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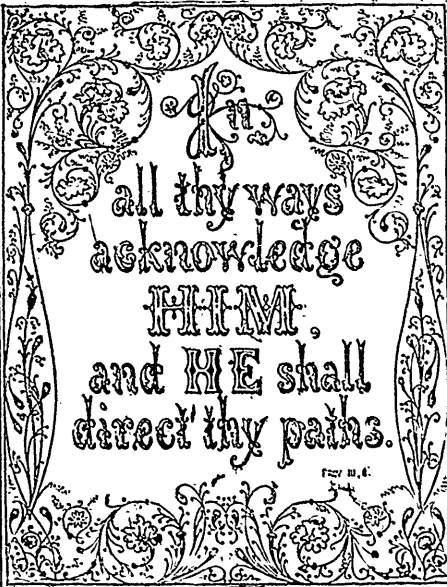
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TO EVERY READER

WE WISH

A TRULY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THE BULLETIN.

WITH this issue of the BULLETIN the General Secretary closes his editorial labors. For nearly five years he has been permitted through its columns to report progress in the work entrusted to his care, and also to present in selected and original articles, views regarding Young Men's Christian Associations, as they ought to be if they are to merit the name Christian. But above all he has been privileged through this paper to tell of the Lord Jesus Christ, His love and His power.

This latter work he has ever considered the most important, and now that the time has come to retire from the editorial chair, his greatest pleasure is in looking back and viewing the good which has been accomplished, and the souls that have been led (through articles published in the BULLETIN), to accept of Jesus Christ as a Saviour.

Our friends will please accept thanks for the many kind words given us; for the forbearance manifested towards us, and for the contributions sent from time to time toward the expense of publishing. We shall be pleased to receive funds wherewith to close our account with the Printers. We still require a large amount to meet all claims.

Thou art the same, and thy YEARS shall not fail.

Heb. i. 12.

Proclaim the acceptable YEAR of the Lord.

Isa. lxi. 2.

VALEDICTORY.

AFTER a service of nearly five years in the Toronto Association, and an active Association life of nearly twenty-one years, the General Secretary retires from the work, to enter another field of labor. The sojourn in Toronto has been one of unmixed pleasure. The utmost harmony has prevailed within the Association, and he leaves the work with the kindest and most Christian feelings toward every officer and member, and a heartfelt prayer that God's richest blessing may rest upon them and the work, and that the man who may be called to succeed him may be one upon whom shall rest the Spirit of the Master. In reviewing the past, there is much, very much to call forth gratitude to God. There has been during the whole time of service a marked spiritual interest, and scores of young men have been won for the Master. The staff of workers has been added to each year, and never before were there so many earnest, whole-souled young men engaged with us. These workers are to a man to be depended upon for active duty. They do not belong to that class of young men who have to be nursed and handled carefully lest they take cold, but they are men of strength and bid fair to become stronger, seeing they take healthy food—the Bible, and also take plenty of exercise in going out to seek and save the lost. It is true that we cannot present a tabulated statement regarding the number of additional inches they measure round the arm or chest, through tossing quoits, swinging dumb bells, or climbing horizontal ladders—but we do know that they have "grown in grace," that they are "strong in the Lord," and that they are coming to the stature of the fulness of Christ.

We never felt that God called us to Toronto to amuse the young men

nor to educate them, but to strive by grace of God to save them. With this object in view we have sought the richest fields from which to gather sheaves, and the young men who are the bone and sinew of our land, and those who have done and ever will do the most for it, have been sought out in the boarding houses and factories. Thank God, we have reached many, and the Association Rooms have been to them like the "old homestead," a place to which they delight to turn. We believe that an Association which turns its rooms into a sort of religious club to which but the privileged few may come and spend a spare hour, is failing to do its work and is a disgrace to the name Christian. The Master never turned away from the rich, but, on the other hand, He never put Himself out of the way to please them; and as it was in His day so it is now—the "common people will hear gladly."

We attribute the success which has followed the work during the past five years to the fact that it has been in the line God would have us work, although we know that it has not been the line some officials outside of our Association would like to see taken if they had the control. But we have never aimed "to please man," and would rather have the smile of God upon the work, than the riches of man poured into the treasury for our benefit.

The work however with all our failures, (for they have been many) all our mistakes, and all our blessings is now a thing of the past, and we hand it over to the Brethren with whom we have so often had sweet council, with the assurance that whatever changes may be made in its conduct, will be made with a view to securing greater efficiency, and more glory to God.

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

If any man be in Christ, he is a NEW creature.

2 Cor. v. 17.

The YEARS of the wicked shall be shortened.
Proverbs x. 27.

STOP THE CLOCK.

IN one of the eastern counties of England there lived a man of sceptical opinions and ungodly life. He was a clever workman, a man of considerable natural ability and general information, but he was blind to Divine things. Religion was in his view a mere delusion, imposing upon the weak and ignorant credulity of women and children; a mere superstition, which it was the interest of priests to maintain, but which all sensible men were bound to oppose.

At length he is laid on a sick bed, which proved to be his bed of death. Anxious to know how long he had to live, he asked the medical man, who told him that he

could not hold out very long. He then insisted on a more definite reply, upon which the doctor, pointing to a clock which stood in the room, said, "I do not think there is any probability of your being alive when that clock strikes twelve." The man has then but a few hours at most to live; he lies there watching the clock, conscious that his life is ebbing away, but giving no sign of altered feeling. The time mentioned by the doctor had now very nearly

arrived, when the man suddenly starts up in convulsive, expiring energy, and crying out, "Stop the clock! stop the clock!" falls back a corpse. The clock stopped not in answer to his vain appeal, and if it had, he would have been nothing profited; for the last moment of life had come, and he is summoned from time to eternity, from a world where hope lingers to the last, to a world where hope never enters.

Reader, what will be your feelings when you know that the narrow remnant of your life is being measured out by minutes and seconds rather than by weeks and months and years.

Remember the good news is sounding in your ears. The Gospel of the grace of God is still preached to you. The Lord Jesus Christ is



Hasten, sinner to be wise!
Stay not for the morrow's sun;
Wisdom, if you still despise,
Harder is it to be won.

Hasten mercy to implore!
Stay not for the morrow's sun,
Lest thy season should be o'er,
Ere this ev'ning's stage be run.

Hasten, sinner, to return!
Stay not for the morrow's sun.
Lest thy lamp should fail to burn
Ere salvation's work is done.

Hasten, sinner, to be blest!
Stay not for the morrow's sun,
Lest perdition thee arrest
Ere the morrow is begun.

NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME ;
To-day is the day of Salvation.

"able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him" The word is always, the word is everywhere the same, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." "The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For

Lord, let it alone this YEAR also.
Luke xiii. 8.

with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

IT IS FORBIDDEN.

"I CANNOT go there, I am plainly forbidden," said a youth, who was urged by his so-called friends, at the close of a day's work, to join a company of gamblers and smokers. "Come, come, don't be a coward," said his companions, "you know it is manly."

"I cannot disobey my orders," said John

"What orders have you received? We should just like to see them. Show them if you can," said one of the tempters.

John at once drew out of his pocket a small memorandum-book, in which was a piece of paper carefully folded. One of his companions took it and read these words: "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away."

There was an interval of impressive silence. "Now," said John, with an air of courage which the possession of truth and knowledge of right can give even a lad, "Now, you see why I cannot go with you. I have received of God these positive orders, and the Lord will give me strength to be faithful to Him and to keep His commandments."

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by MR. H. B. GORDON,

Chairman of Devotional Committee.

ALL INVITED.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28.

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, DECEMBER 29.

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Am I keeping His words? John xiv. 21-21. R. Merryfield.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

12 to 12.45 noon.—How shall we measure our debt to Christ? Luke vii. 36-50. Rev. J. Salmon.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1.

New Year's Day.

9 a.m.—WORKERS meet for prayer before visiting the Boarding Houses of the city with "Our New Year's Packet" for Young Men.

3 p.m.—CONSECRATION MEETING. H. B. Gordon, Chairman of Devotional Committee.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2.

12 to 12.45 noon.—For what am I labouring? John vi. 22-29. W. Marks.

7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Something better than riches. Luke xii. 15-21; Matt. vi. 25-33. Assist. Secretary.

7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.

8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. S. H. Blake.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.

" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service R. Kilgour. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

Railway Men's Meeting.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4.

3 p.m.—Union Station. Jos. Greene and P. A. Hertz.