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Jesus said, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

John xii. 48.

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YOUNG MEN'S MEETINGS.

THE Saturday evening meeting has, during the past few weeks, been of special interest. There is a feeling of liberty which makes it really refreshing to be present. We would like to see our rooms filled.

HOME, SWEET HOME.

OUR Assistant Secretary, Mr. Hines, is off for a well earned holiday. We trust that his visit to his home and friends may prove beneficial to him, and that he may be blessed to those who were the companions of his early days.

ADDITIONS.

AT the last meeting of the Board we were privileged to add several new names to our Membership Roll. But that which gave us most pleasure was the fact that some of these were young men whose names had been added to the "Lamb's Book of Life" during the recent special services held. We trust that the way may be opened whereby we may be enabled to enter at an early date upon another series of similar gatherings.

BIBLE CLASSES.

INCREASE in numbers and interest, is the report to be made in this department. The work is about to suffer a loss in the resignation of Mr. S. R. Briggs, who for so many years has conducted the Sunday Afternoon Class. We ask that this work may be remembered in prayer, and that a successor may be brought to us.

GATHER THEM IN.

OUR Invitation Committee is doing a good work on the street corners and at the Hotels. We have received several testimonies from strangers as to the faithfulness of the workers. The members meet for prayer half an hour previous to each gathering. Although we have a goodly number of workers there is still Room for more. The city is large—the number of young men on the streets is great—the emissaries of Satan are to be found at every turn. Shall we not be "up and doing." Come and help us!

He that hath ears to hear let him hear.

Matt. xi. 15.

The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life.—John vi. 63.

A SURE BASIS.

I HAD rather have a church with ten men in it right with God, than a church with five hundred in it, at whom the world laughs in its sleeves.”—*George Whitfield.*

So say we of an Association. We would rather have a membership of one hundred men right with God than one thousand gathered simply because we furnish so many lectures, such a well furnished gymnasium, or such pleasant excursions.

“Oh,” say some, “that is all well enough: but what about the financial aspect of the case?” Well, our opinion is, that God’s word is true, and that when Jesus said, “Seek FIRST the kingdom of God and His righteousness,” (and remember these words are addressed to His followers), He meant that the grand object to be before us is the glory of God, which certainly would be the result of banding together one hundred such men as we speak of. And when He promised, “All these things shall be added unto you,” He gave a promise sufficient to warrant us in dismissing from our minds any thought as to possibility of the financial failure of any institution which makes God’s glory *the object* of its labors. When shall we begin to test the promise?

BROUGHT—WENT.

JOSEPH was brought down to Egypt.” (Genesis xxix. 1). “Abram went down into Egypt.” (Gen. xii. 10). A picture of two servants of the Lord filling the same place. One is “brought” into the position by God,—“the Word of the Lord tried him,”—but he is saved from sin through fierce temptation, and is made a blessing, for “the Lord was with him.” The other “went” into it of his own accord; therefore he falls into sin when tried, and has to be “sent away” by those who were “plagued” for his sake.” Gen. xii. 19.

YIELDED UNTO GOD.

WHAT a blessed thing (says Payson) it is to lose one’s will! Since I have lost my will, I have found happiness. There can be no such thing as disappointment to me, for I have no desire but that God’s will shall be accomplished.

UNANSWERABLE PROOF.

A WORTHY woman of Turin, a fruit-seller, had received the Word of God, and read it with joy. Seated at the entrance of the bridge, in her modest shop, she improved every leisure moment in studying the holy book. A person passing by said:—

“What book are you reading there?”

“It is the Word of God, sir.”

“The Word of God! But who told you so?”

“God Himself.”

“Himself! What folly! Has God spoken to you? What proofs can you give me of it?”

“Sir,” replied the good woman, “prove to me that the sun is there above our heads.”

“Why should I prove it? The best proof that the sun is there is, that it lights and warms us.”

“Ah! that is what I wish to say to you,” cried the woman triumphantly; “the best proof that this book is the Word of God is, that it lights and warms my soul.”

YOUNG MEN’S

BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O’CLOCK,

ALL INVITED.

Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.—Matt. xxiv. 35.

I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Matt. ix. 13.

A MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS

IS HELD

EVERY MONDAY EVENING FROM 7-30 TILL 9.

In Parlor C. (up stairs) Shaftesbury Hall.

LIVE FOR SOMETHING.

THOUSANDS of men breathe, move, and live—pass off the stage of life—are heard of no more. Why? They do not a particle of good in the world, and none were blessed by them—none could point to them as the instrument of their redemption; not a word they spoke could be recalled, and so they perished; their light went out in darkness, and they were not remembered more than the insect of yesterday. Will you thus live and die, oh, man immortal? Live for something. Do good, and leave behind you a monument of holy living and dying, that the storm of time can never destroy. Write your name in kindness, love and mercy, on the hearts of thousands you come in contact with year by year—you will never be forgotten. No; your name, your deeds—done for Christ,—will be as legible on the hearts you leave behind as the stars on the brow of evening. Good deeds will shine as the stars of heaven.—*Dr. Chalmers.*

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

All are invited.

BANK NOTES AND PROMISES.

HOW like are bank-notes to the promises of God. Note the words, "I PROMISE." This is in effect appended to every good word which the Lord has spoken. He who spake creation out of nothing by his word of power, ensures to us all good things by his word of faithfulness. When the Lord Himself says, "I promise," who among us shall dare to doubt? But read on! "*I promise to pay THE BEARER.*" Whoever he may be who brings the note in his hand, he is to be paid. Whosoever believes the promise of God in Christ Jesus, and brings that promise before the Lord by faith, must and shall receive that which the Lord has pledged himself to bestow. Be *the bearer* of the promise, and you shall be the receiver of the blessing. Read again: "*I promise to pay the bearer ON DEMAND.*" A demand must be made, and the money will be forthcoming. Now; prayer is the authorized form of demand. Let a man plead the promise of God, presenting it before God in the name of the Father, and he must obtain the promised gift. Friend, do you ever pray? Do you wonder that good things are withheld from you? Would you expect to get the £5 if you kept the note locked up in a drawer? If you want the cash you produce the bank-note, and if you want grace you must take the promise to the Lord, and say to Him, "O Lord, do as thou hast said." Come, poor poverty-stricken friend, here is a short way to be rich. The promises are in the Scriptures, and God is at the mercy-seat, ready to fulfil them; bring the heavenly notes in your hand, and receive the promised blessings at this good hour through Jesus Christ.

"I KNOW this is not exactly right, but"—— Never mind the "but;" don't do it. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke xiii. 3.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,
A.T 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 June 4, 1883.

MONDAY.....	June 4....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. The Secretary.
		7.30 P.M.		MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C."
		7.30 P.M.		INVITATION COMMITTEE MEET FOR PRAYER.
		8 00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 5 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. H. Melville.
WEDNESDAY.	" 6 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Aston.
THURSDAY.	" 7....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY . . .	" 8....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. Marks.
		8.00 P.M.		BOYS' MEETING.
SATURDAY....	" 9....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. J. J. Gartshore.
		4.50 P.M.		TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake.
		7.30 P.M.		INVITATION COMMITTEE MEET FOR PRAYER.
		8.00 P.M.*		YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. H. B. Gordon.
SUNDAY	" 10....	3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
		" "		DEAF MUTE CLASS.
		" "		CHINESE CLASS.
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, June 10, 3.00 P.M.

- GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETING at Union Station. Wm. Marks and F. Aston.
 " " West End Branch (1020 Queen W.) W. Gooderham and
 W. Blight.
 Young Men's Meeting every Saturday at 8 p.m.; Bible Class every Tuesday at
 8 p.m.; Workers' Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 9 a.m., in
 the Parkdale Branch Rooms.
 Noon Meeting every Wednesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in Toronto, Grey and Bruce
 Workshops.
 COTTAGE MEETINGS at 8 p.m. every Thursday, at 87 Esther Street.
 " " " " Friday, at 46 Bathurst Street.