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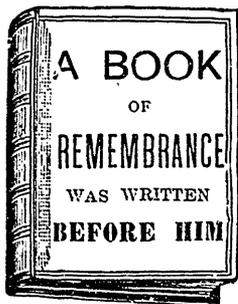
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THEN THEY THAT FEARED THE LORD
spake often one to another,

AND

THE LORD HEARKENED AND HEARD II,

AND



For them that feared the Lord, and
that thought upon His name.

AND THEY SHALL BE MINE

Saith the Lord of Hosts,

In that day when I make up



And I will spare them as a man
spareth his own son that serveth
him.—Mal. iii. 16, 17.

BULLETIN FUND.

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TESTIMONY.

THE weekly gathering, following the Monday night Bible Class, is devoted to testimony and prayer. Last Monday there were present, among others, six young men who have recently been "saved of the Lord." Their testimony as to the preciousness of Christ, and his power to save and keep, was helpful to the others. At the close of the meeting, three persons rose for prayer.

NOONDAY MEETINGS.

Four friends only knew what pleasant meetings we have (as a rule) each day at noon, the attendance would be much larger. The blessing is great, but we are sorry to say the numbers to enjoy it are small. Come, and share with us.

WORKERS MEETING.

The monthly meeting of workers held on the 23rd August, was one of the largest held. And not only so, but it was a season of much spiritual refreshing.

BIBLE CLASSES.

The attendance at the Bible Classes keeps up. On Monday evening there has been a marked increase in the numbers present.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.—Matthew vi. 33.

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Matthew xii. 34.

TREATING OTHERS.

Tour noon meeting on Monday last a young man who has recently been "born again" rose to speak upon the necessity for personal testimony and boldness. In course of his remarks he used this apt illustration:

"Before I was converted I used to drink, and when I got well under the influence of liquor nothing would suit me but I must "treat" every acquaintance I met. Now I don't see why we should not, as Christians, act the same way. We have something worth having, let us go out and urge our companions to take a drink. Treat them. Tell them how good we find the Lord, and if possible induce them to accept also."

A VOICE FROM THE DEAD

On a tombston. in England is inscribed the following:—

"Reader! Stop and think,
That I am in eternity,
And you are on the brink!"

REMEMBER.

God REMEMBERS the sins of those only who REMEMBER not the blood of His Son.

DRAW NIGH.

If you stand a quarter of a mile off from your father, you will be sore puzzled to know what he says, or what he means; but if you go within a foot of him, every thing will be plain. So, my Christian brother, if you stand off and away from God your heavenly Father, in the midst of earthly absorptions, you will undoubtedly be much at a loss to know what is his will; but if you live near to him, walking with God, (as the Scripture expression so significantly gives it), you will have no difficulty of the sort.—*Howard Crosby.*

THE WORLD-WIDE WANT.

THE world is ever yearning after an imperceptible something! Every human being seeking for that which he or she has not! If you ask what it is they need, they cannot define it. A dim vision of something floats before them—alike misty, undefinable, and incomprehensible. They feel a certain void that neither business, pleasure, wealth, society, nor pursuit can fill up or satisfy.

And how is this to be explained? We reply: there is nothing that can possibly satisfy this longing but the possession of that priceless treasure, "the peace of God that passeth all understanding;" that quiet rest of soul that the world can neither give, or comprehend, or take away.

No stretch of the imagination, no play of the fancy, no deeds of love and charity, can ever secure the comfort of God's Holy Spirit, which is freely given of God through the peace made by the blood of the Cross.

"FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR."

(Heb. xi. 1.)

"What I admire," said Turgot, "in Christopher Columbus, is not that he discovered the New World, but that he went to look for it on the faith of an idea."

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

All are invited.

A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things.—Matthew xii. 35.

I have loved you that ye also love one another.

John xiii. 34.

DO YOU WANT A FRIEND?

This is my Friend.—*Song of Solomon vi. 16.*

“**F**RRIEND?” you say. It depends on what sort of a person you will offer me.” Now, I have a Friend, a very precious and trustworthy Friend, and because I know well He is longing to be your Friend too, I have just asked you to let me talk to you a little about Him. My friend is the Lord Jesus Christ. I did not love Him first, or find out how good He was all at once; but He always loved me, and wanted me to love Him in return. I want to spell the word “Friend” to you, and with each letter I will tell you something of what I have found out Jesus to be.

It will help you to remember better what Jesus is, to connect some thought about Him with each letter of the word FRIEND.

What may F stand for? Can you guess? *Faithful*. A *faithful* friend is Jesus. Faithful to us in our sins, faithful to us in our sorrows, faithful to us in our unfaithfulness. Other people may forsake us; they may find out our faults and become disappointed in us, but is it not good to know, that Jesus knows all about us from the very beginning, and loves us in spite of everything?

R is the next letter. Jesus is then a *Real* Friend. There is no deceit about His love for us. Jesus shows that His love is *real*, because He has done, and still does, so much for us.

I is the next letter—*Interceding*. What a good kind of friend that is! A man requires in some unexpected emergency powerful influence to obtain some much-needed—some essential boon. “Ah!” says he, “I’m not afraid; I have a powerful friend. He has influence in the right quarter. I shall get what I want. He is going to use it for me.”

Such a mighty friend is Jesus; one who intercedes for us before God.

Everlasting is our word for the letter E.

Once a friend always a friend, is some people’s motto. It is so with Jesus. He will never leave nor forsake.

N stands for near.

Yes; He is very near, always near. “Lo, I am with you *always*.” You cannot always have your earthly friends with you.

Nothing can separate you from the love of Christ. Your heavenly Friend will be with you everywhere and anywhere, in readiness to help and bless you.

What is our last letter? It is D; and D stands for *dear*. A *dear* Friend! You learn to love Jesus, although you never saw Him. Whom having *not seen*, ye love. And if he is your Friend here, He will be dearer yet, when one day you will know Him as you are known, and love Him with a perfect, unchanging, unwavering heart. *Is He your Friend?* That is what I want you to tell me. You cannot do better than accept the Lord Jesus as your

Faithful
R
I
E
N
D

FRIEND

—Selected.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O’CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness.—Isa. lxi. 10.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,
AT 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 Sept. 3, 1883.

MONDAY.....	Sept. 3....	12.00 M.	7.30 P.M.	7.30 P.M.	8 00 P.M.	PRaise & THANKSGIVING. The Secretary. MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C." INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER. YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	"	4....	12.00 M.			NOONDAY PRAYER. A. Gay.
WEDNESDAY.	"	5....	12.00 M.			NOONDAY PRAYER. Assist.-Sec.
THURSDAY...	"	6....	12.00 M.	8.00 P.M.		NOONDAY PRAYER. S. R. Briggs. WORKERS' MEETING for mutual edifica- tion and prayer.
FRIDAY	"	7....	12.00 M.	8.00 P.M.		NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon. BOYS' MEETING.
SATURDAY....	"	8....	12.00 M.	7.30 P.M.		NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Aston. INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
SUNDAY	"	9....	3.00 P.M.	8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. R. Kilgour. EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon DEAF MUTE CLASS. CHINESE CLASS. 8.30 P.M. GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. G.T.Fergusson Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Sept. 9, 3.00 P.M.

GOSPEL MEETING at Union Station and at West End Branch (1020 Queen W.)
Young Men's Meeting every Saturday at 8 p.m.; Bible Class every Tuesday at
8 p.m.; Workers' Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 7.30 a.m., in
the West End Branch Rooms.
Noon Meeting every Tuesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in the G. T. R. Roundhouse
Reading Room, and every Wednesday at the same hour, in
the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Workshops.

COTTAGE MEETINGS.

EVERY MONDAY, 8 P.M., 118 Lisgar Street.
" THURSDAY " 2 Hunter's Terrace, Dufferin St.
" FRIDAY, " 232 Dundas St. E.