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**BECAUSE THERE IS  
WRATH, BEWARE.**

Job xxxvi. 18.

**THE ACTUAL.**

*Because there is wrath,*

**THE POSSIBLE.**

*beware lest He take thee away with His  
stroke :*

**THE IMPOSSIBLE.**

*then a great ransom cannot deliver thee.*

### BULLETIN FUND.

The following amounts have been received since our last acknowledgment:

R. K. ....	\$20.00
S. ....	50

### OUR NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

**T**HE attendance at this gathering was larger than it has been for several years past. This is a token that interest in our work for the Master is increasing. Our President, in his usual happy manner, referred to the work of the past year, as being, not simply the work of the Y.M.C.A., but the work of the Christians of Toronto through their servant, the Association. He also spoke of the debt on the building, which he believed was soon to be removed, and the Association placed in a better position for downright Christian work.

Addresses were given by Rev. W. S. Rainsford and Rev. Dr. Gordon, of Buffalo. Space will not admit a report of these addresses. Suffice it to say, the proceedings and addresses were devoid of any feature calculated to lead to the love of self-praise or Association exaltation. Christ and Souls were the two points kept in the fore-front.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Blake announced that he had received offers of \$3,100 towards the debt.

### OUR DEBT.



We have received at the Rooms, toward paying this debt, the following amounts: \$100, \$1, —Total, \$101.

### SUNDAY NIGHT GOSPEL MEETING.



**G**OD was with us, and the Spirit's power was manifest in the meeting last Sunday evening. The order of exercises was somewhat changed. We closed the regular meeting fifteen minutes earlier than usual, and invited enquirers and Christian workers to adjourn to the parlor. Over forty did so, and when opportunity was given, six arose for prayer, and we have reason to believe that two of these, were, by Divine grace, led to close in with God's offer of pardon.

Brethren, pray for this meeting, that the coming winter may be a season of much blessing.

### TRAVELLING SECRETARY.



**M**R. T. S. Cole, late General Secretary of the Quebec Association, has been appointed Travelling Secretary for the

Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Mr. Cole comes into the work with large experience, and the Committee hope for good results from his work in Canada. The Committee has decided upon one important point, which will make the way much easier for the Secretary, that is—his efforts shall be directed more especially to developing the spiritual work in our Associations. It is recognized by the members, that the amusement, or so-called, social work is a plant which thrives without any special cultivation, in fact, it requires much the same treatment, as that given by gardeners to certain shrubs. They need cutting off occasionally to prevent them throwing more valuable plants backwards by the overshadowing branches.

Any new Association planted in Canada ought to be of such a nature as to lead to *fruit-bearing*, and to this important work Mr. Cole's attention, under supervision of the Executive Committee, will be directed.

Mr. Cole enters upon his duties on the 1st November, and will reside in Toronto.

### QUEBEC.

**M**R. Shannon, formerly of Halifax, but for some time past a resident in Toronto, is the new General Secretary of the Quebec Association. He left for his field on Monday last. Mr. Shannon has had many years' experience in the work, as a member of the Committee of the Halifax Association. Our prayers go with him, that he may be used of God in winning the young men of Quebec for the Master.

### SERMONS TO YOUNG MEN.

**A**S in former years, we purpose observing the second full week in Nov. as a week of prayer for young men. In a future number of our Bulletin we will give notice of arrangements made for meetings; also, list of Churches in which sermons to young men will be preached.

We have issued the following circular to our pastors:

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

For several years past it has been our custom to request the ministers of our city to join with us, and the Associations throughout the world,

in the observance of the second full week in November as a week of prayer for young men, with sermons on the second Sunday of that month specially addressed to young men. We desire to acknowledge the cordial manner in which the request has been complied with, and we have every reason to believe that God has richly blessed the services held.

Knowing your warm sympathy with young men, and your readiness to aid in our work, we take the liberty of requesting that in your arrangements, you will, if at all possible, appoint the day named.

We shall be pleased to receive your decision (per enclosed post-card,) at an early date, in order that timely notice may be given the public through the daily papers, and in the "Weekly Bulletin."

We are, yours very truly,  
S. H. BLAKE,

ALF. SANDHAM,

Gen. Sec.

President.



**A**LMOST sweet is unsavoury; almost hot is lukewarm. Almost a Christian is like Micah, who thought himself religious because he had gotten a priest into his house. Almost a Christian is like the Ephraimites, who could not pronounce Shibboleth, but Sibboleth. Almost a Christian is like Ananias, who brought a part, but left a part behind. Almost a Christian is like Eli's sons, who polled the sacrifices; like the fig-tree, which deceived Christ with leaves: like the virgins, who carried lamps without oil; like the willing-unwilling son, who said he would come, and did not.—HENRY SMITH.

## Flee from the Wrath to Come!

THIS WRATH IS

**DIVINE**

WRATH.

**DESERVED**

WRATH.

**UNMINGLED**

WRATH.

**ACCUMULATED**

WRATH.

**ETERNAL**

WRATH.

**Remember**  
THE  
**EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS**

HELD  
**Every Sunday Afternoon,**

AT 3 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

**All are invited.**

**THE GRISTLESS MILL.**

**I**N one of those day-dreams that come over the mind in times of meditation, I thought that I went down to one of my favourite haunts on the river side, where stands a large flour mill. I went round and looked at the great water-wheel. The wheel went round with a steady, majestic movement that seemed to express patient continuance in well-doing.

The roar of the machinery drew me instinctively towards the door, and I entered. All the wheels, bands, cranks, and stones were in regular motion, making the whole building shake, and drowning the song of the stream with their deafening noise. I naturally thought of the amount of work such a collection and adaptation of forces would execute. I looked round for the results, but no flour fell from the spout. I ascended to the flat above, and looked into the hopper, but it was empty. The stones were merely grinding each other; all the machinery was in motion, tearing and wearing, each part the other, but doing no work. It was a gristless mill.

I turned to the miller and said, "what does this mean? The machinery is all in motion, but you have no corn in the mill."

"Oh!" he said, "I am sorry it is so, but it is better to keep the mill going at any rate. It would look very bad if all was at a stand-still. Why, what would my neighbours think if the mill was stopped? Besides, I could not bear it myself; it would look like bad times, in no mistake, if my mill were standing. In fact, I can't sleep without the noise,

I have been so used with it, brought up to it, for it was my father's mill; if it's stopped during my afternoon nap it wakes me. No, no; the mill must go on, grist or no grist."

My dream was done, and I sought for an interpretation of it. Are there not many, who, in the most important of all things, act on this principle? All who have the form of godliness without its power; who attend to all religious ceremonies and works without vital religion in the heart; they keep all the machinery in motion; they have the noise and the activity, but what is the result? No true work is done, no profit to themselves or others; time is wasted, strength is spent, many operations maintained, but without the vital power of the Divine Spirit in the heart, no good is accomplished. It is the gristless mill; kept going for the sake of a good name, and for the temporary peace with which it soothes to sleep the polluted conscience.

"Awake, O sleeper!" See to thy work that it is good, truly profitable to man, and honouring to God. (*Stirling Tract condensed.*)

**DON'T FORGET**

THAT WE

**EXTEND**

TO

**Every Young Man**

IN

**TORONTO,**

**HEARTY WELCOME**

TO

**OUR ROOMS.**

**COME!**

**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!**

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**Bulletin for Week Commencing Oct. 30, 1862.**

MONDAY.....	Oct. 30	...12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Secretary.
			8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 31	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. R. Merryfield.
WEDNESDAY .	Nov 1	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. Marks.
THURSDAY...	" 2	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY .....	" 3	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Assistant Sec'y.
			8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SATURDAY ..	" 4	...12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. E. Burford.
			8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Geo. T. Fer- gusson.
SUNDAY.....	" 5	... 3.00	P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
			8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE.

*Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.*

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**RAILROAD MEETING.**

SUNDAY, Nov. 5, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meeting at Union Station, and Credit Valley Station, Parkdale.