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### A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

**I**N writing this well known salutation we desire that your experience should infinitely surpass that which is usually comprehended in the word *Merry*. May your heart be merry—Your face be cheerful—and your soul rejoice in the knowledge that through faith in the blood of Him (in remembrance of whose birth this day is observed) your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Be Merry? Yes. Happy? Yes. The Christian should be of all men the happiest. "Christianity is not a sepulchral thing, a gloomy life, a depressed condition of social existence. True the Christian life has its sorrows; but these

are not unsweetened. It has its shadows, but these are not unmingled with bright beams of heavenly light. The light of our life is not a dim, but a bright religious life. The light is bright. He is our light. "Whom, having not seen we love; in whom though now we see Him not, yet believing we rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory. We "Joy in God." Therefore we wish you like joy, and reiterate the words A Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. "Rejoice, and again I say rejoice."

### A NEW VOLUME.

We purpose commencing Vol. II. of the Bulletin with the New Year. We thank our friends who by favoring us with their advertisements have enabled us to publish thus far without cost to the Association. While they have thus done much towards helping on our work, we believe they have also reaped corresponding benefit. The Bulletin is faithfully distributed among the Boarding Houses, Railway Stations, and Manufactories, and the unanimous testimony of our Young Men is that it is not only favorably received but cordially welcomed. We hope at an early date to largely increase the edition published, and by illustrated articles, and a choice selection of reading to make it a true Messenger of the Gospel among the Young Men of Toronto. Friends pray for us and it.

### SOME ITEMS ABOUT OUR WORK.

#### No. I.

Toronto Hospital,

DEAR BROTHER,—I am very thankful to the Lord that I am once more made well, after a severe illness; and still thank Him that He sent me such a friend as you have been to me, in providing for me as you have done. My strength is

not enough yet for me to be able to express my feelings of gratitude to you; but I have prayed, over and over again, for you and others connected in your work, that the Lord would send every blessing on you and your fellow-workers, and that you may succeed in all your undertakings, I should have liked to have seen you personally; but, thank the Lord, I shall be able to soon. Hoping and trusting that I may ask of you to offer a prayer to the Lord for me."

The writer of this letter came from England as a perfect stranger. On his way from Montreal his valise was stolen, in which was clothing, some money, and checks for his tool chest. The checks were found on the side of the track, and returned to Toronto, where his tools were delivered. In the meantime he was helped in various ways, and had just secured permanent employment when he was taken ill with typhoid fever. Admittance to the hospital was obtained for him, and he was repeatedly visited by several brethren. On his recovery, through the intervention of a friend, he secured a passage home to England, where his wife and child were anxiously waiting his return,

#### No. II.

A likely young man enters the Secretary's office. He is an American; was robbed in Chicago of all he possessed—clothes and money—save sufficient sum to bring him as far as Toronto. Questioned him closely, and having some acquaintance with the men and town which he claimed to be his native place, sent him to a lodging-house for the night. Telegraphed to a friend—*"—here destitute; says mother resides three miles from ——. Please send and ascertain facts; wire me if she will send money."* Next day received answer, saying "it was all right; money by next mail." If any person had been in the office when that young man called next day and heard the news, they would have understood what is meant by "too full for utterance" He stood looking at the Secretary. At last he stammered forth, "I—I—I can't tell what I feel. How is it that a stranger could take so much trouble for me? I can't understand it; and I can't tell my thanks." He was told that it was all "Christ." It was love for Christ that had originated the Association. It was to show forth Christ it was striving. It was to bring souls to Christ its efforts

were directed. He was prayed with, a ticket purchased, his board paid, and he went on his way rejoicing.

#### No. III.

A letter from———. A son has left home; parents much distressed; "do what you can to find him and send him back." Two days elapse. Search made in every direction; word left at hotels and offices likely to be visited by him, asking that should such a lad present himself to let us know at once. After a long and fruitless search, in the evening of second day telegraphed, "Cannot find him—send his photograph." Returned to the rooms and wrote a letter stating what had been done. While writing, the thought was suggested, Why have you not asked the Lord to help you in the search? At once prayer was made; then went out to post the letter. Returning, was entering the building, when I saw, ascending the steps, a person wearing just such a coat and cap as described in the parent's letter. Followed him up to the Reading Room; asked his name. George———: It was the lad himself. For two days search on my own plan and no success; a short appeal for Divine direction, and *the Lord brought him to us.* That night a ticket was purchased, and he returned home; and the same train which conveyed the letter, stating the failure of man's search, carried in the person of the lad—the proof that "*to ask God means to save time and labor.*"

#### No. IV.

Sat down this evening to answer correspondence. Here is a letter from a heart-broken mother in England, asking us in most entreaty words to try and secure some information about her son. For weeks past we have been trying to gain a clue to his whereabouts. Letters addressed to him were kept in our own possession, and a notice placed in the letter case that we had such letters, but no applications made, and the mother was informed of OUR failure.

Remembering how the Lord had helped in the case just referred to, this young man was made a subject of prayer that night, and it seemed as though this stranger and wanderer had been rolled upon our hearts. Next morning he was again prayed for.

About 10 o'clock, while sitting in our office in conversation with some brethren the Assistant Secretary came in and said "the young man——whom you have been trying to find is outside asking for his letters."

Is this wonderful? Yes it is. But the wonder is, not that God should answer prayer, but that we should be so slow

to recognize the fact that if our work is "for God," as we profess it to be, then God has a right to be consulted as how he wishes us to do it, and He, with whom we are "workers together," should be recognised. Suffice it to say, that again the mail was charged with a two-fold message, recording man's failure and God's faithfulness.

## Bulletin for Week Commencing December 27, 1880.

MONDAY.....	Dec. 27....	12.00	M.	PRaise MEETING. R. McJannet, Jr.
	"	8.00	P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. H. A. Bruton
TUESDAY.....	" 28....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Talents to be used, Matt. xxv. 25-30. R. Merryfield.
WEDNESDAY..	" 29....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Seeking the Straying Matt. xviii. 11-14. W. P. Crombie.
THURSDAY....	" 30....	12.00	M.	BIBLE READING.
FRIDAY.....	" 31....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Unprofitable Ser- vants. Luke xvii. 7-10. W. Marks. 8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	Jan. 1.—	NEW YEAR'S DAY.—NOON MEETING.		
SUNDAY.....	" 2....	9.30	A.M.	WORKER'S MEETING FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY. 3.00 P.M. EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs. 8.30 P.M. GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE. J. McGregor.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

### RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Jan. 2, 3 00 P.M.—At Union Station.—JAS. GREENE and REV. H. MELVILLE  
At Nipissing Station.—A. MUNRO and RAILROAD SECRETARY.

COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every MONDAY 8 P.M.—23 Portland Street. THURSDAY 8 P.M.—11 Monck Street, and 61 Sackville St.

### FREE CLASSES.

ELOCUTION.....	MR. R. LEWIS....	MONDAY, 8 P.M.
PHONOGRAPHY.....	MR. R. McNAB..	MONDAY and SATURDAY, 6.45 P.M.
BOOKKEEPING.....	MR. McINTYRE...	TUESDAY, 8 P.M.
DRAWING.....	MR. H. B. GORDON.....	FRIDAY, 8 P.M.
GYMNASIUM (for Young Men).....		MONDAY and THURSDAY, 8 P.M., SATURDAY, 4 to 6 P.M.
GYMNASIUM (for Boys).....	MR. BRUTON....	MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY 4.30 to 6 P.M.

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