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Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew vii. 21.

OUR MEETINGS.

THE hot weather does not seem to effect the attendance at our meetings. The Saturday evening meeting has of late been of much interest, and the Monday evening Bible Class is increasing in attendance. We have still room for more, but while we should keep in mind the need of a larger attendance on all the meetings of our association, still we would urge upon our young men the importance of attendance upon all their church privileges—not neglecting any. If they cannot spare but one evening during the week, let that one be *given to the church prayer meeting.*

DON'T FAIL.

WE give this advice to our members. And we mean **DON'T FAIL** to read the special circular which will (D.V.) appear in our next number. It will contain matters in which you should be, (and we believe are) deeply interested.

BULLETIN FUND.

Miss M. J..... \$2 00

OUR SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP.

THE best plan yet devised for the financial support of Young Men's Christian Associations and their establishment upon a permanent basis, is the sustaining membership plan. One is made a sustaining member by the payment of \$5.00 annually and is given in return all the privileges of the Association. We have already quite a number of sustaining members, some have taken two, some three and some five memberships. But the support of the Association should not come upon a few; it is for the benefit of the public and should be supported by the public, and not a few individuals. There is no reason why we should not have 500 such members and so put the Association upon a solid footing. Nearly every one can take one sustaining membership and secure another. Let each member of the Association take it upon himself to secure as many as possible in the coming month.

The foregoing is copied from an exchange Bulletin, but it admirably suits our purposes at the present moment, as we have adopted the sustaining membership plan, and a good measure of success has attended the effort. Some friends have not stopped at five memberships, but we have received the names of six gentlemen who have placed their names on the list for an annual fee of \$100 each.

JESUS said,—Enter ye in at the strait gate.

Matthew vii. 13.

Wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.—Matt. vii. 13.

A LESSON FROM THE PRAIRIES.

WE have received a letter from an old friend and fellow worker, Mr. W. N. Macfarlane, who is now on a mission field in Manitoba. Much of his letter was of course personal, but the following extract has a wide application.

"On the praires here, where the grass grows long, in the spring this grass is often set on fire and burned, after which the land is easier ploughed, and the young grass comes up better than where it is left unploughed. These fires travel with great rapidity a long way, and unless people have guards around their premises, are very dangerous. A guard is a circle of ploughed land of from 6 to 20 feet wide around their premises. Now, strange to say, although every one knows the danger of these prairie fires and the necessity of having a guard ploughed round their houses yet many of them neglect it until they see the fire approaching. One man here whom I know, neglected it even after he saw the fire about a mile away, and thought he had *plenty of time*, but the wind arose and on ran the flames, he then hastily got out his horses and attached them to a plough, but before he could get one furrow made, the fire had got into his premises; and stacks, stables, granary, machinery, pigs, fowls and indeed all he had was burned except the two horses, and all this loss by neglecting about half an hour's work.

This is only one case of many in my district, one young man lost all he had except the clothes he stood in, and they were badly scorched. One could scarcely credit such neglect unless they saw it. Yet it occurs every year in this country.

Reader. How are you acting? Are you prepared? What about a guard? Remember one has been provided. If you refuse to avail yourself of it, 'What will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help?' Isa. x: 3.

TRUE EVANGELIZING.

Acts V. 20: 21.

"Go."—This was spoken to the *right men*—men who could fulfil such an errand better than others, not only because they were specially gifted, but because they knew from personal experience the preciousness of the good news they were to declare.

"Stand." They were not to sit, as was usual with teachers, but to stand, and by so doing call more special attention to what they had to say, and show that they came on a special message of great and pressing importance.

"Speak."—That is, as the word indicates, "use the voice"—use it so as to be well heard and understood. This earnestness, this desire to call special attention, show the *right manner* of evangelistic preaching.

"To the people."—Here was the *right class*—the great men, the chief rulers and others, might be and were unwilling to listen to them; but they could find ready listeners among the people, and "to the people" they were to go.

"All the words of this life."—These were the *right words*—"the words of life"—of life everlasting for perishing sinners through the Lord Jesus, who is the way of "this life" by His atoning death on the cross. These were the right words for them to speak as evangelists, and the right words for "the people" as perishing sinners to hear.

"When they heard that they entered into the temple early in the morning and taught."—That was the *right time*, "early in the morning," because at that time and in that place they were sure to gather a large and attentive audience.

This passage of Scripture clearly embodies the true idea of evangelistic work, showing that it consists in *right words, spoken in the right manner, to the right people, in the right place, at the right time, by the right men.*

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.—Matt. vii. 14.

STRIVE TO ENTER IN AT THE STRAIT GATE: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in and, shall not be able.—Luke xiii. 24.

COURAGE.

O NFRONTS THE FOE.
O VERCOMES OBSTACLES.
U NDERTAKES NOTHING RASHLY.
R EFRAINS FROM BOASTING.
A CKNOWLEDGES AID.
G UARDS AND ATTACKS WISELY.
E XPECTS VICTORY.

CHURCH MOORINGS.—An old sea-captain was riding in the cars, and a young man sat down by his side. He said :

“ Young man where are you going ?”

“ I am going to Philadelphia to live.”

“ Have you letters of introduction ?”

“ Yes,” said the young man, and he pulled some of them out.

“ Well,” said the old sea-captain, “ have you a church certificate ?”

“ Oh, yes,” replied the young man; “ I did not suppose you desired to look at that.”

“ Yes,” said the old sea-captain, “ I want to see that. As soon as you reach Philadelphia, present that to some Christian church. I am an old sailor, and I have been up and down the world; and it is my rule, as soon as I get into port, to fasten my ship fore and aft to the wharf, although it may cost a little wharfage, rather than have my ship out in the stream, floating hither and thither with the tide.”

EVANGELISTIC

BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

All are invited.

**YOUNG MEN'S
BIBLE CLASS**

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

Unto all and upon all them that believe. Rom. iii. 22.

THE PROCLAMATION.



If the Gospel of the Grace of God is UNTO all men, women and children, without distinction of position, attainment or influence. ALL have sinned, therefore ALL need a Saviour. If money could purchase salvation, it would be out of the reach of the poor; if the educated alone could obtain it, what would become of the ignorant; if it were the reward of outward observances, what a sad thing for the infirm.

Thanks be to God, the gospel message comes UNTO ALL, without money and without price; but yet, while UNTO ALL, it is only UPON ALL them that believe. The free gift of God UNTO men is of no avail UNTIL accepted and acted on; then it is UPON the receiver, who is justified freely from ALL sin, for the promise of pardon and forgiveness is only to them that believe (Gal. iii. 22) the record that God gave of His Son; “ and this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.” (1 John v. 10, 11.)

A MEETING FOR BOYS

IS HELD

Every Friday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL BOYS WELCOME.

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.—John viii. 12.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

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 July 16, 1883.

MONDAY.....	July 16....	12.00 M.	7.30 P.M.	7.30 P.M.	8 00 P.M.	8 00 P.M.	PRaise & THANKSGIVING. The Secretary. MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C." INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER. YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 17....	12.00 M.					NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
WEDNESDAY..	" 18 ...	12.00 M.					NOONDAY PRAYER. Assist-Sec.
THURSDAY...	" 19....	12.00 M.	8.00 P.M.				NOONDAY PRAYER. A. Gay. WORKERS' MEETING for mutual edifi- cation.
FRIDAY	" 20 ...	12.00 M.	8.00 P.M.				NOONDAY PRAYER. S. R. Briggs. BOYS' LECTURE.
SATURDAY....	" 21....	12.00 M.	7.30 P.M.				NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Aston. INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
SUNDAY	" 22....	3.00 P.M.	8.00 P.M.	3.00 P.M.	8.30 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. J. J. Findlay. EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon DEAF MUTE CLASS. CHINESE CLASS. GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. Geo. T. Fer- gusson. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, July 22, 3.00 P.M.

GOSPEL MEETING at Union Station and at West End Branch (1020 Queen W.)
Young Men's Meeting every Saturday at 8 p.m.; Bible Class every Tuesday at
8 p.m.; Workers' Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 7.30 a.m., in
the West End Branch Rooms.

Noon Meeting every Tuesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in the G. T. R. Roundhouse
Reading Room, and every Wednesday at the same hour, in
the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Workshops.