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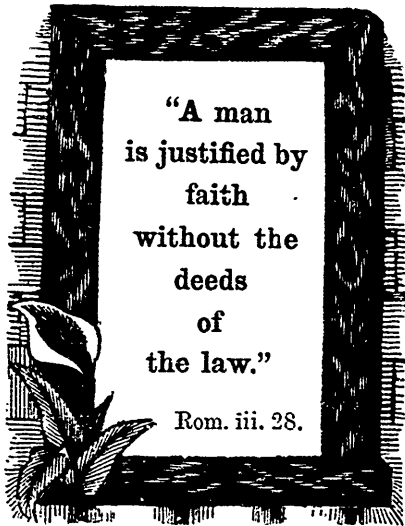
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"A man
is justified by
faith
without the
deeds
of
the law."

Rom. iii. 28.

DONATIONS.

FROM our lady friend—two volumes for the library, also one volume from Rev. W. H. Withrow.

OWE NO MAN ANYTHING BUT LOVE.

WE have been, and still continue to long and pray for the time when the debt upon our building shall be removed, and the whole edifice from roof to cellar be devoted to the Lord's work. We believe there are tokens of coming blessing, and answer to those prayers. In the meantime we ask

our Christian friends, and our members, to continue with us in prayer, that this much to be desired result may be secured. At the same time ask "Lord, what wilt thou have ME to do." See whether you may not do something toward answering your own prayers.

NOTICE!

"TO BE GIVEN AWAY."



AT Christmas the shopkeepers all get wonderfully generous. Tens of thousands of hand-bills are circulated, telling of articles to BE GIVEN AWAY. But if you read the bills you will always find you have got to buy something first. That is man's way, and we are too ready to think that God's way is like man's. You want eternal life! The Bible says that "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. vi. 23), but you fancy that when God talks about a gift, it is something like the shopkeepers at Christmas time. You must do something for God first, and then God will give you His gift. But God says, "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah lv. 9). God's gift is not for those who can first give Him something, but for him that hath no money. "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke xix. 10). Are you willing as a lost sinner to take the Lord Jesus for your Saviour? You will find Him faithful to His own Word—"Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John vi. 37).

Y.M.C.A. WORK IN ENGLAND.

THE National Executive Committee (London, Eng.), has issued a Y.M.C.A. Map of England and Wales, which contains not only all associations and districts clearly marked, but also a census of all towns of 5,000 and upwards. The National work is being vigorously prosecuted under the supervision of Mr. Hind Smith, the National Secretary. Mr. Henry Thorne, late Gen. Sec., at Leeds, commenced his labors as Travelling Secretary, on the 1st instant. Mr. Thorne is well known as an earnest worker and a devoted Bible student. There is one thing certain, that while the Y.M.C.A. Associations of England have not been so demonstrative as those in America, their work has been in the main, more solid and lasting. There is much Bible study and genuine Christian work done, the result, of course, being growth and stability.

At Exeter Hall, London, during the past month our Brother Purson, well known in Canada as an Evangelist, has been holding Evangelistic Services every evening for young men, as well as conducting the Noon Prayer Meeting, a Bible Reading in the afternoon, and on Sundays the Bible Class and Evening Evangelistic Services.

At Aldersgate Street God has greatly blessed the work in all its departments. The spiritual work has been actively promoted by a devoted band of young men. The happiest feature is, that whilst the young men have been caring for the souls of others, the Holy Spirit has been working mightily within the Association itself. Scarcely a meeting has been held during the last month, that has not resulted in leading one or more to decision. The members have in faith looked for results, and their expectation has not been disappointed.

We sincerely pray for a continuance of blessing upon the work of our English Brethren, and devoutly long for a similar work of grace in our own midst.

MY God shall supply all your need" (Phil. 4: 19)—not all wants. He knows what we really need. Often—very often—we would ask things that would not be good for us. But our Father knows what things we have need of; and it is the need that He attends to. Shall we not adore the God of all grace?

"DON'T SELL IT TO THEM!"

ONE day a young man entered the bar-room of a village tavern and called for a drink.

"No," said the landlord, "you have had the *delirium tremens* once, and I cannot sell you any more.

He stepped aside to make room for a couple of young men who had just entered, and the landlord waited on them very politely. The other stood by silent and sullen, and when they had finished he walked up to the landlord and addressed him as follows:—

"Six years ago, at their age, I stood where those young men are now. I was a man with fair prospects. Now, at the age of twenty-eight, I am a wreck, body and mind. You led me to drink. In this room I formed the habit that has been my ruin. Now, sell me a few glasses more, and your work will be done. I shall soon be out of the way; there is no hope for me. But they can be saved. Do not sell it to them. Sell it to me; and let me die, and let the world be rid of me; but for heaven's sake sell no more to them!"

SAILING ORDERS.

To CAPTAIN SEEKER, of the Ship LYDIA, now cruising round GOSPEL ISLAND.

WE have received your despatch, dated Cant. iii. 1, 2, and conclude from your want of success, that you have too much ballast in, 2 Cor. vii. 1, and not enough of canvass; you are therefore commanded to sail for the dock in John v. 25, and have your

vessel trimmed by Heb. xii. 1, 2. You will then make yourself well acquainted with the instructions in Col. i. 14, and proceed to join the fleet.

PROGRESS.

THE association of Sydney, New South Wales, has secured a building site for which \$65,000 was paid. One subscription of 10,000 for the purpose of erecting a building for the association has been received.

A sufficient sum has been secured to erect a building for the Association of Honolulu, Sandwich Islands. The building will cost \$15,000, exclusive of the lot. Work will begin at once, so that the building may be occupied by spring.

IT is appalling to learn from the "Times of India," that twenty thousand persons die from the ravages of snakes and wild beasts in India annually. Yet the civilized communities of the United States or England might consider it a happy and fortunate exchange if they could take the snakes and wild beasts, and give in return their licensed bars and saloons.—*Selected.*

WHAT A SAVIOUR!

- SINNER'S SAVIOUR.
- ALMIGHTY SAVIOUR.
- VICTORIOUS SAVIOUR.
- IMMEDIATE SAVIOUR.
- ONLY SAVIOUR.
- UNDERTAKING SAVIOUR.
- READY SAVIOUR.

Bulletin for Week Commencing December 19, 1881.

MONDAY	.....	Dec. 19	...12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING Rev. W. Briggs.
					8.00 P.M. WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY	.....	" 20	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Redeemed from the curse of the law. Rom. x. 5-13; Gal. iii. 13-14. W. Anderson.
WEDNESDAY	..	" 21	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Daniel's decision of character. Dan. i. 8-21. Rev. J. Matheson.
THURSDAY	.....	" 22	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Christ's joy. Ps. xl. 8; John iv. 34; Heb. xii. 2. Geo. T. Fergusson.
FRIDAY	..	" 23	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Consider Christ Jesus. Heb. iii. 1-6; xii. 3. Rev. J. M. King.
					8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY	.....	" 24	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The babe and the King. Isa. ix. 6, 7. W. E. Burford.
					4.50 P.M. TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake.
					8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. One more op- portunity. Luke xiii. 6-10. J. J. Gart- shore.
SUNDAY	.....	" 25	... 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, Dec. 25, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meetings at Union Station and at Nipissing Station.



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