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"I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins."

Isaiah xliiii. 25.

OUR CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA.

THE members of this important department of our work are determined to keep pace with all other departments. They meet for practice regularly every week and at times twice in each week.

CLASSES.

WE are now making arrangements for our Classes to be held during the coming season. Already we have met with much encouragement in our interviews with the Brethren whom we desire to secure as teachers.

TRAVELLING SECRETARY.

MR. Crombie has returned from his rest at Clifton Springs and commenced his duties on Saturday when he proceeded to London where he remains for a week or 10 days when Mr. Patt will enter upon his regular duties as Gen. Sec. Mr. Crombie will then visit all existing Associations, prior to the Provincial Convention to be held at Cobourg in October next.

GROWTH.

THE following comparison will give some idea of the remarkable growth of the organization and work of the Young Men's Christian Association on this continent. The dates compared are 1866 and 1881, 15 years.

Then about 65 Associations reported to the International Committee, now 581 report.

Then one building, valued at \$10,000, represented the property owned by the Associations; now 64 have buildings, worth \$2,528,241, and 30 have real estate, valued at \$75,600 more.

Thirty-two have building funds, amounting to \$175,385.

Two hundred and thirty-two Associations have libraries, containing 200,987 volumes.

Total value of property held by the Associations, not including value of libraries, \$2,770,229.

Then there were but 9 General Secretaries; now there are 201.

Then there were no State Conventions; now there are 21 State and Provincial Conventions annually.

Eight States employ State Secretaries.

There are 36 General Secretaries and Assistants employed in railroad work.

There are 120 College Associations.

There are 22 German Associations; 6 of these employ General Secretaries.

Seventy Associations provided situations for 9,386 unemployed young men the past year.—*Selected.*

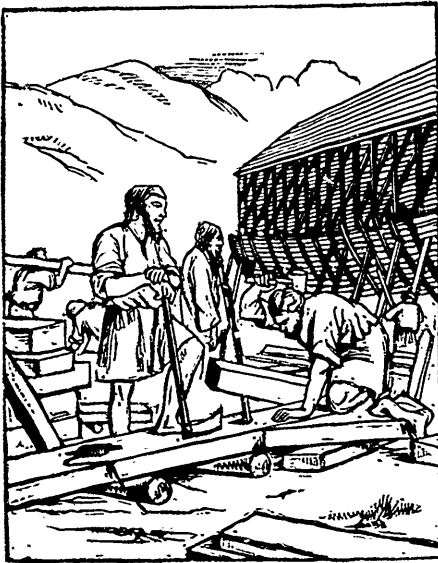
YOUNG MEN!
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EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

C O M E :



“What became of Noah’s Carpenters?”



A GENTLEMAN engaged in a work of benevolence had found that the work was *too heavy* for him, and he had invited a young friend, Henry, to aid him. Together they had spent many a weary day in the work. Hitherto, not a word had been addressed to the obliging youth about his soul. The fitting occasion seemed to have arrived.

“Henry,” asked he “do you know what became of Noah’s Carpenters?”

“Noah’s carpenters, sir!” exclaimed Henry; “I didn’t know that Noah had any carpenters.”

“Certainly he must have had help. There must have been many ship-carpenters at work for a long time. What became of them, think you? And you may also tell me, if you will, what you would have done in that dreadful hour, when the storm came in its fury, and Noah’s prophecies were all fulfilled, and all but the family of the preacher of righteousness were ready to be engulfed in those black waters.”

“I don’t know,” said Henry, “perhaps I should have got on the rudder.”

“That is human nature exactly, Henry. It would ‘climb up some other way,’ rather than enter the fold by the only door.

“But I’ll tell you plainly what I mean, Henry, by Noah’s carpenters. You have given me your aid day after day, and I feel grateful for your help. But I greatly fear that while others will be rejoicing in the fruits of our labours, you will be swept away in the storm of wrath which will by-and-by beat on the heads of those who enter not the ark of Jesus Christ. No human device will avail for you. ‘Getting on the rudder’ will not answer; you must be in Christ, or you are lost. Remember Noah’s carpenters, and flee to the ark without delay.”

They parted, but that conversation was blessed to the conversion of that young man.

Now, though Noah’s carpenters were all drowned, there are a great many of the same stock now alive.

Sabbath-school children who gather in for the poor, or to aid the work of missions, and yet remain unconverted, are like Noah’s carpenters.

Teachers in Bible-classes and Sabbath schools, who point their pupils to the Lamb of God, but do not lead the way, are like Noah’s carpenters.

Careless parents who instruct their children and servants, in the great doctrines of the Gospel, and seek not a personal interest in the blood of Christ, are like Noah’s carpenters.

Wealthy and liberal, but unconverted men, who help to build churches and sustain the institutions of the Gospel, but who “will not come unto Christ that they may have life,” are like Noah’s carpenters.

Moralists who attend church and support the ministry, but who do not receive into their hearts the Gospel they thus sustain, are like Noah’s carpenters.

Remember “these things ought they to have done.” The danger is, that the great thing will be left undone. “Run, speak to this young man.” Tell him that the storm of wrath will come. Tell him that “getting on the rudder” of the ark, and all other human devices for salvation, are vain refuges of lies. Tell him that the ark is open, that it is safe, that it waits for him. But, if scorned or neglected, when once the door is shut, they only that are in the ark “will remain alive.” Who can abide the storm? Who can buffet those waves? Who will survive that deluge?—*Rev. Dr. Cook.*

GROWTH IN GRACE.



GROWTH in grace doth not always consist in doing of other works of the kind, but in doing the same works over and over again, better than before. As now, when one learns to write, when a man hath attained to a great perfection in writing, he doth not make other letters than he made at first: he makes the same letters that he did, only he makes them, better and sets them closer.—*Bridge*, 1600-1670.

"COVET THE BEST OF GIFTS."



AS some cannot hear of a curious flower, but they will have it in their garden, so a Christian cannot hear of any grace but he will labour to attain it.—*Sibbes*, 1577-1635.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

Every Sunday Evening, at 8.30.

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SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.

Bulletin for Week Commencing August 15th, 1881.

MONDAY	Aug. 15	..12.00 M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Alf. Sandham.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY....	" 16	...12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Confidence. Rom. Rom. viii: 38-39. S. R. Briggs.
		4.00 P.M.	MEETING FOR CONSECRATION & PRAYER.
WEDNESDAY. .	" 17	...12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Right Spirit for Christian Workers. Num. xi: 24-29 ; Mar. ix: 38-40. Rev. J. Mitchell.
THURSDAY.....	" 18	...12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Paul's prayer for the Saints. Eph. i: 15-23 ; iii: 14-22. Rev. J. Salmon.
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Gen. Sec. Subject, "Worship."
FRIDAY. ...	" 19	...12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Christ to the world —nothing, to the Believer—Everything. 1 Cor. i: 18-25. Rev. H. Melville.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	" 20	...12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Jesus the Bread of Life. Exod. xvi: 1-7; John vi: 32. W. E. Burford.
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Abundant Pardon. Isa. lv. J. McGregor.
SUNDAY....	" 21	...3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS.
		8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE. S. R. Briggs.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Aug. 21, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station, and at Nipissing Station.

NOON PRAYER MEETING—Toronto, Grey and Bruce R. R. Workshops every
WEDNESDAY at 12.30.

COTTAGE MEETING, THURSDAY 8 P.M.—18 Portland Street.



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