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PRAYER.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

And he prayed again, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.--Jas. v. 16-18,

WE ARE ONE.


During the visit of our President to England, he had frequent opportunities of meeting with that Christian nobleman whose name is so familiar throughout the world—Earl Shaftesbury. On one occasion, Vice-Chancellor Blake suggested that a word from him to the Christians of Canada would be prized. The next day this letter was received.

2 Grosvenor Square. July 10, 1880.

DEAR SIR,—

Our meeting on the Thames Embankment for the "Unveiling" of Raikes' Statue was a very happy and successful one. It gave me great pleasure to see you there. When you return to Canada, will you express to all the friends I have in that Country my deep sympathy and interest in their home and welfare.

Heartily do I pray that Canada and Great Britain may never be disunited, but they may labor and flourish together in every good word and work for man's good and God's glory.



"KEEP ON SOWING"

The following is part of a letter received a few days ago. The writer is now residing near Montreal. The

meetings to which he refers are the Daily Noon Meetings, and the Evangelistic services held in our hall during the Exhibition weeks:—

Sept. 15th, 1880.

DEAR SIR,—

If by the blessing of God, I have it in my power I intend to send a small sum to your Institution before long, and never shall I forget the help of many of you to me a stranger in a foreign land, both temporal and spiritual, the spiritual especially, which is of far the greatest importance, I intend to write very soon of the good I received by the Ministry of the Word of God, and also by the singing of one or two beautiful Hymns which stirred my feelings to deep contrition, before my Saviour and my God. Whether ladies or gentlemen, let me think in whatever way they take part in the service of God in your place of worship that their labours are in vain to us who are strangers. I can speak for myself, I have been led at your place of worship, to the atoning blood of Jesus, which gives peace to my soul. I bless and praise God for his infinite mercy, my prayer is:

"Saviour bind me to thy cross,"

Let thy love possess my heart."

with love to you all as a Christian Community.
I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

WANTED.

"A GENERAL OUTDOOR SERVANT; one willing to make himself useful."

How often do we read this form of advertisement in our daily papers. A man answers it and enters upon his duties, only to find how impossible it is for one pair of hands, feet, and eyes to do, run, and see all that the master thinks should be accomplished by one servant, and so he gives up in despair. Now just what that advertiser wanted, the public is in need of,—a general servant,—and in looking round for a suitable one they appear to have selected the Y. M. C. A. If any of our friends doubt this, just read the following list of services required of us by the public, and remember that these are only selections from multitudes of similar letters:

No. 1. A mother in England wishes to find out what her boy is doing in Toronto.

No. 2. Please let me know where I can buy a Dominion flag.

No. 3. I want to secure a good blacksmith.

- No. 4. Send me a boy able to drive a horse.
 No. 5. A gambling saloon has been opened near this. Can you help to close it up?
 No. 6. Take a stand against desecration of the Sabbath on railways.
 No. 7. Left a flannel shirt in my boarding house; please get it and send it to me.
 No. 8. What is subscription to Weekly Mail?
 No. 9. Post letters to me.
 No. 10. Should I like to procure a Swedish Testament as a grant.
 No. 11. Please try and get me a situation, and write, letting me know if you succeed.
 No. 12. What are best books for a beginner in phonography.

We have done our very best to meet all these demands. If we have failed in any, it has not been lack of desire but inability. But we are not going to give up. By the grace of God the Association still offers itself as a general servant, but all the time we keep in view that "One is our Master, even Christ." He took on Him the form of a servant." Friends, young men, brethren, we count "ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

SABBATH DESECRATION.

We have received a lengthy epistle from "A Brother in Christ," in which he uses very strong but justifiable language while referring to the hardships of Railway Employees, and the sinfulness of Railway Managers by ordering the running of trains on the Lord's Day. The writer wishes the Association to take some action towards securing the abolition of all traffic on that day. While we admit the force of many of his arguments, we should attach greater importance to the letter had the writer given his own name. Brethren never be afraid to write to us making any suggestion; but at the same time never be afraid, when you do write, to let us know who you are. We are ready to second any work for the glory of God—the salvation of souls—or the maintenance of the sanctity of the Lord's day; but we like to know those who ask our co-operation.

Those who "endure hardness" as good soldiers of Jesus Christ are never alarmed at the pop-guns of adverse criticism. Their chief anxiety is to obey the orders of the Captain of their Salvation.

A WORKER'S DREAM. X

(CONDENSED.)

I sat down in an arm-chair, wearied with my work. My toil had been severe. Many were seeking, many had found what they sought. The church wore an aspect of prosperity. I was joyous in my work. My brethren were united. My sermons and exhortations were evidently telling on my hearers. My church was crowded with listeners.

Fired with my work, I soon lost myself in sort of half-forgetful state. Suddenly a stranger entered the room, I saw in his face, benignity, intelligence, and weight of character; but, though he was passably well attired, he carried suspended about his person measures, and chemical agents, and implements, which gave him a very strange appearance.

The stranger coming toward me said, "How is your zeal?" I was eased to hear his words; for I was quite satisfied with my zeal. Instantly I conceived of it as physical quantity, and putting my hand into my bosom, brought it forth and presented it to him for inspection. He took it, and, placing it in his scale, weighed it carefully. I heard him say, "One hundred pounds!" I was gratified. He broke the mass to atoms, put it into his crucible, and put the crucible into the fire. When the mass was thoroughly fused he took it out, and set it down to cool. It congealed in cooling, and when turned out on the hearth, exhibited a series of layers or strata; which all, at the touch of his hammer, fell apart, and were severally tested and weighed. When he had finished, he presented his notes to me, and gave me a look of compassion, and saying, "May God save you!" he left the room.

I opened the "notes," and read as follows:—

Analysis of the zeal of Junius, a candidate for a Crown of Glory.

Weight in mass,	100 lbs
Of this, on analysis, there proves to be—	
Bigotry,	10 parts.
Personal ambition,	23 "
Love of praise,	19 "
Pride of denomination,	15 "
Pride of talent,	14 "
Love of authority,	12 "
Love to God,	4 "
Love to man, { Pure zeal }	3 "—100.

When I looked at the figures, my heart sank as lead within me. I made a mental effort to dispute the correct-

ness of the record. But I was suddenly startled into a more honest mood by an audible sigh—from the stranger (who had paused in the hall), and by a sudden darkness falling upon me by which the record became at once obscured and nearly illegible. I suddenly cried out, "Lord, save me!" and knelt down at my chair, with the paper in my hand and my eyes fixed upon it. At once it became a mirror, and I saw my heart reflected in it. *The record was true!* I saw it, I felt it, I confessed it, I deplored it, and I besought God to save me from myself with many tears; and, at length, with a loud and irrepressible cry of anguish, I awoke.

That day was the crisis of my history; and if there shall prove to have been, in later years, some depth and earnestness in my convictions, and some searching and saving pungency in my words, I doubt not eternity will show their connection with the visit of this Searcher of hearts, at whose coming I was weighed in the balance and found wanting.

FELLOW WORKER HOW IS IT WITH YOU?

- And God is able to make all grace abound towards you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.— 2 Cor. ix, 8.

SOW BESIDE ALL WATERS.

A tract was given with each railroad ticket, issued by an agent at one of our principal stations during several years. He was an earnest Christian man, anxious to use every opportunity to spread the knowledge of his Master. Every year he expended fifty dollars in tracts, which he distributed, and after continuing the practice for five years, had the happiness of counting *twenty-two letters* he had received during that period, from persons who had been converted by the blessing of God on the tracts he had given them with their tickets.—*Baltimore Bulletin.*

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Of the Association will be held in the

Members' Parlor, Shaftesbury Hall.

On **TUESDAY, 5th OCT.**, at 8 p.m.,

when Reports will be presented, and Officers for the ensuing year Elected. Members please take notice.

ALF. SANDHAM, Sec.

S. H. BLAKE, Pres.

Bulletin for Week Commencing Oct. 4th, 1880.

MONDAY	.....	Oct. 4	..12.00 M.	Praise Meeting—W. Marks.	
			8.00 P.M.	Young Men's Bible Class.	
TUESDAY	.....	" 5	..2.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Opposite life choices. Ruth i. 6-18. J. B. Anderson	
			8 P.M.	Annual Business Meeting.	
WEDNESDAY	..	" 6	..12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Is life worth living. Job. iii. 20-23; Phil. i. 21-26; J. R. James.	
THURSDAY	.....	" 7	..12.00 M.	Bible Reading, Alf. Sandham.	
FRIDAY	.....	" 8	..12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. The backslider exhorted and encouraged. Hos. xiv. 1-9. Rev. H. Melville.	
			8.00 P.M.	Boys' Meeting. Charles Edwards.	
SATURDAY	....	" 9	..12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. The Slavery of sin. Rom. vi. 16-23. W. E. Burford.	
			4.00 P.M.	Teacher's Bible Class. Hon S. H. Blake.	
			8.00 P.M.	Young Men's Meeting. G. T. Forgusson.	
SUNDAY	.....	" 10	..9.30 A.M.	Workers' Meeting for Prayer and Bible Study.	
			3.00 P.M.	Evangelistic Bible Class. S. R. Briggs.	
			8.30 P.M.	Gospel and Song Service. W. Anderson.	

OPEN TO ALL, with exception of the Monday and Saturday Evening Meetings, which are exclusively for young men. A cordial invitation is extended. Requests for prayers may be addressed to the Secretary.

Railroad Men's Meetings.

SABBATH, Oct. 10, 3 00 P.M.—At Union Station—WM GOODERHAM, JR., ESQ. and REV. DR. CASTLE.
At Nipissing Station—CHAS. CLARK and RAILROAD SECRETARY.
COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every MONDAY 8 P.M.—476 Adelaide St. W. Thursday 8 P.M.
78 Ontario Street, (rear.)
Noon Meeting every Wednesday. 12.30 to 1—Toronto, Grey & Bruce Reading Rooms.

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