

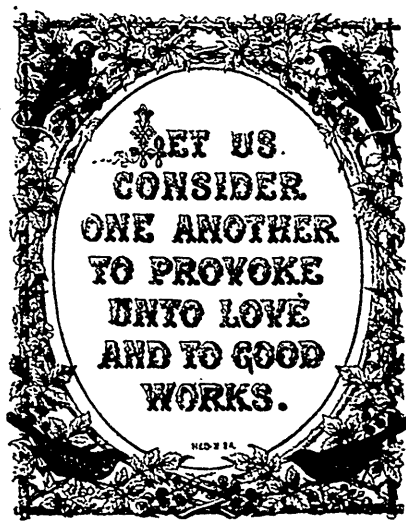
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OUR SILENT FRIENDS.

THE members of the Deaf Mute Class with their families picniced this year at Humber Summit, Mr. Wallace at that point very kindly opened his grounds to the friends, and the Railway Company placed a car at the disposal of the party. The car was shunted on to siding so that it was available all day as a depot for the usual accompaniments of a picnic party. Under the careful supervision of Bro. J. b. Nasmith, all went on well, and a very pleasant day was spent.

STRANGERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

That the Rooms of the
TORONTO YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,

ARE IN ITS BUILDING,
SHAFTESBURY HALL
Corner Queen and James Sts.,
ONE BLOCK WEST OF YONGE STREET.

Rooms open daily from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m.
You will be cordially welcomed.

JESUS :—He is a merciful and faithful High Priest.
Hebrews ii. 18.

JESUS:—He Himself hath suffered being tempted.
Hebrews ii. 18.

REAPING.



WE have recently received testimony from several quarters as to blessing which has resulted from the labours of our young men. We believe it will be for the glory of God, and also for the encouragement of workers in other Associations to publish one or two facts.

A few weeks ago, as our Assistant Secretary was standing at the door inviting young men to attend the meeting, a person crossed the street, and said, "Last New Year's Day, your young men left a packet of reading matter at my house. At that time, there was a young man staying with me, and he received a packet and was greatly helped by reading one of the tracts in the same. He died a short time ago; but before his death, he asked me to call, and, if possible, procure a copy, and send it to a friend in the Old Land. Can you favour me with one?"

Again,—we published in October last (in our BULLETIN) an article entitled "A Losing Game." That week a young man was led to see the error of his way while reading it. Some time after, we were told of a second instance of blessing attending the reading of the same article.

At a Young Men's Meeting, held some weeks ago, out of eleven testimonies given, seven were from young men who stated they had been led to Christ through the work of the Association, and a majority of these referred to the fact that an invitation on the street had been the means used to reach them first. Therefore, dear brethren of the Toronto, and of other Associations, let us not be weary in well-doing. God is faithful, who hath promised. Let us be faithful, and the fulfilment of the promise shall be ours.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,
AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME

A POINTED QUESTION.



ONE day a poor child, straying into a Sunday-school, asked simply: "Is this the way to Heaven?" The superintendent was for a moment startled. Was the school, indeed, the way to Heaven? Was he trying *above all other things* to make it so? Were his teachers intent on the same object? The artless question went home? From desk to class the question went round with a thrill. What were they all doing? Whether were their efforts tending? The question was like an angel suddenly alighting in their midst to make a record of what transpired in the school. How should we answer the question in the Y.M.C.A.? Our educational classes, reading rooms, lectures, gymnasiums, and rambling clubs are excellent in their way, but the little child's question directs attention to the one point most deserving of consideration. Is this the way to Heaven? Does each Y.M.C.A. make this consideration its main object? If not, it is a failure. It may have hundreds of young men daily thronging its doors for the secular advantages which it offers, but if it does not make the leading of souls to Christ its first consideration, it might as well close its doors. If it is not the way to Heaven, there is only one alternative; it is the way to Hell.—London (Eng.) Y.M.C.A. Notes.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every Sunday Afternoon,

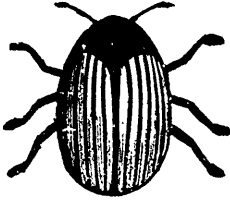
AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

JESUS:—He is able to succour them that are tempted.
Hebrews ii. 18.

JESUS:—He is the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever—
Hebrews xiii. 8.

THE POTATO BUG.



SOME years ago, by invitation of the Y. M. C. A., of Ottawa, Ont., I visited that city and conducted a series of Bible Readings. During my stay, I was guest of the President of the Association, whose residence was situated on the outskirts of the city. One morning, as I sat in my room, I noticed upon my window-sill a *beautiful* (?) specimen of beetle or bug. That morning, as I walked through the garden, I saw many more; and when, after breakfast, I was walking with my host into the city, I saw several on the sidewalk. I called his attention to them, and said: "What a pretty insect that is! I never saw any like them before." "Pretty!" said he, "I think them very ugly, and as to their rarity, I wish they were more so. Why," added he, "don't you know what they are?" "No," I answered. "Well, these are Potato Bugs, and they are committing great havoc all through the country. In fact, some of the farmers have lost all their crop by them;" and, as he spoke, he brought his foot down upon a couple which were crossing his path. At once my thoughts concerning their beauty changed, and all I saw in them was a source of trouble and loss; and after that it seemed to me that I was doing a virtuous act by crushing under my feet every potato bug which crossed my path.

At the same time, I learned a lesson. Is it not a fact that many—very many—Christians and others are attracted by the outward appearance of the so-called pleasures of the world? They admire them, and dally with them. But, how different would it be were their eyes opened to see the truth that, after all, these very pleasures, or sins have

wrought such devastation in many homes, brought many sorrows to the hearts of parents—yea, have ruined many who, through ignorance of their deadly nature, have played with them, and encouraged their growth.

Dear brethren, let us open our eyes to the fact that the show, glitter, folly, and friendships of the world are like potato bugs: outwardly handsome, but breathing destruction. Let us get them under our feet, and keep them there.

ALF. S.

AGNOSTICS.

"AM an Agnostic!" remarked a young man, in swelling accents. "And an Agnostic is what?" inquired an elderly gentleman. "An Agnostic," replied the fresh youth, in a manner expressive of his pity for his interlocutor's ignorance—"an Agnostic is a fellow, you know, who isn't sure of anything." "I see," replied the old gentleman. "But how does it happen that you are sure you are an Agnostic?"

WERE we to take Christ at His word, we could do without comments.

SIR PETER LELY used to make it a rule never to look upon a bad picture, as he found, by experience, when he had done so, his pencil always took a tint from it. (Prov. iv. 14-16.)

TRAINING CLASS

For Christian Workers,

EVERY THURSDAY, at 8 P.M.

Conducted by the Secretary.

All Christian Workers Invited.

JESUS:—I am the Lord, I change not.
Malachi. iii. 6.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening, at 8.30.

GOOD SINGING. SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES

COME.

BABY-MINDEDNESS.

BR. CUYLER says to young men: "Don't ask to be everlastingly amused; it is a sign of a baby mind, when a young man cares for nothing but fun and frolic." If this be so, then there must be a large number of "baby minds" in our churches. Why else this asking by young and old people in the church, to be "everlastingly amused"? And whence comes this constant assertion, that if we do not provide amusements for our young people, they will not come to church? Are all of our young people so "baby-minded" that nothing but amusements will bring them to church and Sunday-school? We would rather trust a little more to spiritual-mindedness and Heavenly-mindedness in those who are converted. And we believe more unconverted people would throng our churches and altars if some of us were less "baby-minded," and more spiritually-minded.—*Christian Standard*.
[Add the word "Association," after "church and Sunday-school," and the article will lose none of its force of meaning.—ED.]

"BITING LIKE AN ADDER."

FRENCH medical writer states that the practice in the Hotel Dieu, when leeches refuse to suck blood, is to wrap them for a few moments in a linen cloth wrung out of undiluted wine. This renders the most sluggish of them so fierce and carnivorous, that they will pierce the skin instantly, and gorge their bloodthirsty bodies till they can drink in no more.

A great many men, who are amiable and unpredacious naturally, become as blood-loving as leeches, and manifest an irresistible propensity to bite, after being steeped in wine, either undiluted or mixed.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17.

Bible Class at 3 p.m., and Gospel and Song Service at 8.30, followed by an enquiry meeting at 9.15. All invited.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18.

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, AUGUST 19.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Is the Thought of Christ's Coming a Source of Joy to Me? John xiv 3; Acts i. 10, 11; 1 Thess. iv. 16-16. Rev. J. Salmon

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Wise Choice. Ruth i 16-18; Luke x. 38-42. W. H. Howland.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Take Heed How Ye Hear. Matt. xiii. 3-9, 18-23. R. Merryfield.
8.00 p.m.—WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS. By the Secretary.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Is Christ's Prayer the Spirit of my Life? John xvii. 20-23, xiii. 35. Rev. H. Melville.
7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Be of Good Cheer. Isa. xl. 26-31, John xvi. 33; John xiv. 27. Asst. Secretary.
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
8.00 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.
R. Sims.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.
" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.
" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.
" Italian Class.
8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. D. C. Forbes.
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.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24.

3 p.m.—Union Station. H. Walton and J. Johnston.
8 p.m.—Y. M. C. A. Tent, York.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.