Stations . . . . .	18
“ Car and Livery Stables . . . . .	34
“ Public Library, West End . . . . .	
“ Branch . . . . .	2
“ Factory . . . . .	1

Young Men spoken to . . . . .	272
Bulletins distributed . . . . .	6762
Tracts, etc. . . . .	6000

The Railway Committee reported much success attending the faithful labors of Mr. Jex (the new Railway Secretary). His visits among the men are much appreciated, and there is a marked improvement in the attendance of Railway men at the meetings held. Cottage meetings are to be established in the homes of some Railway men.

I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.—2 Cor. vi. 17 18.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you.—2 Cor. vi. 17

The work is also to be extended Eastward, and at an early date we hope to take possession of premises at York.

The Boy's work is about to be thoroughly re-organized and vigorously worked. Several boys have during the past few weeks been led to the Lord.

A grant was made to the Librarian wherewith to add new literature to our Reading Rooms.

The classes for Chinese and Italians are largely attended, and under the able supervision of Mr. Morse are accomplishing much good. To show the interest taken in these departments it is only necessary to say that last Sunday afternoon there were fifty two teachers present.

The Deaf Mute class has met as usual with average attendance.

The West End Branch Committee reported—

Four Gospel meetings for Young Men, average attendance.....	12
Four Bible Classes for Young Men, average attendance.....	14
Two (Monday) afternoon Prayer meetings average attendance. . .	16
Four Gospel meetings, Sunday afternoon, average attendance..	36
Three Prayer meetings, Sunday morning, 9 o'clk, ave'g attendance.	8
Visitors to the Reading Room, daily, average attendance.....	40

**BULLETIN FUND.**

Ladies' Prayer Meeting.....	\$1 50
Workers. ....	1 45

**YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS**

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

**ALL INVITED.**

**THE GOOD PHYSICIAN.**

How lost was my condition  
Till Jesus made me whole!  
There is but one Physician  
Can cure a sin-sick soul!  
Next door to death He found me,  
And ransomed from the grave,  
To tell to all around me,  
His wondrous power to save.

The worst of all diseases  
Is light compared with sin;  
On every part it seizes,  
But rages most within:  
'Tis palsy, plague, and fever,  
And madness—all combined;  
And none but a believer,  
The least relief can find.

From men great skill professing,  
I thought a cure to gain;  
But this proved more distressing,  
And added to my pain:  
Some said that nothing ailed me,  
Some gave me up for lost;  
Thus every refuge failed me,  
And all my hopes were crossed.

At length this great Physician—  
How matchless is His grace:—  
Accepted my petition  
And undertook my case;  
First gave me sight to view Him,  
For sin my eyes had sealed,  
Then bade me look unto Him:  
I looked and I was healed.

A dying, risen Jesus,  
Seen by the eye of faith,  
At once from anguish frees us,  
And saves the soul from death:—  
Come then to this Physician,  
His help He'll freely give,  
He makes no hard condition,  
'Tis only—LOOK AND LIVE.

NEWTON.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.  
Rom. viii. 14.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father. Rom. viii. 15.

### ELECT OR ELITE.

**T**HE church of God is composed of the *elect*. They are not of the world; they are elected or chosen out of the world. They may be poor as was Lazarus at the rich man's gate; as was Job when he sat in ashes; despised as was Paul when he was counted as "the filth of the world and the offscouring of all things;" rejected as was He who bore the cross, and had not where to lay his head,—still they are chosen of the Lord, *elect*.

But there are many in this world who seek for fellowship, not among the elect, but among the *elite*. They have no objection to saints, if they are wealthy, and respectable, and witty; but the mere fact that a man is elect of God, and beloved, does not commend him to their fellowship.

There are many churches composed largely of the *elite*. Their carriages roll to the door; their costly garments sweep the aisles; their delicate hands glitter with gold and flash with gems; they have their good things in this life,—but are they "the elect of God?"

In that day, when the highest and the brightest of earth shall perish; when the *elite* shall stand side by side with beggars, condemned and doomed; "He shall send His angels, and they shall gather His *elect* from the four winds, from one end of heaven unto the other." Their days of triumph will then begin.

Remember! as great as the difference may be, to-day, between the elect and the *elite*, it will be greater, far, in the great Day of God.—*H. L. Hastings.*

### GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

*Every Sunday Evening,*

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING. SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.

**COME.**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Ps. xli. 1.

### HE BELIEVES IN IT.

**A** GENTLEMAN (in the U. S.) who has just given \$40,000 to an Association Building, and who has been a large contributor to local, State and International work, says:—"There is no money that I have given away that affords me more satisfaction or yields such gratifying results."

### COLLEGE WORK.

**U**NIVERSITY College Y. M. C. A. holds meetings every Wednesday in Moss Hall at 5 p. m., closing at 5.45 sharp. These meetings are very well attended, and there is a spirit of earnestness moving upon the members. We wish our Brethren God speed, and will at all times cheerfully co-operate with them, and especially help with our prayers. The President Mr. W. P. McKenzie will be pleased to receive from other College Associations copies of reports, or particulars regarding their methods of work. Address him at University of Toronto.

### REMEMBER

—THE—

### YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Held

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

**COME.**

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.—Rom. viii. 16.

## MEMBER'S COURSE.

# LECTURE.

ON

'Books; and How to Use Them,'

BY

**Rev. Hugh Johnston, B.D.,**

(Of Metropolitan Methodist Church),

With Illustrative Readings by well-known Amateurs.

SHAFTESBURY HALL,

Tuesday Ev'g, April 1, '84

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

### THE OLD GOSPEL.

 **EVERYTHING** which is best in the world is old. Sunshine is as old as the earth itself and the sun when the fire mist was rounded into an orb—the same to-day playing in our streets as when it played on the bowers of Paradise.

The air is old, pouring its refreshing currents into our lungs and renewing our lives to-day as in all time past.

The great arch of the heavens is old; it has not been taken down and built up again on modern brickwork since the creation.

The doctrines of the Gospel are old but full of motion, full of energy, as the river is full of movement—full of life-giving power, as the sunlight and the vital air. They are doctrines out of which the missionary work sprang

They are the doctrines of Paul, that first great missionary. He had strong convictions. He did not doubt. He knew whom he had believed, and was persuaded that He was able to keep him and to save the world. And who is the successor of Paul? He who holds the same faith with him, and teaches it with the same earnest fidelity.

## BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, MARCH 31.

12 noon.—Thanksgiving and Praise Meeting. The Secretary.

8 p.m.—Young Men's Bible Class, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.

9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Wicked Shall Not Go Unpunished. 1 Kings i. 1-6; 19-34. Rev. Thos. Lowry.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 2.

12 to 12.45 noon.—God Deals With Man "According to That He Hath." Matt. xxv. 14-30; 2 Cor. vii. 12. R. Merryfield.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3.

12 to 12.45 noon.—An Evil of Our Day. Prov. xxiii. 29-35; Taking a stand against it, Rom. xiv. 21; 1 Cor. viii. 13; Our motive, Rom. xv. 1-3. Rev. Dr. Thomas.

FRIDAY APRIL 4.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Divine Forbearance with Human Perverseness. Deut. iv. 25-31; Isaiah i. 18. S. R. Briggs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5.

12 to 12.45 noon.—No Lack Where There are Willing Hearts. Ex xxxv. 5. 21, 22; xxxvi. 2-7; 2 Cor. viii. 12. Rev. R. N. Burns.

4.30 p.m.—Teacher's Bible Class. Hon. S. H. Blake

7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.

8.00 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. Alex. Saunders.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.

Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.

Chin's Class. W. M. Morse.

Italian Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. H. O'Brien

Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Sec'y

### Railway Men's Meetings.

W. C. JEX, Railway Secretary.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1.

12.30 to 12.55 noon.—In G. T. R. Roundhouse Reading Room. Rev J. Salmon.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6.

3 p.m.—Union Station. Jos. Greene and Rev. H. Melville.

4 p.m.—West End Branch (1020 Queen W.) For speakers, see West End notices below

### West End Branch.

G. F. FOPE, Secretary.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1.

7 p.m.—C. L. S. C. Meeting.

8 p.m.—Bible Class. Mr. R. Awde.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5.

8 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. H. J. Brine.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6.

4 p.m.—Gospel Meeting. Rev. A. Duff and G. F. Pope.