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"There is NO
PEACE, saith
my God, to the
wicked."

Isaiah lvii. 21.

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THE WORK.



We have cause for devout gratitude in the marked faithfulness of those who form our Working Committees.

Cheering results must ever follow faithful work, and this rule has been clearly demonstrated in the success which has been vouchsafed our work during the season.

Among the instrumentalities at work for reaching Young Men, (and especially strangers) is the Boarding House Committee. Although we have in the past referred to this work, it may not be out of place to refer again to the methods adopted. The city is divided into 10 districts, and to each is assigned a staff of workers varying in number

from two to five. It is their duty to visit each Boarding House in the district, distributing therein copies of our Bulletin, Tracts and Invitations. The workers are expected (as far as possible) to enter the house and see the young men personally. Of course this is the most difficult part of the work, needing as it does much sanctified common sense and tact. Yet none can deny the fact that it is the most important part of the work. To show how far this has been successfully accomplished, it is only necessary to glance at the following summary, when it will be seen that since January, over 400 young men have been personally spoken to. It is pleasing to state that this committee is receiving many accessions to its list of workers, and that a spirit of consecration rests upon them. May the number and the zeal be increased yet more abundantly.

The following summary will convey some idea of the work of the committee for the past four months.

Visits to Boarding Houses.	2,807
“ “ Hotels,	203
“ “ Fire Halls	105
“ “ Police Stations,	27
“ “ Car Stables,	48
Young Men spoken to	418
Bulletins distributed	19,259
Tracts, Books, distributed,	16,794



R. A. MUNRO, for many years Ticket Agent G. W. R., and an active worker with us, has accepted the position of Railway Secretary at Troy N. Y. He will preside at our Young Men's Meeting next Saturday. This will be his last evening with us for some time.

"God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid."

Isa. xii 2.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness.—2 Pet. iii. 6.

THE TRUE OBJECT OF OUR ASSOCIATION.

AHE following article, copied from the *Philadelphia Y. M. C. A. News*, so fully expresses our own views as to the true object of our Association, that we reprint it:—

“Let it always be borne in mind by our members, and never lost sight of, that the one great object of the Young Men's Christian Association is the *conversion* of young men. We are in danger of forgetting this, or at least of failing to keep it definitely in view and working to that one end. We are not organized to furnish amusement, nor opportunities of mental or physical culture, nor reading-rooms, nor the finding employment, nor for any similar objects, except as they shall aid our efforts for the *salvation* of young men. These may be valuable means to an end, but only valuable as they serve that end; they are useful in bringing young men within our reach and influence, but if, after drawing them in, we fail to lead them to Christ, then is our mission altogether a failure.

“We are apt to think we are doing good work when by providing beneficial and harmless attractions we induce numbers of young men to pass an evening in our rooms, who might else have been led into the dens of vice which so abound; and it is a good work. But in its relation to the true aim of Association work it bears no more importance than does time to eternity. We are successful in our work only when a soul is born again and a sinner saved from death. There is no partial success in our work. We may not claim to have met with a measure of success because we have protected some young man from the grosser vices which beset him, and helped him maintain an outwardly moral life. The only test of success or failure in our work is *saved* or *lost*.

“We are not underrating any of the means enumerated above which afford innocent pleasure and profit to young

men; God forbid that we should undervalue or discourage any kindly act by which some poor brother is helped along and his path made smoother even in this world. But we do desire to write, high up and far above all these things, where every member may read, *The true object of our Association is to win souls for Christ, to save young men from eternal death.*

Dear brethren will you not awaken to a realization of this? The Association opens to you grand opportunities for saving young men, and these opportunities impose solemn responsibilities. Will you accept them? There is work for all—and if all work, what a grand harvest we shall reap.”



LET us remember that our Salvation depends now upon our consent to look, and not upon God. He has already provided all that is needed for our Salvation, and is waiting for us to come; our part is not to stand crying to Him to save us; He has made all necessary provisions for that, and our part is to come. What would you think of the man who, standing on a sinking ship, continued to cry unto those in the Life-boat to save him. He had but to leap and he would be safe. So also the sinner—he has but to come and is safe. May the Lord give you grace to come now.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

ALL INVITED.

But is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish.

2 Pet. iii. 9.

"Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Rev xxii. 17.

A MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS

IS HELD

EVERY MONDAY EVENING FROM 7-30 TILL 9.

In Parlor C (up stairs) Shaftesbury Hall

A CONTRAST.

1.—THE UNREGENERATE.

Talking of drudgery,
Living in misery,
Spoiling the days;
Feeling most wretchedly,
Acting so wickedly,
Cursing one's ways.

2.—THE REGENERATE.

Knowing no drudgery,
Serving most heartily,
Jesus, as Lord;
Taking things joyfully,
Praying right earnestly,
Keeping the word.

AN IMPOSSIBILITY.

IN the nature of things it is impossible that science can ever discover the existence of God, because science deals with phenomena, and with nothing else. If God were a phenomenon, science might by searching find him out; but God is not a phenomenon, and science can never discover him.—*Selected.*

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

All are invited.

HARDENED HEARTS.



AS the worst travelling is when the road is frozen after a thaw, so those are frequently the most hardened who have had some convictions—who have had some knowledge of the Gospel and some religious affection, and have then relapsed into their natural hard-heartedness.

MORALITY.



THERE is no safety in the plains of morality; though morality be good in itself, the most moral person can never by it find access to heaven.

Nothing but the blood of Christ brings us nigh to God. No one but Christ is or can be our advocate before God; He, and He alone, unlocks the door and brings us into the very presence of the Most High. Without Christ our approach to God is impossible, for our sins, like gates of brass and doors of adamant, form a barrier which neither morality nor deeds of man can ever force asunder.

Man's benevolence, philanthropy, and self-sacrifice may, and do, advance the social temporal position of his fellows, but can never provide a new and living way to God; cannot silence an accusing conscience, or pave a path by which he may draw nigh as an accepted worshipper, obtaining mercy and finding help for every need.

"The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations" (Rev. xxii. 2).

THERE is but one cure for the nations—the leaves of the tree. There grows no healing herb but the one plant of renown. There is one sacred fountain, to wash therein is health,—there is but one, it was opened upon Calvary. There is one great Physician who lays His hands on men and they are restored; there is but one. The balm is at the Cross, the Physician is at the right hand of God.

"Come unto ME, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."—Matt. xi. 28.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,
A.F. 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 May 28, 1883.

MONDAY.....	May 28....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. The Secretary.
			7.30 P.M.	MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C."
			8 00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY	" 29 ..	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Aston.
WEDNESDAY.	" 30 ..	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Assistant Secretary.
THURSDAY...	" 31....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY	June 1 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. E. Burford.
			8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING.
SATURDAY....	" 2 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Matheson.
			4.50 P.M.	TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake.
			8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. A Munro
SUNDAY	" 3...	3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
			" "	DEAF MUTE CLASS.
			" "	CHINESE CLASS.
			8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. R. Kilgour.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, June 3, 3.00 P.M.

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETING at Union Station. Joseph Greene and Thomas E. Haywood.

" " Parkdale Branch (1020 Queen W.) Geo. Robinson and Jas. Thompson.

Young Men's Meeting every Saturday at 8 p.m.; Bible Class every Tuesday at 8 p.m.; Workers' Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 9 a.m., in the Parkdale Branch Rooms.

Noon Meeting every Wednesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in Toronto, Grey and Bruce Workshops.

COTTAGE MEETINGS at 8 p.m. every Thursday, at 87 Esther Street.
" " " " Friday, at 46 Bathurst Street.