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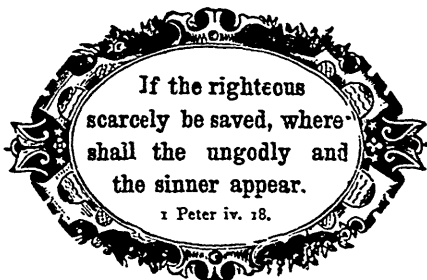
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If the righteous
scarcely be saved, where-
shall the ungodly and
the sinner appear.

1 Peter iv. 18.

BULLETIN FUND.

Workers. \$1 55

TAKE NOTICE.



We are continually receiving applications from Brother Secretaries asking the loan of wood cuts which appear in our BULLETIN. It gives us pleasure to lend a helping hand, but we have already lost some of our cuts while passing through the post, and as these cost a considerable sum, we desire to say that in future we will gladly send an electrotype of any cut or cuts which may be desired, on the applicant paying for such electro. The

electro will then be their own property. The cost of an electro will not exceed 50 cents.

BOY'S LECTURE.

MR. D. C. FORBES will deliver the next lecture in our Boy's Course on Friday, 21st inst. His subject will be, "Some Reminiscences of Camp Life during the Southern War." Mr. Forbes' experience will enable him to present "Soldier Life" in a manner alike interesting and profitable.

GOOD NEWS.

Last Sunday evening's meeting was one of blessing. In the after meeting, eleven asked prayer, and of that number some entered into light.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.—Ecl. xii. 14.

Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
Gal. vi. 7.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

DURING the past few weeks we have received special tokens of God's blessing upon the Gospel truths contained in our BULLETIN. Men have been aroused to a sense of danger, and Christians have been quickened. We publish the following extracts from one of these letters:—

"I wish to give my testimony in favor of the little paper issued by your Association. I have more than once been moved to tears while taking a hurried look over its pages here in business hours. It has been a silent messenger from God to my soul. I hope it may be the means in God's hands in doing great good."

At a recent noon meeting, the chairman stated that through the BULLETIN, with its article, "Learning to Float," he had been enabled to reach a fellow traveller on the train, and had been used of God in cheering the young man, who was but a young Christian.

One of our Workers is a young man who was led to see the folly of his course by reading the article entitled, "A Losing Game."

These are but a few of many instances which have come under our notice.

Will our friends pray for the further success of the work. In our determination to carry it on in simple faith upon God for its financial support, we have not been disappointed. There have been times when we have been in need, but these needs have been met. Even at the present moment there is a deficiency, but if the work is the Lord's, and there is a mission for the paper, the needed funds will come. If it is not His will that it should continue, He will speedily shew us now to act. In the meantime, "pray for us."

NEW MEMBERS.

At the last meeting of our Board, 17 new members were elected,—8 of these being from the West End Branch.

CHROMO CHRISTIANITY.

DEALERS in tea, coffee and crockery coax customers with chromos. Newspapers have done the same, but the whole thing is getting into disfavor. An editorial in the *Baptist Weekly* says also that "Chromo Christianity is not a success. The work and worship of a church should constitute its most potent attractions." Entertainments, oyster suppers, fairs, shooting galleries and theatricals, are no more signs of real life in a society than are the ghastly contortions of a corpse when galvanized into motion. There is significance in the sneer of the novelist, Howells, who tells of the town Equity, where religion had ceased as a spiritual experience, and the salvation of the soul came to be regarded as "too depressing a theme" for young folks to consider. As a result they tried to draw them in by other attractions than those of religion. But as chromo subscribers do not stick, so our contemporary says, the results of these religious devices are disappointing. Men are not to be coddled and cajoled. Religion is worth all it costs. Eternal life and eternal death are tremendous realities. Sin is not to be cast out by sweetmeats, nor are revivals the result of tea parties. The social element of a church is best developed in the line of its legitimate work. Warm prayer-meetings, earnest Sunday-school and mission work, hearty congregational rehearsals or song-services, and other church fellowships, will infuse a permanent and cohesive life that no temporary schemes can create.—*The Church Union*.

We are sorry to say that there are many Associations doing a large business in the "chromo" line. We hope the day may soon come when they will carry on the work upon its own merits and let tea stores, newspapers and such churches as like that plan carry on the chromo business.

Let our motto be "As for our Association we will serve the Lord."

Be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Eph. v. 17.

Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.—Eph. v. 14.



“THINGS WHICH CANNOT
BE SHAKEN ;”

OR,

“FASTENING UP, NOT FASTENING
DOWN.”

WE were going over a private yacht, which had put into harbour for a day or two at Whitby. It was a beautiful sight; a very picture of nautical neatness, from its natty-looking crew to its most trifling appointment.

But one feature of the arrangements in the little cabins of the *Curlew* specially caught my attention. As far as possible, the appliances for rest and comfort, great and small, were detached from the floors and walls of the saloons and cabins and made to hang on hooks and cords. The lamps swung by chains from the ceiling, as did also the various

little shelves placed here and there, to serve the purpose of occasional tables. The beds and couches, such as were not actually hammocks, as well as the saloon table, were loose in their standing-frames, so that a touch of the hand set them in motion. I turned for explanation to our sailor guide.

“How loose everything seems,” I said; “I should have thought that for going to sea you would have had all the furniture fastened down as tightly as possible.”

“Ay, miss,” he answered, with a good-natured smile; “we need to be fastened tight, that’s true enough; but it’s fastening up, not fastening down, that keeps things steady in a gale. Now, this little thing here” (and he put his hand on the bright lamp, suspended from the middle of the saloon ceiling), “if you were to nail it down to the table, it would shake about, and spill all the oil, and be no good at all; but slung from above, as you see, it doesn’t move with all the tossings of the boat, but will hang pretty steady, and burn clear in even roughish nights.”

The sailor, all unknowingly, had read me a parable. Surely, I thought, if there’s one thing of more consequence than another in our voyaging over the waves of this troublesome life, it is to have a hold that will keep our hearts steadfast and still. But oh, how truly we can say with my sailor friend, “it’s not fastening down, but fastening up,” that keeps us quiet in life’s storms. Even the Christian’s anchor—“the anchor of the soul”—must be fastened above, not below. It “entereth into that within the veil, whither the Forerunner is for us entered—even Jesus.”

This holding from above is one of the blessed distinctions which mark the child of God. It would be mockery to say “Be still” in the hour of trouble, to one whose feet were resting on this poor slippery, storm-tossed earth, since such an one could not “hold him still in the Lord.”—*Selected.*

Thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help.

Hosea xiii. 9.

REMEMBER

—THE—

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Held

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

BOARDING HOUSE WORK.

The following is the monthly report of our Boarding House Committee:—

Visits to Boarding Houses.....	1618
“ Hotels.....	152
“ Fire Halls.....	43
“ Police Stations.....	20
“ Car Stables.....	61
“ Factories.....	2
“ Public Library, West Branch.....	2
Young Men spoken to.....	369
BULLETINS distributed.....	8276
Tracts, &c.....	7500
Introduction Cards issued.....	44

The Committee report that this department has been very faithfully worked.

EVIL THOUGHTS.—We cannot keep the crows from flying over our heads, but we can keep them from building their nests in our hair.

ON the triple doorway of an Italian cathedral are three inscriptions. The first, beneath an arch of roses, reads as follows: “All that pleases is but for a moment.” The second, beneath a cross, “All that troubles is but for a moment.” And under the main arch, “That only is important which is eternal.”

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES

COME.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, MARCH 17.

12 noon.—Thanksgiving and Praise Meeting. The Secretary.

8 p.m.—Young Men's Bible Class, in Parlor “B.” Conducted by the Secretary.

9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18.

12 to 12.45 noon.—What God Says About the Way of the Wicked. Prov. xii. 26; Ps. cxlvi. 9; i. 6. Rev. W. A. Hunter.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 19.

12 to 12.45 noon.—“I Wish I Were a Christian.” Isa. xiv. 22; Joshua xxiv. 15; John i. 11, 12; Rev. iii. 29. S. R. Briggs.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20.

12 to 12.45 noon.—“Flee From Idolatry.” Ex. xx. 3-5; Col. iii. 5. Rev. J. Tovell.

8 p.m.—Worker's meeting for Prayer and Mutual Edification.

FRIDAY MARCH 21.

12 to 12.45 noon.—“Make You a New Heart.” Ezek. xviii. 30-32; xi. 19, 20. R. Sims.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Incessant Self-Denial and Exertion Urged Upon the Christian, 1 Cor. ix. 24-27. Rev. H. D. Powis.

4.30 p.m.—Teacher's Bible Class. Hon. S. H. Blake.

7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer. 8.00 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. G. T. Fergusson.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23.

8.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon. Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Briggden.

“ Chinese Class. W. M. Morse. “ Italian Class. A. E. Hines.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. S. R. Briggs. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Sec'y.

Railway Men's Meetings.

W. C. JEX, Railway Secretary.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25.

12.30 to 12.55 noon.—In G. T. R. Roundhouse Reading Room. Rev. H. M. Parsons.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23.

3 p.m.—Union Station. R. Conners and Alf. Sandham.

4 p.m.—West End Branch (1020 Queen W.) For speakers, see West End notices below.

West End Branch.

G. F. POPE, Secretary.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18.

7 p.m.—C. L. S. C. Meeting.

8 p.m.—Bible Class. Mr. R. Awde.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22.

8 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. A. Howe.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23.

4 p.m.—Gospel Meeting. H. J. Brine and F. J. French.