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For the Lord God IS a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good THING will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

Psalms lxxxiv. 11-12.

BULLETIN FUND.

The following amounts have been received since our last acknowledgment:

Jas. S.....	\$1.00
Jas. W.....	75
J. O. B.....	1.00

RESULTS.

THE faithful work carried on by our Boarding House Committee is bearing fruit. Never before have we received so many visits from young men, and we trust by God's help to be used in leading many of them to Christ.

THE STRANGER.

GOD'S commands to Israel were very definite, and none more so than those which pertained to the course to be adopted towards strangers. And our Master when on the earth, on one occasion, drew aside as it were the veil, and gave a glimpse of future reward and punish-

ment, and while so doing, taught us that among the actions of life which go towards making up the coming words of commendation or condemnation is that of caring for the stranger.

As belonging to the spiritual Israel, and as followers of the Divine Master, we desire to be obedient to all His commands. We are now endeavoring (as wisdom is imparted and workers available) to reach every young man in Toronto, and until we have exhausted the means at our disposal, we shall not feel that as individuals, or as an association that we have done our duty. We are not trying to reach them simply with a view of securing them as members. We seek not *theirs* but *them*. If any feel led to join our ranks we shall be pleased. If any are led to join "His" ranks we shall be the more pleased and grateful. We want Shaftesbury Hall to be the home of young men *away from home*, and we trust the day is not far distant when we shall be placed in a position to make our Parlors, Lecture and Reading Room, etc., even more home-like and comfortable than they are now. We shall be pleased to receive suggestions from any friend as to how we may reach young men and win them for Christ.

LECTURES.

MEMBERS will be pleased to learn that the Lecture Committee are making arrangements for the Members' Course of Lectures, etc. The chairman desires to say that though there has been some delay in the arrangements, the course will be none the less attractive and profitable. Their desire is to secure that which will have the instructive element more conspicuous than that of mere amusement.

CLASSES.



QUR classes will (D. V.) open during the present week. Thus far the entries have not been so numerous as might be expected. Those who purpose joining will please hand in their names at once to the Assistant Secretary.

NOW.



NOW ! A short word ; a shorter thing soon uttered ; sooner gone.

Oh, listen to the voice of warning *now!* "Awake, thou that sleepest!" Awake *now!* "Seek the Lord while He may be found!" Seek Him *now!* "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved!" Believe *now!* "Strive to enter in at the straight gate" *now!* Offer the prayer, "God be merciful to me a sinner" *now!* Too much time has been wasted already. Lose no more. This may be your only opportunity! Seize it *now!*

Now! for time is short, and death is near, and judgment threatens! *Now!* for in eternity it will be too late, and the next step may land you there!

The purpose may not last till to-morrow; fulfil it *now!*

Fresh difficulties will flood the channel to-morrow—wade it *now!*

The chain of evil habit will bind you more tightly to-morrow; snap it *now!*

Living to God is a work of every day; begin it *now!*

Sin exposes to present miseries; escape them *now!*

Holiness confers present joys; seize them *now!*

Your Creator commands; obey Him *now!*

A God of love entreats; be reconciled *now!*

The Father from His throne invites; return *now!*

The Saviour from His cross beseeches; trust Him *now!*

"Behold, *now* is the accepted time; behold, *now* is the day of salvation!"



A FOOL AND HIS CHOPPER.



MANY a man may see his portrait here! The spendthrift hacks away his estate and falls into destitution and disgrace. The drunkard cuts at his health and strength, his family comfort and household peace, and when he has finished his mad work, he drops into ruin, through his own folly. The man of low, debauched habits is chopping, with fearful effect, at his own body and soul, and will, ere long, rue the lusts which hurl him into disease, agony, and death. There are other fools beside the man in the wood-cut, who are lopping off the branch which holds them up. It is base ingratitude when men are malicious and cruel to those who are their best friends. Wives and parents often have to feel sharp cuts from those whom they lovingly support and are anxious to preserve from ruin. Shame that it should be so!

Self-righteous reader, you are ready to join with us in any censure we may pass upon the madness of the sins we have just hinted at: but permit us to ask you, whether you yourself are not photographed in our picture? You are resting upon the bough of good works, and yet, every day, your faults, imperfections, and sins are rendering it less and less able to bear your weight. It never was a firm support, and if you know yourself, and are candid enough to confess your shortcomings, you will at once perceive that it has become, in the judgment of conscience, a very frail dependence, quite unworthy of your confidence. Had

you never sinned, and consequently never made one gash in the bough, we might tolerate your trusting to it; but since you have cut at it again and again, and it is ready even now to snap beneath you, we pray you leave it for a surer resting place. All reliance on self in any form or shape is gross folly. Feelings, works, prayers, almsgivings, religious observances, are all too feeble to support a sinful soul. "Other foundation can no man lay than is laid—Jesus Christ the righteous." "Whosoever believeth in Him is not condemned." "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing that He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Trust Jesus, and He will never fail you.—*Spurgeon*.

Decision is at the turn of the Y, and from that point evil and good grow ever farther apart. There is no middle track.

OUTLINES FOR BIBLE STUDY No. 5.

THE "GOSPEL" ACCORDING TO PAUL.

BY ALF. SANDHAM.

I.

- It is the "Gospel of God."—Rom. i. 1.
- It is the "Gospel of the blessed God."—1 Tim. i. 11.
- It is the "Gospel of His Son."—Rom. i. 9.
- It is the "Glorious Gospel."—2 Cor. iv. 4.
- It is the "Gospel of Salvation."—Eph. i. 13.
- It is the "Gospel of Peace."—Eph. vi. 15.
- It brings life and immortality to light.—2 Tim. i. 10.
- To the blessed hope of immortality men are "begotten through the Gospel."—1 Cor. iv. 15.

II.

- Paul was "Separated unto the Gospel."—Rom. i. 1.
- Paul was "Put in trust with the Gospel."—1 Thess. ii. 4.
- Paul was "Not ashamed of the Gospel."—Rom. i. 16.

- Paul was "Ready to preach the Gospel."—Rom. i. 15.
- Paul was "Bold to preach the Gospel."—1 Thess. ii. 2.
- Paul had "Fully preached the Gospel."—Rom. xv. 19.
- Paul had "Freely preached the Gospel."—2 Cor. xi. 7.
- At the same time, he felt that no credit was due to him for so doing; and he writes: "Though I PREACH THE GOSPEL, I have nothing to glory of; ... yea, woe is me if I preach not the Gospel."—1 Cor. ix. 16.

III.

- We should be "subject unto the Gospel."—2 Cor. ix. 13.
- We "should be shod with the preparation of the Gospel."—Eph. vi. 15.
- Our "conversation should be as becometh the Gospel."—Phil. i. 27.
- We "should not be moved away from the hope of the Gospel."—Col. i. 23.
- We should "have fellowship in the Gospel."—Phil. i. 5.
- We "should share in the afflictions of the Gospel."—2 Tim. i. 8.
- Those afflictions at times help to "further the Gospel."—Phil. i. 2.

IV.

- The Gospel may be preached in weakness.—Gal. iv. 13.
- The preaching of the Gospel may be considered as foolishness.—1 Cor. i. 18.
- But it is God's plan for the salvation of man.—1 Cor. i. 21-29.
- It must be preached, if men are to be saved; and the work of the preacher is a glorious work.—Rom. x. 13-15.
- We must ever bear in mind that there is but one true Gospel.—Gal. i. 8, 9.

V.

- Men may "hinder the Gospel."—1 Cor. ix. 12.
- Some men are "enemies to the Gospel."—Rom. xi. 28.
- Some men "pervert the Gospel."—Gal. i. 7.
- The Gospel is hidden from some.—2 Cor. iv. 3.
- Some do not obey the Gospel.—Rom. x. 16.
- Such disobedience will be punished.—2 Thess. i. 8.
- For men will be judged by the Gospel.—Rom. ii. 16.

REMEMBER

—THE—

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AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.

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Bulletin for Week Commencing Dec. 4, 1882.

MONDAY.....	Dec. 4....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Secretary.
			8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	"	5....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. Marks.
WEDNESDAY.	"	6... 12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Geo. T. Fergusson.
THURSDAY...	"	7....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY	"	8....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Assistant Sec'y.
			8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SATURDAY ..	"	9....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. E. Burford.
			8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. W. N. Mac- farlane.
SUNDAY.....	"	10... 3.00	P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
			8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETING.

SUNDAY, Dec. 10, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meeting at Union Station, and Credit Valley Station, Parkdale.