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Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 18. 3.

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RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

MEMBERS of the Board of Directors who have volunteered to be on duty with the Reception Committee, will please note the appointments for the present week:—

Monday. - 22nd, - S. Caldecott.
Tuesday, - 23rd, - D. C. Forbes.
Wednesday, 24th, - J. O. Anderson.
Thursday, - 25th, - W. Garside.
Friday, - 26th, - W. Anderson.

Please do not let other matters interfere with this most important appointment.

NOON MEETING.



OUR noonday Prayer Meeting has not been so well attended during the past few weeks. One reason to be assigned for this, is certainly a good reason, and has a pleasant side to it, namely: The number of unemployed persons visiting the free Reading Room is not so great as during the winter months, when the Reading Room is visited by large numbers of this class, and many of them accept our invitation to attend the meeting. While the attendance is not so large, we believe that we are correct in saying that the meetings are very beneficial to those who do attend.

DON'T FORGET

THAT WE

EXTEND

TO

Every Young Man

IN

TORONTO,

A

HEARTY WELCOME

TO

OUR ROOMS.

COME!

THE MEN WHO SUCCEED.

BEAR in mind that the great difference among men, of all callings, is energy of character or the want of it. Given the same amount of learning and integrity, and the same opportunities, and energy will make one man a conqueror. The want of it will see the other a failure. Dead-beats are all men without force. They had as good a chance as any of their companions. Others went ahead and carried off the prizes, while they were lying beside the wayside dispirited and despondent. It takes nerve, vim, perseverance, patience, continuance in well-doing, to win a great prize. And the young man who goes into a profession without this pluck and force will not earn salt to his porridge. He will drag along through life with the help of friends, getting some credit with them for being a well-meaning man, in delicate health and unlucky. The real trouble is, he lacks energy. All the learning in the world will not qualify a man for usefulness. It requires push, stamina, vigor, courage, resolution, will, determination—in one word—energy.—*N. Y. Observer.*

As a man that has a burden on his back, or a long garment hanging down to his heels, is altogether unfit to run a race, so unready are they for the spiritual race who are entangled with the love of the world, or with any sinful compliances.—*Burkitt.*

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

THE surgeon who goes upon the battle field to dress the wounded always first goes to the most desperate case, so Jesus does not exclude the greatest sinners when they come to Him, but on the contrary gives them his first attention. He came to save "*sinners.*"

LOVE NOT THE WORLD.

A CHRISTIAN in the world is like a man transacting his affairs in the rain. He will not suddenly leave his client because it rains; but the moment the business is done he is off.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

—Eph. ii. 4-6.

FAIR WEATHER FRIENDS.

WHO is a friend like me?" said the shadow to the body. "Do I not follow you wherever you go? Sunlight or moonlight I never forsake you."

"It is true," said the body. "But where are you when neither sun nor moon shines upon me? The true friend abides with us in darkness."

"LO I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS," saith the Friend.

THERE are two ways of coming down from the upper part of a house: one is to jump down, and the other is to come down the stairs one step at a time, but both will land you at the bottom. So there are two ways of reaching the lowest level of degradation and sin, and eventually of hell. One is to jump down—few people do that—the other is to go down by the steps of little sins. Thousands are doing this.

IMMORTALITY.

IF I err in believing that the souls of men are immortal, I willingly err; nor while I live would I wish to have this delightful error extorted from me; and if, after death I shall feel nothing, as some minute philosophers think, I am not afraid lest *dead philosophers* should laugh at me for the error.—(*Cicero.*)

NOT YET DISCOVERED.

ONCE a person, more noted for his self esteem than his learning, was, in the midst of a brilliant assemblage, speaking against the Christian religion in terms of scorn and derision. A gentleman present stepped up and asked, "Well, sir, have you found a religion that is better?" The scoffer was compelled to admit that he had not. "Well," added the other, when you have, let me know, and I will join you in adopting it."

A BOSTON minister says he once preached on "The Recognition of Friends in Heaven," and was told after service, by a hearer, that it would be more to the point to preach about the recognition of friends on earth, as he had been in the church twenty years, and didn't know any of its members.

IT is not a woman's believing a man to be rich and honorable, but her actual consent to take him for her husband, that makes a marriage: so, it is not people's believing Christ to be a great and glorious Saviour, but actual reception of Him for theirs, that makes a spiritual marriage and union to Him.—(*Erskine.*)

WHEN we read the Bible we must remember that, like the holy waters seen by Ezekiel (chap. xlvii.), it is in some places up "to the ankles," in others up "to the knees," in others up "to the loins;" and in some, "a river" too deep to be fathomed, and that "cannot be passed over." There is light enough in the Bible to guide the humble and teachable to heaven, and obscurity enough to confound the unbeliever. (Cecil 1740-1810.)

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

ALL INVITED.

GOLD is to be found in the rocks which fringe the Pass of the Splügen, gold even in the stones which mend the roads, but there is too little of it to be worth extracting. Alas, how like too many books and sermons! Not so the Scriptures, they are much fine gold: their very dust is precious.—*Spurgeon.*

IMPURE LITERATURE.

YOUNG men, it is right for you to enrich yourselves with the spoils of all pure literature; but he who would make a favorite of a bad Book, simply because it contained a few beautiful passages, might as well caress the hand of an assassin because of the jewelery which sparkles on his fingers.—*Joseph Parker.*

"EVERY WORD OF GOD IS PURE."

"THY WORD IS VERY PURE."

DAYLIGHT can be seen through very small holes, so little things will illustrate a person's character.

REMEMBER that a Christian may have some hardness in his heart, yet not have an hard heart. A field of wheat may have tares in it, yet we call it a field of wheat.

UNCHANGABLE.

CÆSAR is not Cæsar still, nor Alexander. Alexander still: but Jesus is Jesus still and shall be for ever.—*Heb. xiii. 8.*

IMPORTANCE OF EXAMPLE.

GO forward, my daughter, go forward," a crab said to its daughter. The daughter replied, "Good mother, show me how!" whereupon the mother, crawling backward and sidling as she was won't, the daughter said "Lo mother! I go just as you do."

**GOSPEL AND SONG
SERVICE,**

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

Good Singing, with Y.M.C.A. Orchestra
accompanying.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.

COME!

REMEMBER

—THE—

Young Men's Meeting,

HELD

EVERY SATURDAY EVENING.

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME!

Bulletin for Week Commencing May 22, 1882.

MONDAY.....	May 22....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. R. Merryfield.
			8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by J. J. Gartshore.
TUESDAY.....	" 23....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Knowing Christ. 2 Tim. 1. R. Kilgour.
WEDNESDAY.	" 24....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Wilt thou be made whole? John v: 1-9. Rev. H. Melville.
THURSDAY...	" 25....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Accepted Sacrifices. Lev. ix: 15-24; Heb. xiii: 12-16. H. B. Gordon.
FRIDAY	" 26....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. A free pardon for the guilty. Micah vii: 18, 19; Isa. i: 18; 1 John i: 7-9. Rev. J. Matheson.
			8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY..	" 27....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Self denial. Mark viii: 34-38. W. E. Burford.
			4.50 P.M.	TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S H. Blake.
			8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Am I ready? Rev. 3: 1-3; Matt. xxiv: 42-44. A. Munro.
SUNDAY	" 28....	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, May 28, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meetings at Union Station and at
Nipissing Station.