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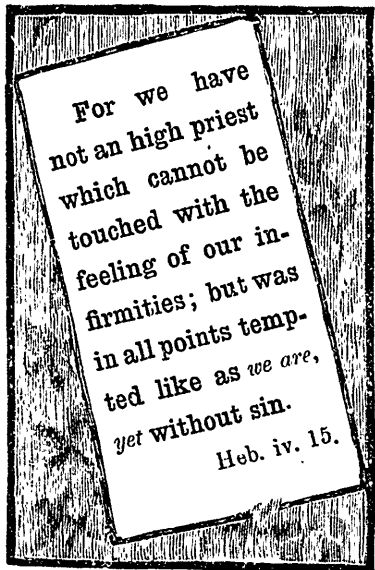
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IN order to complete some sets for binding we wish to secure a copy (each) of Nos. 14, 21 Vol. I; No. 9, Vol. II and No. 7, Vol. III, of the Bulletin. Any friend having these numbers would oblige by send them to the General Secretary.

CHANGES.

WE have somewhat changed the arrangement of our pages. The change may leave less space for general reading matter, but it gives us more space for that which we *specially* wish our Young Men to read: that is "God's word."

A GRADATION.

RECENTLY there have been two concerts held in our Hall under the auspices of the Association. One was Sacred — the other *was not*. In each case the music was *good*, the audience MIDDLING, the financial and spiritual profit NIL. We must acknowledge a growing feeling on our part, that the cause of Christ is not advanced by such gatherings, and we believe our feelings are shared in by others. We long for the day when we shall fully enter upon the work of *house cleaning*, and include in that work the removal of every questionable feature in the work.

NOON MEETINGS.

THese have been seasons of spiritual refreshing, souls have been quickened, and testimony given as to the power of Jesus' name.

A MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS

IS HELD

EVERY MONDAY EVENING, FROM 7 30 TILL 9.
In Parlor C (up stairs) Shaftesbury Hall.

A Member of the Devotional Committee will be in charge.

JESUS—Able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him. Heb. vii. 25.

JESUS—Able to succor them that are tempted.

Heb. ii. 18.

WHAT PAUL FOUND TO BE GRATEFUL FOR.

ALF. SANDHAM.

- For Jesus Christ.—2 Cor. ix: 15.
- “ being placed in the ministry.—1 Tim. i: 12, 13.
 - “ gifts which qualified him for service.—1 Cor. xiv: 18, 19.
 - “ guidance in work, so that no ground for complaint could be made against him, nor his name used for party purposes.—1 Cor. xiv: 12, 15.
 - “ success which attended his preaching.—1 Thess. 11: 13.
 - “ liberty secured by many of his hearers.—Rom. vi: 17, 18.
 - “ grace imparted to them.—1 Cor. 1: 4.
 - “ faith manifested by their works.—Rom. 1, 8.
 - “ steadfast walk and growing faith.—2 Thess. 1: 3-4.
 - “ brotherly love.—Philemon 4: 5.
 - “ fellowship of the saints.—Philippians 1: 3-5.
 - “ sympathy extended him.—Acts xxviii: 15.
 - “ faithful and well trained helpers.—2 Cor. viii: 16; 2 Tim. 1: 3-5.
 - “ deliverance from dominion of sin.—Rom. vii: 24, 25.
 - “ continued success in his labors.—2 Cor. 2: 14.
 - “ ultimate victory.—1 Cor. xv: 55, 57.

HIS ADVICE TO OTHERS.

- How to thank God - - Heb. xiii: 15.
 Why “ “ 2 Cor. iv: 55.
 When “ “ Eph. v: 20.
 Measure of thankfulness, Col. 2-7.
 Result of “ } Ph. 6, 7.
 } PEACE.

A WORD OF WARNING.

Result of thanklessness, Rom. 1: 21-24.

A WORD OF ADVICE.

Col. iii: 15-17. Connect with this, Psalm c: 4, 5. “He is GOOD. HIS MERCY is ever-

lasting.” Because He is merciful He still offers the “unspeakable Gift,” and until that is accepted we are guilty of the greatest ingratitude.

“ **I**N my younger days I was in that part of South America where there are gold mines. How the miners did work, to be sure! Eyes, hands, and feet were all employed; and what joy was seen when in digging deep they turned up a lump of the precious metal! I have often since said, ‘Oh that men were as diligent in seeking the stores of wealth to be found in the Bible.’ The Psalmist says that God’s words are better than fine gold; and he is right. The reason why so many Bible-readers get so little good from the blessed book is, that they are not in earnest.”

WHAT MAKES A SOLDIER?

NOT the dress, however gay; not the drill, however severe; not the name, however grand; but the simple acceptance of the Queen’s shilling, the having given oneself up to the service of the country. A man may have no regimentals on, but he may be a soldier for all that; he may not have begun to train, but he is just as much a soldier as the oldest veteran in the army. He may be an ignorant, untried, raw recruit, only yesterday enlisted, but, nevertheless, he is as true a soldier as the commander-in-chief of the grandest army returning from a campaign.

So it is with the Christian. What makes a Christian?

Not dress, position, attainment, intelligence, service: it is having accepted Christ as his Saviour, enlisted under His banner. Though he knew not a letter in the Bible, nor have done a single bit of service for his Master.

JESUS—Able to make all grace abound toward you.

2 Cor. ix. 18.

JESUS—Able to make him stand.

Rom. xiv. 4.

he is a Christian; for, *simple faith and nothing else* makes a Christian: all else, drill, armour, service, knowledge, are only accessories that help to make the man a more efficient and valuable soldier of the Cross.

WHY ARE MEN PUT INTO GAOL?

NOT because of a life of wickedness, but for some one wrong act or deed. They broke the law once, and perhaps only for a few minutes; but for that they have to suffer years afterwards. No one considers it a violation of justice so to punish.

Men are punished by God, not because they have led a wicked life, but for the one continuous sin of UNBELIEF in the Christ of God. "He that believeth on him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already."

God does not say he that liveth a good life here shall have eternal life hereafter; but he plainly shows that a person's safety or ruin turns on the acceptance or rejection of Christ Jesus, the sacrifice and atonement that he has made.

It necessarily follows, however, that he who accepts Christ has to obey Christ. Faith in Christ is proved by works for Christ.

He who says "I believe," and yet lives in sin, is "a liar, and the truth is not in him."

ETERNITY—what a word! The longest river has an end. The broadest ocean has a shore, but *eternity* is an ocean without a shore. Since we must embark on that ocean, how important that we should be prepared!

SPIRITUAL BAROMETER:

A SCALE OF THE PROGRESS OF SIN AND OF GRACE.

The reader must peruse this from the Middle, upwards or downwards, until he perceive the degree at which he now stands.

GLORY.

- 70 Dismissal from the body.
- Desiring to depart and be with Christ.
- Patience in tribulation.
- 60 Ardent love for souls.
- Zeal in doing good.
- Delight in walking with God
- 50 Deadness to the world.
- Communion with Christ.
- Love of God in the heart.
- 40 Meetings for prayer, &c.
- Vain company wholly dropped.
- Love to the people of God.
- 30 Love of God's Word established.
- Scripture light increased.
- Frequent attendance on means of grace.
- 20 Retirement for meditation
- Sanctification. Holiness.
- Belief of the truth.
- 10 Daily perusal of the Bible.
- Alarm Conviction Concern.

INDIFFERENCE.

- Family worship only occasionally.
- 10 Private prayer omitted.
- Family religion given up.
- Levity in conversation.
- 20 Fashions, however expensive, adopted.
- Luxurious entertainments.
- Get hardened under Gospel sermons.
- 30 Run after 'intellectual' preachers.
- Free association with the worldly.
- Private prayer thrown aside.
- 40 Love of Novels and Romances.
- Frequent parties of pleasure.
- Theatres, Balls, Races, Circus, etc.
- 50 Taking God's name in vain.
- House of God forsaken. Infidelity.
- Increased desire for strong drink.
- 60 Ungodly company prized. Profaneness.
- Parties of pleasure on the Lord's day.
- Scoffing at Religion. Persecuting the godly.
- 70 Disease and Death.

PERDITION.

JESUS—Able to keep you from falling.

Jude 24.

JESUS—"What he has promised, able also to perform."
Rom. iv. 21.

REMEMBER

—THE—

Young Men's Meeting,

HELD

EVERY SATURDAY EVENING,
AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME!

**GOSPEL AND SONG
SERVICE,**

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.

COME!

Bulletin for Week Commencing Feb. 19, 1883.

MONDAY.....	Feb. 19....	12 00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Secretary.
		7.30 P.M.		MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C"
		8.00 P.M.		WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 20	12 00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Opposition to God's Word Overruled to further it. Acts xiii. 42-49. W. Marks.
WEDNESDAY.	" 21....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. What our Lord says about the New Birth. John iii. 1-8. H. B. Gordon.
THURSDAY...	" 22....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER "We Walk by Faith, not by Sight. Num. xiii. 25-33; xiv. 1-9. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY	" 23....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Christ Healeth our Diseases. Luke viii. 43-48; Matt. viii. 17. Assist. S'c.
		8.00 P.M.		BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SATURDAY ..	" 24....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Effect of Re- membering Christ's Words. Luke xxii. 61, 62; Acts xi, 15-18. W. E. Burford.
		4.30 P.M.		TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. S.H. Blake, Q.C.
		8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. "Come and See." Geo. T. Fergusson.
SUNDAY	" 25...	3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs.
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Feb. 25, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meetings at Union Station, and Credit
Valley Station, Parkdale.

JESUS SAYS—"Believe ye that I am able to do this!"
Matt. ix. 28.