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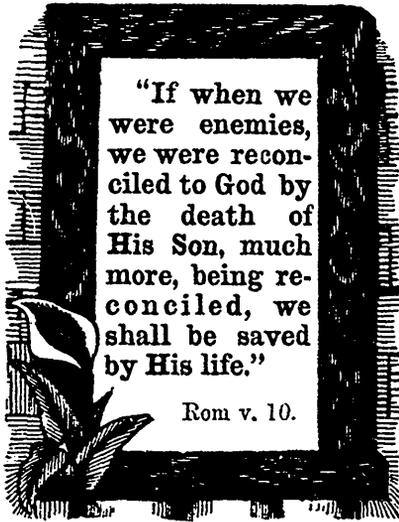
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"If when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

Rom v. 10.

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BOARDING HOUSE COMMITTEE.

ALREADY we are beginning to receive tokens of blessing attending the work of this Committee, in the increasing number of young men coming to the rooms.

The central part of the city has been divided into ten districts, to each of which tried workers have been assigned. While visiting the houses, many young men are met with who seem to hesitate when asked to visit the rooms, and urge as a reason why they do not come, that "they are not acquainted with the members or officers." To remedy this

we have provided a very neat card of introduction, which reads as follows:

To the General Secretary of the Toronto Young Men's Christian Association, Shaftesbury Hall, (Cor. Queen and James Streets).—This will introduce Mr.....at present boarding at.....Street. Any courtesies extended to him will be duly appreciated.

The following circular has also been issued by the Chairman:

MAY 3RD, 1882.

MY DEAR SIR,—It has been ascertained that some of the districts assigned to workers are too large to be thoroughly visited. A new plan has therefore been prepared, and hereafter your district will be No. bounded by the following Streets:.....

It is expected that you will visit as far as possible each Boarding House and Hotel within the limits named; and that you will endeavour to converse with young men, and invite them to our meetings. You will be supplied with Introduction Cards, a judicious use of which will no doubt enable you to secure the attendance of many of the more retiring or diffident strangers. To prevent any misunderstanding as to your district, it will be wise to consult the coloured "District" Map hanging in the Rooms.

It is confidently hoped that you will make this (the most important part of our work) a subject of earnest prayer. If the work be thus prayerfully prosecuted, it cannot fail to result in the glory of God and the welfare and conversion of young men. Remember, "It is required in stewards, that a MAN be found faithful."

Yours,

J. J. FINDLAY,
Ch. Boarding House Com.

The Chairman will be pleased to re-

ceive the names of young men willing to help in carrying on this work. Some of the Districts will admit of additional labourers; and new Districts will be taken up as workers present themselves. Let us endeavour in the Lord's name to reach the young men of Toronto.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

THIS meeting is well sustained, and we have reason to believe that it is taking hold of the young men. The meeting held last Saturday evening was one of much interest and spiritual power.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE following extracts from letters recently received will tend to show the usefulness of Y. M. C. Associations:—

YONKERS, N. Y., May, 1st, 1882.

"In the first place, however, I take this opportunity of thanking you very heartily for having given me that letter of introduction to the Y.M.C.A. people. It has been of the greatest possible service to me, for I found a wonderfully "live" Association here, although its existence only dates back eight months.

The Gen. Sec. received me very kindly, and has done everything in his power to promote my interests, in the way of making acquaintances, &c. I am already on an excellent footing, socially speaking."

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

DEAR BROTHER.—You can learn from Bro. Gordon how useful your letter of recommendation was. I was treated very kindly in Detroit, and very, very kindly here. I am a member, a gentleman (Mr. Angell) having presented me with a membership ticket, just what I was longing for very much. I can testify to Phil. 4: 19 needs, not mere wants, which often depends on how we feel. I enjoy reading the Y.M.C.A. Bulletin, but do not see it every week. If it does not cost any more trouble or expense to send two than one, I would like to receive it regularly.

About six months ago one of our members came into the room to ask some advice. He had been ill for some time. The nature of his disease was

such as to unfit him for work the greater part of the time. We suggested that the climate of Colorado might prove beneficial. He admitted this, but sorrowfully added: "I can't afford to go." That evening, at the Young Men's meeting, this incident was used to present the gospel. A man apparently dying, but could not afford to go to the place where health might be renewed! What a contrast to the gospel, with its ever-present Physician! At the close of the meeting a young man came to the Secretary and offered to help in sending the sick brother away. Suffice it to say, that with the aid of that friend, the work was accomplished. Now read the following:—

"I write a few lines to you to let you know that I have not forgotten you or your kindness to me. You will be glad to know that I have not been troubled with the asthma since I have been here. I thank our Father for the measure of health he has given me. I have been in work the most of the time, and lately have had an offer of steady work for a year, at \$2.75 a day. I expect my wife and mother here about the 1st of May. Now my dear sir, I will conclude with my best wishes for the success of your work in Toronto. I have had a little opportunity of learning something of the importance of this work among young men, especially among those away from home."

In a previous letter the young man speaks of the cordial greeting extended him by the General Secretary, and the valuable aid and counsel received.

IN our circumstances there are few greater crimes than inaction. Let there be a crusade against Christian, or rather unchristian, idleness. Something more than *moderation* in Christian effort is demanded. We need an enthusiasm that shall overbear false shame, and make our testimony at once joyful and real. The world is no more to blame today for its indifference than it has been in former times. Instead of seeking for reasons to explain the increase of ungodliness *outside* the Church, let us rather seek them *within*. There we can both find them, and by God's grace deal with them.—*Word and Work.*

Remember

THE
EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD
Every Sunday Afternoon,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME !

NO man ever served God by doing things to-morrow ; if we honor Christ and are blest, it is by the things which we do to-day. Whatever you do for Christ, throw your whole soul into it.

ALL social efforts should be subservient to the spiritual. A vein of piety—not religion—should run through all services and exercises. Christ should be the centre of attraction, and all meetings and entertainments should be avenues leading to the foot of the cross.—*Exchange.*

NOTHING worth having is got by sin, nothing worth keeping is lost by holiness.

ISee it publicly stated by men who call themselves Christians, that it would be advisable for Christians to frequent the theatre, that the character of the drama might be raised. The suggestion is about as sensible as if we were bidden to pour a bottle of lavender water into the great sewer to improve its aroma. It has not been my lot ever to enter a theatre during the performance of a play ; but I have seen enough, when I have come home from distant journeys at night, while riding past the play-houses to make me pray that our sons and daughters may never go within the doors. It must be a strange school for virtue which attracts the harlot and the debauchee. It is no place for the Christian ; for it is frequented by the irreligious and the worldly.—*Spurgeon.*

THE BIBLE.

Read THE BIBLE, for it is God's Book.
Isa. xxxiv. 16.
Obey THE BIBLE, for it is God's Law.
Ps. xix. 7.
Love THE BIBLE, for it is God's Gift.
Ezek. xx. 11.
Trust THE BIBLE, for it is God's Promise.
Heb. vi. 13-20.
You are in *Darkness*, it is your *Lamp*.
Ps. cxix. 105, 130.
You are in an *Enemy's Land*, it is your *Sword*.
Ephes. vi. 17.
You are in the *midst of Sin*, it is your *Safeguard*.
Ps. cxix. 9, 11.
You are exposed to *Falsehood*, it is *Truth*.
John xvii. 17.
It tells the sinner of a Saviour.
Matt. i. 21.
It promises the Slave Freedom.
John viii. 32.
It proclaims to the Rebel Pardon.
Isa. lv. 6, 7.
It assures the Weak of Strength.
Isa. xxv. 4.
It guides the Lost to Heaven.
John xiv. 6.
It tells the Dead of Life.
Prov. viii. 35; Ephes. ii. 1-8.
It points the Exile to a Home.
2 Sam. xiv. 14.
It offers the Weary Rest.
Matt. xi. 28, 30.

ADVICE.

GOOD resolutions are often like a loosely-tied cord—on the first strain of temptation they slip. They should be tied in a hard knot of prayer. And then, they should be kept tight and firm by constant stretching Godward. If they slip or break, tie them again.—*Evangelical Messenger.*

“Whosoever will, let him take the Water of Life freely.”

Rev. xxii. 17.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

Good Singing, with Y.M.C.A. Orchestra
accompanying.

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 May 15, 1882.

MONDAY.....	May 15....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. R. Merryfield.
			8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 16....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Wonderful love. 1 Sam. xviii. 1-5; 2 Sam. i. 23-27; Rom. v. 8. S. R. Briggs.
WEDNESDAY.	" 17....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The bitter fruits of self-confidence. Matt. xxvi. 31-35, 57, 58, 69-75. Rev. R. Hewitt.
THURSDAY...	" 18....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Finding a book, and its results. 2 Chr. xxxiv. 14-19, 29-33. W. Anderson.
FRIDAY	" 19....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The touch of heal- ing, and the touch of faith. Matt. viii. 1-4; ix. 20-22. Rev. J. Hogg.
			8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY..	" 20....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Seeing and con- fessing the Christ. Mark viii. 22-33. F. S. Harvey.
			4.50 P.M.	TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake.
			8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Yet will He have compassion. Lam. iii. 22-33. J. O. Anderson.
SUNDAY	" 21....	3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S.R.Briggs.
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. D. C. Forbes and J. Nobbs.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, May 21, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meetings at Union Station and at
Nipissing Station.