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**Believe on the Lord
Jesus Christ, and thou
shalt be saved.**

Acts xvi. 31.

DEAF-MUTES' ASSOCIATION.



ON Thursday evening the deaf-mutes held their annual social in the parlors of Shaftesbury Hall. A company of fifty-four sat down to tea, and after doing justice to this, the party adjourned to the Bible parlor, where a programme of pantomime dialogues, and an exhibition of skill in blackboard crayon drawing occupied the rest of the evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Brigden. Mr. Nasmith (who has ever taken a deep interest in these friends), Mr. R. Kilgour, treasurer, and the general secretary, represented the Board of Managers at the entertainment.

It may not be generally known that a room in our building has been specially set apart for the deaf mutes. It is nicely arranged, and in it religious meetings are held every Sabbath afternoon, and literary meetings every Wednesday.

MR. HAMMOND.



Mr. Hammond is still holding meetings in our Hall, but will doubtless commence in some other part of the city next week. He has not met with that active co-operation which he desired, and seemed to expect. That good has been

done, none would attempt to deny. Perhaps a little more system and order in the inquiry meetings, would have led to more successful dealing with those who remained.

BOOK RECEPTION.



ON Tuesday next, our Sixth Annual Conversazione will be held in Shaftesbury Hall. A special feature this year will be the book reception. Already, friends have sent in a number of volumes, and we anticipate a large addition to our library. The programme for the evening is as usual, choice. The works of art, curiosities, &c., promised, will no doubt be examined with interest, and we trust with profit. Tickets may be secured from the Secretary. Each ticket is good for *one person only*. Please note this fact.

CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE.

The master doth not only rule the Scholars book for him, but makes him a copy with his own hand. Christ's command is our rule: His life our copy. If thou wilt walk holly, thou must not only endeavor to do what Christ commands, but as Christ himself did; thou must learn to shape every letter in thy copy, action in thy life, in a holy imitation of Jesus.

FOUR STEPS.

"A reckless mind—a scared conscience—a hardened heart; one step more—A LOST SOUL!"

As the widow's oil increased, not in the vessel, but by pouring out; and as the barley bread multiplied, not in the whole loaf, but by breaking and distributing; so are spiritual graces improved, not by keeping them together but by distributing them abroad.

**"To be carnally minded
is death; but to be spirit-
ually minded is life and
peace.**

Rom. viii. 6.

THE DRUNKARD'S REBUKE.

THE other evening during the enquiry meeting, after Mr. Hammond had been preaching, a minister was passing through the hall on his way to speak to an enquirer, when he was stopped by a man under the influence of strong drink, who said, "Sir, do you think a man in my state could be saved." The minister asked him a few questions, and the answers given proved that the man understood not only his position, but the tenor of Mr. Hammonds address. "Yes," said the minister "I believe you can." "Then I want to be saved" said the man. The minister then turned round to a person standing by and asked, "Are you a Christian?" "Yes," answered the person addressed. "Then here is a man who wishes to learn of Jesus, wont you tell him how he may be saved." The man hesitated, and at last said, "Really sir I dont know how to speak to him." No sooner had he said this, than the semi-intoxicated man looked at him, and said, "You a Christian, and can't tell me how I may be saved? If you ask me how and where you can get drunk, I can tell you."

What a rebuke. A Christian and can't tell how a sinner may come to Christ. The Devil's children are well posted as to how his work may be done. Surely the child of God should be ashamed not to be in a position at all times to be about His father's business in a business like way.

NOW.

Every man's life lies within the present; for the past is spent and done with, and the future is uncertain.

I AM THE WAY.

THE old city of Troy had but one gate. Go round and round the city, and you could find no other. If you wanted to get in, there was but one way, and no other. So to the strong, beautiful, and Grand City—The New Jerusalem, there is but one gate, "Jesus" He says "I AM THE DOOR."

If there were as many mysteries in the Bible as there are in some *heads* who could understand it?

"GROW UP INTO HIM."

Eph. iv. 15.

NIP or cut off the top shoots of a plant and it ceases to grow up. It commences to *spread*. Take care of the top shoots. Whatever in us is most like Christ, Satan seeks to destroy. He does not mind how much you spread yourself, or get a great name on earth, if he can only stop you from growing up into Christ."

Behold the nations are as a **DROP OF A BUCKET**, and are counted as the **SMALL DUST OF THE BALANCE**.—Isa. xl. 15.

WHAT a magnificent idea of the awful and infinite greatness of Jehovah! "A drop of a bucket," the loss of which no man would notice, and "the small dust of the balance;" the small particles of dust that remain after the balances have been wiped and adjusted, so small that their united mass makes no appreciable difference in the weight, and the eye can scarcely see them. What mind can grasp these figures designed to represent the nations of the earth, teeming with their thousands and tens of thousands of immortal beings!

GOOD WORKS.

As the apple is not the cause of the apple tree, but a fruit of it, so good works are not the cause of our salvation, but a sign and a fruit of the same.

ST. PAUL'S CLOAK.



A STREET preacher in Germany was one day assailed by some opponents, and one remarked that the Bible was full of fables. In course of the disturbance one referred to Paul having forgotten his cloak. "Ah, yes," said the preacher, "that is a passage quite suited to us all. I am forgetful. The Great Apostle could forget, and this comforts me, and admonishes me also, that I should endeavor to make good what I had forgotten. I thought once like you, and forgot God, and the one thing needful, but I now endeavor not to forget the goodness of God. Have you, my friend, *forgotten this?*"

Y. M. C. A. CONVERSAZIONE

AND

BOOK RECEPTION

SHAFTESBURY HALL,

Tuesday, March 29th, 1881.

For Tickets and particulars apply at the Rooms.

LEWIS C. PEAKE,
Chairman Conversazione Committee

Bulletin for Week Commencing March 28, 1881.

MONDAY.....	Mar. 28....	12.00 M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Psalm xciv. Rev. F. H. Wallace, B.D.
	"	8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY....	" 29....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Source of all Light. John i. 1-14. Rev. J. M. King, M.A.
WEDNESDAY	" 30 ...	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Faithful God. Deut. vii. 6-10. Rev. H. Melville.
THURSDAY....	" 31 ...	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Clothed with strange apparel. Zeph. i. 8; Matt. xxii. 11- 13. Rev. W. L. Rutledge.
	"	8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. The Secret'ry
FRIDAY	April 1....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Companionship with evil doers forbidden. 2 Cor. vi. W. H. Howland.
	"	8.00 P.M.	Boys' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	" 2....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Following Jesus. Luke ix. 51-62. R. Merryfield.
	"	4.50 P.M.	TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon.S.H.Blake
	"	8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. S. Caldecott.
SUNDAY.....	" 3....	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. D. C. Forbes.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Apr. 3, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station.—Mr. JOS. GREENE, and
Rev. H. MELVILLE.

At Nipissing Station.—Messrs. S. CALDECOTT
and GREGG.

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FRIDAY 8 P.M.—31 Taylor St.

NOON PRAYER MEETING—Toronto, Grey and Bruce R. R. Workshops every
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