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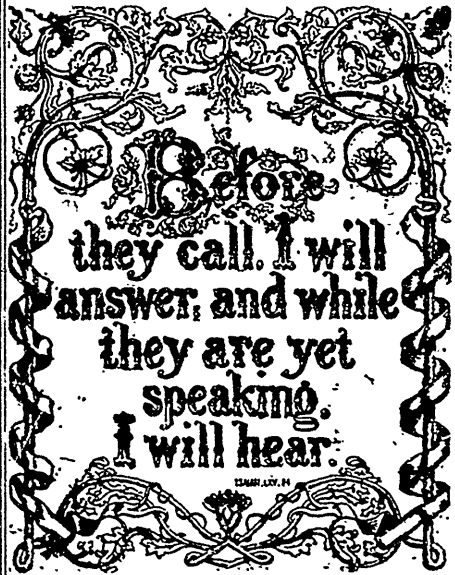
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Before
they call. I will
answer, and while
they are yet
speaking,
I will hear.

ISAIAH LXXV. 1

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every MONDAY Evening,
AT 8 O'CLOCK,

BULLETIN FUND.

F. E. \$2 00

THE Association rooms are open every day and evening (Sunday excepted) from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and all men are very cordially invited to visit and make use of them. The Reading room is well supplied with the best literature, both secular and religious, and our rooms being cool and pleasant in warm weather, makes them a desirable place to spend a leisure hour.

WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS EVERY THURSDAY,

AT EIGHT P.M.

All young men who desire to be better fitted for Christian work are invited to attend this meeting.

THE peace of some is rather founded in wrath to the saints than love among themselves; they are united; but how? No otherwise than Samson's foxes, to do mischief to others rather than good to themselves.—Gurnall.

Who His own self bare our sins.
1 Peter ii. 24.

My strength is made perfect in weakness.
2 Cor. xii. 9.

STATISTICAL REPORT

of attendance at the Reading Room and various meetings for the month of June, 1885.

	Total Attendance.
Reading Room.....	3380
Average Attendance.....	130
Visitors registered.....	132
Noonday Prayer Meeting.....	318
Sunday Morning Beginner's Class.....	No. of meetings... 4 52
" Evangelistic Bible Class.....	" " 4 111
" Gospel and Song Service.....	" " 4 1560
" Italian Class.....	" " 4 67
" Chinese Class.....	" " 4 62
" Deaf Mute Class.....	" " 4 87
Monday evening Bible Class.....	" " 5 193
Workers' Training Class.....	" " 4 52
Meeting for Boys.....	" " 4 80
Saturday Evening Young Men's Meeting.....	" " 4 356
Family Worship.....	" " 22 305
Directed to Boarding Houses.....	19
Employment Secured.....	7
Writing Material Supplied.....	81
Letters and Cards written by Secretary.....	418
Calls made by Secretary.....	99
Calls received by Secretary.....	107
Pledges taken.....	5
New members received.....	9

BIBLE CLASS

FOR S. S. TEACHERS,

EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

"THE Young Men's Christian Association seeks to unite those young men, who, regarding Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour, according to the Holy Scriptures, desire to be His disciples, in their doctrine and in their life, and to associate their efforts for the extension of His Kingdom among young men."

"JESUS said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. "And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. —Matt. 22: 37-40,

EVANGELISTIC

BIBLE CLASS

Every SUNDAY, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by General Secretary.

ALL INVITED.

Doing the will of God from the heart.
Eph. vi. 6.

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IF men generally who profess disbelief in Christianity, would put the Word of God to a fair test, as was done in the following case, they would only be doing the just and reasonable thing.

Some time since, a minister living in a community where scepticism and infidelity had led many astray, gave a series of discourses on the evidences of Christianity. Of course more or less of his opposers were present, and on the last night of the series a prominent infidel came in. At the close of a very impressive meeting the speaker said, in a spirit of tenderness—

“There may be, and doubtless are, some here to-night who do not believe as I do, and who do not accept the truth of the Bible. If there are any such, or if there is one willing to come forward and test this question of such vital interest to every soul, I invite him to the platform.”

On the instant the infidel referred to came forward and said—

“I do not believe your doctrines; I cannot accept them.”

“But,” said the clergyman, “you have denounced for years that which you have never tested. Are you willing that I, who have tried Christianity and feel its truths, shall be your teacher, and will you submit to my directions? You say that you are honest in your belief, and in an honest spirit you will meet me.”

“I do thus meet you, and I will allow you to be my teacher.”

“Then,” said the godly man, “kneel by my side and repeat the simple words, ‘God be merciful to me a sinner!’”

“But,” was the reply, “I do not believe in your teachings.”

“Well you say you are honest, and are willing to test this question; if so, you will heed my directions.”

The audience, in hushed expectation, heard the infidel, as he sullenly kneeled,

utter the words desired, with sarcastic defiance.

“Again repeat those words,” said his teacher in tones of utmost gentleness; and again, still defiant, yet more subdued, the infidel repeated, “God be merciful to me a sinner!”

Once more came the request to repeat the sentence, and before the audience, held by the power of the Holy Ghost, that petition went up in a tone of almost tenderness, certainly far different from the bravado with which it was first repeated.

A fourth time came the request, “Repeat it again;” and, with his strong frame quivering with emotion, the poor man poured out his soul’s need in the prayer of the publican.

At the fifth repetition the man then and there, before the large assembly, offered up from his inmost soul the prayer which, when thus offered, meets with a forgiving Father’s pardon.

In conclusion we would ask this question of all unbelievers: “Why will you denounce a faith which you have never put to the test?”

THE best rules for a young man to form are to talk little, to hear much, to reflect alone upon what has passed in company, to distrust ones own opinions, and value others’ that deserve it.—*Sir W. Temple.*

“POVERTY is uncomfortable, as I can testify; but nine times out of ten the best thing that can happen to a young man is to be tossed overboard and compelled to sink or swim for himself.”—*James A. Garfield.*

SAY not ye, There are yet four months and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

In the Lord have I righteousness and strength.

Isa. xlv. 24.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every **SATURDAY EVENING**,
AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME

WHAT JESUS IS ABLE TO DO FOR YOU.

Able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.—2 Cor. ix. 8.

Able to succor them that are tempted.—Heb. ii. 18.

Able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.—Jude xxiv.

Able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him.—Heb. vii. 25.

What he has promised, he is able also to perform.

Able also to make you stand.—Romans xiv. 4.

Able to keep that which I have committed unto him.—2 Tim. i. 12.

Able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.—Acts xx. 32.

Able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.—Ephesians iii. 20.

HUMAN things must be known to be loved; but divine things must be loved to be known.—*Pascal*.

THE head has its reasons, but the heart has its reasons also, and sometimes the reasons of the head are overruled by the reasons of the heart. Perhaps it would be well if the reasons of the heart would prevail oftener than they do; for, after all, the heart is nearer to the ruddy life than is the logic-weighing brain.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL WELCOME.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, JULY 13.

12 noon.—Praise and Thanksgiving. General Secretary.

8 p.m.—**YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.**

TUESDAY, JULY 14.

12 to 12.45 noon.—An Opportunity Prized too Late. Heb. xii. 15-17; 2 Cor. vi. 12 R. Merryfield.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15.

12 to 12.45 noon.—A Time to Go Forward. Ex. xiv. 13-16; Luke ix. 12, 13. W. C. Jex.

THURSDAY, JULY 16.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Christian's Individuality. Rom. xii. 4-8. J. H. Holmes.

8 p.m.—**WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS.**

FRIDAY, JULY 17.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Am I Discouraged by Others? Mark x. 46-52. J. Bousfield.
7.30 p.m.—**BOY'S MEETING.**

SATURDAY, JULY 18.

12 to 12.45 noon.—What David says of Christ's Resurrection. Ps. xvi. 8-10; Acts ii. 24-32. Assistant Secretary.

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

8.00 p.m.—**YOUNG MEN'S MEETING**
Have I any reason for loving Christ. Luke vii. 36-50. R. Northy.

SUNDAY, JULY 19.

9.30 a.m.—Beginner's Bible Class. Assistant Secretary.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. General Secretary.

“ Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Brigden.

“ Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

“ Italian Class.

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 Meeting.

THURSDAY, JULY 16.

7.30 p.m., for one hour.—At York, Cottage Meeting at P. Lee's; address by J. Wood.

SUNDAY, JULY 19.

GOSPEL MEETINGS.

3 p.m.—Union Station. H. Thomas and Wm. Marks.

3.15 p.m.—At York. W. C. Jex and Jas. Green.