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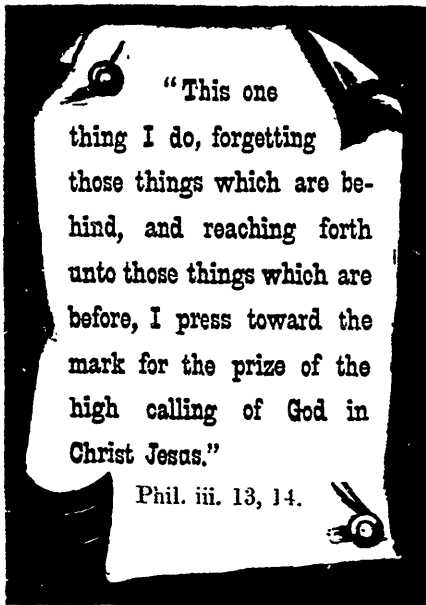
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"This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Phil. iii. 13, 14.

ANOTHER YEAR.

AMONG the designs in New Year cards issued last season by an English publishing house, was one which to our mind was most appropriate and expressive. On one side of the card was represented a female figure, standing by the side of a stone tablet on which was carved the events of the past year. In her hand she held a chisel, and at her feet lay the mallet, signifying that her work as Recorder for 1880 was complete. On the other side of the card was a similar tablet without inscription, but the female figure was engaged, with mallet and chisel in hand, carving the date 1881. The last numeral

was completed, and there was about the figure that which led the looker-on to imagine that she was about to turn and ask, "What is to be the first deed which I must inscribe?" The lessons of that card have been forcibly impressed upon our mind during the past week. Another year's record of work has closed. The tablet for 1880-81 is complete. How much of it is such as shall stand the test of that great day when every man's work shall be tried? The year with its anxieties, its labors, its blessing, its discouragements, its failures has passed. We can alter nothing, we can erase none of the inscriptions. But there is before us an ungraven tablet. Shall it record work performed more in accord with the Divine will, a deeper consecration to the service of Him "who died for us that we which live should not henceforth live unto ourselves," a higher—nobler—truer conception of the magnitude and importance of the work entrusted to us? God grant that it may be so, and that large numbers of the young men of Toronto may be won for the Lord Jesus. If this be not the result, all else will be but comparative failure.

The year now passed has been unmarked by any of those special features which at times furnish material for glowing reports; yet while conscious of much failure, we are constrained to acknowledge that in our Christian work, the good hand of our God has been with us. There is noticeable among our young men a deeper interest in the work, a longing to go out and gather in the young strangers, and a desire to know more of the mind of God as revealed in the Scriptures. These gratifying tokens of the work of the Holy Spirit among our

active helpers, combined with a marked increase in attendance and interest in connection with our meetings; and also the large number of young men coming to our rooms, awaken within us deep gratitude, cheering our hearts, and strengthening our hands in the prosecution of a work which would otherwise be very trying.

During the year some have been led to trust in a crucified, risen and coming Saviour, and are rejoicing in that freedom which He alone can give. Many—very many—have been cheered and encouraged in the struggle against trouble and discouragements; Strangers have been welcomed—Sick have been visited—Hungry have been fed—Dying have been pointed to Him who was dead, but “is alive and liveth for evermore.” The hearts of parents in other lands have been cheered at the thought that their loved one was being cared for. Parents have been placed once again in communication with sons who had wandered away, and almost forgotten their duty to those parents. Wandering ones have been restored to home and friends, and many deserving ones have been placed in situations. We are thankful to Him who has condescended to use us. May he use us more abundantly during the year just entered upon.

Personally we care little for presenting anything which might savor of that feeling, which an old Christian friend of ours used to call “Glory be to us;” in other words, reports which look like self or association laudation. It is Christ we would seek to glorify, and with the Psalmist say, “Not unto us, O God, not unto us but unto thy name give glory.” Yet we recognize a duty we owe to our many friends and supporters, “whose hearts the Lord has opened,” to help us financially. We therefore give the following summary which we believe to be as accurate as such a report could be made:

- 310 Noon Meetings for prayer, aggregate attendance 4,650.
- 52 Sunday Afternoon Bible Classes, 3,640.
- 35 Saturday Afternoon Bible Classes (for Teachers), 5,500
- 20 Workers Bible Classes, 350.

- 50 Sunday evening Gospel and Song Services, 12,000.
- 52 Saturday evening Young Men's Meetings, 2,600.
- 50 Boys Prayer Meetings, 1,500.
- 34 Sermons to Young Men (in City Churches.)
- 8 Meetings in connection with Y. M. C. A. week of prayer, 900.
- 12 Lectures and Social evenings (Members course), 6,000.
- 6 Evangelistic Services in Hall, 1,500.
- 5 Worker's Meetings for conference &c., 200.
- 8 Noon Prayer Meetings held on Exhibition Grounds, 600.
- 1 Sunday afternoon service on Exhibition Grounds, 50.
- 10 Meetings in Volunteer Camp. These meetings were much blessed, and souls were saved.
- Bibles and Gospels distributed, 50.
- Tracts Leaflets, &c., 300,000 pages.
- Books and Pictorial Papers—in Fire halls and Police Stations, 5,000.
- Situations obtained, 155.
- New Members added, 210.
- Books issued from Library, 1,746.
- New Books added, 229.
- Young Men directed to Boarding houses, 200
- Young Men aided, 86.
- Bulletins issued, 100,000.

Dear Brethren.—The field is extensive, the Harvest is great, let us pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send more laborers into HIS harvest.

IMPORTANT TO MEMBERS.

REV. Dr. John Lord, the celebrated Historian and Historical Lecturer, has decided to deliver in Toronto a course of 12 of his most interesting Lectures on Historical Characters. His name is as “household words” in the United States, and during his 40 years experience as a Lecturer, he has ever been well received, and his Lectures largely attended. We give a list of his Lectures and dates, and are pleased to state that arrangements have been made whereby our members will be entitled to

admission to the course, free of charge. We trust that every Young Man connected with us, will avail himself of this rare opportunity of becoming acquainted, more familiarly with events in the history of the important historic personages whose names appear in the following list:—

1. Hildebrand, The Papal Power, Monday Oct. 24, 8 p.m.
2. Dante, Rise of Modern Poetry, Wednesday Oct. 26, 3.30 p.m.
3. Savanorola, Unsuccessful Reformers, Monday Oct. 31, 8 p.m.
4. Queen Elizabeth, Woman as a Sovereign, Wednesday Nov. 2, 3.30 p.m.
5. Michael Angelo, Revival of Art, Thursday Nov. 3, 8 p.m.

6. Martin Luther, The Reformation, Monday Nov. 7, 8 p.m.
7. Mad. de Maintenon, Woman in Society, Wednesday Nov. 9, 3.30 p.m.
8. Cardinal Richelieu, Absolutism, Friday Nov. 11, 8 p.m.
9. Galileo, Astronomical Discoveries, Monday Nov. 14, 8 p.m.
10. Madame de Stael, Literary Women, Wednesday Nov. 16, 3.30 p.m.
11. Oliver Cromwell, The Puritans, Thursday Nov. 17, 8 p.m.
12. Napoleon Bonaparte, Imperialism, Friday Nov. 18, 8 p.m.

The General Prices of Admission to the Public, will be, Course Reserved \$4, Unreserved \$2.50, single tickets 50 and 25 cents. The lectures will be delivered in Shaftesbury Hall.

Bulletin for Week Commencing October 17, 1881.

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| MONDAY | Oct. 17 | 12.00 M. | THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING R. Merryfield. |
| | | 8.00 P.M. | WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER. |
| TUESDAY..... | " 18 | 12.00 M. | NOONDAY PRAYER. The curse of Neglected duty. Est. iv. 13-14; James iv. 17, W. E. Burford. |
| | | 4.00 P.M. | MEETING FOR CONSECRATION & PRAYER. |
| WEDNESDAY.. | " 19 | 12.00 M. | NOONDAY PRAYER. Am I free indeed. John viii. 32-36. S. R. Briggs. |
| THURSDAY..... | " 20 | 12.00 M. | NOONDAY PRAYER. Seeing the King in his beauty. Isa. xxxiii. 17; Rev. xxii. 3-5. Alf. Sandham. |
| | | 8.00 P.M. | YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. By the Gen. Secretary. |
| FRIDAY | " 21 | 12.00 M. | NOONDAY PRAYER. Sowing and Reaping of the Ungodly. Hos. viii. 7; Gal. vi. 7, 8. Rev. R. Cade. |
| | | 8.00 P.M. | BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards. |
| SATURDAY..... | " 22 | 12.00 M. | NOONDAY PRAYER. Vowing and Paying. Psalm l. 7-15. W. Marks. |
| | | 4.50 P.M. | TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. |
| | | 8.00 P.M. | YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. J. J. Gartshore. |
| SUNDAY..... | " 23 | 3.00 P.M. | EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs. |
| | | 8.30 P.M. | GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE. S. R. Briggs. |

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Oct. 23, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station, and at Nipissing Station.

NOON PRAYER MEETING—Toronto, Grey and Bruce R. R. Workshops every WEDNESDAY at 12.30.

COTTAGE MEETING, { MONDAY, 8 P.M.—61 Sackville Street.
 THURSDAY, " —30 Mercer Street.
 FRIDAY, " —136 Portland Street.



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