

Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O  
house of Israel.—Ezekiel xxxiii. 11.

number of our young men, decked with aprons and paper caps, then "cooked" and served pop-corn in various styles to the crowd, and an informal good time was indulged in until a late hour. Several young men, never before in our rooms, were present and expressed their determination to visit our quarters frequently. Taking it all in all, we consider the entertainment a grand success."

Beware, brethren! These are extras for which you will have to pay dearly; and if you do not put a stop to them, there will be but one fate—RUIN; and then as you sit and think of what you were, and what you are, you will say, "Surely the Devil got into our Association when he set us to popping corn instead of living and preaching Christ.

Let us be social. Let us have social gatherings for young men, but let them be Christian. Surely it is prostituting the word "social" to apply it to a gathering such as that referred to. We are pained at these growing indications of nearness to the far country and the husks. Do, dear brethren, for the sake of the perishing young men around you, for the reputation of the Associations, and for the glory of God, "stop these extras."

### "IT IS FINISHED."

WHAT HAD TO BE DONE.

**T**HE magnitude of that which had to be done proved the sinner's total inability to do it.

Sin had to be put away; could man do that? Nay, it was by him it had come in.

The serpent's head had to be bruised; could man do that? Nay, he had become the serpent's slave.

God's claims had to be met; could man do that? Nay, he had already trampled them under foot.

Death had to be abolished; could man do that? Nay, he had by sin introduced it, and imparted to it its terrible sting.

### SIN'S FOOTMARKS.

**T**HERE is an old legend of a goblin horseman that galloped over men's fields at night; and wherever his hoof struck, the soil was blasted so that nothing would ever grow on it again. So it is with the heart over which the beastly feet of lust, of sensuality, of greed, of selfishness, of passion are allowed to tread. Not only do they beat it down into hardness, but they leave a blight upon it. There is an impression that it does young people no harm to indulge in sin for a time, if they afterward repent. No more fatal falsehood was ever whispered into any ear by the tempter. The heart that is trodden over by vile lusts or indulgences of any kind is never the same again.

### THE DRUNKARD'S WILL.

**I** LEAVE to society a ruined character, wretched example, and memory that will soon rot.

I leave to my parents during the rest of their lives as much sorrow as humanity, in a feeble and decrepit state, can sustain.

I leave to my brothers and sisters as much mortification and injury as I could well bring on them.

I leave to my wife a broken heart, a life of wretchedness and shame to weep over my premature death.

I give and bequeath to each of my children poverty, ignorance, a low character, and the remembrance that their father was a drunkard.

### YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

There is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him.—Romans x. 12.