

to a very great extent in this Church, and what is being done here can be done everywhere ; and if it *were* done everywhere, I venture to predict that the Church of God would enter upon an era of numerical and spiritual prosperity tenfold more glorious than anything she has ever experienced. If our youth are not saved before they leave their teens—aye, before they are far advanced in their teens—the probability of their conversion becomes exceedingly doubtful. There never was a period in the history of the world when it was more important for a boy to start out with fixed religious principles, and stick to them at all hazards, than the present. The temptations to wrong-doing are so numerous, so subtle, and so strong, that nothing but the grace of God can save them from making a total wreck of life. The great majority of young men to-day are on the down-grade, drifting to moral bankruptcy, and, in not a few cases, have touched the rock-bottom of human depravity.

#### A BAD SHOWING.

Some time ago, the question was asked in the Republic on our southern border, "What is the severe truth as to the actual condition of morals among our young men, taken as a mass—East, West, North, and South?" In the answer which was furnished to that question by the National Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, we are