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A man that hath friends
must shew himself friend-
ly: and there is a friend
that sticketh closer than a
brother.

Prov. xviii. 24.

BULLETIN FUND.

The following amounts have been received since our last acknowledgment:

H. B.	\$1.00
S. C.	1.00
C. S. G.	5.00

WEEK OF PRAYER.

IN concert with Associations throughout the world we shall (D.V.) observe a week of prayer for young men. The date fixed is the week commencing 12th inst. In response to our circular, many of the pastors of our city have cheerfully agreed to preach sermons to young men on the 12th. Our meetings on the same day will also have this one object in view. We purpose holding a meeting for prayer on the evening of Monday, 13th, also on Friday, 17th inst., at 8 p.m. In our next issue we shall give a list of the churches and hours of service, with other information.

"It is required in Stewards, that A MAN be found faithful." 1 Cor. 4. 2.

THE WORK AND WORKERS.

OUR committees are now regularly organized for another year, and we believe the members are men fully impressed with the importance of the work assigned them.

It is essential that these committees meet regularly, and to avoid any unnecessary draft upon the valuable time of the members, we have arranged to hold a Social Meeting of all our Workers, on the third THURSDAY of each month, when Tea will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., after which one hour will be spent in prayer and general conference regarding the work. At 8:30 the several committees will take up their special duties.

We trust that this may prove to be a year of rich spiritual and temporal blessing.

CALLS FOR THANKFULNESS.

THese have been, and still are, manifold; but especially at the present moment do we feel grateful for the tokens of God's favor which are resting upon us. The spirit of conviction and conversion is abroad, and at our Sunday evening meeting for the past two weeks we have been privileged to see fruit from the seed sown.

In temporal matters also we see cause for grateful recognition. Our worthy President and our tried friend Mr. John Macdonald, with others, have been led to inaugurate an effort toward the liquidation of the debt on our building, and the formation of a fund toward thoroughly renovating the premises. In their canvass they have been

very cordially received, and in a few days over \$10,000 have been subscribed. We would like our young men to think over this subject and see whether by making a little effort they can contribute towards the fund.

We sincerely hope that ere long we shall be able to hold a thanksgiving service to commemorate our deliverance from debt and our occupancy of a building wholly devoted to the work of "seeking to save."

GATHERED HOME.



LOSS has been suffered by our Railway Branch work in the sudden death of Mr. Jas. Davies, who for the past five years has been a constant attendant at the Union Station meetings, and for three years of that period has filled the position of leader of the choir. On Thursday evening, 26th ult., he attended the choir practice, and on Friday was at work as usual. While returning from work that evening he was taken ill and was carried home, but never rallied. He passed away on Saturday at 6 p.m. The large attendance at his funeral testified to the general esteem in which he was held.

OUR ANNUAL,

FOR 1882-83.



THIS useful little publication will, we hope, be ready for distribution next week. As a fine specimen of typographic art, it reflects credit upon our printers, Messrs. Hill & Weir. The cover, which is an original design, is printed in colors, from engravings prepared by Mr. Chas. A. Sandham. We ask our friends to carefully read the Annual when it is received by them.

THE Y.M.C.A. WATCHMAN.



WE heartily recommend this paper to our young men. We know of no better investment which could be made than that of sending \$1 to Mr. W. W. Van Arsdale, Chicago, which small sum will secure the paper for one year. Try it.

He, that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. Prov. xxix. 1.

WHICH?—WHY?



NOW we are serving one of two masters, we are slaves of Satan or servants of God. It is either servitude or happy service. We are either joyless or joyful. Many of us know well by experience what the service of Satan really is; his wages are very different to his promises. Why then, oh, why do we continue in slavery and bondage when Jesus came to set us free?

GREAT YIELDS.



LAST year whiskey yielded \$67,153,974 revenue to the government. Yes, and it also yielded 600,000 drunkards; an army of paupers, criminals and outcasts; 100,000 graves in our cemeteries, with a proportionate number of orphans. Yes, it was a big yield. The question is: How long will our government allow this annual harvest to go on?—*Brooklyn Bulletin.*

[The yield in the Dominion is equally satisfactory—TO THE DEVIL.]

YOUNG MEN'S

BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

ALL INVITED.

BUBBLES.



HO has not in childhood days, with clay pipe and soap and water, amused himself with blowing soap bubbles and stood admiringly gazing on them as floated in space like watery kaleidoscopes, bright, brilliant, beautiful for a moment, and lo, they are gone.

In youth, manhood and even in old age much time is spent in blowing bubbles. The youth sits on the battlements of his air castle, and blows sentimental and love bubbles, while the bubble of worldly pleasure sparkles and glistens in the sunshine for an instant and seems so real that he tries to grasp it but as he stretches out his hand to do so it fades into thin air. The busy man sits in his counting room and schemes, but how many of his most plausible ones turn out mere bubbles; and even old age spends much of the time in bubble blowing, although late in life bubbles are neither so gaudy nor do they last long.

Life itself is one large bubble with most men, full of warm coloring but flimsy, superficial and useless, and when it bursts naught but a little spray, which soon evaporates or is absorbed in earth, remains in memory to tell of what was once so brilliant, but alas, so brittle. Even the Christian blows bubbles but they fail to satisfy him, and he eagerly turns to that which is substantial and real.

Young men, don't blow bubbles, either at home, in the office, in the store or in the prayer meeting, but let us do real solid personal work for the reclamation and salvation of our fellow young men.

—*Exchange.*

[We might add to the above and say "don't blow bubbles in association work." We fear there is much of this being done. An Association which is counting upon its literary, amusement, gymnastic, or any other but Christian work, is blowing a bubble which must some day burst, and the larger the bubble, the greater the disappointment will be to those who have helped to swell it out. ED.]

ETERNITY.

Remember

THE

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

Every Sunday Afternoon,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

All are invited.

"I FOLLOWED THE LOT."



ONE bright summer day some three or four hundred workmen with their wives went out for their annual holiday. After a pleasant drive of about sixteen miles, it was proposed to walk to a high spot of ground about two miles distant. They set off in several companies, and one of these, consisting of about forty or fifty, missed the path, and, after proceeding a long distance, had to turn back in order to reach the desired destination.

"But why did you go with them, as you had been before, and must have known the way?" was the inquiry made of one of them.

"I thought we were wrong, but I followed the lot," was his reply. So because others went astray he forsook his own better judgment, and missed the path which led direct to the place he desired to reach.

How many young men are acting likewise? *They know they are wrong, but they follow the lot.* They go with the stream, rather than follow out their own convictions. They cannot bear to appear singular, or to have a shaft of ridicule aimed at them. They must be like the rest. They must live as *they* live, and walk as *they* walk; and they hope they shall fare at last as well as most others. Be quite sure this is a very dangerous course. If you believe the words of Jesus, you must see that the majority of men are far from God, and in danger of being cast away from His presence forever. "Wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat."

Is it a wise thing to continue walking in this way because so many others do?

REMEMBER

—THE—

Young Men's Meeting,

HELD

EVERY SATURDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME!

GOSPEL AND SONG

SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.

COME!

Bulletin for Week Commencing Nov. 6, 1882.

MONDAY.....	Nov. 6....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Secretary.
				8.00 P.M. WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 7....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. R. Merryfield.
WEDNESDAY..	" 8... 12.00		M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. Marks.
THURSDAY...	" 9....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY	" 10....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Assistant Sec'y. 8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SATURDAY ..	" 11....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. E. Burford. 8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. R. Kilgour.
SUNDAY.....	" 12....	3.00	P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs 8.30 P.M. GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. S. Caldecott.

Sermons to Young Men in many of our Churches. See list next week.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETING.

SUNDAY, Nov. 12, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meeting at Union Station, and Credit Valley Station, Parkdale.