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MAY THIS BE
A
VERY HAPPY YEAR
TO YOU.

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It is our pleasing duty to announce that all our needs have been supplied and we close the year without one cent of debt. The amount paid for the Bulletin (Printing, Woodcuts, etc.), during the year has been three hundred and ninety-six dollars (\$396.) We feel grateful to God for the many friends He has from time to time raised up for us, and above all we acknowledge His grace in using THE BULLETIN as a messenger of the Gospel to several during the year.

We purpose (D.V.) continuing on the same basis as heretofore, and believe that if He "has need" of THE BULLETIN He will supply the funds.

Grace unto you, and peace from God our Father.
1 Corinthians i. 3.

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Psalm xxxiii. 5.

We place the whole matter in His hands determined by His grace never to use the pages of THE BULLETIN as a medium for glorifying other than God himself. THE PICTURE text on our front page expresses our experience in the past, and our confidence for the future.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

WE purpose (D.V.) holding a couple of weeks special services for young men only, commencing on Monday, 14th January. Will our christian friends make these meetings a subject of prayer.

OUR NEW HEADING.

For the neat and well executed Heading which for the first time graces our Bulletin, we are indebted to Mr. Chas. A. Sandham, of Toronto.

Look not at the quantity, but at the quality of your service, whatsoever that service may be. If it be preaching, preaching is not the first thing: the heart must first be kept, then two or three words spoken in the power of the Spirit may avail more than all the sermons we may preach.—*Selected.*

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

CHRISTMAS.

ON Christmas morning at 9 o'clock. a thanksgiving service, for young men, was held in our rooms. There was a very good attendance, and the hour was one of much profit. Among those present were several who during the past year have been led to the Lord, in connection with our services. We only wish our space would admit of the testimonies given, as we feel assured they would prove helpful to other young men. Take one or two for example:

"Last Christmas morning I scarce'ly had a coat for my back. My wife was heart-broken; my children were sad. I was miserable. To-day, thank God, I have a good suit to wear. My wife is cheerful, my children are enjoying their presents, and I am happy—so happy. I have been ten months serving the Lord, and they have been the happiest ten months I ever spent."

Another: "I thank God for what He has done for me. Last Sunday (a very stormy cold day), as I was on my boarding-house visitation, I handed a man a Bulletin. He said "Young man, you are earning Heaven sure, to come out such a day as this." I answered, "No, I get that for nothing, and now I feel so grateful, that I want to work to lead others to accept the same gift."

Still another:—"I have only been a christian for three weeks, but the Lord has done a great deal for me in that short time."

When the hour of dismissal had come we would fain have lingered a little longer. May the Lord grant us still greater blessings during the coming year.

He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry.

Isa. xxx. 19.

Your sins and iniquities will I remember no more.
Hebrews viii. 12.

FOUR
OF THE
DEVIL'S SERVANTS.

"THERE IS NO DANGER."

THAT IS ONE.

"ONLY THIS ONCE."

THAT IS ANOTHER.

"Everybody Does So."

THAT IS THE THIRD.

"BY AND BY."

THE FOURTH.

WHICH SERVANT IS YOUR MASTER?

BETWEEN TWO VERSES.

"When he came to himself, he said, I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned, * * make me as one of thy hired servants."—Luke xv. 18, 19.

Will He receive me?—me, a wand'rer wild,
Who long have strayed in sinful blindness,
Unworthy to be called His child?

Will He show me loving kindness?
In far land from want I perish,
Away from home and friendly care;
With none to love me, none to cherish.
I will return with humble prayer.

Will he receive me?

Will he receive me? Sure he is good;
E'en hired servants still supplying
With bounteous care their daily food,
While here his son with hunger's dying.
I will return, with deep repenting
I'll serve Him, as His humble slave;
I will return, perhaps relenting,
His mercy may the sinner save.

Will he receive me?

"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.—Luke xv. 20.

EVANGELISTIC
BIBLE CLASS,

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

THERE are many finger-posts nowadays labelled "To heaven." But remember that God has set up *His* finger-post—THE CROSS, and you can only get to heaven *that* way.

A CANDLE wakes some, as well as a noise. The eye of the Lord works on His children, as well as His hand. A godly man is as impressed with "thou God seest me," as with "the Lord strikes me."—*Selected.*

THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL.

DURING the recent war in America a poor woman, whose husband had been drafted into the Confederate army, was left in want, with four little children dependant upon her.

Among these was one child whose simple trust in a heavenly Father's care seemed never to fail. All through the time, the little voice was always ready with words of infantile comfort. As the "barrel of meal wasted," the mother's heart would fail; but the child noticed that the store was no sooner exhausted than it was replenished again. One day he sat and thought over this, until a thought seemed to flash through his mind, and he exclaimed, "*Mother, I think God hears when we scrape the bottom of the barrel.*"

In everything ye are enriched by Him.

1 Corinthians i. 5.

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 THE WEEK.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

TUESDAY..... JAN. 1.... 12.00 M. CONSECRATION SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY. " 2....12.00 M. NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. H. Melville
8.00 P.M. CLASS IN BOOKKEEPING. P. McIntyre.

THURSDAY... " 3....12.00 M. NOONDAY PRAYER. S. R. Briggs.
8.00 P.M. CLASS IN ELOCUTION. R. Lewis.

FRIDAY " 4 ...12.00 M. NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. A. F. McGregor.
8.00 P.M. BOYS' MEETING. J. W. Walker.
" " CLASS IN DRAWING. H. B. Gordon.

SATURDAY.... " 5....12.00 M. NOONDAY PRAYER. Asst. Sec.
4.30 P.M. TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
7.30 P.M. INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETS FOR
PRAYER.
8.00 P.M. YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. R. Kilgour.

SUNDAY " 6... 3.00 P.M. EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. H. B. Gordon
" " DEAF MUTE CLASS. F. S. Bridgen.
" " CHINESE CLASS. W. M. Morse.
8.30 P.M. GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. S. R. Briggs.
Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS.

GOSPEL MEETINGS every Sunday at 3 p.m., 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.