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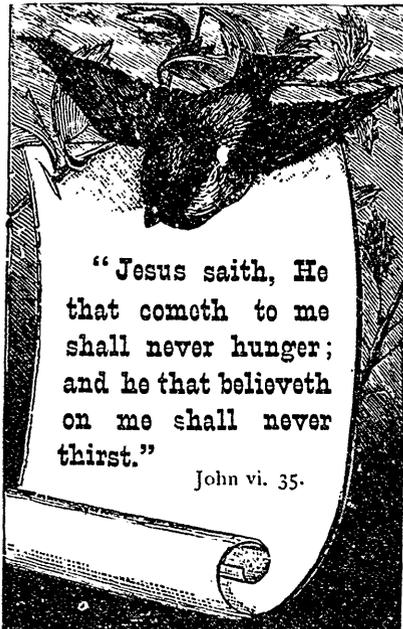
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We remind our friends that there are heavy claims at present on this fund. The work has called for increased circulation, but we expect to realize a full answer to our prayers as to needed supplies.

“WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD.”



OUR hearts go out in gratitude to God for tokens of His favor vouchsafed us during the past two weeks. Many young men

have been “born again” in our Rooms, and backsliders have been restored. Never since our connection with the Association have we been present at a meeting equal in power and blessing to that held on Tuesday evening. The testimony given by some of the recent saved ones, and the earnest prayers for the manifestation of the power of the Spirit, were truly refreshing. It was difficult to close the meeting, in fact after it had been formally closed once, it opened out anew, and the continuation was a time of blessing. We would not write a word to mislead anyone, and therefore add that while the meetings have, on every occasion, been times of blessing, the attendance has not been what some would call great, but those who have been present have been those we desire to reach.

We have, after seeking Divine guidance, decided to continue the meetings for another week. May it be a week of still greater blessing.

“STILL ANOTHER VACANCY”



ANOTHER worker has left us. Bro. C. C. Barrick is one who has been a helper to us in many ways. In the work, he has never failed us. In words of cheer and sympathy, he has often helped. In finances for the distribution of *Gospel* literature, he has done much. For more than a year, he has almost daily remarked that he longed to see a definite work for the Salvation of Young Men, and when he met with us (for the last time) on Friday evening, he remarked that it seemed so strange that just as he was witnessing the answer to his prayers he should be called away to another land. He goes forth in response to what he believes to

“Christ is the end of the law for righteousness TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH.—Rom. x. 4.

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him.—Nahum i. 7.

be a call from the Lord and our prayers follow him.

Mr. Barrick has left with us a substantial *souvenir* of his stay among us, in the form of a beautiful Cabinet Organ, a most timely gift, as long service in "tent and field" has seriously impaired the efficiency of our old instrument.

THE WRONG DESTINATION.



WHILST awaiting the departure of a train from the Bristol Station, another train ran in by the platform on which I was standing, and a young man alighted from one of the carriages and asked an attendant the name of the station, — to which he replied, "Bristol." "What?" said the young man, looking bewildered. Again the attendant replied, "Bristol, sir." "Dear me," said the young man, "I never intended to come here; I wanted to go to Gloucester; I have arrived at the *wrong destination*!"

Ah, thought I, that is just how it will be by and by. Thousands will find out, when, alas, it is *too late*, that they have arrived at the *wrong destination*; they intended reaching the terminus of heaven, but they will find out that they have been traveling on the wrong line, which reaches the terminus of hell. Reader, as you glance at these pages, upon which line are you traveling—on the *broad guay*, that leads to the terminus of death? Or on the *narrow guage* that leads to the terminus of glory? You must be traveling as fast as the express train of time, at the rate of three thousand six hundred seconds per hour, can carry you, towards one or the other of these destinations. Examine your ticket. What is the ground of your hope? What are you building on for eternity? If you are building on anything that you have done or can do, you are building on a sandy foundation. Cast your doings down, and take the ticket which God offers—"without money and without price."—in John iii. 16,— "Whosoever beliveth," and it will carry you safe to everlasting glory.—*Selected.*

MIXTURES.



WHEN the writer was a boy, and attending school in the city of Montreal, it was customary for many of the lads to buy lunch at a confectioner's shop close to the school house. The boy, if wise, would select such articles as would satisfy hunger and not affect health, but the confectioner had adopted a plan of making up 5 and 10 cent bags of what he called "mixtures," that is, cakes of different kinds, and usually including a piece of candy. Sometimes the package contained a very nice assortment, at other times (and by far the more frequent) the contents were stale, and not very desirable on the score of health. But we got so used to going for "*mixtures*" that a trip home for a solid meal was rather a punishment to us.

It occurs to us that there is a good deal of 10 cent "mixture" business in connection with the religious education of the present day. For instance, *socials*, with at times a *good piece* on top to make them look all right; or a *large bun* (in the shape of some special talent) to make the package look bulky. In fact anything or everything to keep the young christian from taking good solid meals from the Word of God. Suppose we invest in one of these packages and proceed to enjoy (?) its contents. Can we describe it in better words than the following:—"What surprises await us. A christian chairman, a holy hymn, a solemn prayer awe the soul. The scene changes and a few remarks are made on—The social nature of man,—the needs of the young for pleasant companionship,—the opportunities afforded for becoming acquainted, &c., &c.' Next comes something livelier; humorous recitations succeed. Now it is toned off by something a little quieter, probably a Moody and Sankey hymn, such as, 'Where is my wandering boy tonight?' Now jolly music and songs (not of Zion) with semi-theatrical and excessive applause, are in the ascendant

The Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.—Ps. lxxxiv. 11.

The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.—Ps. xxix. 11.

for an hour or two, until settling down the 'interesting programme is brought to a close' by Mr.—pronouncing a benediction on the pastime and the performers, in the name of the Sacred Trinity."

"We have finished our package, and go back to study, but somehow we don't feel so bright as before we took the "mixture." In fact it was not the sort of food we should have taken, and yet—they were such "nice" people who prepared the prakage. Oh, how different would it be if we always fed from the properly selected, well prepared, and nicely served table at our Father's house. Christian Brethren, be very careful of these "Mixture" lunches. They are not healthy.



If we Christians could but remember that God is our Father and that we belong to His household, what an end to care and anxiety there would be! A rich father provides for the wants of His children in every respect; and our God, who is infinite in love as well as in wealth, will not come behind any earthly parent. He bids us cast all our care upon Him, reminding us that He does all the caring for us. Oh, let us give Him our anxiety, and He will give us His peace; let us leave with Him our business burdens, our domestic burdens, our spiritual burdens—yes, all our burdens, and He will fill our hearts with Heavenly rest and joy. Let us believe that God is our Father, and realize that we are his children, and be content to let Him provide for us.

A MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS

IS HELD

EVERY MONDAY EVENING, FROM 7.30 TILL 9.

In Parlor C. (up stairs) Shaftesbury Hall

"TO-MORROW" AND "TO-DAY."

GOD'S call is not a call for to-morrow. "To-day, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." God's grace always comes with despatch; and if thou art drawn by God, thou wilt run after God, and not be talking about delays.

To-morrow! it is not written in the almanac of time. To-morrow! it is in Satan's calendar, and nowhere else. To-morrow! it is a rock whitened by the bones of mariners who have wrecked upon it; it is the wreckers' light gleaming on the shore, luring poor ships to their destruction. To-morrow! it is the idler's cup, which he fableth to lie at the foot of the rainbow, but which none hath ever found. To-morrow! it is the floating island of Loch Lomond, which none hath ever seen. To-morrow! it is a dream. To-morrow! it is a delusion. To-morrow! aye, to-morrow, you may lift up your eyes in hell, being in torments!

Yonder clock says, "To-day!" Thy pulse whispereth, "To-day!" I hear my heart speak as it beats, and it says, "To-day!" Everything cries, "To-day!" and the Holy Ghost is in union with these things, and says, "To-day, if ye hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

Sinners! are you inclined now to seek the Saviour? Are you breathing a prayer now? Are you saying, "Now or never! I must be saved now!"—*Spurgeon.*

MEETINGS FOR YOUNG MEN ONLY,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

EVERY NIGHT (EXCEPT MONDAY)

This week, in the

Y. M. C. A. Rooms, Shaftesbury Hall,

COR. QUEEN AND JAMES STREETS.

COME.

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.—Ps. xxxi. 24.

THIRD WEEK

—OF—

SPECIAL EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

FOR YOUNG MEN,

Commencing Monday, April 16th, 1883.

Every day from 12 to 12.45, in Parlor B.

A MEETING FOR PRAYER,

PRESIDED OVER AS FOLLOWS:—

MONDAY THE SECRETARY .. Praise and Thanksgiving.

TUESDAY..... F. ASTON)

WEDNESDAY.. A. GAY)

THURSDAY... REV. J. SALMON... ..)

FRIDAY..... ASS'T SECRETARY..)

SATURDAY... S. R. BRIGGS.....)

These Meetings will be devoted to Special Prayer for the work.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS every night (except Monday),

At 8 o'clock, for one hour.

MONDAY EVENING Meeting for Christian Workers, (in Parlor B.)

TUESDAY " " The Life most worth Loving. Col. iii. 1-4
Addresses by A. GAY and others.

WEDNESDAY " " The Book of Life and the Book of Death.
Rev. xx. 11-15. Addresses by J. J. GART-
SHORE and others.

THURSDAY " " Pleasures for evermore. Ps. xvi. 11. Ad-
dresses by Rev. J. SALMON and others.

FRIDAY " " Almost saved. Addresses by F. ASTON and
others.

SATURDAY " " Short addresses and testimonies by Young Men.

SUNDAY " " 8.30 p.m., Gospel and Song Service in large Hall.

The Secretary's Bible Class, will be held Monday evening after the Prayer Meeting.