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WEEKLY
BULLETIN

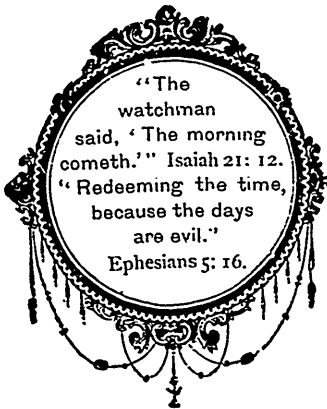
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"The watchman said, 'The morning cometh.'" Isaiah 21: 12.
"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."
Ephesians 5: 16.

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Miss C.....	1 00
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"A friend," per Mrs. Harvie—\$2.00
"for needy ones."

ITALIAN CLASS.

A CHRISTIAN worker having been led to take an interest in the welfare of the Italians who have lately come to our city in considerable numbers, has, with the aid of other friends, established a class two afternoons in each week for secular studies, also on Sunday afternoon for other studies. The attendance thus far has been good, and the men are deeply interested.

CHINESE CLASS.

THERE are many interesting features about this class. In fact there is much to encourage, and while no conversions can be pointed to, there is a spirit of enquiry among some of the men.

GOD IS OUR REFUGE.

Wait on the Lord, He shall save thee.
Prov. xx. 22.

"SAFE HOME."

A LETTER from Mr. Gawin Kirkham informs us of his safe arrival at home. During his visit to America (89 days) he travelled over 12,000 miles, and addressed 102 meetings, (35 of them outdoor meetings). Mr. K. greatly enjoyed his trip, and desires us to join in thanks to God for mercies by the way. During his tour Mr Kirkham furnished "*the Christian*" with a weekly letter, from one of which we quote the following :—

"A visit to A—, New York, enabled me to preach in the open air, and attend a reception of the Y.M.C.A. But the first was interrupted by the police (permission being needed from the Mayor), and the second proved distasteful as I failed to understand what song-singing and piano recitations had to do with a young men's *Christian Association*."

We know some of our brother Secretaries will wonder at the lack of appreciation manifested by our English visitor. Not able to see the connection between *amusements* and *Christian work*! Well there is no accounting for taste! But our space will not permit us to attempt an explanation of the connection. It would take many pages in which to gather the *thoughts, fancies, or ideas* which some have as a *sort of basis* for their argument in favour of amusing a man for a while before they attempt to save him.

After all we think brother Kirkham is right.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

THE meetings for Young Men have been, on the whole, fairly attended; but there has always been "room for more." We have reason to believe that they have been owned of God to some.

SACRED SONG.

WE quote the following from the preface to a collection of Sacred Hymns published by H. L. Hastings, of Boston:—

"One of the mightiest forces which God has thrown into this world, is sacred song; not the mere artistic and mechanical "rendering" of certain notes and strains of music, but the spontaneous outgush of the emotions of the sanctified heart, telling the sorrows and the joys, the sympathies and the affections of the renewed soul. Such music is not purchasable. Those who think to buy or hire it, greatly mistake its character. It has its fountain in the joy of God implanted in the Christian's soul, and meets its response in the hearts of those who know whom they have trusted, and who expect to sing His praises for evermore. Infidels can sneer and swear, but can they sing? What have they to sing about? What had the heathen world to sing? If we leave out a few notable strains which acknowledge and honor the unseen God, what remains but amorous and bacchanalian ditties; odes which celebrated the acts of cut-throat and adulterous deities, most of whom would be hung or sent to prison in any decently civilized land; songs which embodied vile thoughts, celebrated base acts, and awoke base passions?"

Our themes of sacred song are the grandest that earth or heaven affords. And what has infidelity or unbelief to put in the place of them? Where are the poems, the songs, the chorales, the grand anthems that have been born of darkness, doubt and unbelief? Infidelity has no hymns; it has nothing to sing for;—No God, no hope, no Creator, no Preserver, no Christ, no Saviour. Imagine a jubilant infidel, contemplate

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.
Acts xvi. 31.

ing his glorious origin, breaking out to sing,

All hail the mighty monkey, all hail the ancient clam,
From which, through evolution, I came to be a man.

Picture an assembly of festive infidels singing heartily, to "some familiar tune," of the sublime anticipations which fill their bosoms, thus :

Between two vast eternities
Life lies, a vale of sorrow ;
So eat, and drink, and take your ease,
For we shall die to-morrow.

Ascending from our mollusk god,
A glorious path we travel ;
Our course, commencing in the mud,
Shall finish in the gravel.

We recollect once, after pointing out the barrenness of infidelity in respect to sacred song, we were assailed by a skeptic, who stoutly disputed our assertion that infidelity had no hymns, and said he had an infidel hymn-book which he would bring to show us. We were thankful for the opportunity of seeing it, and so in the course of the day he brought along a little book largely filled up with Christian hymns, out of which the name of *Christ* had been erased, and "reason," "truth," or some other word had been substituted. And this was the way infidels make a hymn-book ; much like the man who promised to show cobblers how to make a pair of shoes in two minutes, and who, after having pocketed the admission fees of the crowd, coolly produced a pair of boots, and made them into shoes by *cutting the tops off!*"

TEACHER'S

BIBLE CLASS

HELD

Every Saturday Afternoon,

AT 4.30 O'CLOCK,

Conducted by Hon. S. H. BLAKE, Q.C.

The Eternal God is thy refuge.

Deut. xxxiii. 27.

A SURE FORTUNE.

Its Nature.

To know the I LOVE OF CHRIST which passeth knowledge.

Its Future.

This is the promise that He hath promised, even Eternal Life.

Its Certainty.

Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and that which is to come.

Its Present Help.

There is no want to them that fear Him.

Its Safety.

Because thou hast made the Lord thy habitation there shall no evil befall thee.

Its Magnificence.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.

WILL YOU HAVE IT?

EVANGELISTIC

BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence.
Prov. xiv. 26.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

FOR

YOUNG MEN ONLY,

Every Night at 8 o'clock,

MONDAY.....	H. B. Gordon.	THURSDAY.....	J. J. Gartshore.
TUESDAY.....	S. R. Briggs.	FRIDAY.....	John Macgregor.
WEDNESDAY.....	Geo. T. Fergusson.	SATURDAY.....	S. Caldecott.

C O M E .

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.....	JAN. 21....	12.00	M.	PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING. The Sec'y.
TUESDAY.....	" 22....	12.00	M.	SOMETHING BETTER WORTH SEEKING THAN RICHES. Luke xii. 15-21; Matt. vi. 25-33. Rev. T. Cullen.
WEDNESDAY.	" 23....	12.00	M.	CAN I HELP ANY OF MY ASSOCIATES TO BECOME CHRISTIANS? John i. 35-51; Num. x. 29. J. J. Gartshore.
THURSDAY...	" 24....	12.00	M.	"HE SATISFIETH THE LONGING SOUL." Ps cxlv. 8-20. S. R. Briggs.
FRIDAY.....	" 25....	12.00	M.	AM I STRIVING AGAINST, OR YIELDING TO, SIN? Rom. vi. 12-19; 1 Pet. v. 8-11, 1 John v. 4. Rev. I. Tovell.
SATURDAY....	" 26....	12.00	M.	SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON. LIVING AS IN GOD'S SIGHT: Jas. iv. 7-17. Assistant Secretary.
		4.30 P.M.		TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
		7.30 P.M.		INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
		8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. S. Caldecott.
SUNDAY.....	" 27....	3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon
		" "		DEAF MUTE CLASS. F. S. Brigden.
		" "		CHINESE CLASS. W. M. Morse.
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. H. O'Brien.
				Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

THE CLASSES WILL MEET AS USUAL.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

GOSPEL MEETINGS every Sunday at 3 p.m., at Union Station and at West End Branch (1020 Queen W.)

Noon Meeting every Tuesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in the G. T. R. Roundhouse Reading Room.