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TRAINING CLASS

For Christian Workers,

EVERY THURSDAY, at 8 P.M.

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THE WORK.

Our monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, the several committees presented their reports. All these were of the most cheering nature, and in fact spoke of a degree of activity unknown during former summer months. Every week, evidences are given of the presence of God with us, and young men are being led to the Lord. The Board felt constrained to place the following upon its minutes:—
“That the members of this Board desire to place on record their devout gratitude to God for the abundant measure of success vouchsafed to the work during the past month.”

We give herewith a summary of reports of the several committees.

BOARDING HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Visits to Boarding Houses.....	1041
“ Hotels.....	113
“ Fire Halls.....	26
“ Police Stations.....	16
“ Livery and Car Stables..	23
Young Men spoken to.....	125
BULLETINS distributed.....	5030
Tracts, &c., “.....	4800
Visits to Public Library, West End.	5

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.—1 Timothy i. 15.

The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.
 Luke xix. 10.

INVITATION COMMITTEE.

From June 27th to July 24th inclusive.

4 Young Men's Meetings (Sat.)—

Total No. of Workers.	Average Workers	Total Dist.	Average Dist.
24	6	1760	437

4 Secretary's Bible Class (Mon.)—
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5 hotels visited weekly, and invitation
 cards distributed.

REPORT OF MEETINGS.

From June 27th to July 24th inclusive.

Meetings.	Total Att.	Aver.
23 Noonday Prayer.....	283	12
4 Young Men's.....	242	60
3 Training Class.....	120	40
1 Worker's Monthly Social	45
4 Young Men's B. Class.	170	42
4 Evangelistic "	130	32
4 Gospel & Song Services.	1762	440
4 Enquiry.....	80	20
4 Boy's	107	27
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RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

Visits to Engines.....	71
“ Roundhouses.....	11
“ Offices	34
“ Cabooses.....	41
“ Switch Houses	20
“ Yards.....	6
“ Injured and Sick R.R. Men.	6
“ Reading Room G. T. R.....	10

199

No. of Meetings.	Attendance.
Union Depot..... 4	140
York Roundhouse. 4	305

8 445

Papers distributed..... 573
 R. R. SPECIALS distributed..... 1000

The services at York are well attended,
 and great interest is being taken by
 the officers and employees.


The large average attendance at the
 Young Men's Bible Class and the Train-

ing Class is very encouraging, telling,
 as it does, of men being prepared to
 take active part in the future work of
 this or some other Association.

The meetings in charge of the Deaf
 Mute Committee are also well attended,
 and the friends thus benefitted have
 frequently expressed their gratitude.
 In the work among Chinamen and the
 Italians, the leader is meeting with en-
 couragement, and this is saying much,
 when we consider the character of the
 field cultivated. The Boy's work is
 especially encouraging. The Spirit of
 God is still working, and some are being
 led out of darkness into light.

Reviewing the work as a whole, we are
 constrained to say, "Bless the Lord, O
 my soul: and forget not all His benefits."

**HOW TO MAKE THE MOST
 OF LIFE.**

 **HOW** shall a man make the most
 of life?
 KNOW YOURSELF. Self-

knowledge is first in order.
 The prodigal first "came to
 himself," and then to his
 father. If you would gain correct
 knowledge of yourself, you must re-
 ceive the scriptural account of human
 nature as true of you.

KNOW GOD. He maintains your life.
 From Him all goodness flows. To know
 Him as revealed in Christ Jesus, is
 eternal life begun on earth by promise.
 "Acquaint thyself with him, and be
 at peace; thereby good shall come unto
 thee."

DEVOTE YOUR LIFE TO DOING GOOD.
 Your obligations to usefulness are per-
 petual, indissoluble, and mighty.

DISCERN THE NATURE OF THINGS. Make
 a careful selection. Squander nothing
 on unworthy objects, or in unworthy
 pursuits.

WATCH FOR OPPORTUNITIES. "As we
 have therefore opportunity, let us do
 good unto all men."

**Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give
 you rest.—Matthew xi. 28.**

He that heareth My word, and believeth on him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.—John v. 24.

LET YOUR ABILITY BE THE RULE OF YOUR EFFORTS. "If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what a man hath, and not according to what he hath not."

NEVER QUIT CERTAINTY FOR HOPE. Never abandon a sure way of doing good for some doubtful scheme. Beware of the habit of originating devices which you do not intend to execute.

PERSEVERE. When you have made a good beginning, do not think the work done. Call not a commencement the completion.

BE IMPARTIAL. Never favor one good cause or object of charity to the prejudice of another. Therefore encourage whatever promises substantial good.

DEFER NOT. To assign to the future what God assigns to the present, is very hazardous. To-morrow is not thine.

ACT FROM PRINCIPLE. What you do, do not from persuasion, or fancy, or ostentation, or to avoid importunity.

LIVE BY RULE. Be systematic in your charities and efforts.

BE HEARTY IN ALL YOUR LABORS. Let not your head and hands and tongue be busy, and your heart idle.

ENLIST OTHERS. "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. Despise not the services of any *in their appropriate sphere.*"

ESPECIALLY ENLIST GOD. His foolishness is wiser than men, and His weakness is stronger than men. He who prays aright, wins the heart that wields the arm that moves the world.

BE DETERMINED. Timidity awakens opposition from the cowardly. Men will not rally round him whose heart is not fixed.

AIM HIGH. Desire great things, meditate great things, attempt great things; then let your efforts correspond, and, with God's blessing, you will accomplish great things. *Yet undertake not too much.* Be not grasping after things beyond your reach, or above your strength.

BE MINDFUL OF LITTLE THINGS. Nothing is of little importance which

possesses, even in its results, the attribute of eternity. Despise not the day of small things. "Sands form the mountain, minutes make the year."

SPARE NOT THYSELF. "He that soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly."

MAINTAIN CHEERFULNESS. The demon of melancholy unnerves religious effort. "Be joyful in the Lord; for the joy of the Lord is strength."

BE OF GOOD COURAGE. In the Christian course, cowardice alone is the loss of nearly every victory.

BE NOT FAITHLESS. Have faith in God. The greatest good is generally done in the face of the greatest discouragements.

HOPE AGAINST HOPE. Nothing is too hard for God.

LET YOUR CHARITY ABOUND. Be it your meat and your drink to do good.

BE HUMBLE. "When you have done all, acknowledge that you are nothing, that you deserve nothing, and that God has a right to do with you as seems good to him." If you attain or accomplish anything, say, "It was not I, but the grace of God."

NEVER FORGET THE JUDGMENT-DAY. Keep it always in view. Frame every action in reference to its unchanging decisions.

And now may you be blessed of God, who "is able to make all grace abound towards you; that you, always having all-sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work; being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth," through the saints, "thanksgiving to God." **THUS SHALL YOU MAKE THE MOST OF LIFE.**

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME

For the testimony of God is, that "the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.—1 John i. 7.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every Sunday Afternoon,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

AN INFIDEL'S PRAYER.

THE following incident has just been related by a minister, whose veracity will not be questioned by any one who knows him. It occurred under his personal observation, and hence it is not a story manufactured to illustrate a point. He has no objection to the use of his name, nor would he hesitate to give the name of the person who was most concerned. He is ready also to furnish the precise date and locality of an event in the history of a young man, that speaks in thunder tones to those who deliberately make light of God and of His Word.

This young man, just entering upon the practice of medicine, had become a scoffing infidel through the reading of Ingersoll's wretched books, and other vile productions of hell. He seized every opportunity to pour forth a tide of shocking blasphemy against Christ, and held up the Bible among his companions to coarse and obscene ridicule. At length he went so far in his desperate wickedness that he uttered a wilful lie, and perpetrated a monstrous fraud, in order to express his contempt for Christianity. He pretended to be converted, and asked permission in a meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association to confess the Lord Jesus publicly by leading in prayer.

Of course his request was gladly granted, but meanwhile he had prepared a prayer addressed to the Unknown God. It was filled with horrible irreverence and thoughtfully planned insult of the Saviour. Spreading the manuscript before him on the seat, he kneeled down, and commenced to read his ribaldry, when his voice was suddenly hushed, and his body was heard to fall upon the floor. The young men who were present hastened to him, but found that he was dead, and in unspeakable awe they carried forth the corpse, the ghastly pallor of the face and stony stare of the eyes haunting them, as they bore all that was left of the scoffer to his home.—*The Truth (St. Louis).*

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3.

Bible Class at 3 p.m., and Gospel and Song Service at 8.30, followed by an enquiry meeting at 9.15. All invited.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4.

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 Testimonial Meeting.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5.

12 to 12.45 noon.—A River-Side Prayer Meeting and its Results. Acts xvi. 13-15 R. Sims.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Spiritual Blindness, how Produced and Removed. 2 Cor. iv. 3, 4; John vii. 12. Rev. J. Salmon.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Together Now, but Separated Forever Hereafter. Matt. xiii. 24-30, 36-43. S. R. Briggs.

8.00 p.m.—WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS. By the Secretary.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

12 to 12.45 noon.—Friendship with Evil Men Forbidden. Deu. vii. 1-3; Eph. v. 11. G. T. Fergusson.
7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9.

12 to 12.45 noon.—New Strength for New Need. Phil. iv. 19; 1 Cor. x. 13; Deu. xxxiii. 25-28. Asst-Secretary.

7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
8.00 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. S. Caldecott.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.
" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.
" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.
" Italian's Class.
8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. D. C. Forbes. 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.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10.

3 p.m.—Union Station. Rev. H. Melville and P. A. Hertz.
8 p.m.—Y.M.C.A. Tent, York.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.