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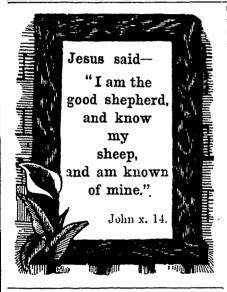
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## THE FIRST INSTALMENT.



T one of our Noonday Meetings special prayer was offered with reference to the debt upon our building, that God

would be pleased, speedily to relieve us of this burden. At the close of the meeting a lady handed to the Secretary \$10 as her contribution toward the fund. We firmly believe that the time is drawing nigh when the desire of our heart shall be granted us, and we shall have our building not only free from debt, but every part of it used for purposes designed to secure the well-being of the Young Men of Toronto. When we can hold our Young Men's Meetings and our Noonday Meetings on the ground floor, we believe we shall reach hundreds who are now unreached. Out of the hundreds of liquor saloons in the

City of Toronto we believe we are right in saying there are not half a dozen (if any) on the second floor of a building, or even up more than 2 or 3 steps. And why? Because the Devil is too good a trapper to allow his agents to bungle his nets and snares, You can not catch a rabbit by putting the snare up a tree, and it would be almost as certain a failure to put a bar-room up even one story, so the trap is set as near the sidewalk as the LAW will permit. They can't sell whiskey on the street, but they come as near to it as possible.

Why should not we as Christians take a leaf out of their book. We know it is difficult to induce Young Men to come up stairs, but there are many who would drop into an open door on a level with the sidewalk. Shall we not be placed in a position to carry out this plan? Friends pray for this, and then see how far you can help to answer your own prayers. Fathers and Mothers of Toronto, we ask your prayers and aid. Perhaps the day may come when the helping hand of this or some other Association may be needed by you. Help, not simply because we ask, or need, but for HIS sake who has done so much for you.

## Remember

Every Sunday Afternoon,

AT 3 O'CLOCE, FOR ONE HOUR.

All are invited.