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The water that
I shall give him
shall be in him
a well of water
springing up into
everlasting life.

John iv. 14.

MONTHLY REPORT OF BOARDING HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR JUNE.

Visits to Boarding Houses.....	944
“ Hotels.....	111
“ Fire Halls.....	25
“ Police Stations.....	11
“ Livery and Car Stables..	23
“ Public Library, West End.	3
Young Men spoken to.....	147
BULLETIN's distributed.....	5882
Tracts, &c., “.....	4800

One young man reported brought to the Hall after reading a BULLETIN, and has since professed faith in Christ.

TRYING TIMES.

IN an experience covering the greater part of 20 years, we have no recollection of a single week's labors more trying than those of the week before last; and when at 10 p.m. on Saturday we left the Rooms, it was with a wearied body and a sore heart. The four pages of our BULLETIN would not furnish space to recount the sad scenes we witnessed nor the tales of genuine sorrow recounted to us. The only pleasure we had was in the recollection that to the best of our ability we had met, advised with, or relieved the applicants. The great influx of young strangers makes our work more arduous each week. May the Lord give us all grace to “be faithful” to them in all points.

DISCONTINUED.

MR. BLAKE'S Bible Class has been closed for the summer months. Mr. B. has left for the sea-side, where we trust that he and his loved ones may find that rest and recreation he (and some others of his family) so much need.

And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after Me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.—Mark i. 17.

Thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.—Isaiah lviii. 11.

THE CAMP.



OUR work in the Camp closed on Monday last. We feel thankful to God for the success vouchsafed, and for some souls won for the Master; but were we left without any visible fruit, we could not but realize that our tent has proved a blessing to the many young Christians in the Camp. There were from 100 to 150 of these young believers attached to the several regiments, and some of them testified that they had found in our tent many an hour's rest and freedom from the ungodliness which surrounded the Camp. Our thanks are due to Col. Denison, D.A.G., for the many acts of kindness shown our workers, and for his readiness at all times to help on the work.

The following is our Assistant Secretary's concluding report:—

"On Wednesday night we again held a meeting. There were 80 present, including 2 officers.

"In the afternoon of Thursday we visited all the tents and distributed the CAMP SPECIAL BULLETINS and invitations. We also distributed them amongst the officers; and in the evening held our meeting. 87 present, including 1 officer. Two soldiers and Capt. McGillivray spoke.

"The next evening (Friday) we had a glorious meeting. Two young men came out for Christ, and one backslider reclaimed. One of the young men who professed to have found Jesus, was one who seldom spoke without his words being interspersed with oaths. There were 115 present.

"On Saturday evening we had a very good meeting. 75 present.

"Sunday morning at 8 o'clock the Church Parade service was again held, conducted by the Rev. Major Stewart Jones. Twelve of our young men led the singing. At 11 a.m. we held our first meeting (40 being present), after which I visited a large number of the tents with tracts, &c. At 3.30 p.m., we

held our second meeting. Over 100 were present, including 2 officers. In the evening we had our largest meeting, over 130 being in the tent, and a large crowd outside.

"On Monday night we held our closing meeting. 54 present, including 1 officer.

"During the ten days' Camp work, we held 13 meetings; total number present, 1137; average per meeting, 87. There were 540 letters written; average per day, 67.

"A number of the officers helped us very much in our work, and more particularly Colonel Denison, who did all he could to further our work, and felt very thankful to the young men for coming to lead the singing at the Church Parade service; also, Capt. McGillivray, of Uxbridge, who spoke several times in our meetings. We trust that the seed sown found a deep root in the hearts of many of those young men. Let us, therefore, leave the rest to our heavenly Father. Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Rev. A. Gay, who had charge of the meetings, was the right man in the right place; in fact the Lord gave us the workers just suited to the needs.

We might here note how God opened up the way for us in the musical department. The need of an organist pressed itself upon us. The matter was laid before the Lord, and in our BULLETIN for June 14 we spoke of the need, and asked, "Is there any Christian young man free to do this work for the Lord?" A few days after, Bro. Sims called in and said, "I have been thinking that your appeal means ME." He then explained that if the vacancy was still in the ranks, he thought he could secure permission to take his holidays now, and devote the same to the Lord's work in the Camp. Suffice it to say, the Lord opened the way, and Bro. Sims led our services of song during the week.

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire.—1 Peter i. 7.

The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.—Psalm cxix. 72.

LEAP FROM THE WRECK!



1. **D**O YOU REALLY MEAN THAT I MAY BE AT ONCE SAVED FROM MY SINS?"

I do. The Word of God is my authority. "Salvation" is used in various senses. But to your question Scripture gives one answer. If you are anxious for salvation, there are no obstacles in the way of receiving, *just now*, pardon for sin, and power to overcome, but those you make for yourself. "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me," saith Christ, "and drink" (John vii. 37).

2. "But must I not repent first?"

If by repentance you mean—as the word in Scripture literally signifies—a "change of mind" I reply, "Yes." That is the very thing I am urging you to do now. For God "now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts xvii. 30). I urge you to repent now. This is a very solemn and important step. The Holy Ghost always preaches it as such. Repent and receive Jesus Christ as your Substitute and Saviour. You may do this at once. Let this

hour be the turning-point in your life. May the Holy Spirit so make it.

3. "I fear I cannot give up sin."

You have no power to do so until you receive Christ as your Saviour. You can have no strength in God until you have peace with God.

4. "But is it not said, 'Work out your own salvation?'"

True: but this refers *only to believers*. Beware of misapplying texts of Scripture. St. Paul, being absent, writes to obedient believers at Corinth, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do" (Philip. ii. 12, 13). He urges them to develop the grace they had already received. This every believer is called upon to do. Beware of confusing the work of Christ for you with the work of the Holy Spirit in you. When, therefore, Paul says, "Work out your own salvation," he refers to the development of the believer's inner spiritual life.

An illustration may help to make this clear. A magnificent clipper ship is crossing the ocean. During a dense fog she strikes on a sunken reef, and rapidly fills. The question, "What must we do to be saved?" confronts the captain and crew. How do they answer it? They promptly leap into the life-boat which the ship fortunately carries with her. They are now saved from perishing with the sinking ship. But they are out on the deep and dangerous sea, and there must now be many a strong pull at the oar before they reach the land. They have to keep the boat out of the trough of the sea. They pull hard, and work out their own salvation. But they are never independent of the lifeboat. It alone keeps them afloat. To lay hold of oars before leaping from the wreck would have been useless; but, safe in the lifeboat, they ply the oars vigorously, and at last reach the shore, and experience complete salvation from the sea and its perils.

Reader, leap from the wreck of self. Trust Jesus as your Saviour, Teacher, and Master.

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy presence is fullness of joy.

Psalm xvi. 11.

YOUR REWARD IS SURE.

THE farm labourer, whom you have so often seen gathering in his golden store, might tell you that no results were visible on that raw, wintry morning, when he yoked his team by candlelight to plough the land; when under an iron-grey sky, and in the face of a blustering east wind, he sowed the seed; when he battled with the thunder current or the flooded brook. But though at times he seemed beleagured by a thousand conspirators against his crop, he continued to do his best; and so in spite of all, he has brought his harvest home. Shall their trials be less severe, or their reward less sure, and ought their efforts to be less faithful and courageous, who have undertaken a nobler tillage looking to a grander harvest? How was Luther's great faith strengthened when, returning home from Leipzig, once, in harvest-time, the sight of the "golden yellow corn, again produced by the obedient earth at God's kind bidding for the food of man," gave him new heart for his arduous work. "Have you paid in much?" it was asked of a poorly clad little boy of eight or nine years old, at the savings bank in a country post office. "I've been paying in two years," he said; "this makes nineteen shillings, and when I've paid in another shilling I shall begin to get interest"—at the bare mention of which his face literally shone with joy. If the child's heart was so cheered and encouraged at the prospect of *beginning* to reap his trifling interest after two year's delay, in what spirit ought the children of God to work and wait for the glorious increase of the promised spiritual harvest?

REMEMBER

—THE—

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

HELD

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, JULY 6.

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, JULY 7.

12 noon—Thanksgiving and Praise Meeting. The Secretary.
8 p.m.—Young Men's Bible Class, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, JULY 8.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Numbers not Essential to success in the Lord's Work. 1 Sam. xiv. 1-11. Rev. A. Gay.

WEDNESDAY JULY 9.

12 to 12.45 noon—Is He my Substitute? Isa. liii; 1 Peter ii. 21. S. R. Briggs.

THURSDAY, JULY 10.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Heroic Suffering for Christ's Sake. 2 Cor. xi. 24-33. H. B. Gordon.
8.00 p.m.—Workers' Training Class. By the Secretary.

FRIDAY, JULY 11

12 to 12.45 noon.—Unceasing Vigilance Needed in the Lord's Work. Neh. iv. 7-23; 1 Pet. v. 8, 9. Rev. J. Salmon.

7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, JULY 12.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Who are admitted to the Kingdom of Heaven? Matt. xviii. 2-4; John iii. 3-5. J. J. Gartshore.
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
8.00 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. Asst.-Secretary.

SUNDAY, JULY 13.]

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.
Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.
" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.
" Italian's Class.
8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. S. Caldecott. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

Railway Men's Meetings.

W. C. JEX, Railway Secretary.

SUNDAY, JULY 13.

3 p.m.—Union Station. - Rev. H. Melville and A. R. Saunders.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.