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JESUS.

"He was wounded
for our transgressions.
He was bruised for our
iniquities; the chastisement of our peace
was upon Him; and
with His stripes we
are healed."

Isaiah liii 5.

WELCOME HOME.

WE are delighted to have our President once again with us. It does us good to hear his words of counsel from time to time. The members of the Saturday afternoon Bible Class availed themselves of his absence from the city to arrange a pleasant surprise, and on Saturday, 15th inst, when for the first time he resumed charge, he was not only recognized as a good *Chairman*, but was by letter informed that he was the *Good Man* for whom the *Chair* was intended. The elegant easy chair and foot rest which stood by as a mute witness to the kindly regards of the members of the class will, without doubt, oftentimes bring to our worthy President's remembrance the grateful feelings which prompted the *welcome* present. May he long live to occupy it.

BULLETIN FUND.

Workers. \$2 40

BIBLE CLASS.

LAST Monday evening, the Bible class room was crowded with young men. During the enquiry and prayer meeting, one young man was led to see the error of his way. Another testified that reading the text on the front page of our BULLETIN a few weeks ago, had, he believed, led him to take the step of decision for Christ.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

"Thou shalt call His name Jesus (or Saviour): for He shall save His people from their sins."—Matt. i. 21.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Tim. i. 15.

PRAYER ANSWERED.

DURING a recent noonday meeting, a young man was led to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and at once decided to write to his mother (a christian) in Ireland, telling her of the great change. He did so, and a few days after he received a letter which had crossed his on the way. This letter was full of breathings of faith that God had either answered her prayer or was about to do so. She had assurance; she stated that God had heard her many prayers. By this time the tidings of answer has reached her. We have during the past year been frequently cheered by the occurrence of similar results. May we yet see more of this.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

IN Saturday evening last our Young Men's Meeting was of deep interest. It was conducted as a testimony meeting, and the usual time had to be extended to allow the testimonies to be given. The Lord was with us.

A NEED.

"NE very efficient part of our railroad work is the visitation of engines and cabooses, making the acquaintance of the men and giving them papers and magazines with which to improve the time when off duty at the end of a division away from home, and where there is no reading room. Our supply of periodicals is not sufficient to meet the demands of this work. Our friends can help us greatly by donating the papers, magazines, etc., that they have read and don't care to save. If you have such and will notify the Secretary by postal card, he will be glad to send for them, or they may be left at Shaftesbury Hall, addressed, 'for railway work.'"

WE RECOGNIZE IT ALL.

A BROTHER SECRETARY writes us a strong letter, calling us to task for our strictures on "Apron and Paper Cap Entertainments," and he encloses us the following—

- "Our mission is to
1. **GET** hold of young men.
 2. their confidence and respect
 3. them to accept Christ.
- and after that end is reached, we want to see them
4. **GET** into the church.
 5. spiritual strength.
 6. interested in the welfare of others.

We use many methods to do this and try to go through the entire list, not stopping with the first one or two points. Do we fully recognise the importance of this?"

We heartily endorse every line of this extract. We hope, God willing, to accomplish all it speaks of. *But* we fail to see the place such an entertainment as that to which we took exception has in any one of the six heads into which the "Mission" is divided. We also admit that we have to use "*many methods*," but we emphatically deny that oyster suppers, comic songs, comic readings, or any similar entertainments have any *scriptural* place in the methods to be adopted.

We most sincerely pray for the day when our Brethren throughout the whole land may be led to place upon every method the Divine spirit-level, the Word of God. This is the only way to see the true appearance of such work in the sight of God our Master, and we feel assured that were this regularly done, some of the *many methods* would be cast aside as crooked and perfectly unfit for use.

THE PRIEST'S DUTY.

And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean—Ezek. xlv. 23.

"I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no Saviour."

Isaiah xliii. 11.

"He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."—2 Cor. v. 21.

THE INSPIRED RECORD OF A LIE.

Acts 5: 1-5.

1. THE SOURCE OF LYING—SATAN:

"WHY HATH SATAN FILLED THINE HEART."

2. THE MOTIVE OF LYING—SELFISHNESS:

"TO KEEP BACK PART OF THE PRICE."

3. THE SIN OF LYING—AN OFFENCE AGAINST GOD:

"THOU HAST.....LIED.....UNTO GOD,"

4. THE FRUIT OF LYING—LOSS:

"ANANIAS.....FELL DOWN, AND GAVE UP THE GHOST."

SIN, WHEN IT IS FINISHED, BRINGETH FORTH DEATH.

IS THE BIBLE TRUE?

THERE are two ways of proving that it is. Both are satisfactory. The first method of proof is by external, historical evidence. This is a laborious method, requiring much time and study; yet it is entirely satisfactory. The second equally satisfactory proof is within the reach of all. It is this: the Bible fully accomplishes what it promises in those who personally test it. To illustrate—there are two ways of ascertaining whether or not a loaf of bread is nutritious. The one by chemical analysis—an elaborate method, requiring much time and study. But, if you are hungry, you need not wait for the results of chemistry. Eat, and if refreshed, you will know as really that the bread is good, as you would from the chemist's analysis.—*Miss Smiley.*

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING. SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.

COME.

THE PIERCED HAND.

"And He showed them His HANDS and His feet."



IT is safe to trust the hand that was nailed to the cross for us. That hand will neither betray our confidence reposed in it, nor suffer us to fall when we lean upon it for strength. Behind that hand is an arm of power, and behind that arm is a heart of infinite love. . . . None shall be able to pluck his own out of His hand. . . . That dear hand lives, to guide, and bless, and save; lives to lift at last the just out of the coffin and the tomb, up to glory and the throne"

Young man have you placed yourself in that hand. It is now outstretched toward you. It was wounded for you. Will you turn away from it? Remember if you do, the day will come when that hand will punish you.

REMEMBER

—THE—

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

HELD

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

"While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans v. 8.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

MANY Associations adopt the plan of publishing in their Reports a "Form of Bequest." These Forms vary according to the localities in which they are drawn up. Personally, we recommend the following Form, published in an exchange Bulletin:

As I am in possession of a sum of money which belongs to the Lord, and desiring His gracious approval NOW, and fearing that later in life it might be taken by the Lord out of my unwilling hands, I HEREBY send a cheque for Ten Thousand Dollars to the "Young Men's Christian Association," payable to ———, Treasurer.
Cheerfully and prayerfully yours,

No better way than to act as your own executor. It saves trouble, and it certainly gives pleasure to the *giver* and the *receiver*. If any person has a doubt upon this point, we offer ourselves as subjects upon which they may test the matter.

HARD TO KEEP IN CHECK.

THE following extract from a letter received from a prominent Y. M. C. A. Secretary in the United States, explains fully the trouble many of our brethren have to contend with in the matter of so-called "Social" work:—

"I feel that these things are being being carried to an unwarrantable extreme. If the Lord tarries and permits, I am going to urge leaving out many features of our entertainment work which have been prominent this winter. We ask for a recitation with a good moral to it, but are never certain of what we will get, and the encore, if there be any, will almost surely call out something trashy, if not blasphemous. And if any objection be made, you are at once set down as fanatical, as other good Christian (?) people don't see any harm in it.

But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.—1 Peter iv. 7.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, MARCH 24.

12 noon.—Thanksgiving and Praise Meeting. The Secretary.
 8 p.m.—Young Men's Bible Class, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
 9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Am I Like the Troubled Sea? Isa. lvii. 20, 21; Mark iv. 35-41. Rev. E. Clement.
 8 p.m.—Lecture by Rev. G. M. Milligan. "Is Modern Science Anti-Scriptural?"

WEDNESDAY MARCH 26.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Finding the Pearl of Great Price. Matt. xiii. 45, 46; Rev. iii. 17, 18. W. Marks.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ the Corner Stone of our Faith. 1 Cor. iii. 11; 2 Cor. v. 19-21. Rev. J. Matheson.
 8 p.m.—The Workers will meet at the residence of C. S. Gzowski, Jr., Esq., 42 St. Joseph St., when a Bible Reading will be given by Rev. T. C. Des Barres, on "The Titles of Christ."

FRIDAY MARCH 28

12 to 12.45 noon.—Is my motto 'This One Thing I do?' Phil. iii. 13, 14. Rev. J. Salmon.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29.

12 to 12.45 noon.—An Offering Acceptable to God must be the Best we Have. Mal. i. 7-14; 2 Sam. xxiv. 21-25. Rev. T. Cullen.
 4.30 p.m.—Teacher's Bible Class. Hon. S. H. Blake.
 7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
 8.00 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. John Wood.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.
 " Deaf Mute Class F. S. Bridgen.
 " Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.
 " Italian Class.
 8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. H. B. Gordon.
 Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Sec'y.

Railway Men's Meetings.

W. C. JEX, Railway Secretary.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25.

12.30 to 12.55 noon.—In G. T. R. Roundhouse Reading Room. Rev. H. M. Parsons.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30.

3 p.m.—Union Station. W. Gooderham and W. Blight.
 4 p.m.—West End Branch (1020 Queen W.) For speakers, see West End notices below.

West End Branch.

G. F. POPE, Secretary.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25.

7 p.m.—O. L. S. C. Meeting.
 8 p.m.—Bible Class. Mr. R. Awde.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29.

8 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. W. Harris.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30.

4 p.m.—Gospel Meeting. Rev. W. J. Hunter and A. Howe.