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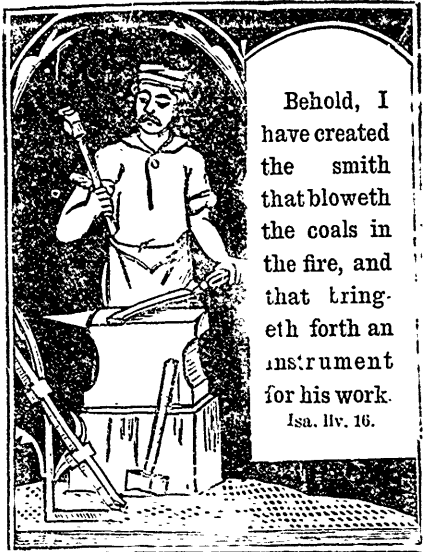
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Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work.

Isa. li. 16.

BULLETIN FUND.

Cash, (omitted last week).... 25
"England"..... 2 00

LIBRARY.

WE are indebted to a lady friend for an addition of three volumes, also to the estate of the late Hon. W. E. Dodge, New York, per R. C. Morse, Esq., one volume. We have still room for more volumes, and if any friend feels led to contribute, we shall gratefully receive and promptly acknowledge.

PERSONAL.

MR. Charles Edwards, who for several years so successfully conducted our boys' work, has returned to Toronto. We gladly welcome his return and hope that he may see his way clear, again to enter our ranks as a worker.

OUR BOYS.

THEN the work among the boys, there is marked progress. Our Monthly Lectures are well attended, and we trust that good has resulted. We long for the time when greater facilities will be afforded for carrying on this important branch of our work.

BIBLE CLASSES.

ATTENDANCE at our Bible Classes is on the increase. We are grateful for these evidences of growing interest in the "Word of God."

CHINESE CLASS.

OUR Friends who conduct this class are encouraged by the interest manifested by the Chinamen. The attendance still continues good, and progress is being made by the scholars.

MUSICAL.

MR. Manton will gladly welcome *Christian* young men in the choir on Saturday evening. We say *Christian*, for we believe in consecrated voices to sing the praise of God, and to lead us in that exercise.

"The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from ALL sin"

1 John i. 7

"And without shedding of blood is no remission."
Heb. ix. 22.

OF THE WONDERFUL BEING
OF GOD.

THOU, O Lord, fillest heaven and earth, upholdest all things without burden; filling all without confinement; ever acting, ever at rest. Gathering, though Thou needest not; seeking, though Thou hast all things. Loving, and yet Thou art calm; jealous, and Thou art secure. Thou repentest, yet Thou grieveest not; Thou art angry, yet fury is not in Thee. Works Thou changest, but not design. Thou recoverest what Thou hast not lost; never in need, thou rejoicest in gain.

2. Who has anything which is not Thine? Thou payest debts, owing to no one; Thou remittest debts and losest nothing. Who art everywhere, and everywhere art wholly present. Who canst be felt, and canst not be seen. Who art nowhere absent, yet art far from the thoughts of the wicked. Yet thou art not absent even when far off; for thou art present in judgment if not in mercy. Who art everywhere present, yet scarcely to be found. Whilst Thou standest we follow after Thee, and cannot overtake Thee. Who holdest all things, fillest all things, embracest all things, transcendest all things, upholdest all things.

3. Who teachest the hearts of the faithful without the din of words. Who changest not in times and seasons, nor art now to be found, and now afar off; who dwellest in light inaccessible, which no man hath seen, nor can see. Remaining in Thyself and at rest, Thou encompassed all things. For being truly One, Thou canst not be divided, but with Thy whole Being fillest all things, holdest all things; the whole is Thine, and Thou glorifiest it.—*Saint Augustin*, translated by *Marcus Dods, D.D.*

ETERNITY

A MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS

IS HELD

EVERY MONDAY EVENING FROM 7.30 TILL 9.
In Parlor C. (up stairs) Shaftesbury Hall.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

- How do I know that I am a sinner?
By a *dead* Christ.
- How do I know that I am saved?
By a *risen* Christ.
- How do I know that I shall persevere?
By an *ascended* Christ.
- How do I know that I shall be glorified?
By a *coming* Christ.
- (Watchword.)

It is quite common to call preaching dull. It is sometimes dull enough. But, if the whole were known, it would be found that most of the dullness is in the people who so complain. It is because they have no interest in the truths preached, or for religion, except as a matter of form or entertainment. All right kinds of preaching will be dull to them.—*United Presbyterian.*

THERE are several ways in which we may preach the truth as it is in Jesus. We can preach it theoretically with our lips; experimentally, in heart transformations and heart-burnings of love; practically, in our lives; and instrumentally by our means. "As ye go, preach."

**YOUNG MEN'S
BIBLE CLASS**

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

ALL INVITED.

"Having made peace through the blood of His cross."
Colossians i. 20.

"It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

Leviticus xvii. 11.

"MIND YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS."



It is the duty of the police in the large towns of England to see that all is securely fastened in the evening, on the beat for which they are responsible. Sometimes a careless servant or householder leaves a window open or a door unlocked. Then at midnight, or after, a ring is heard at the front door; and when you enquire what is wanted, a policeman informs you of the neglect he has discovered. The next day an official letter comes from the chief constable, stating that at such an hour on the previous night a door or window was left open, and requiring you in future to "Mind your doors and windows."

In the plain literal sense it is well that all persons in charge of a dwelling house or other premises, shall "Mind their doors and windows."

But look at this in another light. The soul has its inlets as well as the house, and it is of vast importance to keep them carefully guarded.

The heart has its avenues of access, and if evil intruders make their way in, some mischief will be sure to follow. Sin may creep in by the window of the eye, or by "ear gate," and rob you of all true peace. A wicked thought or desire may enter, if it be permitted, and turn your feet into a path of misery and destruction. A foolish idea may come in very secretly, as it were by the back door; it may take possession of the inner man, and what may be the end none can tell.

Think of Eve. She stood near the forbidden tree. She looked at the tempting fruit. She hearkened to the guileful question of the Old Serpent. Thus she fell. In this way she brought sorrow and death to herself and all her posterity.

Think of Achan. He looked at the wedge of gold and the Babylonish garment. He thought of the gain they would be to him. So he coveted and took them. We know what followed. He died for his sin.

Think of David. His eye wandered. Sin crept in. He was caught in the snare of adultery. Then followed the cruel murder of Uriah. By and by came a just retribution. He had no rest or peace in his soul. Then after a while his sin was confessed and forgiven, but years of sorrow followed.

If you fail to watch and pray, in some shape, the same peril may be yours. You know not what temptation may come upon you, or whither it may lead you. A single unguarded hour may embitter your whole future course. You may be involved in some mesh of evil, from which you may find it well nigh impossible to escape. You may form an acquaintance which may do you much harm. You may commit a sin that may be the first link in a chain that may involve you for life.

Hence with all earnestness I would urge the counsel given at the heading of this tract. "Mind your doors and windows." Keep thy heart with all diligence. Set a watch over your thoughts. Listen to no conversation that is tainted by evil. Read nothing that will pollute the mind.

Never parley for a moment with any suggestion that would turn your feet out of the highway of holiness.

And whilst you watch, let there be humble, trustful prayer. Commit yourself wholly to Him who can cleanse you from all past failures in His precious blood, and who alone can keep you from falling in days to come. He will forgive, He will help you by His good Spirit, He will save to the uttermost if you trust in Him.

Therefore walk circumspectly, pray constantly, and trust in the all-prevailing name of Jesus.—*Selected.*

"HE was wounded for OUR transgressions, HE was bruised for OUR iniquities."—Isa. liii. 5.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,
A.T 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!

Bulletin for Week Commencing May 21, 1883.

MONDAY.....	May 21....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. The Secretary.
				7.30 P.M. MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C."
				8 00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 22 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. Marks.
WEDNESDAY..	" 23 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. R. Merryfield.
THURSDAY...	" 24 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. H. Melville.
FRIDAY ...	" 25 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. S. R. Briggs. 8.00 P.M. BOYS' LECTURE, by Rev. Dyson Hague. Subject: "Success, and how to get it."
SATURDAY..	" 26....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Assis't.-Sec. 4.50 P.M. TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake. 8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. G. T. Fergusson
SUNDAY	" 27...	3.00	P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs " " DEAF MUTE CLASS. " " CHINESE CLASS. 8.30 P.M. GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, May 27, 3.00 P.M.

GOSPEL MEETING at Union Station. W. Gooderham and Wm. Blight.
" " Parkdale Branch (1020 Queen W.) Praise and Song Service
Young Men's Meeting every Saturday at 8 p.m., and Bible Class every Tuesday
at 8 p.m., in the Parkdale Branch Rooms.
Noon Meeting every Wednesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in Toronto, Grey and Bruce
Workshops.

COTTAGE MEETINGS at 8 p.m. every Thursday, at 87 Esther Street.
" " " " Friday, at 46 Bathurst Street.