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GOD'S WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO WORKERS.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.—
Fs. cxxvi. 5, 6.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

The monthly meeting of our workers was held on Thursday, 19th inst. It was a gathering of much spiritual profit. The relation by several members, of direct and timely answers to prayer in connection with the work, served greatly to stimulate reliance upon God for direction and success.

The tract committee reported for the past month:—tracts distributed, 3,861; hand bills at Horticultural Gardens, 1,796; invitation slips, 3,000; gospels, 6; visits to vessels, 80; hotels, 54; fire stations, 18; boat houses, 63; water-works, 2; meetings held on vessels, 3; personal conversations, 26; bulletins distributed, 3,500. The chairman stated that some who had in the early part of the season refused to accept the tracts, had latterly asked for, and read them. In one place the worker found a young man engaged in prayer, while his companions were amusing themselves by throwing boots and articles of clothing at him. He nevertheless proceeded in his devotions unmindful of the interruption and persecution. Such examples of faith and perseverance are rarely met with.

It was also reported that an increasing interest is manifest in the several meetings held in the building. Before closing the meeting, an earnest appeal

was made to the workers for more decided consecration to the work, and for united prayer during the month for a rich outpouring of the Spirit of power. Great things remain to be done, and we have a great God from whom to draw all the grace and strength required.

HOME AGAIN.

Our esteemed president has once more reached his family in safety. A telegraphic message informs us that he expects to be in Toronto in time to attend the meeting of the executive, on Monday 30th inst. He will be cordially welcomed by all the brethren, by many of whom he has been oft remembered in prayer. We trust that at an early date he may find opportunity to give us an account of his visit to London, and of the great Sabbath School gathering which he attended as a delegate from the S. S. Association.

It will be learned with regret that Mr. W. J. B. Patterson, the general secretary for the last three years of the Liverpool Young Men's Christian Association has been compelled, in consequence of impaired health, largely induced by overwork and a changeable atmosphere, to resign his position in connection with that association.

Mr. Patterson is well known to many of the brethren in Toronto as an earnest Christian worker. He was for some years before his appointment to the Liverpool Association, a member of the General Committee of the Montreal Association, where he will again be cordially welcomed.

There is one way in which many of our friends can help us. Drop a card to us whenever you know of a young man coming to the city to reside, or introduce him to some of our members.

Gospel and Song Service,

SABBATH EVENING, 8.30.

YOU

ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

DURING the past month we have received quite a number of visitors from other cities, among whom were members from different associations. We are glad to have these strangers and brethren call on us as they come to our city, and shall cheerfully do what we can to add to their happiness during their stay. We will be glad at any time, to give to young men of our city cards of introduction to associations in any city they may have occasion to visit.

FATHER SEWELL AND THE COLLECTION.

He could not help being absent from the meeting, but his heart was there. His feet could have carried him down to the chapel two hours before, only duty forbade. As soon, however, as he had concluded his business, off the old gentleman walked, saying to himself, "I am afraid I shall be too late, but I shall see how they have got on. The Lord grant a blessing on the meeting and the work in hand!"

It was Father Sewell, an Israelite indeed, the very image of Old Honest in Bunyan's Pilgrim. There had been a meeting to raise money for home mission work, and the collection had just been made when the old gentlemen entered, and the deacons had brought all the plates into the table-pew. The pastor no sooner caught sight of his aged friend than he said, "Our friend Mr. Sewell, will, I am sure, close the meeting by offering prayer for God's blessing on the proceedings." Father Sewell stood up, but he did not pray. He did not shut his eyes, but, on the contrary, seemed looking for something. He did not clasp his hands, but put them into his pockets and fumbled there with much perseverance.

"I am afraid," said the pastor, "that my brother did not understand me. Friend Sewell, I did not ask you to give, but to pray."

"Ay, ay," said the straightforward speaker, "but I could not pray till I have given. It would be hypocrisy to

ask a blessing on that which I did not think worth giving to."

There was not a bit of ostentation in the old man; it was his honest heart pouring out true feeling; and, odd as his behaviour seemed, his conduct preached the whole congregation such a sermon as they will not soon forget. Prayer unattended by effort is, before the Lord, as when the churl saith, "Be ye warmed and be ye filled," to a hungry man. It is a mockery, and no more. Clasp in supplication hands that have been free in offering. Let none of us appear before the Lord empty. To be allowed to give to the eternal God is an honour so great that none but brutish worldlings will decline it. If we were liberal in serving the Lord's cause with our substance, we may expect Him to grant the prayers in which we ask Him to establish the works of our hands upon us.—C. H. Spurgeon.

MEETING FOR BOYS

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NEVER DRIFT.

Young man, have a plan and purpose in life—let it be a good one; then make everything bend to it, for it is only this class who rise above the average level of mankind, and, when we speak of the average christian, it is far too low in this our day and generation. Therefore, let the christian young man set his mark high, and toil unrelentingly to reach it. What shall our aim be? To be like Christ—unselfish, patient, charitable, willing to make sacrifices for the good of others. Thus living, we shall in this world make our influence felt, and, when this tabernacle of clay shall bid farewell to the spirit, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.—*Davenport Bulletin.*

Sunday Afternoon Bible Class,

SHAFTESBURY HALL, 3 O'CLOCK.

YOU

ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

* **SOLEMN TRUTHS!** *

GOD HATH SAID

BLESSED OR CURSED

is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.—Ps. xxxiii. 1.
 is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity.—Ps. xxxiii. 2.
 is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord.—Ps. i. 2.
 is the man that trusteth in the Lord.—Ps. xxxiv. 8.
 is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.—Ps. i. 1.
 is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.—Ps. cxli. 1.
 is the man whose strength is in the Lord.—Ps. lxxxiv. 5.

are the proud, which do err from God's commandment.—Ps. cxix. 21.
 is the man who obeys not God's covenant.—Jer. xi. 3.
 is the man that trusteth in man.—Jer. xvii. 5.
 is the man that robs God.—Mal. iii. 9.
 is the man who offers to God other than the best he hath.—Mal. i. 14.
 is the man who doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully.—Jer. xlviii. 10.
 is the portion of the wicked on the earth.—Job. xxiv. 13.
 is the portion of the wicked throughout eternity.—Matt. xxv. 41.

READER,

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you **LIFE and DEATH—BLESSING and CURSING.**

WHERE DO YOU STAND ?

ARE YOU UNDER THE CURSE ?

Perhaps you say, I am, but I wish to escape. If so, LISTEN—JESUS saith, I am the *Way*, the *Truth*, the *Life*; no man cometh unto the FATHER but BY ME.—John xiv. 6. Neither is there SALVATION in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we MUST BE SAVED.—Acts iv. 12.

Why no other way or name? LISTEN to the divine answer—CHRIST hath REDEEMED us from the CURSE, being made a CURSE for us; for it was written, CURSED is every one that hangeth on a tree; that the BLESSING of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through JESUS CHRIST.—Gal. iii. 13, 14.

YOUNG MEN CHOOSE LIFE!

REMEMBER—as DEATH leaves, so JUDGMENT will find. Then it will be, COME ye BLESSED! or DEPART ye CURSED! **Come NOW** if you wish to hear the COME in **that day.**

Bulletin for Week Commencing August 30th, 1880.

MONDAY	Aug. 30	12.00 M.	Praise Meeting—H. A. Long, Esq.
		8.00 P.M.	Young Men's Bible Class. H. A. Bruton.
TUESDAY	"	31..12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Love before service. Mat. v. 21-26. J. R. Ja. es.
WEDNESDAY ..	Sept. 1	12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. What work abides. 1 Cor. iii. 9-15. W. H. Ware.
THURSDAY ..	"	2..12.00 M.	Bible Reading, Alf. Sandham.
FRIDAY	"	3..12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Lord suffering of God. Judges ii. 1-23; Rom. ii. 4.
			Rev. H. Melville
		8.00 P.M.	Boys' Meeting. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY	"	4..12.00 M.	Noonday Prayer. Satan can be successfully withstood. Acts xiii. 6-12.
		4.00 P.M.	Teacher's Bible Class. S. H. Blake. [Jas. iv. 7. H. A. Bruton
		8.00 P.M.	Young Men's Meeting. H. A. Long, of Glasgow.
SUNDAY	"	5.. 9.30 A.M.	Workers' Meeting for Prayer and Bible Study.
		3.00 P.M.	Evangelistic Bible Class. S. R. Briggs.
		8.30 P.M.	Gospel and Song Service. H. O'Brien.

OPEN TO ALL, with exception of the Monday and Saturday Evening Meetings, which are exclusively for young men. A cordial invitation is extended. Requests for prayers may be addressed to the Secretary.

Railroad Men's Meetings.

SABBATH, Sept. 5, 9.00 P.M.—At Union Station—JOS GREENE and P. H. BURTON.
 At Nipissing Station—WM. GOODERHAM and WM. BLIGHT.

COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every MONDAY 8 P.M.—478 Adelaide St. W. Thursday 8 P.M. 61 Sackville Street.

Noon Meeting every Wednesday. 12.30 to 1—Toronto Grey & Bruce Reading Rooms.

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