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He that being  
often reprov'd, hardeneth  
HIS neck,  
shall suddenly be  
destroyed, and that  
without remedy.

Prov. xxix. 1.

REV. E. P. HAMMOND.

**E**VERY night during the week past, evangelistic services have been held in Shaftesbury Hall, conducted by Mr. Hammond. This week of service was arranged at a meeting of ministers and laymen held in the parlour of the Association on Friday, 11th inst. When Mr. Hammond came to Toronto (in fact, before he came) the directors unanimously decided that should the work assume a general *union character*, the Hall and every facility we possess should be placed at the disposal of the committee in charge of the work, free of charge. This offer was accepted, and the meetings during the past week have been held under the auspices of that committee. The financial part of the work, so far as receiving subscriptions, &c., was placed in the hands of Mr. S. R. Briggs, so that while the meetings are held in our Hall, the Association has no direct official connection with the work.

The meetings have been largely attended, and on Tuesday evening the Hall was packed, both galleries being also filled to their utmost capacity, and many were turned away. Wednesday evening was specially devoted to men, of whom there were fully 1,000 present. Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake gave a stirring address, and others also took part. There can be no doubt but that souls have been won for the Lord Jesus, and seed has been sown which will bring fruit in after years.

The morning meetings have been fairly attended, and on some occasions have been seasons of blessing.

### CLASSES.

**Q**UR classes have been closed for the season. We desire to publicly express our gratitude to the gentlemen who have rendered such valued services to the cause by acting as teachers, and we make them one promise which they may rest assured we shall keep, *i. e.*, we shall wait upon them to solicit their services for next season's work. There is an old saying, "When you have that which is good, hold to it," and we purpose heeding the advice.

Many of our young men have been much benefitted by the instruction received, and they join with us in this expression of gratitude. The following are the gentlemen who have taken charge of the classes:—Elocution, Mr. R. Lewis; book-keeping, Mr. R. McIntyre; drawing, Mr. H. B. Gordon; phonography, Mr. R. McNab.

### RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

**T**HE members of this committee are as a general rule very faithful in the performance of the duties undertaken by

them. Their attendance at the Rooms is not only beneficial to the work in general, but is a great help to the Secretary, and he fully appreciates their services. But above and beyond all, is the pleasing fact that the brethren avail themselves of opportunities presented to press home upon young visitors the claims of the Lord Jesus. The hour of family worship in the Reading Room has been observed, and some evenings ten or twelve have remained to this service.

### MEMBERS EVENING.

**T**UESDAY evening next (22nd inst) is devoted to a meeting under the auspices of the "Institute of Accountants of Ontario." This meeting will doubtless be one of much profit. Young men interested in the science of book-keeping will learn much, likely to prove beneficial to them. Addresses will be delivered by the President of the Institute and by other members. The chair will be taken by Hon. John McMurrich. All young men are invited.

### BIBLE CLASSES.

**M**UCH spiritual profit is derived by the attendants, upon the Sunday afternoon class. We have reason to believe that several have been "born again" of the incorruptible seed sown there.

The Secretary has taken charge of the Workers' Bible class, which now meets every Thursday evening. The number attending has been gratifying—but the manifest love for the study of the Word has been a still greater cause for gratitude.

### Conversazione and Book Reception.

The sixth Annual Conversazione will be held on Tuesday March 29th. This year the prominent feature connected therewith will be a *Book Reception*. The committee feel convinced that there are many of the members and friends of the Institution who will gladly avail themselves of this opportunity to add to its usefulness by the gift of such volumes as they have read, and feel they can spare for this purpose.

The committee are now using their best efforts to make the Conversazione

both entertaining and instructive. It is expected that each person accepting our invitation will bring one or more volumes suitable to the use of our library. Should it not be convenient to bring the books with you, if you will kindly leave word with the Secretary he will send for them.

While it is understood that members will be admitted to the Conversazione on the presentation of their tickets, it is expected that they will as generally as possible comply with the request here made.

The evening's programme will be as usual first class. An attractive collection of curiosities (many of them never before exhibited in Toronto) is promised us by friends at a distance.

### 'NOT I, BUT CHRIST.'

Gal. ii. 20.

Not my honour, but Christ's glory;  
 Not my peace, but the peace and prosperity of Christ's church;  
 Not my welfare, but the comfort of Christ's people;  
 Not my ease, but the refreshment of Christ's weary ones;  
 Not my enjoyment, but the feeding of Christ's hungry ones;  
 Not my health, but the care of Christ's suffering ones;  
 Not my wealth, but the enriching of Christ's treasury;  
 Not my adornment, but the embellishing of Christ's house  
 Not my beauty, but the beauty of Christ's chosen ones.  
 Thus would I magnify Thee in my life,  
 Thee, Jesus, my Lord, who hast done  
 so much for me.—C. I. S.

"Opportunities are like railway trains, which come to meet only those that wait for them at the proper place. He who sits still all his life waiting for an opportunity to do something great, is like a man who should say he had no chance to travel by rail because the train did not draw up at his front gate. Opportunities await every person. The wise man goes to meet them, watches for them, takes advantage of them; the foolish one sits still and abuses his hard luck because no opportunity comes to him. A person who is always waiting to begin, seldom accomplishes much. The sleeping hare was beaten by the

wakeful tortoise; and perseverance and industry combined will secure a greater and more lasting success than the intermittent efforts of idle and desultory genius."—*Selected.*

**Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.** Luke xii. 15.

Y. M. C. A.

**MEMBERS' EVENING.**

MEETING OF

Accountants & Book-keepers

Under the Auspices of the

**INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS OF ONT.**

**Tuesday Ev'g, March 22.**

HON. JOHN McMURRICH, - - Chairman.

Address by the President of the Institute W. ANDERSON, ESQ., and other members.

All Young Men are invited.

**Bulletin for Week Commencing March 21, 1881.**

MONDAY.....	Mar. 21...	12.00 M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Psalm cxlvii. Rev. Wm. Briggs, M.A.
	"	8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY....	" 22...	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Worship of God not confined to place. John iv. 21-24. Rev. E. M. C. Botterill.
WEDNESDAY..	" 23 ...	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The end of one who lived for this world only. Luke xvi. 19-31. Rev. W. S. Rainsford, B.A.
THURSDAY....	" 24 ...	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Persecuted but not forsaken. 1 Kings xix. 1-8; 2 Cor. iv. 8 9. Rev. C. Watson, M.A.
	"	8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. The Secret'ry
FRIDAY . . . .	" 25	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Fear and its antidote. Isa. xxxvii, 14 37. G. T. Ferguson.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY .....	" 26...	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Preaching the Kingdom. Luke ix. 1-6. W. E. Burford.
		4.50 P.M.	TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S.H. Blake
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.
SUNDAY.....	" 27...	9.30 A.M.	WORKER'S MEETING FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY.
		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 MEETINGS.**

SUNDAY, Mar. 27, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station.—Messrs. P. H. BURTON and ALF. SANDHAM.

At Nipissing Station.—Messrs. JAS. GREENE, and A. MUNRO.

COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every THURSDAY 8 P.M.—30 Mercer St. FRIDAY 8 P.M.—31 Taylor St.

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

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