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"The nature of Christ's existence is mysterious, I admit; but this mystery meets the wants of man."

—Napoleon.

SCHEDULE

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- October 16. 8 A.M. Class in Boxing.
" " Holiday for Y. M. C. A. School of Commerce.
" 17. 4 P.M. Men's Meeting, D. F. McClelland, Esq., B.A., on "Some remarkable Movements in the Student World."
" 18. 4-30 P.M. Sub-Junior Bible Class.
" 19. 5-30 P.M. Class in Wrestling.
" " 4-30 P.M. Character Study Class—J. E. Frohlich, Esq. Boys' Branch.
" " 7-30 P.M. Moonlight Cycle Run.
" 20. Holiday for Y. M. C. A. School of Commerce.
" 22. Excursion to Ennore.
" 23. 8 A.M. Class in Boxing.
" 24. 4 P.M. Men's Meeting.
" 25. 4-30 P.M. Sub-Junior Bible Class.
" 26. 5-30 P.M. Class in Wrestling.
" " 4-30 P.M. Character Study Class—J. E. Frohlich, Esq. Boys' Branch.
" 29. Lantern Lecture—Boys' Branch.
" 30. 8 A.M. Class in Boxing.

INDIAN SACRED SONG SERVICE

A successful sacred song service was held in the Auditorium on Sunday, the 10th October. Sacred songs were sung in nearly all the vernaculars of South India. Most of

those who took part are our members. We may be permitted here to put in a word of appreciation to all those who contributed to the success of this service which is the first of its kind that has been held under the auspices of our Association. The interest

shown by the audience is a strong indication that sacred songs in the Indian vernaculars have not lost their charm to the educated Indian Christian Community and that Indian music is going to be more and more appreciated by the sons of the soil.

Now for the programme. The song service began with a short prayer followed by a hymn sung by all the men present. Mr. J. C. David having read the 150th Psalm, Mr. David Subba Rao sang a Tamil lyric, Mr. Charles M. Bhaktul recited in Telugu verse the introductory portion of St. John's Gospel, and Messrs. T. N. Jacob and others sang a vigorous Malayalam song. Mr. J. M. David and his friends sang the Te Deum Laudamus and the parts blended beautifully. Mr. Devasundram Gnanamani sang to the accompaniment of violin a Tamil lyric composed by his father, the Rev. C. P. Gnanamani of St. Paul's Church. Mr. T. Purushotham followed with an appealing Telugu Kirthana and Mr. L. David a Hindustani song. One more Malayalam and Tamil lyric was sung respectively by Messrs. P. V. Chako and S. D. Peters. The sacred song service came to a close with a period of intercession led by Mr. W. H. Heinrichs.

NO ADDRESSES

We receive complaints now and again that our Bulletin does not reach certain of our members. This is because as we have so often mentioned,

the addresses of these members have not been left with us. Matters can only be remedied with the co-operation of our members who may happen to know them. The names of such members whose addresses are not known to us are given below, and we earnestly request their friends to drop a post card to us with their correct addresses.

Messrs. H. H. Abdul Shaker, M. H. Airode, Wiedr Bisher, T. A. Davidson, K. V. Eapen, J. B. Eliezer, E. Fernandez, C. A. S. Maniyam, G. T. Martin, P. S. Menon, K. Parasuraman, A. Sambandam, I. Srinivasan, P. Venkatapathi, Venkatarama Iyer, B. V. Venkataram and J. M. Vernon.

ROYAPETTAH BRANCH.

Mr. G. S. Lamech arranged for a Cinema show on the 7th October to the members of the Branch. Nearly a hundred of the members and a few visitors were present and appreciated the exhibition very much. Those members of the branch who do not frequent the Association room in Royapettah cannot expect to receive special notices of every activity that is going on there. The only way to find out engagements other than regular attendance is to find them in the "Madras Young Men".

THE MADRAS CHRISTIAN CONVENTION

The meetings of the Convention were held under the auspices of the South India

United Church; the Madras Missionary Conference was asked to assume responsibility for the arrangements of the Convention. One of our Secretaries was requested to act as convener of the General Committee in charge. The purpose of the Convention was to stimulate The Indian Church into new life and activity.

The speakers were Dr. J. E. Tracey of Madura Mission, the Rev. B. C. Sircar, National Secretary of Y. M. C. A. for Bengal, the Rev. F. Kingsbury of the United Theological College, and Mr. G. S. Eddy, International Y.M.C.A. Secretary for Asia. Mr. Eddy reviewed the present-day world conditions and the awakening of the Churches in China, Japan, Korea, Uganda, and certain parts of South India. He called upon the Churches in Madras to go forward and rise to its opportunity. An interim committee has been formed to conserve the results of these meetings. One of their suggestions is to request the Madras Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors to release Mr. E. C. Worman for six months and the National Missionary Society to spare Mr. Kadambavanam for one year. These and other proposals are to be submitted to a General Committee consisting of Indian Ministers and laymen and European Missionaries. In these days of opportunities for service to our Motherland it is hoped that young men will as usual take responsibilities on their shoulders in order to arouse the churches in Madras to her obligations and opportunities.

STUDENT DEPARTMENT 145

On the 4th October, there was a special meeting at the Auditorium for the Christian students of Madras. We had the great privilege of hearing Dr. T. R. Glover, Fellow and Senior Classical Lecturer and Senior Proctor in the University of Cambridge. Dr. Glover is the author of many interesting books, of which "The Conflict of Religions in the Early Roman Empire" is the most known. He is also one of the foremost leaders in the British Student Movement. He delivered a very learned address on the possibilities that lie before a scholar when he comes in contact with Christ. He illustrated this from the incident of a scribe becoming a disciple of Christ and from Christ's remarks on it, "Every scribe (or in modern phraseology, a professor) instructed unto the kingdom of Heaven is like unto a man that is an householder which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old." He also showed how students always took the lead in the epoch-making religious movements of Christianity, for example, St. Paul, St. Augustine, Martin Luther, and John Wesley.

BOYS' BRANCH HOBBIES EXHIBITION

Before the close of the schools for the long Michaelmas holidays members were informed of the Hobbies Exhibition during this month and the fact that many were really at work

during the holidays is more than borne out by the success that attended the Exhibition. The Committee met a fortnight before the Exhibition and had all the arrangements complete. In view of the fact that most of the parents of the members are not in touch with what is being done in this branch it was proposed that a special entertainment should be given to them and accordingly invitations were sent and were heartily responded to. It is noteworthy that each member did his part in making the Exhibition a success. Those who were not able to collect hobbies helped the Committee in selling tickets, taking invitations to parents, and giving wide publicity to the Exhibition.

The Boys' Branch Hall, the Gymnasium and the Auditorium were tastefully decorated with flags and evergreens which presented a lively appearance. The stalls consisted of paintings and drawings, pictures and picture post cards, stamps, coins, model, curios

and fancy works, newspaper cuttings of humorous stories and pet animals and birds. There was a separate stall for non-member exhibits. The following were on the different stalls:—42 paintings and drawings, 28 post card albums and picture collections, 9 stamp albums, 12 coin sets, 9 models, 4 pet birds and animals and a large number of curios, etc. Further the walls were neatly and artistically decorated with pictures of all kinds. Deaconness Creighton who opened the Exhibition was received by Mr. H. C. Herman and shown round the different stalls. In opening the exhibition she made a short and instructive speech, expressed her great delight in witnessing the excellent collection of hobbies and encouraged the members to cultivate and improve the practice of utilising their leisure to the best advantage.

Miss Iles and Mr. D. McClelland acted as judges and declared the following as winners of medals and prizes:—

Paintings and Drawings	...	{ P. Selvarajan	...	Medal
		{ Abbas Ali	...	Prize
Pictures and post cards	...	{ P. Selvarajan	...	1st prize
		{ Mohamed Hassan	...	2nd "
Stamp collections	...	Rajah Swaminadhan	...	Medal
Coin collecting	...	{ Byram Shah	...	"
		{ P. Selvarajan	...	Prize
Models	...	A. P. Rajagopal	...	"
Curios, etc.	...	{ Byram Shah	...	1st prize
		{ Dhanapal	...	2nd "
Non-member exhibits (drawings).		K. E. Mathew	...	Prize

Mr. Thomas Sittler was in charge of the most interesting part of the exhibition, namely, the fish pond and lucky dip.

After a great deal of amusement in this department, an adjournment was made to the Auditorium where an interest-

ing programme was gone through with Mr. N. Swaminadhan in the chair. Mr. Heinrichs gave a banjo solo which was followed by a performance on the veena by Srimathi Bhavani Ammal. There were a number of songs and recitations which were all very well appreciated. P. Selvaraju in a short speech welcomed the parents and friends and V. Ramchandradu spoke on what the Y. M. C. A. is doing for him. Mr. J. R. Isaac of the National Council next gave an interesting address on "Hobbies." He explained the meaning of the word 'hobby' and warned the boys not to waste money on hobbies nor expect any monetary reward for their labour. Some of the members staged a Tamil Drama entitled "India Then and Now." The Chairman made a few remarks in the course of which he advised the boys to begin to prepare for the next exhibition in 1917. He appreciated very much what the Y. M. C. A. is doing for boys and hoped that they will be immensely benefited by the training given and prove themselves worthy citizens in the years to come. The amount realised by the sale

of tickets was over Rs. 30, of which Rs. 25 will be set apart for replenishing the boys' library.

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

A literary society under the name of "Commercial Union" has been organized in connection with the School and the Secretaries of the Union are busy in arranging lectures and debates on technical subjects. An interesting paper on "The Value and Advantages of Commercial Education" was read by Mr. Veerabahu on the 9th when Mr. H. C. Herman presided and gave some very valuable advice to students on technical training.

CYCLE-RUN AND EXCURSION

Our members are requested to take part in the Cycle-run on the 19th and in the Excursion to Ennore on the 22nd inst. The charge for the latter is Re 1. Names are to be registered before the 19th. Full particulars can be obtained from any member of the Social Committee—Messrs. P. V. R. Sebastian, M. Nather and R. K. Shanmugam,

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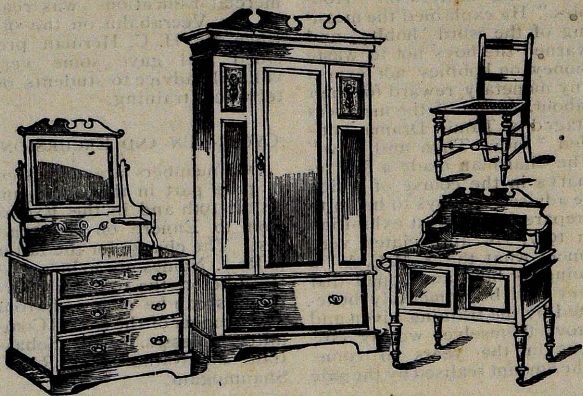
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