

—Last evening about 5:30, Charlie Jones was struck by a freight train on the Iowa Central, and died at four o'clock this morning. He had been at the Y. M. C. A. rooms all the afternoon and was going home by the way of the union depot. He ran rapidly along the platform on the south side of the depot, and did not notice a freight which had halted just above the crossing. He stepped on the rail east of the depot, and fell on the track, and the next instant his right knee was caught and crushed between the rail and the cow-catcher of the engine. He was immediately taken home, and Dr. Lewis, assisted by Drs. Clark and Wiley, rendered all the assistance in their power, but the shock was too great, and he breathed his last this morning about 4 o'clock. Charles O. Jones was 18 years, 3 months and 9 days old, and was a young man of honest and industrious habits. He was converted last spring at a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, and has since then been one of the most faithful and active members of the association. He was especially useful on committees, and could always be depended upon. It is a comfort to his friends to remember that his life was conscientious and honest, and that he was ready to go.

—The funeral services of Charles O. Jones were held in the Congregational church Sunday at 2 o'clock. Six young men from his class in Sunday school and from the Young Men's Christian Association acted as pall-bearers, and the association male choir furnished the music. Dr. Safford preached a short and impressive discourse, and deep sorrow was manifested by all as the large audience passed to look for the last time on the face of the young man whom all trusted and no one knew but to love. He had been a member of the church since last March, and was a faithful, earnest Christian. In his faithfulness to Christian duties he has set an example which many an older Christian may well follow. A large number of friends followed the remains to their last resting place in the cemetery, where a few friends sang "Shall we gather at the river?" Dr. Safford, in behalf of the family, thanked all who had shown sympathy, and help in this time of sudden affliction, after which he pronounced the benediction. The influence of Charlie Jones' life and his sudden death must be great on the young men of this city.

*Charles O. Jones*

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