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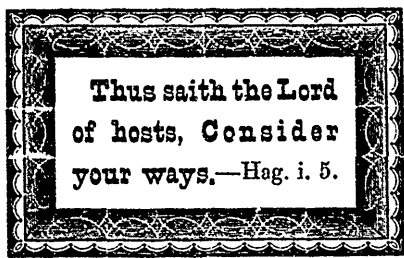
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Thus saith the Lord
of hosts, Consider
your ways.—Hag. i. 5.

“LORD, LET IT ALONE THIS
YEAR ALSO.”

Luke xiii. 8.

THE axe-blade flashed in the sunlight,
The beams of the first year's dawn ;
And the fruitless fig-tree trembled,
For another year had gone :
But a Pleader stayed the death-blow,
With a tear gem on His cheek ;
And another year was granted
Ere the Master fruit would seek.

WM. LUFF.

BULLETIN FUND.

WE need over \$100 to close our
account with the Printer. Will
our friends bear this in mind and lend
a helping hand as the Lord may enable
them.

OUR WELCOME.

THE following is a copy of a card we
are now printing for our Rooms.
It is printed in two colours on card
14 x 18. We will be pleased to furnish a
copy to any Secretary, free of charge.
Address, Alf Sandham, Willard Tract
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OUR WELCOME
TO
STRANGERS.

You are cordially welcome ;
Make yourself perfectly at home ;
Call again whenever convenient,
And “Bring Another” with you.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,

AT 8.30 O'CLOCK.

ALL WELCOME.

He doth not willingly afflict nor grieve the children of men.
Lam. iii. 33.

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.
Lam. iii. 27.

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

Conducted by Mr. S. H. Blake,

EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P. M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON

THE MEETINGS.

ALL the meetings of the Association are being well sustained. At the Gospel service last Sunday night, there were about 800 present, and it was found necessary to throw open the galleries. The attendance at the noon meetings has also increased.

WANTED.

WE sometimes *want* things which we really do not need; but this appeal is the result of a felt need. Our musical department is very much in need of, 1st, a **CHRISTIAN** leader,—*we need no other*; and, a number of **CHRISTIAN** Young Men, to form a choir. Are these needs to be supplied? We leave our members and friends to *supply the answer*.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME

YOUNG MAN.

Young Man—Behold what God says of thee.—Rom. iii: 1 to 23.

Young Man—Behold what God says to thee.—Ecl. xi. 9, 10; Prov. xiv. 12; Ecl. xii. 1.

Young Man—Behold what God hath done for thee.—John iii. 16.

Young Man—Behold how God loves thee.—Luke xv. 11 to 24.

Young Man—Behold how thou art treating God.—John xv. 25.

Young Man, what art thou?—a child of God or a child of the Devil.

Young Man, where art thou?—on the *Rock* or *Sand*.

Young Man, whither art thou bound? Heaven or Hell.

Young Man, which is it to be? Jesus or Satan.

Young Man, when is it to be? now or —

A Young Man of noble character.—Dan.

A Young Man whose life was a failure.—2 Sam. xviii. 18.

A Young Man who made a foolish choice.—Mark x. 17 to 30.

A Young Man who tried the world.—Luke xv.

A Young Man whom God protected and prospered.—Gen. xxix. 2, 3, 21 and 23; xli. 12, 13, 38 to 45.

What Christ says to every unconverted

Young Man.—Luke vii. 11 to 16.

What Christ says to every converted

Young Man.—Matt. xxi. 28.

A question every Young Man must answer.—Matt. xxvii. 22.

Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins.—Lam. iii. 39.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.

Lam. iii. 40.

TALKS TO YOUNG MEN.

DO NOT BE A TOOL.

ALL workmen need tools; and "the use of tools" is the first thing to be learned in all mechanical employments. And there are persons who work, not on wood and stone, but on men and minds, who also use tools made of flesh and blood, and formed for nobler ends.

Some men wish a great deal of work done which they cannot or will not do themselves. Hence they require tools.

Politicians want tools,—men that browbeat, and cheat, and lie and swagger. Demagogues and office-seekers want tools,—men who will help them to gain the longed-for loaves and fishes, and take their reward in crusts to gnaw and bones to pick. Sectarians want tools,—men who will do the dirty work of party-striving, and unholy wrangling. Chief priests and scribes want tools,—who for a shekel apiece, will cry "Crucify," as loud as they ever cried, "Hosanna." Ecclesiastical rulers want tools,—men who will caucus for them, vote for them, and quarrel for them; men who will put them into offices and keep them there, and justify their doings, whether right or wrong. Aspirants for greatness want tools,—editors who puff them by publishing what they have paid for, societies to honor them by passing spontaneous resolutions of approval which they have written themselves; committees to whitewash them when their affairs are investigated; respectable men to lend them their names and influence with out inspecting their proceedings.

Young man, do not be a tool! Know what you are about. Keep out of the toils of schemers and intriguers. Understand *what* you do and *why* you do it. Examine before you approve. Look before you leap. Beware of the wiles of demagogues and wire-pullers. Shun the flatteries of the crafty. "Beware

of the Greeks bringing presents." Be the Lord's man,—not for sale to anybody nor at any price.

Pleanty of leaders will allow you to be the *next* greatest man in the crowd, provided you will help them to be the greatest. Place them at the head, and you may stand next. Give them the throne, and you may occupy the footstool. But unless you make them greatest you are nowhere and nobody. Do not do it. They are *not* the greatest men in creation, nor are you the next greatest. Great men do not need to be exalted. Gold requires no gilding; it is this brass and bogus stuff which requires so much galvanizing and burnishing. A man who *wants* praise, usually *needs* it. Let him blow his own trumpet and be his own tool.

Do not be a tool. Your influence is not yours, it is the Lord's. Beware how you squander it for the advantage of the designing. Do your own work, and stand on your own foundation. Be upright before God, and downright before men. True, if you do thus, you will have many severe trials. You will find yourself pushed aside and set in a corner; but be patient; a stone fit for a wall will not lie long by the wayside. You will perhaps, miss a fat salary, but you will also avoid a lean soul. You may lose in money, but you will gain in *man!* and man is more than money.

Young man, remember these things. Do not be a fool. Follow Christ. Neither strive to lead, nor be blindly led by men. Be a man, a Christian, an honest, faithful worker with your God, and do not be a tool!

H. L. HASTINGS.

THE LOVE OF GOD.

Infinite in its measure—*everlasting* in its duration—*omnipotent* in its power—*unchangeable* in its character—*all-prevailing* in its presence for all. It passeth knowledge. Jesus Christ alone is its fullest manifestation.

It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.—Lam. iii. 26.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every MONDAY Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

THE DUSTY ROOM.

A YOUNG girl was sweeping a room one day when she went to the window-blind and hastily drew it down.

"It makes the room so dusty," she said, "to have the sunshine coming in."

The atoms of dust which shone golden in the sunbeams were unseen in the dimmer light. The untaught girl imagined it was the sunshine which made the dust.

Now, many persons imagine themselves very good people. One poor old man, who had lived all his life without a thought of love to God, said he was willing to die. *He didn't owe any man a shilling.* If the Spirit of God should shine brightly into such a heart how would it look? He would show it sins enough to crush it. This light of the Spirit is like the sunshine in the dusty room. It reveals what was before hidden. When we begin to feel unhappy about our sins let us never try to put away the feeling. Don't let us put down the curtain and fancy there is no dust. It is the Holy Spirit's voice in our hearts. He is showing us ourselves; and better still, He will show us the true way to happiness.—*Presbyterian.*

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by MR. H. B. GORDON,

Chairman of Devotional Committee.

ALL INVITED.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11.

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, JANUARY 12.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. Alf. Sandham.

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ our God. John i. 1; 1 Tim. iii. 16; Heb. i. 8-12. Rev. J. Salmon.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14.

12 to 12.45 noon.—In the Counsel of the Ungodly. Ps. i. 1; 2 Chron. xxii. 1-4; Ps. xxxvii. 23. J. J. Gartshore.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15.

12 to 12.45 noon—"From this Time." The Appeal and the Promise. Jer. iii. 4; Hag. ii. 19 (last clause). W. Marks.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.

12 to 12.45 noon.—A Pressing Need; A United Prayer; An Immediate Answer. Dan. ii. 17-19; Matt. xviii. 19, 20. S. R. Briggs.

7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Is the Devil inducing you to say to Jesus: "Let us alone?" Mark i. 21-27. Assistant Secretary.

7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Geo. T. Fergusson.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.

" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service H. O'Brien. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Sec'y.

Railway Men's Meeting.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18.

3 p.m.—Union Station. W. C. Jex and W. Marks.