

follower of Jesus Christ who does not strive to make to-morrow better than to-day. For the Christian, the Golden Age is always in the future. He must be anxious to get ahead! but *not* ahead of his fellows by any methods and at any cost! The man whose life is ruled by such principles as these: "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them"; and "Bear ye one another's burdens",—that man can never make it his life ambition to succeed by trampling on his fellowmen. Dishonest business competition, unworthy social jealousies, unseemly denominational rivalries have no place in a society or a life that is truly Christian.

But it *is* Christian to get ahead of ourselves! To strive to win the victory over our own weaknesses, to seek to bear our trials with ever increasing fortitude, to perform our tasks from day to day with greater fidelity and cheerfulness, to be constantly getting ahead of our meanness and selfishness,—this is the task God gives every man. The greatest business of life for every one of us is, after all—to get ahead of ourselves!

The young man on the athletic field does well to remember this great truth. To win, or to be defeated, in any contest is not as important as to play the game fairly and to win the victory over any inclination or temptation to treat one's opponent unfairly or dishonestly. Abraham Lincoln is reported to have said on one occasion, "I am not bound to win; but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed; but I am bound to live up to what light I have. I must stand with any one who stands for right; stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong."

Congregationally, there is a higher aim than the ambition to outstrip neighboring churches and sister denominations. It is our business to determine to break our own record, to beat our yesterdays by our to-day and our to-morrows! The main question to be decided, when we take stock of our church's life and work, is not to be sure that we are doing as much or more than others; but to be convinced of this, that we ourselves are making progress towards doing for Jesus *all we can*. Christ is constantly challenging His people to get ahead of them-

selves! And the thing can be done. The final victory over self can be won at the end of the Christian's life-long fight, in and by and through the strength that comes to the life from Jesus Christ Himself.

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### The One Chance

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If you are a Sabbath School or Bible Class teacher, have you ever thought of the single chance you have—of the one chance—with the boy or girl or man or woman who may be in your class only once in life?

Do you ever teach with the thought clearly in your mind that you are in the hearing of some one who may never hear the truth presented just as you have the chance of presenting it then?

How this thought of the one chance dignifies teaching and makes all and supremely important each message as it is given!

You may face again the man who is facing you. But you may not. He may never be there again. You may never be in your place again.

The one chance! How awful it is, how pregnant with possibilities, how important to seize it as it comes our way, and to make the most of it when it is ours!

How masterfully, again and again, the Master Teacher utilized what seemed to be the one chance in His earthly ministry! He never let the one chance pass Him by.

Do you?

### Leveling Up and Leveling Down

What are the relations of other literature and the Bible? We refer, of course, only to the literature of the highest class. Is this literature in its moral and religious value coordinate with the Bible or subordinate? The observation of the tendencies in certain quarters indicates that there is a disposition to make the two coordinate, which amounts to denying to the Bible the place of primacy to which it has been thought to be entitled. It is a matter of large importance.

As a matter of fact, this process of making the Bible coordinate in rank with other