

# SHAFTESBURY HALL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN.

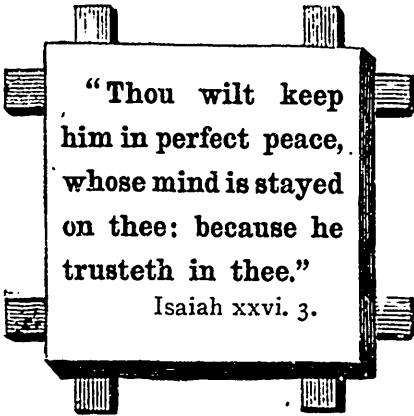
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### A NEW FEATURE.

**T**HE Temperance Coffee House Association has met with so much encouragement in its efforts to meet a long-felt want in our city, that it has decided to enlarge the business, and has therefore leased from us the store formerly occupied by the Willard Tract Depository; also the whole of the space formerly used by us as a Gymnasium. These will be fitted up in the most desirable manner as a Dining Hall and Coffee Room. We believe this will prove a great success, and we anticipate increased attendance at our Rooms and at some of our meetings through its instrumentality. No doubt it will tend to make our Noonday Prayer Meeting more successful in point of numbers: as our friends who take lunch down town, can (by patronizing this new Hall,) arrange so as to spend a few moments at the meeting.

### THE VALUE OF MOMENTS.

**G**OD never gives us two moments together. He gives us only the second when He takes away the first; and keeps the third absolutely in His own hands, leaving us in uncertainty whether He will give it to us or not. Therefore He says: "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." "Return ye *now* every man from his evil way." "Now then," said Paul, "we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." Oh, do not reply to God as Felix did! "Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee." That "convenient season" may never come.

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### YOUNG MEN'S

## BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

ALL INVITED.

### TWO WONDERFUL THINGS.

God **BESEECHING** sinners to be reconciled.

Man positively **REFUSING** to be saved.

## OUR WORK.



**YOUNG** Men's Christian Association is in intention, and no less in fact, doing the work, so to speak, of a recruiting officer for the churches, attracting young men from every quarter, upon whom otherwise they could not hope to obtain a hold. It is the link which spans over and bridges the gap in a young man's life, when home is left behind with the church of his boyhood. This break of continuity is the most critical time, and with the forces of evil in full activity, might become a permanent breach were it not for the Association. It holds out to the young man a hand, and gives him a hearty welcome to spend his first evening with them. It has been well remarked that much, humanly speaking, depends upon where that first evening is spent. An impetus to the life may then be given, in accordance with which the man becomes, under God, "a pillar in His house," or a waster of God's gifts and a destroyer of himself and others.—[Word and Work.

A great many young men think that unless they are members of the Association they are not welcome at the rooms. We wish to say to all such that, while we greatly desire that you become members, you are cordially invited to visit the reading room as often as convenient, and will receive a hearty welcome at all of our meetings.

## YOUNG MAN !

BEAR IN MIND

THAT **YOU** ARE

**INVITED**

TO COME TO THE ROOMS OF THIS ASSOCIATION,

Whenever you like, and that you will be cordially welcomed, whether you are a member or not.

## HARK. HARK. HARK !

'Tis a message of mercy free ;  
O sinner! thy crimson sins are dark,  
But Jesus hath died for thee.

**HEAR** the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at His word. Isa. xlv. 5.

## LOOK. LOOK. LOOK !

Oh, look to the blood-stained tree!  
Thy sins are entered in God's own book,  
But Jesus hath died for thee.

**LOOK** unto **ME**, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth : for I am God, and there is none else.—Isa. xlv. 22.

## COME. COME. COME !

'Twas Jesus who rescued me ;  
He healeth the leper, the lame, the dumb—

O sinner! He died for thee.

**COME** ye to the waters, . . . come ye, buy, and eat ; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.—Isa. lv. 1.

## HASTE. HASTE. HASTE !

Delay not from death to flee ;  
Oh, wherefore the moments in madness waste

When Jesus is calling thee?

**ESCAPE** for thy life; look not behind thee . . . escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. Gen. xix. 17.

## NOW. NOW. NOW !

To-morrow too late may be ;  
O sinner! with tears of contrition bow,  
Confessing "He died for me."

Behold, **NOW** is the accepted time ;  
behold, **NOW** is the day of salvation.  
—2 Cor. vi. 2.



**W**HAT we need is less reliance upon new or sensational measures to awaken young men to religious subjects, and a deeper personal consecration among ourselves. Young men will be reached quicker, and approached easier, by our living, as we profess; by being more consistent in what we do; by being holy christian men. We need to make our Association rooms the centres for warm, loving, consecrated work, from which shall go forth constantly earnest and effective influences. Let us as active workers and leaders seek for a deeper personal consecration ourselves.—[Watchman.

# Remember

THE

## EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

Every Sunday Afternoon,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

All are invited.

ALL ARE FAST COMING  
NEARER TO

- I. Their last day of business.
- II. Their last sinful amusement.
- III. Their last moment in this world.

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. iv. 6.

Careful for (over-anxious about) nothing.

Prayerful for everything.  
Thankful for anything.

### WHO IS RIGHT?

God says, **TO-DAY.**  
The Devil says, **TO-MORROW.**  
The Fool says, **BY-AND-BY.**

### HALF-WAY TO CHRIST.



**H**ALF-WAY to Christ is a dreadful place. There is no neutral ground in Christ's territory. You must either be for or against Him.

Half-way home is to be still excluded from light, love, and happiness.

"Almost saved" is—still left to perish! If you are already half-way to Christ, what is to hinder your progress? If you believe with the understanding, why should you not believe with the heart also?

Why will you halt on the threshold when the door stands invitingly open, and you may enter if you choose?

Are you satisfied with being half-way to Christ? Living and dying in that condition you are lost eternally.

Come nearer. No need to stand afar off. Half-way to Christ is a dreadful place! But *in* Christ is salvation. And He says, Come!

### "OUR FATHER." (Matt. vi. 6.)

IS

The Father of glory . . . Eph. i. 17  
The Father of mercies\* . . . 2 Cor. i. 3.  
The Father of spirits . . . Heb. xii. 9.  
The Father of lights\* . . . James i. 17.

\* Because He has a remedy for all the miseries and darkness of our nature.

### WHAT IS FAITH?



**A** POOR Irish boy, taught in a mission school in Ireland, was asked what was meant by saving faith. He replied, "Grasping Christ with the heart." Could there be a better answer?

**THUS SAITH THE LORD,** "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." (Rom. x. 9.)

"HIM THAT COMETH TO ME I  
WILL IN NO WISE CAST OUT."

—JOHN vi. 37.

But I am a great sinner, you say—  
**I will in NO WISE CAST OUT,**  
says Christ.

But I am an old sinner, you say—  
**I will in NO WISE CAST OUT,**  
says Christ.

But I am a hardened sinner, you say—  
**I will in NO WISE CAST OUT,**  
says Christ.

But I am a vile sinner, you say—  
**I will in NO WISE CAST OUT,**  
says Christ.

But I have served Satan all my days,  
you say—  
**I will in NO WISE CAST OUT,**  
says Christ.

But I have sinned against light, you  
say—  
**I will in NO WISE CAST OUT,**  
says Christ.

But I have sinned against mercy, you  
say—  
**I will in NO WISE CAST OUT,**  
says Christ.

But I have no good thing to bring, you  
say—  
**I will in NO WISE CAST OUT,**  
says Christ.

**GOSPEL AND SONG  
SERVICE,**

*Every Sunday Evening,*  
AT 8.30.

**GOOD SINGING.  
SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.**

**COME!**

**REMEMBER**

—THE—

**Young Men's Meeting,**

HELD

**EVERY SATURDAY EVENING,**

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

**COME!**

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**Bulletin for Week Commencing Aug. 14, 1882.**

MONDAY.....	Aug. 14....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Assistant Secretary.
				8.00 P.M. WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by W. N. McFarlane.
TUESDAY.....	" 15....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. God tolerates no rivals. Deut. iv. 14-20; Matt. vi. 24. Rev. J. Mathewson.
WEDNESDAY	" 16....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Christ's interpre- tation of the Third Commandment. Ex. xx. 7; Matt. v. 33 37. J. Nobbs.
THURSDAY...	" 17....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. A lively hope. 1 Pet. i. 3-5; Heb. vi. 19, 20. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY .....	" 18....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Sin's wages and God's gift. Rom. vi. 12-23. R. Merry- field.
				8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING.
SATURDAY ..	" 19....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rejecters of Christ. Mark xii. 1-12. F. Aston.
				8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. J. Adams.
SUNDAY.....	" 20 ...	3.00	P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS.
				8.30 P.M. GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. J. J. Gart- shore.

*Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.*

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**RAILROAD MEETING.**

SUNDAY, Aug. 20, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meeting at Union Station.