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REMEMBER WHAT GOD SAYS

God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.—*Eccles. xii. 14.*

He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall SUDDENLY be DESTROYED, and that WITHOUT REMEDY.—*Prov. xxix. 1.*

BULLETIN FUND.

"Gilgal".....	\$20 00
B. McN.....	1 00
Workers.....	1 40
J. L.....	2 00

CLASSES.

The following arrangement has been definitely made for our classes:—

TUESDAY—Phonography—Mr. A McIntyre.

WEDNESDAY—Book-keeping—Mr. P McIntyre.

THURSDAY—Elocution—Mr. R. Lewis.

FRIDAY—Drawing—Mr. H. B. Gordon.

The classes assemble at 8 o'clock each evening.

REPORT OF BOARDING HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

Visits to Boarding Houses ...	1,342
" Hotels.....	106
" Fire Halls.....	43
" Police Stations.....	19
" Car and Livery Stables	40
Young Men Spoken to.....	205
BULLETINS distributed.....	7,716
Tracts, &c.,	6,400

NOON MEETINGS.

MONDAY meetings, as a rule, are the most difficult to sustain. It is quite true, that in some very large cities they attract a fair attendance, but in cities like Toronto the numbers attending is generally small. There remains, however, the blessed assurance of God's word, that where "two or three" are gathered in His name, there will he be present. This has been verified to us. We, however, desire to see these meetings enlarged; and at our last Board meeting a deputation was appointed to wait upon the Ministerial Association with a view to secure their co-operation towards making these meetings more widely known among the members of their respective congregations, and also by naming leaders for three meetings each week. As expected, the deputation was most cordially received, and the ministers present heartily entered into the plan suggested. It was agreed by them that notices should be given from their pulpits, announcing the meetings, and inviting the members of their congregations to attend.

In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

Prov. iii. 6.

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.—Prov. iii. 7.

"OUR MEETINGS."

“**S**TILL increasing in numbers attending and in interest” sums up our report of the several meetings held in our Rooms. Last Saturday night the attendance was fully up to “our faith,” as the seat room provided was fully occupied.

The Sunday evening meeting has increased so as to fully tax the seating capacity of the ground floor of our large Hall; but that which gives us greatest encouragement is the number of Young Men attending.

We welcome *all* to this special meeting, but we admit that the welcome to *Young Men* is doubly cordial, and we would gladly hail the day when this class alone would come in sufficient numbers to crowd the Hall.

Our Young Men's Bible Class, which was discontinued during the two weeks of Union Evangelistic Services, was resumed last Monday evening, when notwithstanding the lecture (on our course) the attendance was large. There is also an increase in numbers attending the Sunday afternoon Bible Class.

It is scarcely necessary to add, that under the leadership of Hon. S. H. Blake, our President, the Saturday afternoon (Teacher's) Bible Class is a season of much profit, and attracts large numbers.

NOTE OF WARNING.

We re-print the following from the *Chicago Bulletin*:-

“Our city is full of young men without employment. Many of them have gone without needed food, and some walk the street nightly for want of lodging. Our Secretaries in other cities can save their members—those who want to leave home—a needless trip to Chicago, by giving them a friendly warning. At this season of the year, it is not wise for young men to come to

Chicago unless they are assured of a situation.”

We hope Young Men in Toronto who think of trying Chicago will heed these notes of warning. At the same time we ask young men who may think of coming to Toronto to read the above article with the word “TORONTO” inserted where that of CHICAGO appears, for the number of unemployed in our city is equal in proportion to that of Chicago. In fact the most painful part of our work is meeting with these applicants when, as is often the case, we see deserving young men in a state of destitution.

"PURCHASED ONES."

“**A**FLOCK of sheep came to the shepherd. One said, “I am your sheep, because you had 8 lbs. of wool off my back.” Another, “I am in doubt whether I am yours, because you had only 2 lbs. from me.” While a third, lean, weak and scraggy, said, “You had hardly any at all from me, therefore I can't be your sheep.” The shepherd answered, “I would you all gave me *ten* pounds of wool; but the question of your being mine is not settled by your giving me much or little, but the fact that I bought and paid for you, and thus you became mine.”

EVANGELISTIC

BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God.—1 Cor. vi. 9.

"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight.—Rom. iii. 20.



SEEKING TO SAVE.

ABOUT three years ago, a railway train was approaching the City of Montreal, when the engineer saw a large dog on the track. The dog was apparently much excited, and barked furiously at the approaching engine. The engineer blew the whistle, but still the dog kept on the track, and just as the engine came upon him he was observed to crouch down and extend himself across the track. In this position he was struck by the locomotive and killed. The engineer, looking out towards the front of his engine, saw a piece of white cloth fluttering in the wind as it hung on part of the machinery. At once he stepped along the rail and found it to be part of a child's dress. He stopped the engine, and backing down they found by the side of the track not only the mangled body of the dog, but the body of a little child. At once the position was taken in. The

child had wandered upon the track and fallen asleep there, watched by its faithful companion, the dog, who, seeing the train approach, had done his best to save the child; but failing, had covered it with his own body and died with it, Faithful unto death. He died in the effort to save. Young men, does not this true tale awaken in your heart some thought of one who, seeing your position of danger, took the place of death, that by dying you might live? The dog died, but he did not save. Jesus Christ died to save, and He is "mighty to save." Had that dog succeeded in saving the child, it would have been prized and caressed. Many would like to possess him. "What think ye of Christ?" Do you value Him? Do you long to possess Him? He is ready—waiting—willing to save you, and to become yours, and to have you become His.

ANOTHER HOOP.

TWO neighbors, a cooper and a farmer, were spending the evening together. Both were professors of religion, both of different communions. Their conversation was first upon topics relating to practical religion, but after a time it diverged to the points of difference between the two denominations to which they belonged. It first became a discussion and then a dispute. The cooper was the first to perceive its unprofitable and injurious tendency, and remarked: "We are springing apart from each other; let us put on another hoop—let us pray." They knelt down and prayed together, after which they spent the remainder of the evening lovingly together, conversing on the things of the kingdom, in which they both felt an equal interest. The suggestion of the cooper was an excellent one, and it were well were it acted on more frequently by those who, like him, are members of the household of Christ.—*Spurgeon*.

"Jesus our Lord who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.—Rom. iv. 24, 25.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES

COME.

REMEMBER

—THE—

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

HELD

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

Bulletin for Week Commencing Dec. 10, 1883.

MONDAY.....	Dec. 10....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. The Secretary.
		8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
		9.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S PRAYER AND TESTIMONY MEETING.
TUESDAY..	" 11 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. H. B. Gordon.
WEDNESDAY.	" 12 ..	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. H. O'Brien.
THURSDAY...	" 13....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. J. J. Gartshore.
FRIDAY	14 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. S. R. Briggs.
		8.00 P.M.		BOYS' MEETING. J. W. Walker.
SATURDAY....	" 15....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Asst. Sec.
		4.50 P.M.		TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
		7.30 P.M.		INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
		8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. R. Sims.
SUNDAY	' 16...	3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon
	" "	" "		DEAF MUTE CLASS. F. S. Bridgen.
	" "	" "		CHINESE CLASS. W. M. Morse.
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. S. Caldecott. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

GOSPEL MEETINGS every Sunday at 3 p.m., at Union Station and at West End Branch (1020 Queen W.)

Young Men's Meeting every Saturday at 8 p.m.; Bible Class every Tuesday at 8 p.m.; Workers' Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 7.30 a.m., in the West End Branch Rooms.

Noon Meeting every Tuesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in the G. T. R. Roundhouse Reading Room, and every Wednesday at the same hour, in the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Workshops.