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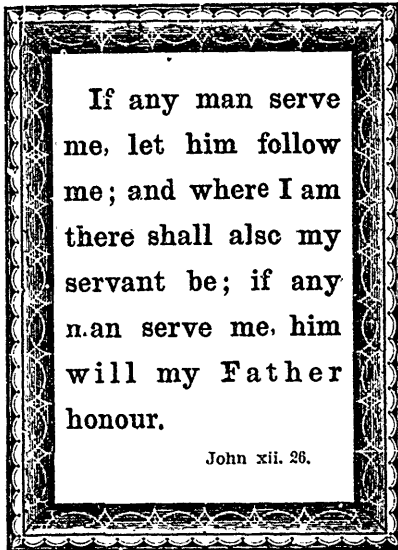
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### OUR MEETINGS.

**W**ITH but one exception (the Noon meeting) the attendance at all our meetings is on the increase. Last Saturday evening at our Young Men's meeting there was a large attendance although no extra effort had been made. Rev. W. J. Erdman of Jamestown gave an address on Bible Study. The Sunday evening meeting was fol-

lowed as usual by an Enquiry Meeting, to which a large number remained, and much spiritual power was manifest. Several rose for prayer, and the workers were for some time actively engaged in pointing the enquirers to "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." It is with grateful hearts we record that some were led to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. The room in which our Young Men's Bible class is held, bids fair to become too strait for the numbers attending. Last Monday evening it was rather too crowded to be comfortable. It is encouraging to note the work of the Spirit of God in thus drawing out the Young Men and in leading them to "Search the Scriptures." At the close of the class several of the Young Men lingered to hold an impromptu praise and testimony meeting. The Lord was with them, and the testimony given by four or five of the recently saved ones, was encouraging to the workers. "May He who has begun this good work, carry it on," and may we be ready to take our places as "workers together with Him."

### A DESIRE.

**L**AST New Year's day we inaugurated a scheme for visiting Young Men in Boarding Houses and presenting them with a New Year packet as a token of our interest in them. We propose (D. V.) repeating this plan during Christmas week this year. We have been thinking over the subject with a view to securing the best selection of reading matter and have finally decided to place in each packet a copy Mr. H. L.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.—John xiii. 35.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you.

John xv. 12, 13, 14.

Hastings' admirable pamphlet on the "Inspiration of the Scriptures" This book is copyrighted, but Mr. Hastings has kindly granted permission for printing an edition suited to our needs. To do so will cost about \$50. If any friend is led to help in this work we will feel thankful. It will entirely depend on the way being opened financially whether we print it or not, as we have no grant from the Association funds for such purpose.

### TRACTS.

Our old friend Mr. Barrick, although separated from us, has not forgotten us. We have received by Steamer from England a case of tracts to be used in our work.

## THE GREATEST WONDER IN THE WORLD. WHAT IS IT?

"The Falls of Niagara," says one.  
"The Telegraph System," says another.  
"The Electric Light," exclaims a third.

**NO—ALL ARE WRONG!**

**THEN, WHAT IS IT?**

It is to see a poor sinner **REJECTING GOD'S OFFER** of **MERCY.**

**Are YOU doing so?**

"GOD commendeth His love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Rom. v. 8.

How apt are men rather to think of the preacher than of themselves. If half the criticism which are ill-spent upon the ministers of Christ were spent by the hearers upon themselves, how much sooner might they arrive at the blessing!—*Spurgeon.*



### HERRINGS FOR NOTHING.

"**H**ERRINGS! three a penny! red herrings, good and cheap, at three a penny!" So cries a man as he passes along the street, crossing at its end, and coming to where an Evangelist stood at the corner. Here he paused.

"Governor" 'what do you think of these ere herring?' 'Don't you think they're good?' 'and don't you think they're cheap as well?'

I asserted my decided opinion that they are good and cheap.

"Then, look you, governor, why can't I sell 'em? Yer have I walked a mile and a-half along this dismal place, offering these good and cheap 'uns; and nobody don't buy none!'

"How much will you take for the lot? I inquired.

"I'll take four shillin', and be glad to get 'em.'

"I put my hand in my pocket, produced that amount, and transferred it to him.

"Right! governor, thank'ee! what'll

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.—John iii. 14.

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.—Matthew v. 16.

I do with 'em?' he said, as he quickly transferred the coins to his own pocket.

"Go round this corner into the middle of the road, shout with all your might, *Herrings for nothing!* and give three to every man, woman, and child that comes to you, till the basket is emptied."

"Accordingly he proceeded into the middle of the adjoining street, and went along shouting aloud, "*Herrings for nothing! real good herrings for nothing!*"

"Here you are, misses," he bawled, '*herrings for nothing! a fine chance for yer; come an' take 'em!*'

"The woman addressed shook her head unbelievably, and left the window.

"'Vot a fool!' said he; 'but they won't be all so. *Herrings for nothing!*' A little child came out to look at him, and he called to her, 'Yer, my dear, take these in to your mother; tell her how cheap they are—*herrings for nothing.*' But the child was afraid of him and them, and ran indoors. So down the street, in the snowy slush and mud, went the cheap fish vender crying loudly as he went, '*Herrings for nothing!*'

"'Well!' I said to him calmly, as he reached me at the corner.

"'Well!' he repeated, what'll I do with the herrings, if yer don't want 'em and they won't have 'em?"

"We'll try again together," I replied.

Into the road we both went; and he shouted once more and for the last time, '*Herrings for nothing!*'

"Then I called out loudly also, '*Will any one have some herrings for tea!*'

"They heard the voice, and they knew it well; and they came out at once, in twos and threes and sixes, men and women and children; all striving to reach the welcome food. As fast as I could take them from the basket, I handed three to each eager applicant, until all was speedily disposed of. When the basket was empty, the hungry crowd who had none was far greater than those that had been supplied; but they were too late; there were no more '*Herrings for nothing!*'

"Foremost among the disappointed was a tall woman who began vehemently, 'Why haven't I got any? ain't I as good as they? ain't my children as hungry as theirs? Why haven't I got any?'"

"Before I had time to reply, the vendor stretched out his arm toward her, saying, 'Why, governor, that's the very woman as I offered 'em to first, and she turned up her nose at 'em.'

"'I didn't,' she rejoined passionately; 'I didn't believe you meant it!'"

"'Yer goes without for yer unbelief!' he replied; 'Good night! and thank'ee, governor!'"

Perhaps you cannot help laughing at this quaint story, which is strictly true. But are you sure you would not have done as they did; been as unbelieving as they? Nay! are you sure you are not ten thousand times worse than they? Their unbelief only cost them a hungry stomach a little longer; but what may your unbelief cost you?—God—not man—God has sent *His* messengers to you repeatedly for many years, to offer pardon *for nothing!* peace *for nothing!* salvation *for nothing!* He has sent to your house, your homes, your hearts, the most loving and tender offers that even an Almighty God could frame; and what have you replied? Have you taken the trouble to reply at all? Have you not turned away in utter scornful unbelief, like the woman? or ran away in fear like the little child? Many have heard a voice they believed; and they have received the gift of God: but you are still without a hope on earth, or a hope in heaven, because you will not believe God's messengers when they offer you, by His commandment, all that you need for time and eternity—*for nothing!*

"Take warning by that disappointed crowd of hungry applicants. When they were convinced the offer was in good faith, and would gladly have shared with their fellows, they were *too late!* They were thoroughly convinced; they were quite willing then to participate;

Peace I leave with you, **MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU:** not as the world giveth, give I unto you.—John xiv. 27.

but their faith and knowledge came only in time to increase their hunger and misery!

"Let it not be so with you! Do not be in that large crowd of disappointed ones, who will be obliged to believe, when belief will not help them; whose knowledge when it comes, as surely it will come, will only increase eternal sorrow that they put off believing until it was *too late!*"

"Will you not come to God by Jesus

now?" "He is waiting, watching for, pleading with you! There is salvation, full, free, and eternal; uttermost, complete redemption; forgiveness, help, guidance, and blessing - *all for nothing!* WITHOUT MONEY and WITHOUT PRICE. Friends! the herrings were paid for, though afterwards freely given. So your salvation is paid for (by a price which only He who paid it knows); and I am come to urge you to take, and be safe and happy for ever!"

## Bulletin for Week Commencing August 13, 1883.

MONDAY.....	Aug. 13....	12.00 M.	7.30 P.M.	PRAISE & THANKSGIVING. The Secretary. <b>MEETING FOR ENQUIRERS</b> in Parlour "C." 7.30 P.M. INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER. 8 00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY.....	" 14....	12.00 M.		NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
WEDNESDAY.	" 15 ..	12 00 M.		NOONDAY PRAYER. Assist-Sec.
THURSDAY...	" 16 ...	1 .. M.	8.00 P.M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. G. T. Fergusson. WORKERS' MEETING for mutual edification.
FRIDAY .....	" 17....	12 00 M.	8.00 P.M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. F. Aston. BOYS' MEETING.
SATURDAY....	" 18....	12 00 M.	7.30 P.M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. H. Melville. INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR PRAYER.
SUNDAY .....	" 19...	3.00 P.M.	8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. A. R. Saunders. EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon DEAF MUTE CLASS. CHINESE CLASS. 8.30 P.M. GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. J. Adams. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

*Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.*

## RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, Aug. 19, 3.00 P.M.

GOSPEL MEETING at Union Station and at West End Branch (1020 Queen W.)  
 Young Men's Meeting every Saturday at 8 p.m.; Bible Class every Tuesday at 8 p.m.; Workers' Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 7.30 a.m., in the West End Branch Rooms.

Noon Meeting every Tuesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in the G. T. R. Roundhouse Reading Room, and every Wednesday at the same hour, in the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Workshops.

## COTTAGE MEETINGS.

EVERY MONDAY, 8 P.M., 118 Lisgar Street.  
 " THURSDAY " 2 Hunter's Terrace, Dufferin St.  
 " FRIDAY, " 232 Dundas Street.