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Thou wilt keep him  
in perfect peace, whose  
mind is stayed on  
Thee: because he  
trusteth in Thee.

Isaiah xxvi. 3.

## STRANGERS

### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

That the Rooms of the

**TORONTO YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN  
ASSOCIATION,**

ARE IN ITS BUILDING.

## SHAFTESBURY HALL

Corner Queen and James Sts.,  
ONE BLOCK WEST OF YONGE STREET.

Rooms open daily from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m.

You will be cordially welcomed.

### BULLETIN FUND.

Workers.....	\$2 25
Cash.....	25
".....	25
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### BOARDING HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The following is the report of this  
Committee for May:—

Visits to Boarding Houses.....	1570
" Hotels.....	136
" Fire Halls.....	40
" Police Stations.....	22
" Livery and Car Stables..	37
" Public Library (West)..	5
Young Men spoken to.....	190
BULLETINS distributed.....	8090
Tracts distributed.....	6400

This report shows a marked increase  
over that for the month of April. We  
consider this committee the most im-  
portant of the Association, and it is a  
cause for gratitude that among our  
many faithful workers, none are more  
devoted than those who form the Board-  
ing House Committee. We have wit-  
nessed much fruit gathered from its  
labors, and we trust that the spirit of  
faithfulness and of zeal may ever rest  
upon its members.

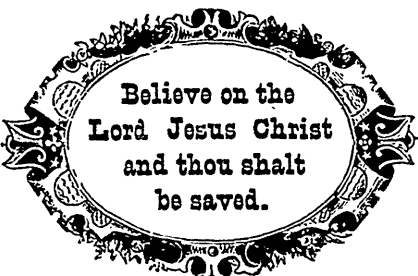
Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting  
strength.—Isaiah xxvi. 4.

Delight thyself also in the Lord ; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.—Psalm xxxvii. 4.

**OUR MEETINGS DURING MAY.**

	AVERAGE.
Noon Meetings.. . . . .	15
Young Men's Meeting. . . . .	130
Worker's Meeting for Prayer, weekly. . . . .	15
Worker's Social . . . . . monthly.	40
Young Men's Bible Class. . . . .	36
Evangelistic " . . . . .	41
Teacher's " . . . . .	125
Gospel and Song Service. . . . .	600
Enquiry Meeting. . . . .	31

It is but right that we should explain the more than usual average at our Young Men's Meeting. Mr. Soltau's presence at two of the meetings, and the extra effort made by many friends outside of our Workers, helped to swell the number attending. We are pleased to report that fruit has been gathered each week, and while we have been encouraged, "Heaven has been rejoiced."



**EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS**

HELD EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

AT 3 O'CLOCK

**All Welcome.**

**YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS**

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,  
AT 8 O'CLOCK. ALL INVITED.

**SUBMISSION.**

HERE are disciples who, instead of calmly committing their affairs to God's direction, seek to direct Him. Forming independent judgments of what is best for them, they ask Him to give them just those things, and no others. Such meddlesome prayer has its roots in a dictatorial, unsubmitive will. This disposition was well reproved by an ancient preacher in a parable of two hermits who each planted an olive tree near his own cave. One of those trees lived; the other died. One day the owner of the dead tree, seeing the living one in front of his brother's cave, asked, "How came that goodly plant there?"

His brother replied, "I planted it, and God blessed it, and it grew."

"Ah, brother," rejoined the first hermit, "I too planted an olive, and when I thought it wanted water I asked God to give it rain, and the rain came ; when I thought it needed sun, I asked, and the sun shone; and when I deemed that it needed strengthening, I prayed, and the frost came—God gave me all I demanded for my tree as I saw fit, yet it is dead"


"And I, brother," said his friend, "left my tree in God's hand, for He knew what it wanted better than I."

Let this latter hermit be teacher to him who seeks to direct instead of trusting his heavenly Father. Having done all that seems requisite on his own part, let him commit all his affairs to God's guidance, convinced that God knows all his needs, and will manage for him infinitely better than he can manage for himself. It is God's part to lead, and the disciples to submissively follow.

Commit thy way unto the Lord ; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.—Psalm xxxvii. 5.

To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.—Acts x. 43.

### "AS BIG AS AN UMBRELLA."

 KNEW an old man, rough and quaint in manner, whose faith in the Lord Jesus was remarkably strong. In his youth he had been hard and wayward; but the grace of God entered his heart, and he became childlike in his religious life. Plodding and industrious in business, he was greatly prospered, and in later life he liberally helped the cause of God. But affliction came, and slow and trying was its progress. The strong man grew weak as a child, as mind and body alike gave way to the inroads of disease. One hour he was perfectly conscious, the next he wandered in speech, and knew no one who approached him. When he could speak there was one name which he knew better than any other—the name of Jesus brought a peaceful, happy smile to his countenance, and evoked some exclamation which told of a clear hope and a firm trust within.

"You can still keep your faith in God?" I said.

"Faith!" said he; "yes, my faith's as big as an umbrella."


It was a strange speech, but it gave his notion of what faith did for him. He is now where faith is changed to sight, and where the Lord spreads His tabernacle over the redeemed.

Faith in the Saviour is a good foundation for the soul, and indeed the only sure and safe one. But it may be also called a covering large enough to inclose us on every side. The old believer felt God so near to him that He completely overshadowed him. He believed God encircled him, so that he was free from harm. He was therefore able to say, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for *Thou art with me.*"

Without faith in God, you are in terrible danger. Faith makes sure of a refuge; but there is no refuge from sin and its woes except in the Man Christ Jesus, whom God has ordained to be

"a propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." Trust in him assures us of safety. It enables us to realize the meaning of that beautiful passage in Isaiah xxxii. 2, "And a man shall be as a hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." In this we cannot fail to see a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ. It puts into a tender and beautiful form the truth which was so precious to the sick man's heart, when he declared his faith was "as big as an umbrella."

### "WANTED—A MAN."

 HAT has been the one great want down from the Garden of Eden. The world wants a man to save. It wants a redeemer. It wants a man to buy it back from its lost estate. And that man is found in the God-Man, Christ Jesus. Christ was a very man. He worked, He wept, He suffered, He died. He is the one man by whom we can be saved. And if men only leaned more on this man, He would lead them "onwards, upwards, homewards, heavenwards." Two blind men were on one occasion seen at Brighton, walking along the street. One kept crawling along the street very slowly, tapping here and tapping there with his stick. The other rattled along at the rate of four miles an hour. But he was leaning on the arm of a friend who could see. That made all the difference.

Lean on Jesus, young man. Link your arm in His, old men and middle-aged men; for He sees, and knows, and will lead you. And now, in a word, I take it that real manhood consists in being like Christ, Christ-like. And in proportion as you resemble Him, in proportion as you obey the commands of Jesus, and in proportion as you persevere until His coming, in that same proportion may you count yourself as possessing real manhood.

In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.—Ephesians i. 7.

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**POSITIVELY  
ONE PRICE  
ONLY.**

**G**OD has one condition, and only one, on which he offers salvation to sinners. Man has not to bargain, but to accept; not to question, but to take. And oh! such terms! There are none like them in any earthly market-place.

God's beloved Son was "wounded for our transgressions—bruised for our iniquities," thus becoming our substitute; hence the penalty of sin having been paid, salvation can only be obtained as a GIFT; for while "the wages of sin is death, the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Therefore the call of God now is—

"Ho! every one that thirsteth, come ye!

"He that hath no money, come ye!

"Buy and eat; yea, come!

"Buy wine and milk, WITHOUT MONEY and WITHOUT PRICE."—Is, lv.

The gold mines of Scripture are not in the top soil; you must open a shaft; the precious diamonds of experience are not picked up in the road way; their secret places are far down. Get down into the vitality of the Word of God, and seek to possess with it the inward work of the Spirit.

SOME folk's tongues are like the clocks that run on striking, not to tell you the time of the day, but because there's something wrong with the works.

**GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE**

**EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,**

AT 8.30 O'CLOCK.

**Good Singing. Short Gospel  
Addresses.**

**COME.**

**BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.**

SUNDAY, JUNE 8.

Bible Class at 3 p.m., and Gospel and Song Service at 8.30, followed by an enquiry meeting at 9.15. All invited.

MONDAY, JUNE 9.

12 noon.—Thanksgiving and Praise 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, JUNE 10.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Inexhaustible Loving Kindness of God. Isa. lxiii. 7-9; Matt. xi. 28-30. H. B. Gordon.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 11.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Blind Man Healed. Mark viii. 22-26. Alex. White

THURSDAY, JUNE 12.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Prospered in the Path of Obedience Dan. i 8-16. Rev. W. C. Young.

8.00 p.m.—Workers' Meeting for Prayer.

FRIDAY JUNE 13.

12 to 12.45 noon.—A Sorrowful Heart Made Glad. Neh. ii. 1-3; Phil. iv. 6. Rev. J. Salmon.

7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Seemingly Alone, but God with Him 2 Tim. iv. 16-18. W. Marks.

4.30 p.m.—Teacher's Bible Class. Hon. S. H. Blake

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

8.00 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. G. T. Fergusson.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15.

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

" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian's Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. S. R. Briggs.

Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

**Railway Men's Meeting.**

W. C. JEX, Railway Secretary.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15.

3 p.m.—Union Station. S. R. Briggs and A. White.

**TEACHER'S  
BIBLE CLASS**

HELD

Every Saturday Afternoon,

AT 4.30 O'CLOCK.