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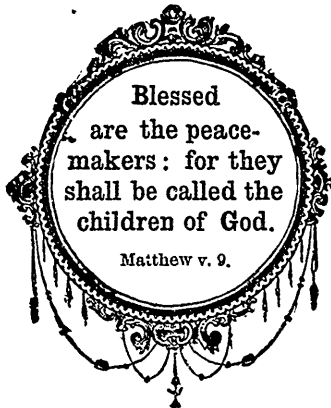
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APPEAL FOR PRAYER.

TORONTO, August 15, 1883.
DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,—From information reaching us from many parts of the country, as well as from those actually engaged in the Lord's work in the city, of interest among the people in divine things, and a spirit of enquiry among the unsaved, a few ministers and laymen were led to meet together at Shaftesbury Coffee House for breakfast, on Tuesday morning, 14th inst., for the purpose of considering what steps could be taken towards united action in evangelistic work throughout the city, at as early a date as possible. The friends present who represented the various churches in the city, agreed that as outside help for such work was not available, we should

rely upon our own resources, believing that the Lord is willing to use us as His instruments. Accordingly it was suggested that a deputation should wait upon the Ministerial Association with a view to enlist all the evangelical churches of the city in this movement. It was proposed that the whole city should be overtaken at once, and meetings held simultaneously in the north, south, east and west ends, conducted by the various ministers and Christian laymen, having special gifts for such work. It was further proposed that the work of arranging for these meetings, and of carrying out all necessary details, should be in the hands of a Central Committee representing the various denominations, and so composed as to merit the confidence of the Christian public of the city. The friends issuing this proposal are deeply impressed with the need of entire dependence upon the Holy Spirit, and earnestly invite all who are in sympathy with this movement, and all the congregations in their meetings for prayer to agree in entreating such a manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit, as will shake the whole city, rouse the Christian people to a new sense of their privileges and responsibilities, and lead to a great ingathering of souls. It is earnestly hoped that this invitation to united prayer will enlist the sympathies of all Christians throughout the country, and prove instrumental in bringing about a widespread revival, as we are convinced that "the fields are white already to harvest."

P. MCF. MCLEOD, } *Secretaries.*
S. R. BRIGGS, }

W. H. HOWLAND, *Chairman.*

HAVE PEACE ONE WITH ANOTHER.

Mark ix. 50.

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace.—John xvi. 33.

We seek not
your's but you;
we will very glad-
ly spend and be
spent for you.

2 Corinthians xii, 14-15.

AN INVITATION AND A WELCOME TO ALL YOUNG MEN.

THE following is a copy of an invitation form recently issued in our work. These invitations are neatly printed (in colors), and already we have had evidence of their usefulness. We re-print it for the good of hundreds of young men who receive our BULLETIN, but whose names and addresses have not, and may not reach us. We ask such to read this as being an invitation as cordial and *personal* as though a letter had been posted to them. We also ask any friend who may know of young strangers in the city, or about to come to the city, to send us the address of such, and we will do our part toward welcoming them.

“My Dear Sir,—

“Learning that you have but recently come to reside in this City, and presuming that your circle of acquaintances is but small, we extend you a cordial invitation to visit our Reading Room and Parlor, in Shaftesbury Hall, corner of Queen and James Streets, and make yourself perfectly at home while with us.

“You will find in the Reading Room an abundant supply of the leading Papers and Periodicals of the day.

“Each evening there is in attendance one or two members of our Reception Committee, who will gladly make your acquaintance, and help you to spend a pleasant evening.

“Our desire is, to make up to you, as far as possible, the companionships and

pleasures which *absence from Home* will largely deprive you of. If you have a companion whom you would like to accompany you, please consider yourself perfectly at liberty to invite him.”

Yours truly,

Gen. Sec.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF GOD?

WHAT wrong views some have of God; like the man with the one talent, they only know Him as an austere man, demanding every jot and tittle, a hard exacter of every farthing a demander of His rights, and every letter of the law, one seeking to crush to the dust, having a stern frown, and a hidden face. This will be true some day, when He comes to judge the world in righteousness, but now it is not the aspect in which He presents Himself. Now it is, “God is love,” “God so loved the world,” “God gave,” “God willeth not the death of a sinner,” “God full of grace, mercy, pity, compassion, having an eye of love, a heart of tenderness, a hand open to bestow, a voice of mercy.

Oh! that we realized this more, knew Him as our best friend, and that the way is open for access to Him. No mediator but Christ, no advocate but Christ, whose yearning heart of love longeth and seeketh for every lost one. “Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.”

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

All are invited.

In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.—John xvi. 33.

This is my commandment, That ye LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.—John xv. 12.

SATAN'S GOSPEL versus GOD'S.

OLDER than "the old, old story"—
God's good news of grace and glory,—
Is the devil's honey'd lie,
"Sin, and you shall never die."
God's old gospel's ever new,
So is Satan's gospel too;
Every day he tells that lie,
"Sin, and you shall never die."
Satan's gospel, silly Eve,
Through his cunning, did believe;
Life he promis'd for her sin,
Death should never enter in;
In his throat the tempter lied,
When she ate the fruit she died.
So her children in all ages,
Of their sin receive the wages,
And confess with dying breath
That "the wage of sin is death."
God is true, the devil Lies,
"Whosoever sinneth, dies."
But the old, old, new, new story,
God's good news of grace and glory,
Tells of Him, who sin and death
Vanquished with His dying breath.
"It is finish'd" loud He cried,
Bow'd His blessed head and died;
Then to life again he rose,
Victor over all our foes.
Who these tidings won't believe,
Double Death shall they receive;
They who on this news rely,
Verily "shall never die."

Sunderland.

A. A. REES.

SOME people are never contented with their lot, let what will happen. Clouds and darkness are over their heads, alike, whether it rain or sunshine. To them every incident is an accident, and every accident a calamity. Even when they have their own way, they like it no better than your way, and indeed consider their most voluntary acts as matters of compulsion.

WHEN Moses' face wore a heavenly radiance, "he wist not that his face shone." The best people are those who have the least to say about their own goodness.

FIVE MAXIMS.

EVERYTHING worth doing, is worth doing WELL.
'What shall we DO, that we may work the works of God? This is the WORK of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent.' (John vi. 28)

Do everything in its proper TIME.
'Now is the accepted TIME; behold, now is the day of salvation.' (2 Cor. vi. 2.)

Keep everything in its proper PLACE.

'Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.' (Matt. vi. 32.)

Put everything to its proper USE.

'How shall we escape, if we NEGLECT so great salvation.' (Heb. ii. 3.)

Wilful waste makes woeful WANT.

'Because I have called, and ye REFUSED; I have stretched out My hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all My counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your CALAMITY; I will mock when your fear cometh.' (Prov i. 24.)

UNBELIEF may perhaps tear the copies of the covenant which Christ hath given you; but He still keeps the original in heaven with Himself. Your doubts and fears are no part of the covenant; neither can they change Christ.

YOUNG MEN'S
BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

If ye were of the world, the world would love his own.
John xv. 19.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

A.T. 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 August 27, 1883.

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| MONDAY..... | A.Jg. 27.... | 12.00 M. | 7.30 P.M. | 7.30 P.M. | 8 00 P.M. | 8 00 P.M. | PRAYSE & THANKSGIVING. The Secretary. MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C." INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER. YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary. |
| TUESDAY..... | " 28.... | 12.00 M. | | | | | NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon. |
| WEDNESDAY.. | " 29 ... | 12.00 M. | | | | | NOONDAY PRAYER. Assist-Sec. |
| THURSDAY... | " 30 | 12.00 M. | 6.30 P.M. | | | | NOONDAY PRAYER. J. J. Gartshore. WORKERS' MEETING for mutual edifica- tion and prayer. |
| FRIDAY | " 31.... | 12.00 M. | 8.00 P.M. | | | | NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. H. Melville. BOYS' MEETING. |
| SATURDAY.... | Sept. 1.... | 12.00 M. | 7.30 P.M. | | | | NOONDAY PRAYER. W. E. Burford. INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER. |
| SUNDAY | " 2... | 3.00 P.M. | 8.00 P.M. | 3.00 P.M. | " " | " " | YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. H. F. Thomas. EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon DEAF MUTE CLASS. CHINESE CLASS. GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. H. B. Gordon Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15. |

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Sept. 2, 3.00 P.M.

GOSPEL MEETING at Union Station and at West End Branch (1020 Queen W.)
Young Men's Meeting every Saturday at 8 p.m.; Bible Class every Tuesday at
8 p.m.; Workers' Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 7.30 a.m., in
the West End Branch Rooms.

Noon Meeting every Tuesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in the G. T. R. Roundhouse
Reading Room, and every Wednesday at the same hour, in
the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Workshops.

COTTAGE MEETINGS.

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| EVERY MONDAY, | 8 P.M., | 118 Lisgar Street. |
| " THURSDAY | " " | 2 Hunter's Terrace, Dufferin St. |
| " FRIDAY, | " " | 232 Dundas Street. |