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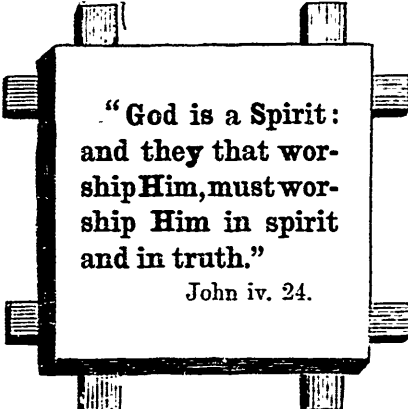
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“God is a Spirit:
and they that wor-
ship Him, must wor-
ship Him in spirit
and in truth.”

John iv. 24.

17TH ANNIVERSARY.

THE Seventeenth Anniversary of this Association was held on the evening of Thursday 12th inst. Notwithstanding the uncomfortably warm weather, a large audience assembled in Shaftesbury Hall at the time appointed for the meeting, and the greatest interest was manifested in the proceedings throughout.

The chair was taken by Vice Chancellor Blake. The speeches were all interesting and pointed, and the speakers were frequently applauded. A pleasant and striking feature of the programme was the singing of the railway choir, of about twenty voices, accompanied by the Y. M. C. A. orchestra. Among the gentlemen on the platform were Rev. Principal Grant, Rev. Principal Sheraton, Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. Dr. O'Meara, Port Hope, President Wilson of Toronto University, Rev. Prof. Gregg, Rev. H. M. Parsons, Rev. H. D. Powis, Rev. Mr. Salmon, Rev. T. C. DesBarres.

The CHAIRMAN, in opening his address, read a telegram from the Montreal Y. M. C. A., congratulating the Toronto society upon achieving their seventeenth birthday, which was received with much applause. He proceeded to say that this work of the Y. M. C. A. was as much from God as the work of Raikes, or Shaftesbury, or Wilberforce. He had heard of some remarks in the papers of people coming here for self-glorification, but he asked them did they come for any purpose but to thank God for having been permitted to do His work and to receive encouragement for the future. He directed special attention to the fact that the Association is cramped for room, being compelled to let the lower flat to meet the interest on the mortgage on the building. They should make a great effort to pay off the mortgage this year.

Short addresses were given on the different features of our work by Messrs. McFarlane, Burford, Edwards and the General Secretary.

Dr. Potts delivered a soul stirring address on Aggressive work, and Rev. Principal Grant of Kingston, spoke upon the Y. M. C. Associations as an out-come of the church.

The evening's programme was well sustained and the audience dispersed, carrying away with them pleasant recollections of the 17th Annual Gathering of this Association.

24TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

THE delegates named to represent this Association at the Cleveland Convention are Messrs. R. Kilgour, J. O. Anderson, S. Caldecott, W. E. Burford and the General Secretary. The Convention opens on the 25th inst.

Except a man be born
again, he cannot see the
kingdom of God.

John iii. 3.

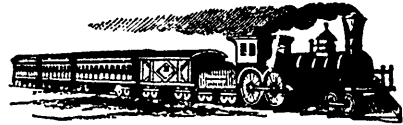
DRINK AND ITS TRAIN.

DR. TALMAGE portrays in his abrupt style the evils that visit young men and old, who permit themselves to become the slaves of liquor:

"Tell me a young man drinks, and I know the rest. Let him become the captive of the wine-cup, and he is the captive of all other vices. No man ever runs drunkenness alone. That is one of the carrion crows that goes in a flock. If that beak is ahead, you may know the other beaks that follow. In other words, strong drink unbalances and dethrones, and makes him the prey of all the appetites that choose to alight upon his soul. There is no place of sin upon this continent but finds its chief abettor in the places of inebriety. There is a drinking place before it or behind it, or a bar over it, or a bar under it. An officer said to me, 'You see how they escape legal penalty; they are licensed to sell liquor.' Then I thought within myself, the court which licenses the sale of intoxicating liquors, licenses gaming houses, licenses libertinism, licenses diseases, licenses death, licenses all crimes, all sufferings, all disasters, and woes. It is the legislature and courts who swing wide open the grinding, roaring, stupendous gate of the lost."

"THY WILL BE DONE."

UPON the seal of the Baptist Missionary Union is the figure of an ox standing patiently, with a plough on one side, and an altar on the other; and the inscription beneath, "Ready for either!" So should it ever be with the Christian, whether it be service or sacrifice, he should be "ready for either."



A RAILWAY MAN'S EPITAPH.

IN Mount Royal Cemetery, Montreal, may be seen a plain marble slab, on which is the following inscription, written in memory of an engine-driver killed on the Grand Trunk Railway in October, 1866.

"My engine now is cold and still;
No water does my boiler fill;
My wood affords its flame no more;
My days of usefulness are o'er;
My wheels deny their noted speed;
No more my guiding hand they heed.
My whistle, too, has lost its tone,
Its shrill and thrilling sounds are gone;
My valves are now thrown open wide;
My flanges all refuse to guide;
My clacks also, tho' once so strong,
Refuse to aid the busy throng.
No more I feel each urging breath:
My steam is now condensed in death.
Lifes train has through each station passed.
In death I'm stopped. I rest at last.
Farewell dear friends. Oh cease to weep,
I'm safe, I'm safe, I sleep, I sleep."

"Montreal Witness."

"THE END DRAWETH NIGH."

THE most ingenious torture of the Hohenslaufen family, in the height of their despotic control, was that of a cell, which, at the prisoner's first entrance, presented an air of comfort and ease. After a few days confinement he became aware of a change in the dimensions of his cell. Day after day the space became more contracted, and once the prisoner became aware of this change, the fact became more appalling every day. Slowly, but terribly, the sides drew closer, and the unhappy victim was crushed to death. What an emblem does this suggest of the sinner's contracting day of Grace! Oh what would the poor victim in such a cell, have given to see the door open, and hear a voice, crying "Escape for thy life." Would he have lingered for one moment, think you? Would that sinners would escape so eagerly by the door of grace!

LAW AND GOSPEL.



YOU never saw a woman sewing without a needle! She would come but poor speed, if she only sewed wi' the thread. So, I think, when we're dealing wi' sinners, we maun aye put in the needle o' the law first; for the fact is, they're sleeping sound, and they need to be awakened up wi' something sharp. But when we've got the needle o' the law fairly in, we may draw as lang a thread as we like o' Gospel consolation after it."—*Flockhart.*

"PRIDE."

THERE are four kinds of pride, of which we should beware:

- GRACE—Pride in our religion.
- R A C E—Pride in our ancestors.
- F A C E—Pride in our beauty.
- PLACE—Pride in our position.

FILL UP THE BLANKS.

In one month's time, I shall be

What?
Where?

Bulletin for Week Commencing May 22nd, 1881.

SUNDAY	May 22	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 & SONG SERVICE. S. R. Briggs and A. Burson.
MONDAY	" 23	12.00 M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Man's insignificance and dignity. Ps. viii; Col. iii. 1-10. Rev. S. J. Hunter.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY	" 24	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Profession and practice must go together. 1 John ii. 3-11. Rev. Dr. Reid.
WEDNESDAY	" 25	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. In what a young man's strength consists. 1 John ii. 14; Ps. cxix. 9-16. Rev. H. Melville.
THURSDAY	" 26	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The ascended Lord. Acts i. 9-11. Rev. C. Watson.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKER'S BIBLE CLASS.
FRIDAY	" 27	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. A just God and a Saviour. Isa. xlv. 17-25. R. Merryfield.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY	" 28	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Consider your ways. Haggai i. S. R. Briggs.
		4.50 P.M.	TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Responsibility. Rom. xiv. 12. W. P. Crombie.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, May 22, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station.—Messrs. WM. MARKS and J. MACGREGOR.
At Nipissing Station.—Messrs. J. S. POWELL and A. MUNRO.
NOON PRAYER MEETING—Toronto, Grey and Bruce R. R. Workshops every WEDNESDAY at 12.30.

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