

# SHAFTESBURY HALL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN.

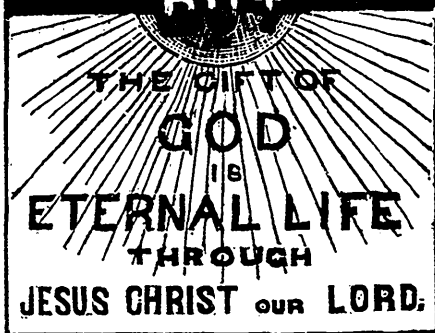
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THE  
**WAGES**  
OF  
**SIN**  
IS  
**DEATH,**  
BUT  
THE GIFT OF  
**GOD**  
IS  
**ETERNAL LIFE**  
THROUGH  
**JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.**



### BULLETIN FUND.

The following amounts have been received during the past week :—

Previously acknowledged ..	\$82 75
Mr. C. ....	1 00
A friend .....	4 00
H. B. ....	1 00
J. L. ....	5 00

\$93 75

### ANNUAL MEETING.

**M**EMBERS will please bear in mind that the annual adjourned business meeting for election of officers, &c., will be held next Tuesday evening. A full attendance is desired. Tea will be served at 6.30.

### CAMP WORK.

**A**T a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, it was decided that henceforth the camp work should be assumed by that organization, as the work, strictly speaking, is of a general character. Of course local Associations will be expected to take supervision of detail, &c., but the expense will be chargeable to the country at large. The committee has authorized the publication of a special edition of our BULLETIN, in which will appear a statement concerning all the camp work of this season. This renders it unnecessary for us to give the report promised in our last issue.

### ANNUAL ADJOURNED MEETING FOR THE

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

AND  
RECEPTION OF REPORTS,

**Tuesday, Oct. 10, 8 P.M.**

IN THE

**Members' Parlor, Shaftesbury Hall.**

Tea served at 6.30 sharp.

Every member is urged to be present. Young men who may not be members are also invited to attend and hear what has been done for the Master during the past year.

## A WORD OF EXPLANATION.



OUR space is too valuable to allow the insertion of articles other than those calculated to benefit Young Men and therefore we have on more than one occasion declined answering communications through our columns. We make an exception on this occasion, in order that our friends in other cities may receive our answer to a question which in the mind of the editor of the Y. M. C. A. Watchman is an important one, but which could have been answered by a Postal Card if the same course had been adopted in asking it. The last issue of that Paper among its "Briefs" asks, "What does the Toronto Association mean to do with the Association's new building at Thousand Island Park? It is falling down and gives but a poor idea of the Young Men's Christian Association to the thousands who visit the Park every summer."

As to the Building which the Watchman calls "The Association's Building" we wish to say that the Toronto Y. M. C. A. is not - has not been - nor is it likely that it ever will be - officially connected with the Building referred to, and therefore on the principle that it is always "best to mind our own business," this Association does not intend interfering with the business of those who own the building.

The building scheme originated with our late Secretary, who, in his desire to provide a summer resting place for Members of Y. M. C. A.'s generally, conceived a plan which was not officially endorsed by the Association, but at the same time was approved of by many of the workers, and as a result Bro. Wilkie had but little difficulty in forming a Joint Stock Company. Many of the stockholders reside in other parts of Canada and some we believe in the United States. With these facts before our friends they will clearly understand that the Watchman article contains statements which are erroneous, and calculated to lead to the belief that the Toronto Association has been remiss in duty. The only building the Toronto Association is responsible for, is Shaftesbury Hall, corner of Queen and James Streets, Toronto, and we cordially invite our friends who may be visiting the City, and all Young Men in the City to

call and see for themselves whether it is calculated to give a poor idea of the Y. M. C. A.

We hope the Watchman will give this explanation as wide a circulation as has been given to the question which called for it.

## ANNUAL MEETING.



THE 18th Annual Meeting of the Association was held on Tuesday evening last when our Parlors were well filled. The meeting was of much interest, and the annual reports read were very encouraging. In fact we think we are warranted in saying that the record of genuine Y. M. C. A. work, that is - Christian work for, and by Young Men has not been more encouraging during any past year. When we say that the Boarding House Committee reported that 270 Boarding Houses (with an average of nearly 3000 Young Men as Boarders therein) had been visited every week, many of those young men being spoken to personally, and all receiving a printed invitation to come to our Rooms, we must admit that the work is assuming a practical shape. In our next issue we will give a statistical table of the work, and when the report is published we trust that our friends will peruse it, and while so doing may find therein cause for gratitude to God who has permitted us to do a little for Him.



T. PAUL, whether taking advantage of the altar, he saw near Mar's Hill, or of the visitors who came to him at Rome, his motto seemed to be, "In season, out of season," "If by any means I may save some!" But Paul never descended to any doubtful platform upon which to work. It was not by lowering the standard that he hoped to gain men. When he "became all things to all men," it is not to be understood that he did that which other men did, or said that which other men said. He might by this have pleased men. He does not, however, say that I may please some, but that I may save some, and adds, Gal. 1: 10, "for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."

## GOD IS LOVE.

## THE UPSETTING SIN.

**D**URING a meeting one night (so I read), a negro prayed earnestly that he and his brethren might be preserved from what he called their "upsettin' sins."

"Brudder," one of his friends said, "you an't got de hang of dat ar word. 'It's 'besettin',' not 'upsettin'."

"Brudder," replied he, "if dat's so, it's so; but I was prayin' de Lord to save us from the sin of 'toxication, an' if dat ain't a upsettin' sin I dunno what am."

Sure enough, the old negro was right, drunkenness is the upsetting sin—upsetting homes and characters, upsetting manhood, womanhood, and sweet childhood, upsetting and down treading loves, hopes, and joys. Intoxication is the sin which upsets the strong, able-bodied man and casts him alongside with the feeble ones; upsets the mighty intellect and, lo! it is on a par with the mental imbecile; upsets the noble, loving heart, and alas! where tenderness once held absolute sway cruelty has taken possession."

**T**HERE are some pursuits which do not deserve to be called a business. Æropus was king of Macedonia, and it was his favorite pursuit to make lanterns. Probably he was very good at making them; but his proper business was to be a king, and therefore the more lanterns he made the worse king he was. And if your work be a high calling, you must not dissipate your energies on trifles, on things which, lawful in themselves, are still as irrelevant to you as lamp-making is irrelevant to a king.—*Hamilton, 1814-1867.*

## STAY!

"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Jeremiah vi. 16.

## TAKE NOTE.

**I**N the Life of Rev. Robt. Fleming it is recorded that he was an ardent student while at the Universities of Leyden and of Utrecht. He studied the controversies of the day, he turned to the classical writers, the philosophers of the heathen world, and the fathers of the Christian Church. These he examined successively with great diligence and care; and perceiving that the Patristic writings did not depend wholly upon the Scriptures for illustration, but reverted often to traditional sources, he fell back upon the Jewish and Rabbinical literature, that he might verify them at the fountain-head. Thus having plodded through the whole round of literature and scholastic theology, with a reference to its highest and most legitimate application; having weighed its worth, and ascertained its tendencies; and having, above all, imbibed that spirit of love and charity which he was so desirous to cultivate, he *finally returned with redoubled affection to that source of light and wisdom in which alone the inquiring soul can be at rest, and the most capacious intellect be filled to overflowing.* His language on this subject is full of interest and meaning; "But when I had taken all this pains, and run round in this mental survey of learning, I began not only to tire and grow uneasy, but disrelish, and in some sort nauseate, all human writings. I found that there was no end in reading as well as in writing books, and that much study was a weariness to the flesh—nay, that vanity and vexation of spirit were themselves entailed upon this, as well as upon all other things that the children of Adam busied themselves about. *I resolved, therefore, to betake myself for the future to the study of the Sacred Volume alone, as my main business, and to make no other use of other books than as they might become subservient to me in the understanding of the same.* For I may say truly, with David, that I easily see the end of all human perfection but that the law of God was exceeding broad, as appearing still greater and greater the more it was searched into and understood."

**NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY**

OF THEM

**Toronto Young Men's Christian Ass'n.,**

**SHAFTESBURY HALL,**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 1882.**

**ADDRESSES BY**

Rev. Dr. GORDON, of Buffalo,

Hon. S. H. BLAKE, President,

And others, whose names will be announced in a future number.

The friends of the Association are cordially invited.

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**Bulletin for Week Commencing Oct. 9, 1882.**

MONDAY.....	Oct. 9....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. W. N. Macfarlane.
			8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 10....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. Marks.
WEDNESDAY	" 11....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. J. J. Gartshore.
THURSDAY...	" 12....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY .....	" 13....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. E. Burford. 8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SATURDAY ..	" 14....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Alf. Sandham. 8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. C. S. Gzowski.
SUNDAY.....	" 15....	3.00	P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs 8.30 P.M. GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. R. Kilgour.

*Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.*

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**RAILROAD MEETING.**

SUNDAY, Oct. 15, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meeting at Union Station.