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### A HELPING HAND.

**T**HE recent snow fall has caused our streets to resound with the music of the sleigh bells. It has also given great delight to the little boys, who avail themselves of the many opportunities for securing the luxury of a surreptitious sleigh drive, although at times at the risk of a stroke from the driver's whip. The other day, passing down Queen Street, I noticed two boys, evidently brothers, in hot (?) pursuit of an express sleigh. At last the elder one laid hold of the tail-board, and secured his position; but, alas, the younger one was still many inches short of the coveted prize, and evidently his running powers were nearly exhausted. At that moment the elder lad took in the position, and, like a noble-hearted fellow, he laid firmly hold of the tail-board with one hand, and reaching out the other, he grasped the almost exhausted little one by the hand, and drew him toward the sleigh, and in a moment both were enjoying the ride. In part of that action I saw an illustration of the work of a Y.M.C.A.

What is this Association but a company of young men, who by the grace of God have been placed in a position where they realize there is joy, comfort, and satisfaction; and yet they do not desire to selfishly enjoy it. They would extend a helping hand to their many anxious and less favored fellow young men, and draw them to a position by their side. This is what our great Master himself did, and we would be like-minded. We thank God that many a weary one has been reached by the outstretched hand, and still we extend it to one and all.

**R**EV. Geo. Cochrane, of Queen St. Methodist Church, delivered the second of our course of Free Lectures, in Shaftesbury Hall, on Tuesday evening last. The subject chosen was, "The Shingaku Preachers of Japan." Judging from the lecturer's remarks, we should say that Japan and America are alike in one respect: *they each produce eccentric preachers.* The quaint and oftentimes humorous anecdotes with which Japanese sermons abound, lost none of their force in their translation and presentation by the Lecturer. At the close, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

**N**EXT Tuesday, a musical and literary evening will be provided for our members and friends. Admission will be by ticket, which the members can secure at the Rooms. A programme, consisting of a choice selection of music and readings, is in course of preparation. To enhance the pleasure and profit of the evening, Rev. S. J. Hunter, of Elm St. Methodist Church, has kindly consented to deliver a brief address.

Beware I pray Thee and drink not  
wine nor strong drink.—Job. xliii. 4.

## HOW IT MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED.

**T**HE only thing out of which a chicken can come is an egg. Properly warmed and sheltered and protected from all injury, the egg naturally becomes the chicken, and the chicken naturally attains its full development. Every chicken was once an egg, every hog was once a pig, every frog was once a tadpole, and every drunkard was once a moderate drinker.

The process of transformation is well-known. If the directions are followed it is just as easy to produce a drunkard as to produce a chicken. Given, a child, bright, sunny, healthful and fair-faced, then let him be furnished with cider and wine and beer and ale and strong drink; let pipes and tobacco lend their influence to his debasement; and just so sure as a tadpole becomes a frog, just so sure as an egg becomes a chicken just so sure as a pig becomes a hog, so sure your child, the pride of your heart and the joy of your home, becomes a loathed and loathsome wreck; a drunkard out of whose face has faded every line of beauty; out of whose life has vanished every remnant of nobleness; out of whose heart has been erased, the tracery of his Creator's image; out of whose future has been blotted brightness and sunshine and hope. People who will study these processes will not be surprised nor astonished at the results. The way of death is broad, and many go in thereat. Let those who would not see the ruin which intemperance brings, resist the beginnings of the evil, and turn with utter abhorrence from the cup of devils which is so often pressed to incautious lips.

**NO USE IN THE OTHER COUNTRY.**—A distinguished man lay on his death-bed, when a great mark of distinction and honour was brought to him. Turning a cold glance on the treasure he would once have clutched with an eager grasp, he said, with a sigh, "Alas! this is a fine thing in this country, but I am going to a country where it will be of no use to me."

## DIE, BUT DON'T LIE.

And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?"—Gen. xliiii. 7.

There are times in life when truth-telling will almost certainly bring us into difficulty. By doing this many a young man has lost his situation—some men have lost their lives. But it is better to die than to lie! Joseph's brethren, do not seem to deserve much credit for their truth-telling. Judah said, "Could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?" This implies that if they had known it they would not have said anything respecting Benjamin. How little of the virtue which some men practise can be put down to their account, How many have been honest because there has been no temptation to dishonesty! How many have been mild in temper because they have had but little to ruffle them! Will Joseph's brethren be credited with having told the truth? I take it they will not, for they would have told a lie had it suited their convenience. It is easy to keep the castle that is never besieged, and it is equally easy to be virtuous when there is no temptation to vice."

## BIBLE CURIOSITIES.

The Bible contains 3,576,589 letters, 733,692 words, 31,174 verses, 1,139 chapters, and 66 books. The middle verse is the 8th verse of the 118 Psalm. The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all the alphabet except J. The 19th chapter of 2 Kings, and the 37th chapter of Isaiah are alike. The longest verse is the 9th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther. The shortest verse is the 35th verse of the 11th chapter of St. John. The 8th, 15th, 21st, and 31st verses of the 107 Psalm are alike. Each verse of the 136th Psalm ends alike. There are no words or names with more than six syllables.

There is no greater mistake than to suppose that Christians can impress the world by agreeing with it. No; it is not conformity that we want; it is not being able to beat the world in its own way; but it is to stand apart and above it, and to produce the impression of a holy and separate life—this only can give us a true Christian power.—*Dr. Bushnell.*

## MEMBERS Musical and Literary Evening

SHAFTESBURY HALL  
TUESDAY, FEB. 1st, at 8 O'clock.

**REV. S. J. HUNTER**

Will deliver a short address.

MRS. CALDECOTT, MRS. HOWSON,  
MISS HAIVSON, MR. WARBURTON,

And others will take part in a select programme.

MEMBERS can secure tickets for themselves and friends at the Hall on Monday.

## Bulletin for Week Commencing January 31, 1881.

MONDAY.....	Jan. 31....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING & PRAISE MEETING. Ps. cxi. Rev. R. Wallace.
	“	8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. H. A. Bruton
TUESDAY....	Feb. 1....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Vain Boasting. Jas. iv. 13-17; Prov. xxvii. 1. Rev. Geo. Cochrane.
WEDNESDAY..	“ 2....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Two Wealthy Men—their estimate of Heavenly riches. Rev. S. J. Hunter.
THURSDAY....	“ 3....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Lord's delight in His People. Isa. lxiii. Rev. R. W. E. Greene.
FRIDAY.....	“ 4....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Have no fellowship with Sin. Eph. v. 3-7; 11 13. S. R. Briggs.
		8.00 P.M.		BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	“ 5....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Liberty and Bondage. Gal. v. 1, 2. W. E. Burford.
		4.50 P.M.		TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
		8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. The Touch of Jesus. Luke iv. 40; Matt. ix. 29. Geo. T. Fergusson.
SUNDAY.....	“ 6....	9.30 A.M.		WORKER'S MEETING FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY.
		3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. J. MacGregor.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

### RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Feb. 6, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station.—Messrs. JOS. GREENE, and JNO. MACGREGOR.

At Nipissing Station.—Messrs. BICKLE and GREIG.

COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every MONDAY 8 P.M.—11 Monck Street, THURSDAY 8 P.M.—6 Trefann St.

### FREE CLASSES.

ELOCUTION.....	Mr. R. LEWIS.....	MONDAY, 8 P.M.
PHONOGRAPHY.....	Mr. R. McNAB..	} MONDAY and SATURDAY. 6.45 P.M.
BOOKKEEPING.....	Mr. McINTYRE.....	
DRAWING.....	Mr. H. B. GORDON.....	TUESDAY, 8 P.M.
GYMNASIUM (for Young Men).....		FRIDAY, 8 P.M.
		} MONDAY and THURSDAY, 8 P.M., SATURDAY, 4 to 6 P.M.
GYMNASIUM (for Boys)....	Mr. BRUTON....	
		} MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY 4.30 to 6 P.M.

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