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Brooklyn, N. Y., January ad, 2860 .

## Dear Brethren :

The International Lecture Bureau of Young Men's Christian Associations are happy to announce that they have secured the services of the gifted and popular lecturer,

## JOHN B. GOUGH, for the ENTIRE SEASON of 1869-'70.

Mr. Gouge is in full sympathy with the work of our Associations, and has cheerfully cooperated with us, giving us the precedence of all other organized bodies.

We are now prepared to receive applications for his lectures for the season of 1869-70. Such applications will be filed in the order in which they are received, and must all be in hand before the 1 st of May, 1869 ; but the Bureau cannot make any definite engagements for Mr. Gouge until June, 1869, when the applications will all be sifted, his routes laid out, and the accepted ones notified.

In order to prove the bona fide character of these applications, the commission (five per cent.) will be payable when the Association making such application shall be notified of its acceptance, and the date of the lecture fixed. This commission will be credited when the season's balance is struck, and if through any circumstance, either Mr. Gouge or the Bureau should fail to fulfil their part of the contract, the money paid will be refunded.

It will be understood that this arrangement refers to Mr. Gouge alone.
Mr. Cough's terms are $\$ 300$ for large cities, and $\$ 200$ for all others.

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It gives the Bureau great pleasure, also, to announce that the cause which they represent is rapidly growing in favor, and that they expect to secure, in addition to Mr. Govgh, the entire services of some of the very ablest lecturers in the country.

By thus controlling the highest talent, they expect to be able to offer a reduction of one-half-or two and a half per cent. of the commission to any Y. M. C. Association, getting up a series of lectures, who will agree to negotiate their whole course through the Bureau.

In this connection it is deemed not improper to offer two or three suggestions of a business character, as many lectures fail of pecuniary profit because they are not conducted upon a business basis.

1st.-Decide upon your lecture course as long as possible before the lecture season begins.
2nd.-Make your announcements early, and keep them conspicuonsly before the public eye.
3rd.-Enlist all your active members in personal effort to sell course tickets.
And even if your lectures do not prove a large pecuniary success, do not look upon your efforts as entirely in vain; for, besides contributing to the cultivation of a healthful æsthetic taste, and elevating the Platform to the rank of a public educator-one of the great desiderata of the day-you are thereby forcing your association and its aims upon public attention, and strengthening the foundations of the cause.

The circular containing the names of lecturers, subjects, terms, ete., will be issued in March. It is respectfully suggested that those who wish to secure prominent lecturers without fail should send in their applications by the first of June, 1869.

In conclusion, the Bureau regret that there have been so many deticiencies in its working during the present season ; but these have been mainly owing to the lateness of its organization, and to the fact that our best lecturers had already closed their engagements, and laid out their routes. Arrangements have now been made by which all correspondence in the future will be characterized by promptness and despatch. Next season we will be early in the field, and, with your co-operation, hope to make it fruitful of the best results. But to achieve these results, and enable the Burean to attain the high aim for which it was rganized, viz: the elevation and sanctification of the platform, it is absolutely requisite that we should are the undivided support of all the associations on the continent.

Yours, in Christian Brotherhood,

WM. M. Martin, Chatrman.<br>CHAS. MUMFORD, Secretary.<br>ALFRED WICKs, Treasurer.




























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