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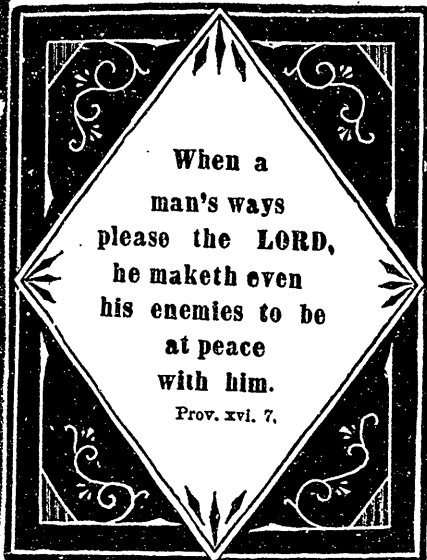
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A NEW PAPER.

QUR BOYS" is the title of a monthly publication, issued in the interest of the Boy's branch of our work.

The paper is the same size as our Bulletin. The first number was issued on Friday last, 19th; but hereafter it will be issued on the second Friday of each month. In connection with it, all we ask is an interest in your prayers. No financial aid is required. The printing is a labour of love, and the cost of paper will be fully provided for.

We hope the little paper may be owned of God to the spiritual welfare of the Boys as our Bulletin has been to the Young Men.

OUR BOYS' LECTURE.

FIRST lecture of "Our Boys" course was delivered in Parlour "B" on Friday, 19th inst. The lecturer was Mr. W. A. Douglas, and the subject—"The story of the Atlantic Cable." Sixty-six boys were present, and seldom (if ever), have we seen a more attentive and orderly audience. For over an hour the lecturer held their undivided attention, and we feel assured that the boys were benefited by the very able, and suggestive lecture given. We intend (D.V.) arranging for a lecture once in each month.

CHINESE CLASS.

MONDAY evening, (15th), the Teachers of the Chinese class held a social meeting, when the members of the class with friends of the work, to the number of 80, assembled in the Upper Reading Room and Parlors. After tea a very pleasant time was spent. Addresses were delivered by some of the guests, and the exercises were enlivened by piano solos and other music. The Chinamen evidently enjoyed the meeting, and such gatherings cannot fail to be helpful to the great object had in view by the workers among them.

ENQUIRER'S MEETING.

A MEMBER of the Devotional Committee will (D.V.) be in attendance in Parlour "C" every Monday evening from 7.30 till 9, to meet with and advise young men concerned about their eternal welfare. We are grateful to God for blessing given the Gospel meetings, as evidenced in the felt necessity for such a meeting.

HOW.



YOU will find in the Bible, that "Jesus sat over against the Treasury and beheld HOW the people cast money into the treasury." If He had been watching WHAT they cast in, He would hardly have noticed the widow's "two mites," but his eyes went beyond the end of the finger and the purse. They pierced into the heart, and from thence came the two mites, whereas the larger amounts perhaps never caused a motion in the heart. We were reminded of that scene as we read the following item regarding the Building Fund of the Buffalo Y. M. C. A. :—

"A few weeks ago a telegraph messenger boy stepped into the Association office and counted out five dollars in change and laid it down on the secretary's desk, saying, "That's for the Building Fund." The officer in charge thinking there must be some mistake, made inquiries who it was from, and how he came to bring it in. "Why, it is from me," he said. "I have been saving it to pay toward the new building on Mohawk street.

"It is not generally known, but there are members of the Association working in machine-shops, stores and elsewhere on small salaries who have made noble and generous subscriptions to the fund, and are paying every month regularly from fifty cents to three dollars in some cases, and expect to do it until the pledges are redeemed, which will take, in some instances, two year's time. Such giving means something.

"Contrast such a spirit of self-sacrifice with some who think and even say, "There are enough rich men in the city to put up that building, free from debt.—no need of my subscribing anything.

"To be sure, we could not erect the building without the generous contributions of wealthy men. But shrewd business men are apt to gauge their benevolent contributions by the gifts of those who are in more moderate circumstances, which is a sure index of the general interest in the project."

The remarks just quoted are applicable to our own position.

We are now engaged in raising a fund for liquidating the debt on our building, and also for remodelling the

same. Our appeal has been most cheerfully and liberally responded to by our wealthy men, and like the Buffalo Association we can also say that our Young Men are coming to the front, and at considerable sacrifice are helping to deliver our Association from the bondage of debt. We want the whole building for the Lord's work, and we are among those who believe that the Lord is too wealthy to want a mortgage upon any property with which His name is identified.

His blessing has thus far rested on our effort to remove it, and we look forward with pleasure to the time when we shall be free, owing no man anything but LOVE.



FOR copies of the Cardiff (South Wales) Y. M. C. A. Record we are indebted to Rev. R. A. Bilkey. This publication is full of interesting Association items, and is also well freighted with Gospel news.

ONLY ONE CENT.



OUR address on a postal card, sent to W. W. Vanarsdale, 148 Maidson street, Chicago, Ill., will bring you, by return mail, a sample copy of the Young Men's Christian Association *Watchman*, a sixteen page paper, published in the interests of the Young Men's Christian Associations, containing in each issue a sermon of D. L. Moody, Bible Readings, and articles on Christian work among young men, and a summary of Association news throughout the world. We trust that more of our members will subscribe and read this excellent paper. The subscription is \$1 00 per year. The General Secretary will gladly forward subscriptions handed to him.

THE BREAD OF LIFE.

I am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.

—John vi. 35.

DEAF MUTE CLASS.

MEMBERS of this class, to the number of thirty, took part in their annual sleigh drive on Tuesday last. Although the weather was very severe it did not cool their enthusiasm. A happier looking company could not be imagined. The chairman, Mr. Nasmith, was on hand as usual, and spared no effort toward increasing the pleasure of his charge.

LOVE to Jesus Christ is the soul of true religion, and without their becoming loud talkers, or making a parade of piety, it will lead those that feel its power to "exhort one another daily:" to try to bring sinners to the Saviour; and—as many are now doing—to seize all opportunities of dealing faithfully with other men about their souls. Why should not we tell others the way to heaven if we ourselves have found it? Why should not we warn a man who, unconscious of danger, is approaching the brink of ruin? Why should not we snatch the poisoned chalice from a brother's lips? Why should not we reach a hand down to the drowning, and pluck him from the jaws of death, and set him beside us on the rock where there is room for both?—*Guthrie.*

HAVE no notion of a timid, disingenuous professor of Christ. Such professors are like a rat playing hide and seek behind a wainscot, who puts his head through a hole to see if the coast is clear, and ventures out if nobody is in the way: but slinks back again if any one be there. We cannot be honest to Christ except we are bold for Him. He is either worth *all* we can lose for Him, or He is worth *nothing*.—*Salter.*

Be ye strong, therefore, and let not your hands be weak; for your work shall be rewarded.

2 Chron. xv. 7.

He that heareth My Word,
and believeth on Him that sent
Me, hath everlasting life, and
shall not come into condemna-
tion; but is passed from death
unto life.

John v. 24.

WHAT STRANGE BEINGS WE ARE!

WE say we cannot believe what we do not comprehend; and yet we are constrained to confess that we comprehend nothing!

WE often believe the most incredible things; and yet refuse assent to truths to which God has set the seal of His word, oath, and providence!

WE fear man, whose breath is in his nostrils; and yet we have no fear of HIM who can cast both soul and body into hell!

WE know that we must soon die—it may be suddenly; and yet we pursue the world, and the things of the world, as if we were to live here for ever!

WE have ears which are charmed with eloquence, music, and good news from a far country; and yet we are as deaf as an adder to the best news that ever reached us as perishing and accountable creatures!

WE boast much of our liberty, religious and political; and yet we are the slaves of sin and Satan!

WE will not risk any cause in court without skilful counsel; and yet we venture to go before the Judge of all the earth, and stand our trial for eternal life, without an Advocate, though the very best one is offered us, "without money and without price!"

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

ALL INVITED.

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. 29, 1883.

MONDAY.....	Jan. 29....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING Secretary, 7.30 till 9 p.m.
				8.00 P.M. MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Par'lor "C." C. S. Gzowski, Jr., in charge.
				8.00 P.M. WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS, in Par'lor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 30 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. An offering that is well-pleasing to God. 2 Cor. viii. 5; 2 Chr. xvii. 16. Geo. T. Fergusson.
WEDNESDAY..	" 31....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Whose word will you take. Gen. ii. 16, 17; iii. 4, 5; John viii. 44; Josh. xxiii. 11-16. W. Marks.
THURSDAY..	Feb. 1....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Source of a young man's strength. 1 John ii. 14; Job xv. 5. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY	" 2....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. An ornament of great price in God's sight. 1 Peter iii. 4; v. 5; Ps. xxv. 9. Assist. Sec.
				8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SATURDAY ..	" 3....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Promises to the seeker. Jer. xxix. 11-13. George E. Stokes.
				8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.
SUNDAY.....	" 4....	3.00	P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
				8.30 P.M. GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE S. R. Briggs

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Feb. 4, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meetings at Union Station, and Credit Valley Station, Parkdale.