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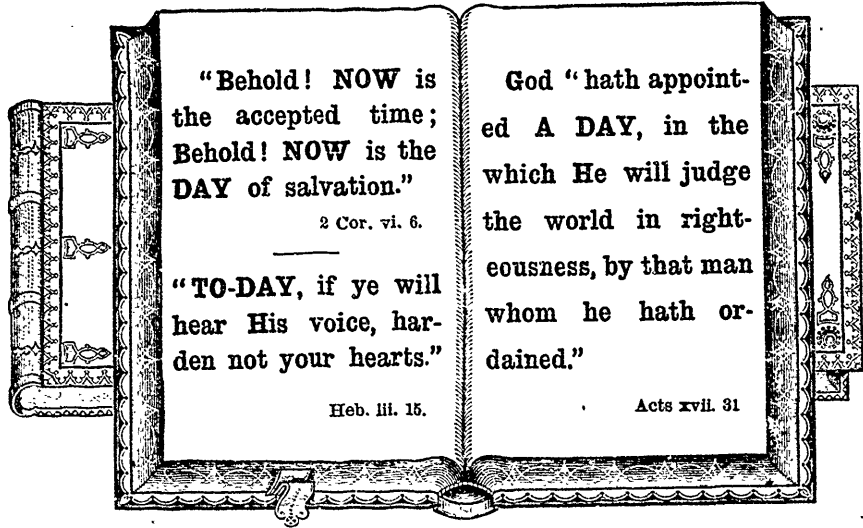
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THE TWO GREAT DAYS. GRACE. ——— JUDGMENT.



WEEK OF PRAYER.

THE Evangelical Alliance has arranged to hold meetings in our Parlors every afternoon at 4 o'clock during the week commencing January 8th. A public meeting will also be held on Thursday, 11th January, at 8 p.m., in the Primitive Methodist Church, Carlton Street.

Our noon-day meetings for prayer will, during that week, have special reference to the topics arranged by the Alliance. We trust that all these meetings will be largely attended.

OUR BULLETIN.

NO comment will be made as to what our future course may be as to the BULLETIN. It will depend largely upon the way in which we are led during the present week, whether it will be continued. In the meantime we acknowledge receipt of the following amounts:

J. A. R. F.....	\$1 00
F. McP.....	1 00
A. H.....	1 00
G. M. G.....	25

1882—1883.

ANOTHER YEAR GONE. COME.

WE are not among those who believe in making flourishing reports. We learn from God's word that, "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin; but he that refraineth his lips is wise;" and we are convinced that in voluminous reports the same element is not lacking, and therefore we deem it wise to refrain from writing too much. In looking over the past year we see much to encourage. The Lord has been very good to us in many ways. Especially do we rejoice in the fact that souls have been won for Christ in our Rooms; troubled ones have been comforted; helpless ones have been aided; and weak ones have been encouraged and strengthened. At the same time we see much to call for humility. How many neglected opportunities; how much negligently done; how much left undone! But the past cannot be recalled; and now forgetting the past, we would press forward, trusting that by Divine grace the coming year may be marked by greater faithfulness, and then we know it will be marked by greater fruitfulness. We wish all our fellow-workers, and our many readers a truly "Happy New Year."

OUR WORKERS.

THE regular monthly social meeting of our workers was held last Thursday, when notwithstanding the very inclement weather, there was a large attendance, and a spirit of earnest devotedness to the Master and His work prevailed. The work was talked about and prayed over.

ELOCUTION

MR. R. LEWIS, the well known professor of elocution, has consented to take charge of a class in connection with the Association. Should a sufficient number offer, the class will open the second week in January. The conditions upon which

entries may be made, can be learned on application to the Secretary, or his Assistant.

MEETINGS.

QUR Monday meetings are well attended, and are increasing each week. The same may be said of the Sunday evening gospel service. The meeting held last Sunday had the largest attendance of any this season, and a pleasing feature was the proportion of young men present.

NOW.

GOD speaks very loudly, demonstrating the truth, "Man's life is but a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanishes away." "All flesh is as grass, and the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." One man sets out to go to an entertainment, and falls down on the way, and shortly after expires. Another man is energetically making arrangements for athletic sports, two days after is a corpse. These and many more such like cases say to the living, with a voice that ought to be heard, "Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after death, the judgment." Reader, if it had been you who had been thus cut off, *where would your soul be throughout eternity?* Boast not thyself of to-morrow; you are but a tenant-at-will, and may be called as suddenly from time into eternity. Then as the tree falls so it must lie—unsaved, lost for ever and ever and ever. Do not say to these solemn appeals, "Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee." That "convenient season" may never come! *Now*, to day, is the "accepted time." "Hell" is no fiction; "the lake of fire" no cunningly-devised fable; "the smoke of their torment ascending for ever and ever" no lie; and "everlasting punishment" no creation of a disordered fancy. They are found in the word of truth, which endureth for ever.

A NEW YEAR'S QUESTION.

WHAT SHALL THE END BE
OF THEM
THAT OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL
OF GOD?

1 Peter iv. 17.

ANSWER:

WHOSE END IS DESTRUCTION	WHO SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION.
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Phil. iii. 19.

2 Thess. i. 9.

"A HAPPY NEW YEAR,"

AND A HINT FOR SECURING IT.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU !



WHAT, dear reader, is your notion of a HAPPY NEW Year? When you try to picture one, what kind of picture do you draw? Health—worldly comforts multiplied—business brisk and prospering—trials removed—speculations successful. Is such your notion, such your picture of a Happy New Year? But is God shut out? What mockery the greeting of your neighbour, "A Happy New Year!" What! "A Happy New Year" to the man who enters upon the Year without God?—whose only happiness is sought in this sinful, sorrowing, passing, empty world? "A Happy New Year" to the

man who knows not Christ as his Savior?

No. It cannot be. God will be against you; and with God against you, not the devil, not earth, not sin, can make you happy. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Accept God's proffered mercy—and then "Grace, mercy, and peace will be multiplied unto you." These will bring "A Happy New Year." You may have to spend some of its hours—perhaps many—upon a bed of sickness, in weakness, in languor, in pain. But "grace, mercy, and peace" can make the sick chamber the very gate of heaven; and, in the silent sleepless watches of the night, can make your wakeful hours refreshing seasons of communion with your Saviour, and of the sunshine of your Father's face. You may be called on to stand by the open grave, and to bear the bereavement of a father or mother, a child, a husband, a friend who is most dear. But "grace, mercy, and peace" shall sustain you even at the grave's side, and in a home rified by death. The coming year may bring manifold trials, multiplied sorrows. But Paul and Silas, in fetters and in stocks, could make their prison resound with the glad notes of praise. And so shall "grace, mercy, and peace," if multiplied, cheer you in affliction's deepest gloom. With these the poor is rich; without these the rich man is a beggar.

Seek then "GRACE" of "the God of all grace"—seek "MERCY" of Him who in Christ Jesus is rich in mercy—seek "PEACE" of "the God of peace." Seek them not in scanty supplies; with cold desires; with faithless heart: seek them in their rich and multiplied fullness. They shall be given, and bring with them not "A Happy New Year" only, but A HAPPY ETERNITY!

By the late CANNON MILLER, D. D.

SOMETHING WORTH LIVING FOR.

Live for Christ who loves you,
For those who think you true,
For the heaven that smiles above you,
For the good that you can do,
For the cause that wants assistance,
For the wrongs that need resistance,
For the future in the distance,
For the crown you have in view.

REMEMBER

—THE—

Young Men's Meeting,

HELD

EVERY SATURDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME!

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,
AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.

COME!

Bulletin for Week Commencing Jan. 1, 1883.

MONDAY.....	Jan. 1	..12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	"	2....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Aston. 8.00 P.M. WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
WEDNESDAY.	"	3... 12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. G. T. Ferguson.
THURSDAY...	"	4....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY	"	5....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Assistant Sec'y. 8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SATURDAY ..	"	6....12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. E. Burford. 8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. J. J. Gartshore.
SUNDAY	"	7.... 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, Jan. 7, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meeting at Union Station, and Credit Valley Station, Parkdale.