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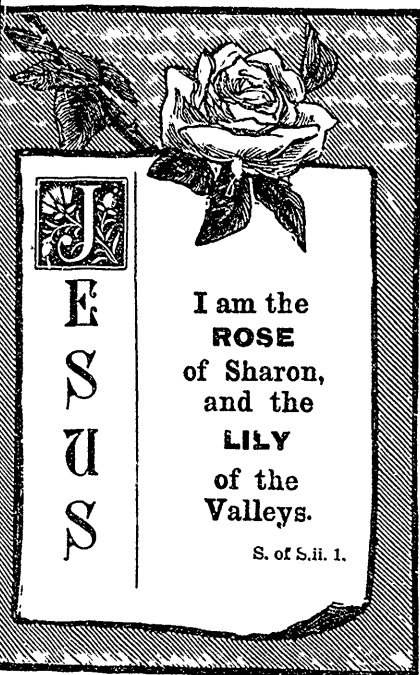
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THE "ONE THING."

FROM the number of Young Men with whom we come in contact at our several meetings, and who manifest a desire not only to listen to the proclama-

tion of the Gospel, but also gladly avail themselves of opportunities afforded for private conversation, we feel convinced that there is a spirit of conviction abroad, and that the harvest field but awaits the reapers' labors. We purpose (God willing) to observe the first week of April as a week of special prayer in behalf of the Young Men of Toronto, and for wisdom to direct us in efforts to reach them. In a future number we shall give notice of the meetings to be held, but in the meantime we ask our Brethren and friends to keep this in mind, and to determine to meet with us. God is able and ready to save. Are we willing to be used? Let us examine ourselves. Let us see to it that we are in the place of service.

"**I** NEVER complained of my lot," said the Persian poet Sadi, "but once,—when my feet were sore, and I had no money to buy shoes; but I met a man without a foot, and I became content with my lot when I saw him."

WHEN scientists want me to stay and argue with them, I say to them, in the words of the prophet, "Abide ye here with the ass, while I go yonder and worship."
—Daniel Butler.

A MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS

IS HELD

EVERY MONDAY EVENING. FROM 7-30 TILL 9.

In Parlor C (up stairs) Shaftesbury Hall.

A Member of the Devotional Committee will be in charge.

The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.
1 John i. 7.

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

HOW TO BE CHEATED.

QLD Thomas Fuller gave wise advice when he said, "If you do not want to trade with the devil, keep out of his shop." This is in keeping with the prayer, "Lead us not into temptation."

Men may well be troubled with evil thoughts, and entertain all sorts of wrong ideas, if they will spend their time in places where Satan is king. "He is sure to be cheated who goes to a knave's shop," is a true proverb; so he that fraternizes with the world, participates in its pleasures, reads its books, follows its ways, and is occupied with the theatre on Wednesday, a foolish book on Thursday, the saloon on Friday, public house on Saturday, must be on the Lord's Day full of what has seen and heard during the week. Such a person has the world for his portion, is a despiser of the true riches, and in danger of endless perdition.

GIFTS.

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.—Eph. iv. 7.

1. Every one has some gift; therefore all should be useful.
2. No one has all gifts; therefore none should be proud.
3. Every one has his gift, according to the gift of Christ; therefore all should be content.
4. Every one's gift is for the general good; therefore we should seek the unity of the Church.
5. All gifts are out of Christ's fullness, therefore all should seek close union and fellowship with Him.

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1 Cor. xii. 4.

A LOVING WORD TO YOUNG MEN.

YOUNG men think that religion has only to do with the heaven and the hell of the future. They live for the present, and say, 'We want to be happy here—we want to be free—to enjoy life—to be manly.' Have you not often such thoughts as these?

I know what young men are; and it is because the very things you want are to be found in Jesus Christ, and in Him alone, that I long for you to know Him as your Saviour, and rejoice in His favour and friendship—even now, while in this world. The gospel has not to do with the future alone, it has to do with the living present. The word of God teaches us that it is not only a thing to die by, but a thing to live by as well. The believer in Jesus, it is true, 'shall not come into condemnation,' and is sure of heaven—is passed from death unto life.' But that is not all; he has present blessings—the very things your inmost heart can desire. (John v. 24.)

YOU WANT TO BE HAPPY! There is true joy in trusting to Jesus. Through faith in Him is proclaimed full pardon and complete justification, and, 'being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.'

YOU WANT TO BE FREE! Not to be trammelled with the fetters of religion, as you think them. But you are utterly wrong. The worlding is fettered, bound hand and foot, a slave; while the Christian alone is a free man. God's word describes both: the unconverted as 'in the snare of the devil, and taken captive by him at his will;' the child of God as 'free.' 'If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.' (John viii. 36.)

YOU WANT LIFE! God says, 'He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life,' but is 'dead in trespasses and sins;' nay, more, 'He that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth

The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Romans vi. 23.

In whom we have redemption through His Blood, even for the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.—Ephesians i 7.

on him.' You cannot know what true life is till you know Jesus, and are united to Him by faith.

YOU WANT TO BE MANLY! Was not Christ manly? Have you read His life in the days of His flesh, and marked His character, and dare you say that He was not a man, a noble man, a manly man? If you would be a true man, you must be made like Jesus. You must be saved through His blood, have His Spirit dwelling in you, be made a 'new creature' in Him.

Now don't you see that the very things you want—true joy, true liberty, true life, true manliness—are all to be found in Jesus, and they are to be found in Him alone. Have you ever come to Him for them? Oh, don't turn away from Him whom God in His rich, free love, offers to you in the gospel. See, here is the whole matter in the very words of the living God: 'All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.' 'Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.' 'While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.' 'Neither is there salvation in any other.' 'He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.'

I write this as one young man writing to another, and in true friendship 'I know whom I have believed,' and I long that you should share the blessings of God's great salvation. (W.P.L.)

THE gift of God is eternal life." It is a gift. Every one knows what a gift is. It is provided for us. It must be taken by us. God says, "Take it." There is a moment when you have not taken a gift, and there is a moment when you have taken it. Some say they do not know when they first believed, but the gift of God must be taken. When you take it you have accepted eternal life.

THE BEST THINGS.



THE best friend is God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, who never changes, never is unkind, never is mistaken, never is overreached, never is defeated, never is weary. His friendship secures that of angels and of all good men.

The best counsellor is the Bible. It is filled with the sayings of the wisest sages, with the songs of the sweetest singers, with the predictions of the seers, with the sermons of our Saviour, with the epistles of his apostles, and with the history of man and of Redemption. It has no equal.

The best lessons are taught us in the school of Christ. There we learn the nature of God in the person of Jesus, the sinfulness of sin in the cross of Christ, the beauty of holiness in the life of the Saviour, and the certainty of life to the believer in the Son of God.

The best hopes are those of the humble, penitent sinner. They spring from the sacrifice of Calvary, are begotten by the Holy Ghost, are nourished by the truth, powerfully sustain the soul in the darkest hour, and shall never be disappointed.

"The nature of true content is to fill all the chinks of our desires, as the wax does the seal. Content is the poor man's riches, and desire is the rich man's poverty."—Adams.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

Conducted by the General Secretary.

ALL INVITED.

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.—Romans v. 1.

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!

Bulletin for Week Commencing March 12, 1883.

MONDAY.....	Mar. 12....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING Secretary,
				7.30 P.M. MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C."
				8.00 P.M. WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 13....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Sin; Inherited Tendencies no Excuse for it. Ezek. xviii 1-4, 20-23; Rom. xiv. 12. F. Aston.
WEDNESDAY..	" 14....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Sin:-Its Effects upon the Individual. John viii. 34; Rom vii. 14-25. H. B. Gordon.
THURSDAY...	" 15....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Sin:-Its Eternal Consequences. Jude 6, 7; Rev. xxi 8; Rom. vi. 23. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY	" 16....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Sin:-Its Eternal Cure. John i. 29; Rev. xxii. 1-5. S. R. Briggs.
				8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SATURDAY ..	" 17....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life Acts vii. 54 60. and viii. 1-4 Rev. xi. 10 Assist. Sec.
				4.50 P.M. TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. S.H. Blake, Q.C.
				8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Now! W. N. McFarlane.
SUNDAY	" 18....	3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. W. B. Howland.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, March 18, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meetings at Union Station, and Cred Valley Station, Parkdale.