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Jesus said, "I am not
come to call the righteous,
but sinners to repent-
ance."—Matt. ix. 13.

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CHEERING.

QUR Young Men's meetings have (during the past few weeks) been specially interesting. In fact the interest has at times been such as to make it somewhat difficult to close, and we have realized the truth of God's word, that "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." The testimonies of young men recently brought into the light of the Gospel, have been most cheering; and the words of counsel and encouragement given by older Christians have been profitable. We thank God for these tokens of blessing.

The Young Men's Bible Class also shows a marked increase in interest and numbers.

The Sunday Afternoon Bible Class has an average attendance of about 70.

The Sunday Evening Gospel Meetings

have attracted such numbers as to call for all our floor accommodation in the large Hall; and better still, we believe the word is being carried home to many hearts.

"Our heart's desire, and prayer to God is," that ere long we may be led out into even still more definite CHRISTIAN work, and that every night of the year may see us engaged in the work of telling the "Old, old story of Jesus and His love," to the young men of Toronto.

DON'T FORGET

THAT WE

EXTEND

TO

Every Young Man

IN

TORONTO,

A

HEARTY WELCOME

TO

OUR ROOMS.

Shaftesbury Hall, corner Queen
and James Streets.

COME!

"The soul that sinneth, IT SHALL DIE."

Ezek. xviii. 4, 20.

"For the wages of sin is DEATH."

Rom. vi. 23.

YOUNG MEN'S
BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

ALL INVITED.

"All things are possible to him that believeth." (Mark ix. 23.)



It is said that Admiral Dupont was once explaining to Admiral Farragut the reasons why he led to enter Charleston Harbor with his fleet of iron-clads. He gave this, and that, and the other reason. Farragut remained silent till he was through, and then said, "Ah Dupont! there was one more reason." "What is that?" "You didn't believe you could do it."

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

All are invited.

A GOOD many men's religion nowadays consist entirely of what they don't believe. We are of the opinion just far enough to say that we don't believe that a religion made up of doubts and denials amounts to much in either theory or practice.

A MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS

IS HELD

EVERY MONDAY EVENING, FROM 7-30 TILL 9.

In Parlor C. (up stairs) Shaftesbury Hall.



"DANGER." Yes, that was the word which had been puzzling me. From a distance I had tried, letter by letter, to spell it out; and now, as I approached, the inscription became quite clear.

It was simply that one word—"Danger." It was a beautiful spot. Very pretty indeed it looked that sweet summer evening: there was a bewitching calmness in the whole scene; the hills rising gracefully on one side; the village church lying in the valley on the other; and just below and in front of us the calm sea waves murmured peacefully. Strangely out of place and inconsistent appeared that rude old sign-post, with its rude inscription—"Danger." Yet there it stood, right in front of us, in a most prominent place to proclaim its simple message, "Danger."

"What does it mean? Where is the danger? I do not see any!" I remarked to my companion.

"Ah! but there is danger, though. Just behind that sign-post, at a little distance, there is a very sharp descent, and anyone walking carelessly or too quickly to the edge, would be very likely to miss his footing and fall a great distance. There is danger here."

As I returned homeward many features of the scene remained distinctly graven on my memory, yet, more distinct than any was the vision of that old sign-post, with its plain, unmistakable word of warning, "DANGER."

"We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."—Isaiah lxiv. 6.

“There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.”—Rom. iii. 11.

“Ah!” I thought to myself, “if only I might be in this slippery world, like that sign-post, mine would not be a useless life.”

There are dangers great and numerous around us.

Would that the word DANGER were written in letters of fire over every gin-palace and public-house in the country. Far more appropriate would it be than any of those fancy titles by which those places are now known; though many of them, strange to say, are significant enough. “Danger.” Yes, there is danger, *great danger* in the step that leads from the *outside* to the *inside* of that lighted bar-room. The greater the attraction so much the greater is the danger. Do you ask “*what is in danger?*” I reply, your *character* is in danger; your *home* is in danger; your *wife* and your *children* are in danger; your *purse* is in danger—and above all your *SOUL* is in danger. Is it a wise thing, is it a *light* thing to risk all these?

“DANGER.” Do evil books or evil companions beguile you? Do they seek to beget in your mind a mistrust of God’s word? If it be so, may the loving hand of God raise before your eyes some obstructive warning.

“DANGER.” The way of sin, the way of unbelief may look *pleasant*, and it may look *safe*; some may, perchance, *appear* to pass along it without ruin; but, believe me, *none* can pass along it without contamination, *none* can pass along it without peril. It is a Divine voice that inspired the warning words, “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”

“DANGER.” There is danger, awful danger to everyone who seeks to reverse our Lord’s command. “Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.”

“DANGER.” There is danger, too, *terrible* danger in the attempt which many persons make to change God’s “to-day,” into to-morrow. There is awful though insidious danger in *delay*. God calls “to-day.” He makes no pro-

mise for to-morrow. “Behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation.” The unknown future is in His hands.

“Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”—Isa. i. 18.

DANGER.

Write it on the liquor store,
Write it on the prison door,
Write it on the gin shop fine,
Write, aye write this truthful line—
“Where there’s drink there’s danger.”

Write it on the work-house gate,
Write it on the school-boy’s slate,
Write it in the copy book,
That the young may at it look—
“Where there’s drink there’s danger.”

Write it in the Christian’s home;
Sixty thousand drunkards roam,
Year by year from God and right,
Proving, with resistless might,
“Where there’s drink there’s danger.”

Write it in the nation’s laws.
Trampling out the license cause;
Write it on each ballot, white,
Politicians, read it right;
“Where there’s drink there’s danger.”

IMPRESSIONS.



VERY hidden thought leaves its impression upon our lives, and in our lives upon the world. When we are not marking our own ways others are marking them, and very likely steering their vessels as we steer ours. Many a watchful, consistent Christian will, when the eternal light dawns, revealing all the hidden things of time, find numbers thronging his side who in the bustle and tumult of earth followed him afar off.—
M. A. H.

A CHRISTIAN man will eschew, in everything that pertains to God, the smallest approach to slovenliness.—
Goulburn.

“For Thy name’s sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great—Psalm xxv. 11.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,
AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.
SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.
COME!

REMEMBER

—THE—

Young Men's Meeting,

HELD
EVERY SATURDAY EVENING.
AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.
COME!

Bulletin for Week Commencing April 30, 1883.

MONDAY.....	April 30....	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Rev. J. Kedslie.
		7.30 P.M.		MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS in Parlour "C."
		8 00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY....	May 1 ..	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
WEDNESDAY..	" 2 ..	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. S. R. Briggs.
THURSDAY..	" 3 ..	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. J. J. Gartshore.
FRIDAY	" 4 ...	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Astcn.
		8.00 P.M.		BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SATURDAY ..	" 5....	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Assis't.-Sec.
		4.50 P.M.		TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake.
		8.00 P.M.		YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. C. S. Gzowski, jr.
SUNDAY.....	" 6...	3.00 P.M.		EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS.
		8.30 P.M.		GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. Henry O'Brien.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, May 6, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meetings at Union Station, and at the Rooms of the Parkdale Branch R. R. Y.M.C.A.

Noon Meeting every Wednesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in Toronto, Grey and Bruce Workshops.

Cottage Meetings every Monday, Thursday and Friday Evenings.