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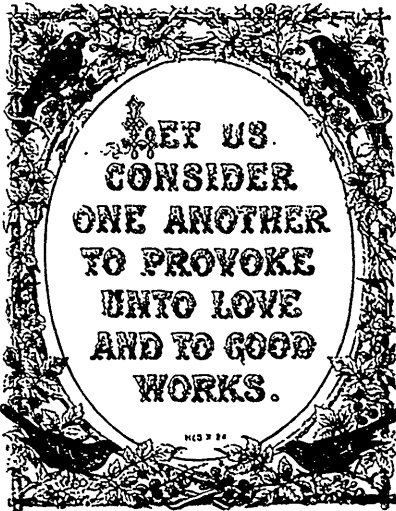
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PARLOR LECTURE.

THE last in the series of Parlor Lectures for this season was given on Tuesday evening by Mr. M. L. Rouse, M.R.A.C. His subject was, "Leaves." The lecture was refined and instructive. The attendance, owing to the inclement weather, was small.

NOON PRAYER MEETING.

WHILE we have much cause for gratitude to God for blessing on the Noon Prayer Meeting, we have at the same time abundant cause for humiliation on account of the numbers of those who meet for prayer being so small in relation to the population of our city. Th's opportunity to meet for quiet meditation and prayer in the midst of the busy cares and excitement of the day ought surely to meet a felt want, and be taken advantage of more largely in a great commercial city like ours, and in times when the "cares and riches and pleasures" of this life are becoming more and more ensnaring.

At one of the meetings last week a working man rose and said "that he specially thanked God when he was sent out to work in this part of the city, for then he had the privilege during his dinner hour of attending this meeting, and he was always sure to receive a blessing." If he was so willing to give up a portion of his dinner hour for this purpose, surely there are many of us who might deny ourselves a little, that we, too, may participate in the promised blessing.

The very hairs of your head are all numbered.
Luke xii. 7.

The Comforter shall teach you all things.

John xiv. 26.

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

Conducted by Mr. S. H. Blake,

EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR APRIL.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

No. of Meetings.	Name of Meeting.	Total Attend.	Avg. Attend.
25	Noonday Prayer.....	439	17
4	Teachers' Bible Classes (Sat. aft.).....	625	156
4	Evang. Bible Classes (Sun. aft.).....	102	25
4	Young Men's Bible Classes (Mon. ev'g) ..	136	34
4	Young Men's Meetings (Sat. ev'g.)	285	71
4	Gospel and Song Service (Sun. ev'g.).....	2400	600
1	Social Reception ...	150	150
1	Lecture	150	150

BOARDING HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Visits to Boarding Houses	995
Meetings in Boarding Houses.....	12
Average attendance.....	9
Visits to Hotels	84
“ Fire Halls	27
“ Police Stations....	14
“ Livery and Car Stables....	22
“ Public Library West.....	4
Young Men spoken to religiously...	25
BULLETINS distributed.....	4200
Tracts &c.	4800

VISITING COMMITTEE.

No. of Visits to sick young men in Boarding Houses	2
No. of Visits to sick young men in General Hospital.....	4

REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP.

The following were elected this month:

Active.	Associate.
Chas. A. Hart,	A. E. Bell,
Walter Foy,	R. Credicott,
Geo. E. Meredith,	Percy V. Secord,
Thos. W. Stalker,	Theo. H. Richardson.
Andrew J. Elliott.	

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE.

No. of young men who obtained temporary employment.....	3
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RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

No. of visitors registered.....	92
Average No. of young men in parlor per evening....	21
Average No. of young men at Family Worship.....	9
No. of strangers welcomed.....	20
“ young men signed pledge....	5

RAILWAY SECRETARY.

Visits to Engines.....	82
“ Caboose.....	59
“ Switch-houses.....	13
“ Round-houses and Shops.	9
“ Sick and Injured.....	10
“ Offices.....	18
Total.....	191

Meetings held. Attendance.

Union Station.....	3	103
Cottage meetings at York	3	31
Noon meetings at G. T.R. Roundhouse.	4	70
Reading Room at York	3	74

Total 13 278

Papers, books &c. distributed	490
RAILWAY SPECIALS	1000

Total 1490

Average daily attendance at Reading Room York.....	25
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My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord.

Hebrews xii. 5.

In all their affliction He was afflicted.
Isaiah lxiii. 9.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every MONDAY Evening,
AT 8 O'CLOCK,

INTERNATIONAL CONVEN- TION AND GENERAL SECRE- TARIES CONFERENCE.

THE International Convention and General Secretaries Conference of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States and British Provinces will be held at Atlanta, Georgia; and Chattanooga, Tenn., the former from May 13-17, and the latter from May 8-12. The last gathering of Association workers in the real South was the convention held at New Orleans in 1860, just twenty-five years between that and the coming Atlanta Convention. The entire work is almost entirely re-organized since that time, the "Young Man's" idea pervades the work as never before, and the many and varied features in the physical, social, intellectual and spiritual departments of the work organized and conducted with an impetus and zeal comparatively unknown to a quarter of a century ago.

The General Secretary has been appointed a delegate to represent our Association at these meetings. Very reasonable rates have been secured, and it is hoped that other members will avail themselves of this opportunity of visiting the Sunny South.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.
Conducted by General Secretary.
ALL INVITED.

"WIPE MY TEARS."

SHE was nothing but a baby, a little, dimpled, old fashioned baby, with tumbled curls of sunny hair, and deep blue eyes that were always full of clouds or sunshine, one following the other in rapid succession. Only a baby, toddling about after her weary mother, falling down and hurting herself a dozen times a day, and going just as often to hold up a sweet, flower-fair face all wet and dewy, with the lisped request,

"Please, mamma, wipe my tears," or to other members of the family in a more dictatorial and peremptory voice, "Wipe my tears!"

Either she could not, or would not, make any attempts at brushing away the tears herself, and sometimes we laughed to see the shut eyes and tightly-drawn features bathed in a liquid shower; sometimes there was a pitiful accent in that little household wail that made our hearts ache, but oftener we talked nonsense as we wiped away the pretty drops from the long, curled lashes, the dainty cheeks, the small, quivering chin, and we drew gay pictures of the baby going about with tear-bottles hung around her neck, and crooned her to sleep with an idle repetition of Tennyson:

"Tears, idle tears, I know not what they mean."

And we wondered among ourselves what she would do as she grew older and learned to know real sorrow, and if there would always be some dear one ready to wipe away the tears, as there was now

"And God Himself shall wipe away all tears."

We had never thought of Him, and she was still only a baby, a sweet, winsome little thing, that we thought we had safe in our hearts under lock and key, with love for the keeper; when all at once her tears were dried, and ours began to flow; for we all stood beside

He that is of God heareth God's words.
John viii. 47.

her, and she knew us not, was insensible to her mother's voice, to tears and prayers. There was a short, sharp struggle with the Destroyer, hours of insensibility—even to pain; then for a moment the baby awoke and knew us; and as she put one tiny, trembling hand up to her mother, she said the old, quaint words,

"P-l-e-a-s-e w-i-p-e m-y t-e-a-r-s."

Then a sweet, glad smile followed, and she was gone; to be where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, and God shall wipe away all tears from her eyes.—*St. Louis Christian Advocate.*

GOD'S KEEPING HAND.

IN Russia wolves abound. In the winter, impelled by hunger, they often attack travellers, and many are the marvellous escapes recorded. But the following incident is more wonderful than anything we have ever read.

It is recorded by the "Denver News" (U. S.), 29th November, 1875. A girl named Sutherland, nine years of age, trying to bring some calves home, was led astray by them, and lost her way in the forest. Night, a chilly, eerie, November night, came down, and, with strange calmness, she kept slowly walking on till morning broke, not knowing where she was going. At last, in God's providence, she reached a farmer's house, twenty-five miles from her house, and was in safety. Many questions were asked her about how she got through the night. In answer she said, "The wolves kept close to my heels and snapped at my feet; but my mother had told me that if I prayed to God and trusted in Him, He would take care of me, and so I knew the wolves couldn't hurt me, because God wouldn't let them."

God wouldn't let them! Blessed, believing child! Was her strong faith not crowned, like that of Daniel when the lions couldn't touch a hair of his head, by God's direct power being exercised on her behalf?

D. L. MOODY says: "The Young Men's Christian Association has, under God, done more in developing me for Christian work than any other agency."

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, MAY 4.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. General Secretary.
8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, MAY 5.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Temptation no Excuse for Sinning. Gen. iii. 12; Matt. iv. 1 11; Heb. ii. 18. R. Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6.

12 to 12.45 noon.—No Admittance? Rev. iii. 20; Luke xix. 5, 6; John xiv. 23. Rev. J. Salmon.

THURSDAY, MAY 7.

12 to 12.45 noon.—A Life without Self in It. Matt. xx. 28; Rom. xv. 1-7. J. Wood.

FRIDAY, MAY 8.

12 to 12.45 noon.—What Secures Victory? 2 Chron xxxii. 1-8; 1 John v. 4, 5. J. Bousfield.
7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, MAY 9.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ our Shepherd. John x. 11-16; 1 Pet. ii. 25. Assistant Secretary.
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. J. J. Bolton.

SUNDAY, MAY 10.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class General Secretary.
" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.
" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.
" Italian Class.
8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service J. Wood and W. C. Jex. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

Railway Men's Meeting.

THURSDAY, MAY 7.

7.30 p.m., for one hour.—At York. Cottage Meeting at John Lee's; address by Chas. Hastings.

FRIDAY, MAY 8.

12.35 to 12.55 p.m.—Bible Reading at G.T.R. Roundhouse, City. Wm. Marks.

SUNDAY, MAY 10.

GOSPEL MEETINGS.

3 p.m.—Union Station. Wm. White and J. Wood.
3.15 p.m.—At York. W. C. Jex and Chas. Hastings.