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Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John xv. 14.

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PARLOR LECTURES.

THE attendance at our Lectures has been gratifying in the full sense of the word. The names of the gentlemen who have kindly acceded to our request, are a sufficient guarantee for the excellence of the lectures themselves, and the crowded parlor each evening, has evidenced the appreciation of the

efforts made to furnish a profitable evening for our members and friends. The Lecture next Tuesday, comes as one of the course of C.L.S.C., lectures. Mr. Houston is too well known to need any words of commendation from us. We advise our young men to hear him.

MEMBERS' COURSE OF

Parlor Lectures.

SHAFTESBURY HALL,

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, '85

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, P.M.

WILLIAM HOUSTON, M.A.,

[Librarian Legislative Assembly].

SUBJECT:

'PRACTICAL ENGLISH.'

C. L. S. C. LECTURE.

You are cordially invited.

Him that cometh, I will in no wise cast out.

John vi. 37.

Come unto Me, all ye that are heavy laden.
Matt. xi. 28.

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

Conducted by Mr. S. H. Blake,

EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

QUERY.

We copy the following from a recent issue of "Word and Work," (London, England):—

Y. M. C. A. in CANADA.—The past year has been one of steady, quiet growth. Seven new associations have been added to the list, many of the older ones have been strengthened, a (1) "better work for young men has been done, and taking it all in all, the work is in *better shape* than it has ever been before. * * * For some years the work of the Canadian Secretary was (2) *simply holding Evangelistic meetings*. Work for young men (3) *was given no prominence*, and the use of social, literary, and physical agencies was discouraged. (4) *For the first time the Canadian work is real Association work.*

In this extract the italics and figures are our own, and serve to mark points upon which comment is desirable. (1) If the work is "better," and in "better shape," it can afford to stand upon its own merits, and words derogatory to the faithful work of former officials is unnecessary. (2) It is not true that the work of the former Secretary was "simply holding Evangelistic services," but if it were so, we know that there are to-day in Canada, and elsewhere, hundreds of souls rejoicing in Christ Jesus as a result of the labors of that Secretary, and this is (to our mind) of infinitely greater importance than help-

ing to collect money to pay debts contracted by unwise Managers of existing (or rather dying) Associations, or of simply trying to launch new Associations at points where the tide of spiritual life and energy is barely high enough to keep them afloat. (3) If the writer had said that the work of *amusing young men* had been given no prominence, then it would have been correct and would have recorded a fact which all right minded Association workers in Canada have felt grateful for. (4) That under the *improved* (?) methods for conducting Y. M. C. A. work, the social is rapidly taking the place of the Religious, is evident from the reports which appear from time to time in the daily papers. We have merely to recall the notice in our Bulletin of Feb. 28, as to "challenges to provide best social," and then add to that the following notice recently cut from a western Ontario paper:—

"—— Hall failed to hold the crowd that assembled to hear the concert given by the Knights of Labor last night, and many were turned away. The programme was a varied one, as may be seen. It commenced with a waltz, "Mysotis," by the Y. M. C. A. Orchestra. Next came violin selections etc. Song, comic, etc., waltz, "Immortellen," Y. M. C. A. Orchestra."

Comment is unnecessary. We acknowledge with deep regret that there has been a change, but whether a change from "Evangelistic labors" to "playing waltzes" and "challenging Ladies to provide socials" is for the better, we leave others to decide.

[We desire to say that our attention was first called to this article in "Word and Work" by a Christian worker in our city who expressed his surprise and sorrow that it should have been put in print. Of course the Editor of "Word and Work" is in no way to blame. The onus rests with the correspondent, who furnished what he must have known to be an unfair statement.]

Thy Name is as ointment poured forth.

Cant. i. 3.

Father, keep through Thine own Name.
John xvii. 11.

“ACCEPTABLE.”

THE service of our late Assistant Secretary, Bro Hines, are proving very acceptable to the people of Charlottesville. This is clearly seen in the following extract taken from one of the leading papers of that town:—

“Up to two or three months ago, our Association worked without a General Secretary, then one was secured, and a most valuable addition has been proved. Mr. A. E. Hines, came to us from Toronto, Canada, a perfect stranger, but he has shown himself to be such an earnest Christian worker, so ready to help all in time of trouble, so effective in his methods, and so easy and polite in his manners, that he has become one of us, and the whole community recognizes his worth, and speaks to his praise. Until he came the work of the Association languished; it was a body without a head, so to speak. Nothing was done in a satisfactory manner to those most interested, and it seems reasonable that no association can do its work fully without a Secretary. Of course, therefore it is of vital importance that Mr. Hines be retained, and the Association is doing all it can to accomplish this result.”

We know our members will be pleased to read the above, and we trust they will remember Bro. H. in their prayers.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening.

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME

YOUNG MEN'S
BIBLE CLASS

Every MONDAY Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

“MR THEY SAY.”



FELLOW and far between are those who have not heard of the world-renowned 'They say!' The high and low, rich and poor, bond and free, honoured and despised, civilized and barbarian,—all have heard of Mr. They say. His name is almost a household word. But who has ever given the world a history of this eminent personage? Numerous as biographers are, no one has ever written and published the life of Mr. They Say. Pardon me if I undertake the task of writing a brief history of him.

His Parentage.—His father's name is Slanderer; his mother's, Tattle. Of his genealogy nothing more is known. He was born in the town of Evil Report, in the Kingdom of Sin.

His Age.—It is not known in what precise age of the world Mr. They Say was born. It is my opinion that he was born soon after Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden of Eden. If I am correct in this opinion, he must be very far advanced in life, and we should naturally expect to witness in him all the evidences of feeble old age, grey hairs, sunken eyes, and palsied limbs. But he is really as strong and active, as

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness.
Psalm xxiii. 3.

fresh and fair, and hale and hearty as he ever was. Remarkable old creature!

His Education.—Mr. They Say's education is very limited. What knowledge he has obtained is principally from hearsay; hence he does not have any correct knowledge of anything. His deficient education has ever been a serious embarrassment to him, for he never dares to make a positive assertion, but guesses it is so, fears it is so, and so on.

His Personal Appearance.—I have spoken of him as being as strong as active, &c., as he ever was. But who has ever seen Mr. They Say? Have you? Has any one? If any one has, I know not the man, But we know he exists, because everybody is talking about him. And I have come to the paradoxical conclusion that he exists and does not exist; is everywhere and nowhere; is responsible and irresponsible; a sort of "will-o'-the-wisp, — jack-with-the-lantern" kind of being, whose personal appearance can never be described.

His Character.—He is distinguished for wickedness:—He is a slanderer—a deceiver—a liar—peace-breaker—everything that is bad, without possessing one redeeming quality.

Reader! is Mr. They Say in your family? Drive him thence. Harbour him not a moment. Listen not to his vile slanders. He will involve you in trouble, while he himself will escape.

—Selected.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL WELCOME.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by MR. H. B. GORDON,

Chairman of Devotional Committee.

ALL INVITED.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29.

Bible Class at 3 p.m., and Gospel and Song Service at 8, followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9. All invited.

MONDAY, MARCH 30.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving.
8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Christ our Passover. 1 Cor. v. 7; Ex. xii. 21-27. Rev. A. F. McGregor.
8 p.m.—LECTURE by W. Houston, M.A. Subject, "Practical English."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Are You Ready? 1 Thess. v. 1-11; Luke xii. 39, 40. R. Hall.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Am I presenting Excuses for not Following Christ? Luke ix. 57-62. Rev. J. Salmon.
8.00 p.m.—SINGING CLASS.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Power of Testimony Lost through Conformity to the World. Gen. xix. 12-14; Rom. xii. 2. S. R. Briggs.
7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4.

12 to 12.45 noon.—What the Psalmist says of the Suffering Saviour. Ps. xxii. 1, 6-8, 14-18; Matt. xxvii. 35-50. Assist. Secretary.
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
8 p.m.—YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5.

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

" Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.

" Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

" Italian Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service C. S. Gzowski, Jr. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

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

Railway Men's Meeting.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5.

3 p.m.—Union Station. Jos. Greene and W. C. Jex.