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**"Ho! every one that
thirsteth, come ye to the
waters, and he that hath
no money: come ye, buy
and eat; yea, come, buy
wine and milk without
money and without price."**

—Isaiah lv. 1.

BULLETIN FUND.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the sum of \$2 from M. R.; and \$1 from Mr. S., per S. R. B.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

MEMBERS of the Board of Directors who have volunteered to be on duty with the Reception Committee, will please note the appointments for the present week:—

Monday. - 8th, - J. J. Gartshore.
Tuesday, - 9th, - C. S. Gzowski, Jr.
Wednesday, 10th, - L. C. Peake.
Thursday, - 11th, - J. D. Nasmith.
Friday, - 12th, - John Paton.

Please do not let other matters interfere with this most important appointment.

CHINESE.

IT is probably unknown to most of our friends that a Chinese class is held in our Rooms every Sabbath afternoon, at three o'clock. Mr. D. McLaren has been led of the Lord to take a deep interest in this work, and has met with much encouragement in his labors. The men fully appreciate these efforts for their advancement. Many of the U. S. Associations have flourishing classes and Sunday Schools for Chinamen. The St. Louis Association Bulletin has the following item in a recent number—

Several members of our Chinese Sunday School, who recently returned to China, sent over to our school a very beautiful and ingenious piece of work as a present. It is a large Chinese building with a multitude of figures, the whole arranged to be lighted up and moved by clock-work. Over the top is a half-crown of bead work, bearing the inscription, "Thanks to all Teachers." It now adorns our smaller parlor, where the school meets.

GENERAL Secretaries' twelfth annual conference will convene at New Haven, Conn., June 7th to 11th. Topics relating to the different departments of Association work will be presented and discussed.

LIBRARY.

OUR "Lady friend" is once again entitled to thanks for a donation to the Library. Will others please read Luke x. 37, last clause, and let us see what the result will be?

CLASSES.

OUR Classes are now closed for the season. We feel greatly indebted to Messrs. R. Lewis, H. B. Gordon, P. McIntyre, R. McNab, and A. McIntyre, for their unwearied attention to their self-imposed duties. Illness compelled Mr. Lewis to discontinue the Elocution class earlier than he had intended. We are pleased to learn that he has recovered his wonted health.

The members of the Drawing-class somewhat surprised their teacher, Mr. Gordon, by visiting him at his residence, and by presenting him with a valuable Bible, and pocket memoranda book. These classes have proved beneficial to the young men who regularly attended, and we hope to arrange for similar exercises for next season.

NO Association really dies that has carried on a soul saving work. It may slumber for a time, but will eventually rise up and strike off the encumbrances that surround it, moved by a spiritual power, even the hand of the Divine One. But where secular efforts have been emphasized to the detraction and almost doing-away of the spiritual, and the reaction takes place, death follows without any resurrection of the old body, and all hope has fled, except in a new life, a new work. Let us remember we are set apart for this particular work, and must one day give an account of all our actions, May we be faithful to the confidence reposed in us.—*Lafayette Bulletin.*

THE reason why a great many really Christian men are not thankful is because they give so little thought to the mercies they receive. We think of our losses more than of our gains, of our sufferings ten times, and our joys once. We put up our tombstones at the grave of our losses; we have hill-slopes and broad acres covered with them—the white teeth of the all-devouring grave. But where are the monuments that we raise for our blessings, the memorials of our rescue from death, for the restoration of our loved ones, and success in our ventures.—*John K. Allen.*

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?”—1 Cor. vi. 9.

WORKERS WITH GOD.

BE grateful that *all* the work is not to be done without you, and that God employs you in that in which He also is employed. But remember, that while the employment is yours, the success is altogether His, and that your diligence therein, and not the measure of effect which it produced, will be the test of your characters.

BEWARE OF THE DOG.

BY JOHN PLOUGHMAN.

THE text is one which has a great deal of meaning in it, and is to be read on many a wall. “BEWARE OF THE DOG.” You know what dogs are, and you know how you beware of them when a bull-dog flies at you to the full length of his chain; so the words don’t want any clearing up.

Firstly, let us *beware of a dirty dog*—or as the grand old Book calls them, “evil workers”—those who love filth and roll in it. Dirty dogs will spoil your clothes, and make you as foul as themselves. A man is known by his company; if you go with loose fellows your character will be tarred with the same brush as theirs. If you are fond of the kennel, and like to run with the hounds, you will never make the world believe that you are a pet lamb. Besides, bad company does a man real harm.

If a lady in a fine dress sees a big dog come out of a horse-pond, and run about shaking himself dry, she is very particular to keep out of his way, and from this we may learn a lesson—when we see a man half gone in liquor, sprinkling his dirty talk all around him, our best place is half a mile off at the least.

Secondly, *beware of all snarling dogs.* There are plenty of these about; they are generally very small creatures, but

they more than make up for their size by their noise. They yap and snap without end. Dr. Watts said,

“Let dogs delight to bark and bite,
For God has made them so.”

But I cannot make such an excuse for the two-legged dogs I am writing about, for their own vile tempers, and the devil together, have made them what they are. They find fault with anything and everything. When they dare they howl, and when they cannot do that they lie down and growl inwardly. Beware of these creatures. When you see that a man has a bitter spirit, and gives nobody a good word, quietly walk away and keep out of his track if you can.

Thirdly, *beware of fawning dogs*. They jump up upon you and leave the marks of their dirty paws. How they will lick your hand and fondle you as long as there are bones to be got: like the lover who said to the cook, “Leave you, dear girl? Never, while you have a shilling.” The moment a man praises you to your face, mark him, for he is the very gentleman to rail at you behind your back. If a fellow takes the trouble to flatter he expects to be paid for it, and he calculates that he will get his wages out of the soft brains of those he tickles. Young people need to be on the watch against crafty flatterers.

Fourthly, *beware of a greedy dog*, or a man who never has enough. Grumbling is catching; one discontented man sets others complaining, and this is a bad state of mind to fall into. Folks who are greedy are not always honest. When a man boasts that he never gives anything away, you may read it as a caution—“beware of the dog.” Hungry dogs will wolf down any quantity of meat, and then look out for more, and so will greedy men swallow farms and houses, and then smell around for something else. Keep out of the company of screw-drivers, tight-fists, hold-fasts, and blood-suckers: “beware of dogs.”

Fifthly, *beware of a yelping dog*. Those who talk much tell a great many lies, and if you love truth you had better not love them. Those who talk much are likely enough to speak ill of their neighbours, and of yourself among the rest; and therefore, if you do not want to be town-talk, you will be wise to find other friends. If you

have a dog which is always barking, and should chance to lose him, don't spend a penny in advertising for him. Few are the blessings which are poured upon dogs which howl all night and wake up honest householders, but even these can be better put up with than those incessant chatters who never let a man's character rest either day or night.

Sixthly, *beware of a dog that worries the sheep*. Such get into our churches, and cause a world of misery. Some have new doctrines as rotten as they are new; others have new plans, whims and crotchets, and nothing will go right till these are tried; and there is a third sort which are out of love with everybody and everything, and only come into the churches to see if they can make a row. Mark these, and keep clear of them. There are plenty of humble Christians who only want leave to be quiet and mind their own business, and these troublers are their plague. Beware of the dog.

Seventhly, *beware of dogs who have returned to their vomit*. An apostate is like a leper. As a rule, none are more bitter enemies of the cross than those who once professed to be followers of Jesus. He who can turn away from Christ is not a fit companion for any honest man. If a man calls himself my friend, and leaves the ways of God, then his way and mine are different; he who is no friend to the good cause is no friend of mine.

Lastly, finally, and to finish up, *beware of a dog that has no master*. If a fellow makes free with the Bible, and the laws of his country and common decency, it is time to make free to tell him we had rather have his room than his company. A certain set of wonderfully wise men are talking very big things and putting their smutty fingers upon everything which their fathers thought to be good and holy. Poor fools, they are not half as clever as they think they are.

“Beware of the dog.” Beware of all who will do you harm. Good company is to be had, why seek bad? It is said of heaven, “without are dogs.” Let us make friends of those who can go inside of heaven, for there we hope to go ourselves. We shall go to our own company when we die; let it be such that we shall be glad to go to it.

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Young Men's Meeting,

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AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME!

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MONDAY.....	May 8....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. F. S. Harvey.
				8.00 P.M. WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 9....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Our only protection in the day of wrath. Zeph. i. 14, 15, 18; Rom. v. 8, 9. R. Merryfield.
WEDNESDAY.	" 10....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The bright future of the people of God. Rev. xxi. 23-27. Rev. A. Gilray.
THURSDAY...	" 11....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Who went about doing good? Matt. iv. 23-25; ix. 35-38. S. R. Briggs.
FRIDAY	" 12....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. A loving and for- giving Brother. Gen. xlv. 1-15. Rev. A. F. McGregor
				8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY..	" 13....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. A warning. Mark viii. 1-21; Luke xii. 1. W. E. Bur- ford.
				4.50 P.M. TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake.
				8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Almost saved, but lost. Gen. xix. 15-26; Luke xvii. 32. W. Garside.
SUNDAY	" 14....	3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S.R. Briggs.
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE. J. McGregor

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, May 14, 3.00 P.M.—Cospel Meetings at Union Station and at
Nipissing Station.