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WE are grateful to God for the many tokens of His favor received during the past, and we believe that He will yet supply our needs, and enable us to close the year with all claims met, including our increased issue.

OUR ANNUAL.

THROUGH the liberality of one of our young men we have been enabled to issue a special edition of "Our Annual" for circulation among Boarding Houses.

TO THE CHRISTIAN YOUNG MEN OF TORONTO.

WORK TO DO.

THE work of a Young Men's Christian Association is such as to give scope for every kind of talent. Therefore you need not think that there is no place for you in our ranks of *workers*.

Our Reception Committee will give you an opportunity to use for the Master your social qualifications. The duty of its members is to be present on stated evenings to receive strangers, converse with them, explain the working of our Association, and in other ways to make them realize that an invitation to our rooms implies a hearty welcome when they come among us.

The Invitation Committee will enable you to fulfil the Master's command, to "go and compel them to come in." Its members are engaged each Saturday evening in visiting the hotels and saloons, or standing at the street corners, where, by printed slip or word of mouth, they extend an invitation to attend the meeting for Young Men.

Our Visiting Committee will enable you to obey His command to visit the sick.

The Boarding House Committee (which might be called the most important Committee organized) will assign you a district in which to work among young men. The Committee now visits over 250 boarding houses each week, thus reaching over 2,500 young men; but "yet there is room" for workers—a vast number of young men are still beyond our reach.

At our Evangelistic meetings you can help either by acting as usher—helping with your voice to sing God's praise—telling the "Old, Old Story,"—or at

the close, speaking a word which may, by God's blessing, be the means of leading an anxious soul to the Lord Jesus.

Dear friend, these are some portions of the field which we open up to you. Will you not join us in the work?

FIRST CHANCE.



APPROACHING a certain city in the West, the traveler reads this sign, placed at right angles to a saloon front. When he enters the city, "First Chance." Chance for what? A chance to waste his money; a chance to muddle his brain before transacting his business; to weaken his moral character and make himself an easier prey to the other snares which abound in that same city; a chance to lower his own self-respect, and a chance to lose the respect of others. Worst of all, a chance to harden his heart against the pleadings of the Holy Spirit and the accusations of his own conscience; a chance to lessen his chances for Heaven and increase his chances for Hell. Who will take the "First Chance?"

On leaving the city by the same road, one reads on the other side of the sign, "Last Chance." The last chance to get drunk before going home to the mother and sisters, or to the wife and children; the chance to make the wife's cheeks tingle with shame for the man she vowed to love; the chance to make the children cower before their father, who has degraded himself below the brutes; the chance to destroy the home that love has helped to build; the chance to bring upon himself remorse and anguish when it is forever too late.

—*Burlington (Iowa) Bulletin.*

THE LAST OPPORTUNITY.



MANAGERS of amusements have the art of awakening public attention by captivating and stirring appeals in their advertisements. "The last chance," "Only a few days longer," "Positively the last opportunity," are conspicuously capitalized to stir up the curiosity. As our eye has often been arrested by such announcements, we have thought of the serious and solemn application they would bear. To every sinner there is a "last" and "positively" last opportunity for securing a neglected salvation. They have line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little; and then the appeals to their conscience, to their hopes and fears, become less frequent, until, the awful juncture arrives when the last invitation is offered, and the cry is heard, "He that is unjust let him be unjust still; and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still." It has often occurred that an individual eager for some sensual pleasure, and hastening with light and buoyant steps to some resort of sinful amusement or some haunt of polluting vice, has in the very act, lost the last opportunity for securing the blessings of eternal life. The invitation of mercy has been changed into the summons of judgment, and hopes of heaven into the realities of hell. The last opportunity of averting a fate which no earthly language can describe, may be nearer than the soul may imagine. The special call through God's ministering servants, which falls on the ear; that earnest exhortation from a friend; that providential care, continually watching over you; that still small voice, dissuading from sin and urging to repentance and conversion, may be the last opportunity. It is first, "Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die?" and then, before the soul is aware, comes the terrible decree, "He that is joined to his idols, let him alone," and upon his soul falls the voice of God, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee!" If you have not repented, embrace the present opportunity; "Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." "Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near."

"Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself upright. At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.—Prov. xxiii. 31-32.

REJOICE O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: **BUT KNOW** that for all these things **GOD WILL BRING THEM INTO JUDGMENT**

O SHUN the Race-course, Billiard Hall, Theatre, Tavern, Cigar Store, &c., where evil habits are formed, where time is wasted, health injured, character degraded, conscience sacrificed, and the

SOUL RUINED!

ASK AND RECEIVE.

AT St. Cross, near Winchester, a dole is still given to the passer-by. No matter who he may be, he has but to ask and receive a horn of drink and a piece of bread. We went to the door and were served at once without question. Just so at the gate of mercy, grace is given freely to all who ask for it sincerely, in the name of Jesus, be they who they may. No money is needed or would be taken; merits of man are not available at mercy's door. The good woman gave to us and our three companions a mere mouthful of bread each, and when we asked if that was the usual quantity, she answered, "No; but you gentlemen do not want bread." Just so; the poor man would have had a large slice from the loaf, but we were too well dressed. Depend upon it, none get so much of Jesus as those who deeply know and feel their poverty of soul. Persons in a conscious state of spiritual wealth never can prize the sinner's Saviour as he ought to be prized. Emptiness, famine, ravenous hunger—these bring the Lord Jesus to a high price in the market. Those who are really sensible of their sins and their depravity of nature will

not be put off with half a Christ, they need a whole Christ, a full Christ, and nothing but Christ. O to hunger and thirst after the Lord, for then we shall be filled!

At St. Cross the supplies are generally exhausted by twelve o'clock, and they are replenished no more that day. Woe to us if it were so with Jesus; but, blessed be His name, He stands waiting all the day long to give the bread of heaven to the hungry. He refuses none, though they come when the day is far spent. There is enough in Him for all who come or ever will come.

Weary wayfarer, why do you hunger when bread is to be had? Why will you die when there is life in Christ? Thy blood will be upon thine own head if thou dost neglect the great salvation provided by free grace and dying love. Come and welcome to Jesus! Come now!—*Spurgeon.*

YOUNG MEN'S

BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

ALL INVITED.

Remember

THE

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

Every Sunday Afternoon,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

All are invited.

REMEMBER

—THE—

Young Men's Meeting,

HELD

EVERY SATURDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME!

**GOSPEL AND SONG
SERVICE,**

Every Sunday Evening,

AT 8.30.

GOOD SINGING.

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.

COME!

Bulletin for Week Commencing Dec. 18, 1882.

MONDAY.....	Dec. 18	12.00	M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING F. Aston.
			8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Secretary.
TUESDAY....	" 19	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Geo. E. Stokes.
WEDNESDAY.	" 20	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. H. B. Gordon.
THURSDAY...	" 21	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Rev. J. Salmon.
FRIDAY	" 22	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Assistant Sec'y.
			8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SATURDAY ..	" 23	12.00	M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. W. N. McFarlane.
			8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. J. J. Findlay.
SUNDAY.....	" 24	3.00	P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
			8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETING.

SUNDAY, Dec. 24, 3.00 P.M.—Gospel Meeting at Union Station, and Credit Valley Station, Parkdale.