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Enter not into the
path of the wicked,
and go not in the
way of evil man.

Prov. iv. 14.

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BRICKS AND THE BIBLE.

SUCH was the title of a lecture delivered in our Parlour, last Tuesday evening, by Rev. Prof. Burwash, of Coburg. The attendance was large and the interest good. We are under deep obligation to Prof. B. for his kindness in coming to Toronto to help us in our efforts to benefit young men.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

THE Conference of the Associations in Central Ontario assembled in our rooms on Thursday evening. As we purpose (D.V.) giving in our next issue a brief report of the Conference we shall content ourselves by saying that the Conference was of an extremely practical and profitable character.

A WORD OF CHEER.

THE following is taken from a letter recently received:—"I see by your BULLETIN you have a good staff of workers on the street I feel many a time I would like to be back with you, I always feel I could work more earnestly in Toronto than here. Someone always had a cheery and pleasant word for me. I shall always feel grateful towards you for your especial kindness to me in a strange country and in viting me into the Parlor. As a word of cheer to your workers, you can tell them that their impressions on a stranger's heart amongst them, will never be forgotten. I shall always remember the Toronto Association wherever I may be."

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.—Prov. iv. 7.

My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding.—Prov. v. 1.

OUR BIRTHDAY.

ON Thursday last our Association reached its 20th Birthday. The brethren assembled in conference joined with us at the noon hour in a service of praise and thanksgiving. We feel grateful to God for all He has done for us and for all He has permitted us to do for Him, at the same time we are conscious that those 20 years are marked by much of failure. From the failures we would take warning, from the success we draw encouragement, and now start out upon another year with a determination to know nothing "save Jesus Christ and him crucified."

THE LOST SHEEP.

WE have, in the parable of the lost sheep, a striking illustration of the Lord Jesus seeking lost sinners.

It is a well-known fact that sheep never find their way home of their own accord, but wander farther and farther away, so that it needs the shepherd to go and seek for them, and bring them into the fold.

We were as sheep going astray, and turning every one to his own way, so that, unable to find our way back to God, we had to say we were LOST, and it was those who were lost that the Son of man came to seek and to save.

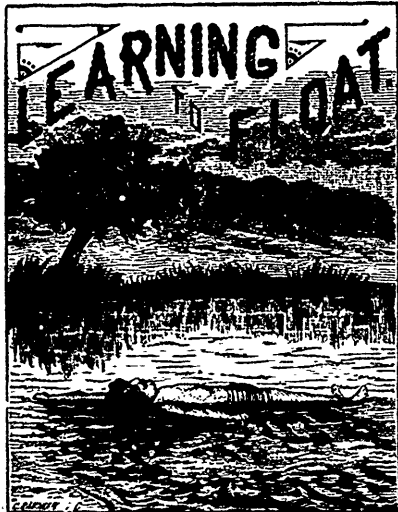
Then you always find if one sheep goes the wrong way the others are sure to follow. A gap in the hedge is found out by one, and the others are sure to follow it into the next field. Ah, reader, are sinners not like sheep in this respect?

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.



YOUNG man was in deep anxiety about his soul. For weeks he had been trying to find peace, as he represented it. But no peace came. A friend, seeing his difficulty,

said:—

"Walter, did you ever learn to float?" (With a look of surprise.) "Yes. But why do you ask the question?"

"You shall see presently. You remember you were told that water was heavier than your body, and that if you laid yourself on your back quite still, with nothing but your face above the surface it would support you."

"Yes; and so it did."

"But did you find it easy to trust yourself to it? Did you float the first time you tried?"

"No; I could not lie quite still, and trust to nothing but the water. I struggled or tried to catch at something to keep me up, and down I went."

"Just so, Walter; and that is the reason why you do not find rest and peace in Jesus. You do not trust Him.

Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go; keep her; for she is thy life.—Prov. iv. 13.

The ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings.—Prov. v. 21.

You struggle to get some sense of pardon, or you catch at some frames and feelings, and down you go into the depths of despondency."

"Am I then to be content without a sense of pardon and peace, and a feeling of love and joy in a salvation from guilt and sin?"

"Most assuredly not. Never rest, my friend, until you find not only pardon, but an assurance of it. But how did you get to feel at ease resting on such an unstable element as water?"

"I got to believe that it could support me, and I saw it supported others, and after a few trials, when I trusted myself on it, and felt it supported me, I lost all fear, and could throw myself into it at any depth."

"Just so; you *believed* the truth that water could support you, and acted on that belief. That is to say, *you trusted it, and then you felt it* held you up. It is the very same with Christ and His Word; believe in Him, *i.e.*, trust Him practically, and then you will feel that He supports or saves you."

(With a deeply thoughtful look.) "I think I now see where I was wrong, and I am sorry for having dishonoured the Saviour so much. But how am I to trust Him?"

"How did you learn to float?"

"Oh! as soon as I had trusted to the water alone without looking for any other thing to support me, I found I was safe, and could throw myself on it freely."

"My dear young friend, do the same with Jesus Christ. Is His word in the gospel not to be trusted as much as the law which governs that most unstable element, water? He says 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and *I will give you rest.*'"

At once he accepted the word of God, and rested on a sure foundation. He never lost his new-found peace, and the change he felt in himself was seen by others, and though his life was not prolonged, he was enabled to bear his testi-

mony in favor of a free and full salvation by both life and lip.

Take Christ as He is freely offered by the Father. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT perish, but have everlasting life." Into this ocean of the grace of God cast yourself with infinitely more confidence than you commit your body to the unstable and treacherous waters of the sea. The great and wide sea is broad enough to bear on its ample bosom the vast fleets of commerce and the navies of the world—all may float on its surface and pass from land to land on this highway of the nations. The ocean of grace is deeper and wider, for it covers a world's sins, and could bear worlds of sinners on its surface, safe, as in the bosom of God. Can men trust themselves to float on the faithless deep, and cannot you by faith cast yourselves on the sure mercies of a covenant God in Christ? From learning to float know what it is to be saved by faith.

EVANGELISTIC
BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.—Prov. xxii. 1.

If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.—Prov. ix. 12.

REMEMBER

—THE—

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

HELD

Every Saturday Evening,
AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR

COME.

DIVIDING THE LOAF.

A WORKING man made a very effective address on this subject before some of his fellow laborers. He commenced his remarks holding in his hands a loaf of bread, and a knife.

The loaf of bread he used to represent the wages of the working man. After a few introductory remarks he cut off a moderate slice, and laying it down, "This," he said, "is what we give to the city government;"—this was what they paid for the protection, improvements, and privileges afforded by the city. He then cut of a larger slice and said, "This is what you give to the county and state government." Then with a vigorous flourish of his carving knife, he cut off three quarters of the whole loaf. "This," he said, "you give to the brewer." By this time only a thin slice remained. He set aside the greater part of this for the saloon keeper, leaving only a few crumbs, to which he pointed and said, "*This you keep to support yourself and family.*"

Friend is this the way you divide your wages? If so, don't be foolish any longer. Keep for yourself, your family, and good works all remaining, after the two first slices.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES

COME.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, MARCH 3.

12 noon.—Thanksgiving and Prase Meeting. The Secretary.

8 p.m.—Young Men's Bible Class, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.

9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4.

12 noon.—Something Priceless to be Had for the Asking. Isa. lv. Rev. C. A. Cook.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 5.

12 noon.—The Favor of God and Man Contrasted. Dan. iii. 19-30; Mal. iii. 6. J. J. Gartshore.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6.

12 noon.—Is Your Foundation Immovable? Matt. vii. 24-27; 1 Cor. iii. 11; Ps. lxxii. 6, 7. Rev. P. McF. McLeod.

8 p.m.—Worker's Meeting for Prayer and Mutual Edification.

FRIDAY MARCH 7.

12 noon.—Safety only in Flight. Gen. xix. 14-26; Rev. xviii. 4, 5. S. R. Briggs.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8.

12 noon.—God with Us. Acts xviii. 1-17. Rev. A. F. McGregor.

4.30 p.m.—Teacher's Bible Class. Rev. Prof. McVicar.

7.30 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.

8.00 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. S. Caldecott.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.

" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. E. J. J. Gordon.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian Class. A. E. Hines.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. H. B. Gordon.

Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Sec'y.

Railway Men's Meetings.

W. C. JEX, Railway Secretary.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4.

12.30 to 12.55 noon.—In G. T. R. Roundhouse; Reading Room. Rev. T. W. Jeffery.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9.

3 p.m.—Union Station. J. Harvie and Rev. H. Melville.

4 p.m.—West End Branch (1020 Queen W.) For speakers, see West End notices below.

West End Branch.

G. F. POPE, Secretary.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4.

7 p.m.—C. L. S. C. Meeting.

8 p.m.—Bible Class. Mr. F. Awde.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8.

8 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. S. R. Briggs.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9.

4 p.m.—Gospel Meeting. Rev. E. Cloment and R. Awde.