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### DEATH.

We must needs DIE and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect any person: yet does he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.—2 Sam. xiv. 14.

It is appointed unto men once to DIE, but after this the JUDGMENT.—Heb. ix. 27.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, (Jesus) also himself likewise took part of the same, that through DEATH he might destroy him that had the power of DEATH that is. the DEVIL;

And deliver them who through fear of DEATH were all their lifetime subject to bondage.—Heb. ii. 14-15.

DEATH is swallowed up in victory.

O DEATH, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of DEATH is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. xv. 54-57.

Consider your personal responsibility to other young men, especially to those who are strangers. Our work is to reach and care for them—will you do your part to bring this about? Have you a part in this work? If not, what part will take? When will you begin? Now is your opportunity.



### IN MEMORIAM.

ROBERT WILKES.

The melancholy tidings of the drowning of Mr. Robert Wilkes, his only son, and one of his daughters, in Sturgeon Lake, on Monday 16 Aug. will have reached the ears of his many friends in all parts of the land, long before our Bulletin will be received. We shall not therefore dwell upon the details of the sad event, but desire to render tribute to the memory of one who has been a member of our Association from the first, and who has ever taken an interest in the work.

The last visit paid by Mr. Wilkes to our Rooms was on the occasion of the farewell to Mr. Wilkie. In his address he said, "He rejoiced at the results which had been chronicled, and he thought of the time when a few of them, when he was quite a boy, met in the Mechanic's Institute on Court street to start the first inception of the Young Men's Christian Association, which, after lying buried a few years, as some brethren may remember, rose again, and has developed, under God in the magnificent institution in which we rejoice to-night.

"Mr. Wilkes was for many years one of the most active and liberal members in the Methodist New Connexion, and took a leading part in promoting the union of that body with the Wesleyan Methodists. He was a gifted and useful local preacher, and held the offices of Class-leader and Trustee in the Bloor Street Church; being also a member of the Book Committee. He was a liberal supporter of all Church enterprises and every benevolent institution. He was a good citizen, an earnest Christian worker, a tender husband and father, whose loss will be deeply felt by his Church and the whole community."

We copy the above extract as to Mr. Wilkes' official positions from the "Christian Guardian," and cordially re-echo the sentiments expressed in the same paper, that, "If sorrowing sympathy could do any good, Mrs. Wilkes and her bereaved children, and the sisters and aged mother, have our heartfelt sympathy and sorrowing prayers, under the unspeakable calamity that has fallen upon them. A wide circle of friends will cherish a similar feeling and earnestly pray the God of the widow and fatherless to spread over them in this dark hour of agony the wings of his protecting love."

## LOOKING UNTO JESUS.

"Unto Jesus"—and not to the liveliness of our joy or the fervour of our love. Otherwise, if our love seems to grow cold and our joy is dimmed—whether on account of our lukewarmness, or for the trial of our faith—as soon as those emotions have passed we shall think that we have lost our strength, and we shall give away to hopeless discouragement, if not to shameful inactivity. Ah, let us rather remember that if the sweetness of religious emotions be sometimes wanting, faith and its power are left us; and that we may be always abounding in the work of the Lord, let us be constantly looking, not to our wavering hearts, but unto Jesus, the same yesterday, to-day and forever.—*T. Monod.*

A Christian praises God for his justice and yet fears him for his mercy. He is so ashamed that he dares not open his mouth before God, and yet he comes with boldness to God and asks him for anything he needs. He is so humble as to acknowledge himself to deserve nothing but evil, and yet believes that God means him all good. He is often sorrowful, yet always rejoicing. Many times complaining yet always giving thanks. He is most lowly minded, yet the greatest aspirer. Most contented yet ever craving.

## A KEEPSAKE.

God will

**KEEP**

thee as the apple of his eye.—Ps. xvii. 8.  
thee in all thy ways.—Ps. xci. 11.  
thy foot from being taken.—Prov. iii. 26.  
thee as a shepherd does his flock.—Jer. xxxi. 10.  
thee from the evil that is in the world.—John xvii. 15.  
thee from falling.—Jude 24.  
thee from presumptuous sins.—Ps. xix. 13.  
thee from the hour of temptation.—Rev. iii. 10.  
thee from the hand of the wicked.—Ps. cxl. 4.  
thee in all places whither thou goest.—Gen. xxviii. 16.  
that which thou hast committed to Him.—2 Tim. i. 12.  
thee in perfect peace.—Isa. xxvi. 3.

## Gospel and Song Service,

SABBATH EVENING, 8.30.

**YOU**  
ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

The late Dr. Guthrie, of Scotland, was a strong temperance man. On one occasion he expressed his opinion of whiskey in these words: "Whiskey is good in its place. There is nothing like whiskey in this world for preserving a man when he is dead. But it is one of the worst things in the world for preserving a man when he is living. If you want to keep a dead man put him in whiskey; if you want to kill a living man put whiskey into him."

"It was a great thing for God to write the commandments with His finger on the tables of stone, but it is a greater thing for Him to dip His finger in the blood of His Son, and write them on the fleshly tables of our hearts."

## MEETING FOR BOYS

SHAFESBURY HALL,

Every Friday Evening, at 8 O'Clock,

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Boys will always be made Welcome.

Mr. James M. Southerland, formerly of considerable repute as "Bob Hart," related some incidents from his life at the Gospel Tent, New York. In the course of his address, he gave the following unequivocal testimony on the evil effects of theatre-going: "For twenty years I struggled to be a Christian. I would go to my room and try to pray, but would end in sticking to the old life, and go to drinking. Not till I left the theatre, never to return, did I find Christ. The other day a young man asked me if he could go to the theatre and be a consistent Christian. I answered the young man, "If I could not induce Christ to go into the theatre with me when I was earning bread for my wife and little ones, you can not do it if you go for pleasure, and pay fifty cents for your seat."

## Sunday Afternoon Bible Class,

SHAFESBURY HALL, 3 O'CLOCK.

**YOU**  
ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

## SYMPATHY.

Nothing cuts like neglect. There is a proverb that it "pierces the shell of a tortoise." On the other hand, nothing heals wounds, and softens trials, and cheers the soul, like sympathy. When David was hiding in the forests of Ziph from the bloody hand of Saul, we are told that his ever-faithful friend Jonathan—who was bound to him like a Siamese twin—"arose and went to David in the wood." It was a trying hour in David's history. He needed counsel, he needed encouragement, he needed to have his faith strengthened. The man who came to him was a man of God, who could pray with him and for him, who could share his burden and help him cast his burden on the Lord. We do not wonder, therefore, that Jonathan, by his timely sympathy, "strengthened David's hand in God."

This is the purpose of that blessed injunction, "Bear ye one another's burdens." How it lifts the load of trouble to have an honest word of sympathy! Nobody is so lofty in station as to be above the need of a word of cheer in the hour of adversity.—*Rev. T. L. Cuyler, D.D.*

There are Y. M. C. A.'s at Cairo, Damascus, Smyrna, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Beyrout, Hong Kong, Yokohama and Calcutta.

To pluck even a single soul from the fiery pit is reward enough for a winter's work. Hundreds of wandering young men and "abandoned women" might be rescued, if God's people would go after them in their dark thickets of sin, and offer a home for their polluted bodies and their tormented souls.

A RELIGION that does not distinguish a man from a wicked world, will never distinguish him from a perishing world.

## THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL IS :

1. A good hope (2 Thes. ii. 15).
2. A blessed hope (Titus ii. 13).
3. A joyful hope (Heb. iii. 6).
4. A sure, firm hope (Heb. vi. 18).
5. A living or lively hope (1 Pet. i. 3)
6. A saving hope (Rom. viii. 24).
7. A glorious hope (Col. i. 27).
8. A purifying hope (1 John iii. 3).

~~Young man~~ what is *your* hope? Have you any *hope*? Are you *without* hope? Will you not *lay hold* on the hope set before you in the *Gospel*?

## Bulletin for Week Commencing August 23rd, 1880.

MONDAY .....	Aug. 23	12.00 M.	Praise Meeting—W. McFarlane.
		8.00 P.M.	Young Men's Bible Class. H. A. Bruton.
TUESDAY .....	" 24	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Only the best we can offer acceptable to God. Mal. 1. 6-14; Rom. xli. 1. E. C. Newberry.
WEDNESDAY..	" 25	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer The Barren fig tree. Luke xliii 6-9. Jas. Ardill.
THURSDAY.....	" 26	12.00 M.	Bible Reading, S. R. Briggs.
FRIDAY .....	" 27	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. The God of all comfort. II Cor. i.3-10. H. A. Bruton.
		8.00 P.M.	Boys' Meeting. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY ....	" 28	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Laborers in the vineyard. Matt. xx. 1-16. H. B.
		4.00 P.M.	Teacher's Bible Class. Rev. H. M. Parsons.
		8.00 P.M.	Young Men's Meeting. H. A. Long, of Glasgow. [Gordon]
SUNDAY.....	" 29	9.30 A.M.	Workers' Meeting for Prayer and Bible Study.
		3.00 P.M.	Evangelistic Bible Class. S. R. Briggs.
		8.30 P.M.	Gospel and Song Service. Alf. Sandham.

OPEN TO ALL, with exception of the Monday and Saturday Evening Meetings, which are exclusively for young men. A cordial invitation is extended. Requests for prayers may be addressed to the Secretary.

## Railroad Men's Meetings.

SABBATH, Aug. 29, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station—JOHN HARVIE and REV. H. MELVILLE.  
At Nipissing Station—J. GREENE and S. CALDECOTT.

COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every MONDAY 8 P.M.—476 Adelaide St. W. Thursday 8 P.M. 61 Sackville Street.

Noon Meeting every Wednesday. 12.30 to 1—Toronto Grey & Bruce Reading Rooms.

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