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**"CHRIST ALSO HATH
ONCE SUFFERED
FOR SINS, THE JUST
FOR THE UNJUST,
THAT HE MIGHT
BRING US TO GOD.**

1 Pet. iii. 18.

"LECTURE ON ELECTRICITY."

On Tuesday evening last, Mr. W. Gillespie, editor of the Stamford, (Conn.) *Advocate*, lectured in Shaftesbury Hall, the subject chosen being one of great interest to the public generally, namely, electricity and electric lighting. The hall was filled by an appreciative audience, who frequently applauded the lecturer. His remarks were illustrated by a series of diagrams and electric appliances, which were displayed on the platform. The lecturer reviewed the whole history of electricity, from its discovery to its present practical adaptation to the requirements of man. The lecture was rendered additionally interesting by a number of experiments which Mr. Gillespie made. His remarks occupied about two hours, and were listened to throughout with great attention. At the close, Dr. Rosebrough proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was heartily carried by the audience.

We are indebted to Mr. Gillespie for his kindness in giving this lecture free of expense.

NOON PRAYER MEETING.

At our Noon Meeting on Thursday, Rev. H. M. Parsons gave an instructive Bible Reading on "Prayer." We are pleased to state that at the request of our Board of Directors, the Ministerial Association has made arrangements whereby the chairmanship of the meeting will be taken 4 days in each week by the city pastors in turn. We trust that by this plan a more general interest will be taken in the meetings and that the attendance may largely increase.

CLASSES.

The interest in our Free Classes is increasing and large numbers of Young Men are attracted to the Rooms through them.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE.

This service will be held every Sabbath evening, during the Winter Months, in our large parlor.

MEMBERSHIP.

At the last monthly meeting of our Board 71 new members were elected, 13 Active 58 Associate.

**"CHRIST HATH RE-
DEEMED US FROM THE
CURSE OF THE LAW, BEING
MADE A CURSE FOR US."**

Gal. iii. 13.



NEVER STOP THE PLOUGH TO
CATCH A MOUSE.

THERE'S not much profit in this game. Think of a man and a boy and four horses all standing still for the sake of a mouse!

Heaps of people act like the man in our picture. They have a great work in hand which wants all their wits, and they leave it to squabble over some petty nothing, not worth a fig.

Now, our minister said to me the other day, "John, if you were on the committees of some of our societies you would see this mouse-hunting done to perfection. Not only committees, but whole bodies of Christian people, go mouse-hunting."

"A society of good Christian people will split into pieces over a petty quarrel, or mere matter of opinion, while all around them the masses are perishing for want of the Gospel. A miserable little mouse, which no cat would ever hunt, takes them off from their Lord's work. Again, intelligent men will spend months of time and heaps of money in inventing and publishing mere speculations, while the great field of the world lies unploughed. They seem to care nothing how many may perish so long as they can ride their hobbies. In other matters a little common-sense is allowed to rule, but in the weightiest matters foolishness is sadly conspicuous. As for you and me, John, let us kill a

mouse when it nibbles our bread, but let us not spend our lives over it. What can be done by a mousetrap or a cat should not occupy all our thoughts.

The paltry trifles of this world are much of the same sort. Let us give our chief attention to the chief things—the glory of God, the winning of souls for Jesus, and our own salvation. There are fools enough in the world, and there can be no need that Christian men should swell the number. Go on with your ploughing, John, and I will go on with my preaching, and in due season we shall reap if we faint not."—*John Ploughman's Talk.*

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

GOD deals with us singly, and we must deal with God singly. We have little concern with what others do, but everything with what we do ourselves. Let us strive to live, and think, and speak, and act, as if we and God were alone, and as if the whole weight and responsibility of His work upon earth lay upon us, as it does to the full extent of our power to bear it. We are not only responsible for our own souls, but for the souls of others. How different a state the world would be in if every active member of all the associations had his heart on fire with *divine love*, and, like the Christians of Apostolic days, told the old, old story *continually*. Not only in public to many, but to one by one, in the frank, candid, spontaneous, unaffected speech with which one who loves Christ may tell another of the beauty of his Master. If each member were so to act, what an enormous power would be set to work! What a blessing might be expected from above, if every man did what he might do for Christ! God puts in our power to do all that He means for us to do. He has not given us time, talent, money, position, influence to be thrown away. We only need the zeal, the heaven-given fire of the Spirit; the all-constraining, all-subduing love of Christ.—*From Monthly Notes.*

REDEEMING THE TIME.

Eph. v. 16.

There is a gift that is almost a blow, and there is a kind word that is munificence; so much is there in the way of doing things.

Remember a single bad thought will mar an otherwise faultless character, as an inkdrop soileth the pure white page.

Never waste your time in idleness; engage in any honorable work until you can better your condition.

A man has no more right to say an uncivil thing than to act one; no more right to say a rude thing to another than to knock him down.—[Dr. Samuel Johnson.

Bulletin for Week Commencing December 6, 1880.

MONDAY.. . . .	Dec. 6....	12.00 M.	PRAYSE MEETING. Alf. Sandham.
	"	8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. H. A. Bruton
TUESDAY.....	" 7....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Hopeless, Godless, without excuse. Eph. ii. 12; Rom. i. 18-20. R. McJannet, Jr.
WEDNESDAY ..	" 8....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Prayer for the young men of Toronto. Isaiah lv. 1-13. W. Marks.
THURSDAY.....	" 9....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Who are members of Christ's family? Matt. xii. 46-50. W. E. Burford.
FRIDAY	" 10....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. God's care for His little children. Luke xii. 1-12.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	" 11....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Saviour and the Criminal, Luke xxiii. 39-43. R. Merryfield.
		4.50 P.M.	TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. R. Kilgour.
SUNDAY.....	" 12....	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 AND SONG SERVICE. S. R. Briggs.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Dec. 12, 3 00 P.M.—At Union Station.—WM. GOODERHAM and WM. BLIGHT,
At Nipissing Station.—R. McJANNET, Jr., and Mr. BICKLE.

COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every MONDAY 8 P.M.—123 Portland Street. THURSDAY 8 P.M.—240 Little Richmond Street, and 61 Sackville Street.

FREE CLASSES.

ELOCUTION.....	MR. R. LEWIS.....	MONDAY, 8 P.M.
PHONOGRAPHY.....	MR. R. McNAB..	} MONDAY and SATURDAY, 6.45 P.M.
BOOKKEEPING.....	MR. MCINTYRE.....	
DRAWING.....	MR. H. B. GORDON.....	FRIDAY, 8 P.M.
GYMNASIUM (for Young Men).....		} MONDAY and THURSDAY, 8 P.M., SATURDAY, 4 to 6 P. M.
GYMNASIUM (for Boys).....	MR. BRUTON... ..	
		} MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY 4.30 to 6 P.M.

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