

THE LIFE BOAT

"Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, . . . maimed, . . . halt, and . . . blind."

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Introductory

WE have long felt the need of some medium of communication between the Chicago Medical Mission and its many friends and supporters. It was recently decided to begin the publication of a monthly paper, through which we could more fully report the progress of the work of this Mission and its many lines of work in connection with the various institutions associated with it.

It is our intention that THE LIFE BOAT shall be a monthly letter of instruction and encouragement to all who are interested in uplifting fallen humanity. In it, each month, will be found reports of the various departments of the vast relief and rescue work conducted in Chicago under the auspices of the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association.

The task of collecting and preparing matter for THE LIFE BOAT has been placed in the hands of a committee whose members are closely in touch with the entire work, and you may be assured that THE LIFE BOAT will be brim full of interesting items and inspiring reports each month.

We would enlist your hearty support in behalf of this new feature of our work. Will you not help us onward in this work by extending your support to this little sheet?

Growth of the Chicago Medical Mission

It is but a few years since the Chicago Medical Mission was started on its career for the relief of suffering humanity. Although small in its beginning, it has rapidly grown until at present it comprises some eight institutions and twenty-five distinct lines of mission and rescue work. About

200 persons are now engaged in the various departments of this work. The year 1893 witnessed the inauguration of the work as a free dispensary, bath-room, laundry, etc., in dark basement-quarters on Custom House Place. From this small beginning came the Working-men's Home, which is at present so well equipped for ministering to the physical and spiritual welfare of those who come within the sphere of its influence.

From the first this work has been supported by voluntary contributions. The annual reports show a total expenditure of more than \$35,000, while several of the industrial branches are self-supporting or very nearly so. This, of course, has been a great financial help to the work, while the balance has been met, and must continue to be met, by voluntary contributions on the part of the friends of this enterprise.

From the humble beginning above referred to, the work has extended in the various fields where its distinctive methods were so much needed, until at present the original Medical Mission has not only grown to be an extensive work of itself, but there have been added to the work several successful gospel missions where nightly efforts are put forth in behalf of the outcast and downtrodden. The entire work is of a very practical nature, an effort not only being made to reach the soul, but the body also. The Maternity, and Rescue Home, are some of the more recently started branches of the work.

The quarters of the old Home for the Friendless, corner of Wabash avenue and Twentieth street, are now occupied by the Chicago Medical Mission Training School, a branch of the work, where young men and young women are received and trained in the best methods of prosecuting medical mission work among the poor and neglected classes. A free dispensary, day nursery, kindergarten, bath-room, laundry, etc., are maintained.

One of the most interesting and efficient lines of the work is that of the visiting nurses. This feature of the work has been maintained from the very first. It is through this agency that the poorest homes are entered by the nurses, who teach to their inmates the gospel of health and of grace. Further mention of this department is made elsewhere in this paper.

The limited space here will not permit of an extended mention concerning the particulars of all phases of the work. We will further note only the home-finding and industrial departments: the former being an organized effort whereby boys and girls, men and women, who have been taken from poverty or reclaimed from the lower walks of life, are placed in Christian families who reside in the country, towns, villages, etc. Thus they are removed from their old, sinful surroundings and haunts of vice.

In addition to the rug and carpet industry, which we have maintained for some time, and whereby these homeless and unemployed men are set to work in converting old, wornout carpets into beautiful rugs, as a means of livelihood we have recently undertaken to employ a hundred men, three hours in the forenoon and another hundred three hours in the afternoon, at the work of cleaning the streets of Chicago. This work is in no way supported by the City, and is wholly an undertaking of the Workingmen's Home to afford honest employment to those men whereby they may earn sufficient money to buy the sheer necessities of life. These men are willing to work anxious to work if they can find employment. The past six weeks more than 2,000 men have been given employment through this channel alone. Scores have been furnished with shoes, mitts, clothes, etc.

Are you interested in this work, reader? If you are, what can you do to help it onward? W. S. S.

The Chicago Medical Missionary Training School

THIS institution is located at 1026 Wabash avenue. The course of instruction includes Biblical teaching in gospel principles, instruction in personal evangelistic work, vocal music, and in various lines of rescue work. In addition to this, elementary instruction in nursing is given, this branch of the work being conducted in connection with the Training School for missionary nurses carried on at the Lake Creek (Michigan) Sanitarium. At present the number of students in the Training School is 100. The students, for the most part, live in the dormitory. No charge is made for room. Food is served on the European plan—at actual cost. Christian young men and women who desire to give their lives to work for God and to be trained into this school without re-

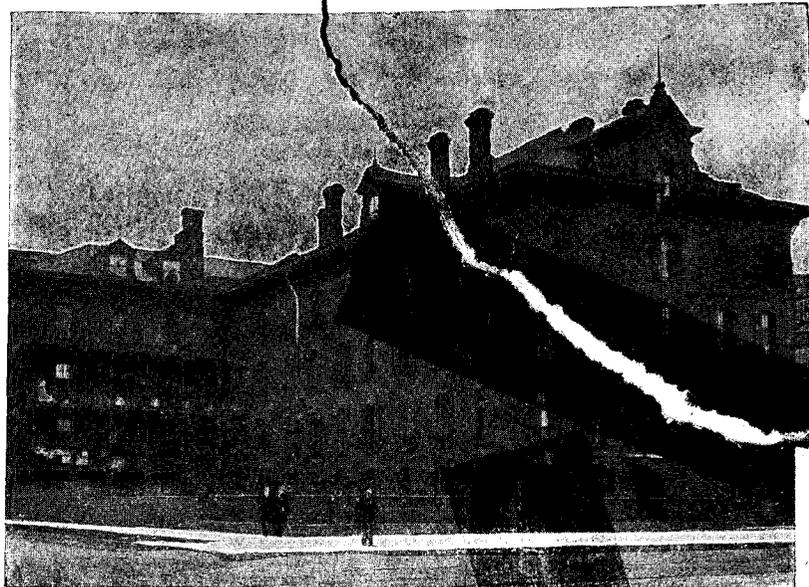
gard to their religious belief, provided only that they have a good, Christian experience, and are spiritually prepared to engage in active, personal work for souls.

The course of instruction is arranged for one year (forty weeks). Tuition is free. The following courses of study are pursued:—

BIBLE COURSE

1. *Christian Doctrine* (one hundred and eighty hours).

God's Eternal Purpose; The Creation of Man; The Fall—Nature and Consequence; The Redemptive Scheme; God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, Angels, Man, and Satan as Related to the Plan of Salvation; The Power of Conviction, Nature and Source; Repent-



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ance; Faith; Regeneration; Prayer; Acceptance; Assurance; The Work and Nature of Jesus Christ; The Work of the Holy Spirit.

2. *Methods of Personal Work* (one hundred and twenty hours).

Fundamental Principles; The Saving Power of the Gospel; The Keeping Power of Christ; How to Deal with the Backslider; How to Deal with the Infidel; How to Deal with the Skeptic; The Careless and Indifferent Objector; The Faultfinder; The Procrastinator; The Earnest Seeker.

This course consists largely of reports, daily conferences of the students concerning their work, etc.

3. *Methods of Public Work* (sixty hours).

Gospel Meetings; Cottage Meetings; Mission Meetings; Street Meetings; Street and Mission Rescue Work; Boys' Clubs; Children's Meetings.

MUSIC COURSE

Instruction will be given in notation, or the science of reading music; voice culture, including proper breathing, the proper use of the palate, teeth, tongue, and lips, and tone production. One hour a day be given to this study.

KINDERGARTEN COURSE

Outline of the Course of Study.—1. Kindergarten

Occupations and Gifts, forty hours; 2. Froebel's Mother Play, forty hours; 3. General Principles, including Kindergarten Occupations and Gifts; Mother Plays; Programs; Stories; Plays; Punishments; Positive and Negative Training; Origin of Life; Nature Studies; "Busy Work" for the Home, forty hours.

PRACTICAL WORK COURSE

Students are assigned for work in one or more of the following departments as the faculty deem best for the student or in the interest of the work:—

City and Rescue Missions; Cottage, Health, and Gospel Meetings; Public Gospel Work; Public Health Work; House Visiting; Canvassing; Boys' Clubs; Street Meetings; Street Rescue Work; Assisting in Kindergarten and Nursery; The Choir; Organization and Conducting of Various Lines of Christian Work.

The average cost for table board and incidental expenses is \$1.25 to \$1.50 per week. Employment is afforded to quite a number of students whereby they are enabled to pay their way in whole or partially. The purpose of this school is to prepare young men and women for various lines of city mission and rescue work in Chicago and other places, where they will labor under the direction of the Medical Missionary Board, or other regularly constituted missionary organizations.

The Training School is under the supervision of the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association. All communications should be addressed to the superintendent, 1926 Wabash avenue, Chicago.

Does It Pay?

OFTEN we are asked the above question in reference to our efforts in behalf of those who are addicted to drink and crime. The following case, taken from one of the worker's reports, will answer the question. Many others might be given:—

"One night, after a meeting at the Workingmen's Home, I stood with my Bible under my arm, and as I looked into the poor, tired faces before me, I just asked of the Lord who He would have me speak to that night. Just before me stood a man. How sad that face looked to me. I put out my hand and asked him: 'Brother, how is it with you?'"

"At first he said, 'All right'; but I could see no Christ in that tired face. I said, Are you sure, my brother? He hung his head, thought for a moment, and then said: 'It is not all right; I am a lost man.'"

"I told him he was just the man Jesus came to save. We got down on our knees, he prayed earnestly to the Lord and was saved. He was a poor, lost drunkard without a friend; but Jesus is the friend of the friendless and He took him in that night."

Although it is but a few months since this young man was converted, he is now in college at Battle Creek, Mich., where he is preparing for a life of usefulness in saving souls.

A short time after this brother was rescued he was sent to Battle Creek, where the Sanitarium gave him employment on one of its farms (the Sanitarium Rescue farm). He seemed anxious to improve and better his condition in every possible way.

No work pays larger dividends than this soul saving business. W. S. S.

The Nursery.

ONE of the cosiest corners in our great building here at 1926 Wabash avenue, is the one devoted to the little people. Here seventy children have found a home for a longer or shorter time, varying with their need. The corner is not a large one, and as the ideal is a perfect home life, the children cannot be "crowded in." The family numbers twenty-four at present, though the family circle has been stretched out to include more at one time.

The ages range from a few weeks to nine years. Some of them are orphans practically, being entirely deserted by both parents. The bright little faces and tender hearts have appealed to us, and our thoughts and hands have been busy providing, as far as possible, the conditions for unhindered unfolding of the *better* part of their little souls. These will be cared for, here, till a good home can be found for them. Some have already been adopted into good families. Others of our children are those who, by death or dissipation, have been robbed of one parent, leaving a double responsibility upon the remaining one. In some instances it is a father with a baby-in-arms and the unmistakable badge of crape on the hat. His little home is broken up; his wages are small; he is a stranger, so to speak, in the great city; and, with tears standing in the eyes, he puts his baby in our arms and offers as much financial help as his circumstances will allow.

Then another father comes whose heart is even heavier: the badge of crape is denied to him, but the baby is just as helpless and his father-love just as deep and strong; although the mother (?), if that sacred name may be given her, has left a cosy home, husband, and baby for allurements of the street. All broken down with grief he leaves his little charge with us, saying:—

"Oh take care of her, I'll pay you anything!"

In one such case it was a time of rejoicing to us when we could restore the baby to the repentant mother's arms.

The next, perhaps, is a young mother who wears the widow's weeds; or, what is far worse, mourns a living death. She is proud, independent, full of real mother-love; who refuses to give her child away, or become an object of charity.

Her independence must be respected, her purity guarded, and her mother-love fostered. She is anxious to find any respectable work—perhaps has some already—but what to do with the child, or children, is her perplexity. She comes to inquire if our terms are within her reach, and goes away with quite a burden lifted from her heart when she finds us willing to adjust our terms to meet her needs. She is sometimes unable to cover their expense.

Seven unselfish young women are giving their strong and loving selves to these children. Three care for the babies (of whom there are ten, at present) during the day, and three for the other children; while the seventh has charge of all of them at night. All of these young ladies are students in the school, carrying one or more studies.

The children, who are old enough, help about the work. They feel that the rooms are theirs and they enjoy caring for them; and point with pride to the bed they succeeded in making better to-day than yesterday.

The children have the benefit of a good sewing class. The oldest ones attend public school and the

others are in a kindergarten held in the same building.

The amount received for the care of the children has not been quite sufficient to cover expenses, even in the economical fashion in which we live; but kindly help has always come before we were in need.

Just now, through the generosity of a friend, we are enabled to add some homelike touches to our rooms and fit up two other rooms expressly for the babies. We are still far from our ideal, but since we can see at least a small improvement each week we are full of hope and courage.

roar. I was at a loss to know what to do. I first began by talking with the older boy. His heart was softened and he repented of his behavior. Next I had prayer with them. Then came the course of physical cleaning. The boys now have the greatest respect for me; and I can report a marked improvement in the condition of the home. Although none of them have become Christians, I am still hoping that by perseverance in representing Christ I will yet see results."

From another report we learn of the case of a poor, colored woman whose husband has forsaken her.



A ROOM IN THE NURSERY

We are very thankful to the many friends who have assisted us in this department of the work and thus enabled us to farther extend our efforts, and to take more rapid steps toward the ideal home life which we are endeavoring to attain. M. R.

Visiting Nurses

IN this great and wicked city the visiting nurse finds a wide field for labor. The following extracts are from a visiting nurse's daily report:

"One of my patients is a widow with four children, the oldest a boy of sixteen who is trying to support the family. The mother has been sick three weeks, but the visiting nurses were not called upon for help until one week ago. I found the mother using opiates to relieve her pain. The children spend their time in quarreling, and she, in scolding them. The house was dirty beyond description and it seemed there was no place to begin the task of cleaning it. I realized that even under such circumstances these people had souls to save; and it was my place to sow the seed and let the Lord do the rest. At first I gave the mother a bath, put on clean bedding, gave a few words of comfort, and left; promising to come the next day. During the day a physician was sent to see her. She told the doctor that an angel had visited her, for she never saw human beings do as that nurse did. The next day I found them scolding, and the whole house in an up-

per. She has been used to plenty; and now sickness and sorrow have prostrated her. The baby, six months old, is here in the nursery. The nurses are feeding and caring for the mother, and nine-years old boy. She is a Christian, and willing to do anything to keep her family together.

While our efforts to relieve suffering are not always attended with thanks and appreciation, yet we know it is the work the Master would have us do; and He has told us that "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, . . . ye have done it unto Me."
NELLIE CHURCH.

The Dispensaries

IN our work, two free dispensaries are conducted. One, at 42 Custom House Place, is for men only; the other, at 1926 Wabash avenue, is for both men and women. The former has been in operation for five years; the latter, for the past four months. Physicians and nurses are in daily attendance.

The dispensary at 1926 Wabash avenue, though more recently established, is doing a great amount of work.

During the past four months, over 400 patients have been treated at this place. A large proportion

of these have been surgical cases. Our surgical ward, with accommodations for ten or twelve patients, has been full ever since it was established.

Every day, at the opening of the clinic, all the patients, nurses, students, and physicians meet together and hold a gospel service for fifteen minutes. Our plan is to have the patients completely under religious influence. It is a remarkable scene to witness nurses and students with the glow of health,—full of hope and cheer, place before the heavenly Father the cases of these who are sick in body and soul: asking that His wisdom may guide the hand of the surgeon; bless the treatment given to the healing of the body; and that they may find the Lord Jesus for their sick souls.

The patients are made to feel that we take a real interest in them, and that we do not consider them mere forms to practise upon. Each attendant, as he personally administers the prescribed treatment, is constantly on the lookout for an opportunity to point the soul to Jesus.

This work is not without its results. We will mention only three cases, though many might be given. One day a man came who had been in another hospital for several weeks but had received very little attention. The surgeon feared for his life. A large abscess over the shoulder was opened, and the man made a good recovery physically; and he found the Lord while upon his bed. He had formerly been a drinking, wicked man. When he returned home he took a Bible with him. His wife, who was a drinking woman, opposed him very much and endeavored to burn the Bible. He has had many hard experiences to meet but he remains steadfast, and the burden of his heart now is that his wife shall be converted and cease drinking. The man has obtained employment in a good position.

Another case is that of a middle-aged man, who at one time professed conversion; but backslid about a year ago. Last summer he frequently came to the Workingmen's Home dispensary with a cut hand or bruised head, the result of a carousal. He still continued to live a low life; until one day the physician in charge of the dispensary concluded to refuse him admittance the next time he came, thinking that perhaps the man would never reform, or else, that he needed to get yet a little lower before he would realize his need of a Savior. However, the physician made the case a special subject of prayer, and the next day the man was treated kindly and a good word was spoken. The man was lost sight of until a few weeks ago when he applied at 1926 Wabash avenue for a surgical operation, and is now in the ward. He professes salvation and reformation through the strength of the Lord.

One bright young man, from Germany, called at the dispensary last fall. He was treated for his ailments, and found forgiveness of sins and conversion. Now he has a burden to return to his home in Germany for the purpose of helping his mother.

W. B. HOLDEN, M. D.

Prison and Jail Work

THIS is a most important and needy field; and the following incident will illustrate scores of cases which come directly to my notice:—

February ———, Mr. M. was liberated from ——— prison where he had served eighteen years for burglary. M. is an expert safe blower,

guilty of every crime, even murder. For some days we cared for him at the Workingmen's Home. The writer talked with him several times daily; showed him, by the grace of God, his lost, sinful condition; won his love as a brother; and in words of tenderness explained how willingly Jesus will pardon and receive sinful men. At last the light came to his sin-stained face. He fell on his knees and we poured out our supplications to God in behalf of a lost soul. After I had prayed for him, he sought mercy in his own behalf, and now rejoices in Christ. If one could see this dear brother, no doubt would remain concerning his new love. He has proved it in many ways.

Two days after the foregoing events, these facts came to my knowledge: M. had secured employment at honest manual labor. One whole day his only food consisted of a bowl of soup and a piece of bread, purchased with the only two cents he had. With such fare to keep up his strength he did hard labor. The next day *four cents* was all the money he secured for food. As soon as these facts came to our notice, tickets for necessary provision were advanced to him.

I mention this to show how sincerely the man struggled to do right; how he was tempted by hunger to go into some saloon for a "free lunch"; but he resisted.

This case is only one of thirty-three conversions in last week's work; But it shows how God is working with our efforts to help the fallen, and how inviting this field is. May it receive your prayerful consideration.

J. HENRY MYERS.

The Rescue Work

THIS department of the work consists of two rescue homes; regular visitation of the Police Stations; and the Life Boat Rescue Service, or midnight work on the streets of the vice-stricken sections of the city. This latter feature is prosecuted uninteruptedly, excepting in the most severe winter weather.

When these young women are taken from their vicious environment and placed in Christian homes, the transformation of character which is evidenced by a most complete change of purpose and conduct, is ample and sufficient proof of the efficiency of this sort of effort. Crushed and borne down by the combined forces of adverse circumstances and social ostracism, the rescue workers find them discouraged, and in despair of ever rising above the cloud of moral darkness which overshadows them.

Many are very young—fourteen and fifteen years old; others are older, both in years and in experience, in this life of sin.

The morphine habit explains why many of these poor souls do not assert their liberty and shake off their immoral shackles. Addicted to the habitual use of this terrible drug, they can do no responsible work. To continue on in their life of shame seems the only alternative.

In our effort to reach and benefit this class, every means for physical, mental, and moral restoration must be employed. Treatment for the shattered nervous system must be administered. The mind must be kept from self.

Of all classes who are reached or in any way influenced by the work of the Medical Mission in its many branches, this class stands most in need of the

Gospel. They must be brought by the Holy Spirit to see Jesus as their only help.

A case of a few evenings ago will serve to illustrate many phases of this real rescue work.

The subject of this note is a German girl, twenty-two years old. Has been in this country two years. It was late in the evening when we found her in a little room upstairs over a saloon in a very disreputable portion of the city.

Was it her home? you ask. No, not a home. True, a little babe was there, three weeks old; and there, its mother; but, oh! so sad: the father was not there.

He had not been there since the day before the little one was born. No true motive of love had actuated him in the doings of the past; and now, in this trying hour for the one to whom he had pledged his affection and support, he forsakes her,—leaves her



SOME RESCUE-HOME BABIES

in a foreign country friendless and penniless. Her face was the picture of sorrow. Now and then as we talked of Jesus and His love, told how *true* He was to every promise which He had made, her features would lighten up.

The last spark of confidence which her heart could have in God or in humanity was, by God's Holy Spirit, revived; and, as we asked her: "Would you like to forsake *all* for Jesus, and go home with us?" she answered earnestly: "Yes, I would."

Within thirty minutes her trunk was packed; Mrs. S. had the little one in her arms; and our sister was bidding her former associates good bye "forever"; as she termed it.

We are now preparing to send her into a good Christian home. O! what a privilege to step in at the last moment, as it were, and in Jesus' name claim the victory and win the souls of these unfortunate creatures.

In the cut, which accompanies this article, you will see a group of babies. These little ones are at the Maternity. Poor, little unfortunates! what must their future be if no heart, touched by divine love, opens to receive them?

The Maternity was started on faith. God has wonderfully prospered this work. From the first it has steadily grown, until at present the institution is full to overflowing.

There are many interesting features of this work which cannot be mentioned in this brief note. We leave them for another time. w. s. s.

Our Savior's Work

CHRIST came to bring salvation within the reach of all. His self-denial and self-sacrifice, His unselfish labor, His humiliation,—above all, the offering up of His life,—testifies to the depths of His love for fallen man."

"It was to seek and save the lost that He came to earth. His mission was to save sinners,—sinners of every grade, of every tongue, and nation. He paid the price for all, to ransom them, and bring them into union and sympathy with Himself."

"The most erring, the most sinful, were not passed by: His labors were especially for those who *most* needed the salvation He came to bring. The greater their need of reform, the deeper was His interest, the greater His sympathy, the more earnest His labors. His great heart of love was stirred to its depths for the ones whose condition was *most* hopeless, and who *most* needed His transforming grace."

"Every soul that is especially imperiled by falling into temptation, causes pain to the heart of Christ, and calls forth His tenderest sympathy and most earnest labor."

"Christ has enjoined upon His disciples that they co-operate with Him in His work, that they love one another as He has loved them. The agony He endured upon the cross testifies to the estimate He places upon the human soul. All who accept this great salvation, pledge themselves to be co-workers with Him."

"All who have enlisted in the service of Christ are to work as He worked, and are to love those who are in ignorance and sin, even as He loved them."

"We must come up to a higher standard or we are unworthy of the Christian name. We should cultivate the spirit in which Christ labored to save the erring. They are as dear to Him as we are. They are equally capable of being trophies of His grace, and heirs of His kingdom. But they are exposed to the snares of a wily foe; exposed to danger and deilement; and, without the saving grace of Christ, to certain ruin."

"Did we view this matter in the right light, how would our zeal be quickened; and our earnest, self-sacrificing efforts be multiplied; that we might come close to those who need our help, our prayers, our sympathy, and our love!" * * *

A Bowl of Salvation

THE following extract, taken from a letter, will illustrate how God works with every effort put forth to uplift humanity:—

"It was on a Saturday night that I stumbled into the Workingmen's Home, last winter, drunk. I had been drunk for a week. I wanted to fight, but they coaxed me into a hot bath that finished up with a cold bath. Then I was given a bed—the first one in a week.

"The next day as I stood and watched the men eat at the penny lunch-counter I thought, Here I am, forsaken by God and by man; hungry; sick;—what shall I do? Where can I go for a free lunch or where can I steal it?"

"Then the kind way in which they gave me a bath, the evening before, came to me. I thought about what that young doctor, who gave me the hot and cold bath, said. It was this: 'No; it is not me. Thank God for this, and when you are in trouble or need pray to Jesus; tell Him all about it: He will hear you.

"I decided to pray; and praise the Lord! He heard that prayer, and He answered it with a 'bowl of salvation'—a bowl of hot bean soup!

"That is what God used to save my poor, miserable soul. May Christ Jesus help you all to go on. There are lots more men just as bad off as I was, and they will enjoy salvation just as much as I do."

W. S. S.

Among the Colored

WE have found a southern field right here in Chicago. There are four of us working together, and we devote all of our time to missionary work among the colored people; visiting the sick, holding cottage meetings, giving health talks, etc.

We each have a class of children in a colored mission Sunday-school.

When we first went there, I think the children in Africa were no less civilized than these. But we see an improvement from week to week, and find them always very cordial as we visit their homes.

We also give health talks at two other colored missions, every week, and they seem to appreciate them very much.

Although there is not much of a change, as yet, in their modes of living and dressing, still some of them have given up their tobacco; others their tea and coffee; and we look for further improvement as the work goes on.

Five nights in the week we devote to cottage-meeting work among them. Some are very bright, intelligent, and well educated; while others can neither read nor write: but they all show a great interest in the study of the Bible, and in their prayers they approach the Lord with much reverence and simplicity.

We see some fruits of our labor, from week to week, and praise the Lord for it. One gentleman, who was converted a few weeks ago, has gone into another part of the state to spread the good tidings of salvation. Others have begun cottage-meeting work for themselves.

As for us, we can only praise God that He has given us this work to do; and our only desire is that we may be faithful to our task.

BERTHA WRIGHT.

A Drunken Father

IN a neighborhood where we were conducting cottage meetings, and where our nurses were doing considerable work, they discovered the case of a man whom all considered hopeless.

Many souls had been saved in that locality, and this gave courage to the workers to put forth

efforts for the salvation of this drunken father and husband.

As to the result, the following extract from a testimony of one of the nurses, given at the weekly report meeting will testify:—

"I felt impressed that I ought to talk with this man; but was timid about it, so I asked brother A. if he would not see him. Brother A. replied: 'That is your work; the Lord has given you this case.

"I then asked another brother to labor with him. He said he would, but for some reason failed to do so.

"Well, I started over there, before cottage meeting, one evening. I expected to be greeted with curses and orders to leave the premises; but I was surprised—astonished. Although he had been drunk and was just getting over it, he greeted me kindly. I invited him to cottage meeting. He said he would go a long way to accommodate me, but that he would not go to the meeting. (He had been in a fight with the people.)

"After working with him a few moments I asked him if he would pray. He said: 'Yes, to accommodate you.' 'But,' I said, 'you must pray to God because you are a sinner,—lost; and for the Lord's sake.' He said he would.

"As I was praying for him he began to sob; I could hear him.

"He prayed, too: prayed for his family; asked God to forgive his sins. He rose from his knees and said, 'I am a changed man. Now I'll go over to that meeting.

"It was a great astonishment to his wife. She seemed paralyzed at the change that had come over him. The children were gotten ready and the whole family went. We had a glorious meeting."

This is only one experience out of scores that might be related. The Word of God, the Spirit of God, and consecrated personal work will accomplish wonders.

W. S. S.

Star of Hope Mission

ALTHOUGH brother Mackey has been absent a greater part of the month, the meetings have been exceedingly interesting and many souls have been brought into the kingdom as a result of the work. Sister Mackey has stood faithfully at the helm and the Lord has wonderfully blessed her efforts. This mission is a wonderful place. The past year has witnessed hundreds of souls rescued from the power of sin and transformed by the power of the Gospel, in this mission alone.

Next month we hope to give our readers more news about the Star of Hope Mission, also a sketch of its origin. We expect brother Mackey back at his post in a few days. We have had most interesting reports concerning his work in Battle Creek and Charlotte, Mich., where he has been laboring. At Battle Creek he has opened a gospel mission, Star of Hope Number Three.

Although it is but a few short years since brother Mackey came to see the light of the glorious Gospel, the Lord has wonderfully blessed his work. Marvelous illustration of what God can do for fallen humanity when man places himself in the hands of our Redeemer!

W. S. S.

Rescue Work

ANY "rescue" work must be "purity" work both personal and social. The cause has been hindered by a misconception of what is involved in "purity" efforts. It has been supposed that in order to call attention to the interests which are at stake, the evils of *impurity* must be emphasized sufficiently to shock the public, as well as the individual conscience, to such a degree that vice would naturally be thrown off by the recoil. Nothing could be more fatal. A chaste life never can be produced by a look at *impurity*; no shock to the finer sensibilities will ever make a clean heart. We are changed into the image of that which we constantly behold; and to dwell, in thought even, upon the unsavory experience of the profligate is the surest way to multiply and perpetuate them. Those who have been rescued are often compelled by a puerile curiosity to rehearse their experiences in sin, until they come almost to consider them, with all their revolting details, as their stock in trade, and to glory in them accordingly, to great loss of spiritual power, and a deplorable increase in the difficulties which are naturally in the way of healthy reformation.

The only safe course is to exalt *purity* as manifested in Christ and through him made possible for man; to give an unequivocal testimony by life and lip to the word by which we are made clean. This testimony should drop from our finger-ends, should breathe all through the atmosphere which surrounds us, and make us such a practical blessing to the world that it shall long for us and the pure love we represent, as the poor fever patient longs for the touch of a cool hand.

A story which relates how one forsook vileness, and grew by the grace of God into pure habits of thinking and living, has a mission; but there is no place in the gospel scheme for a rehearsal of the incidents of a sinful career. Unwholesome facts must be known to the rescue worker: the needs of the stranded victims of vice must be set forth, so that those who would otherwise remain indifferent may be moved to activity, and to sacrifice for Christ's sake; but this cannot be done by exposing the cancer to public view; the cancer should be kept under cover, excepting when it needs the care of a skillful hand, and in this case that hand can be only that of the Great Physician.

There is work for both men and women in the rescue field, but the short-range work for men should be done by men, and for women by women. This statement will not find universal acceptance. Men of degraded lives would much prefer to have women try to save them, until a true hunger for Christ has been awakened. In a mistaken spirit of sacrifice which has characterized this work, many women have given themselves without measure to answer this demand, and have suffered loss, as one must always do even in trying to do good work in the wrong way. There is a work for men in gaining their attention to the truth that can be done by women more effectively than by men; but that must be done in public. There is a class of men who have lost all confidence in their fellow men. They judge every man by themselves, and so estimate them as wholly vile. They have no confidence in anything human, excepting in the memory of their mothers; and a motherly woman filled with the Holy Spirit can reach them in a place where these memories are kept alive, when perhaps no other influence can. And if such a woman will keep herself steadily in the hands of God, and know when her work for such a man has ended,

and then refuse to allow herself to be carried further by a zeal that is without knowledge, God will be able to multiply her efficiency from year to year. Otherwise it will soon come to an end, in some way that will wound her very soul as well as the cause.

Rescue work for men should never be undertaken by *young* women. This involves an exposure which does not consist with the plan of God. It is not personal influence by which men and women are saved, but *Christ* only; and the word through which he operates is just as effective spoken by either a consecrated man or woman, each in his or her own legitimate field.—Mrs. S. M. I. Henry in *Medical Missionary*.

At the Workingmen's Home

DURING the past month, all the many departments of the Home have been in full operation. Hundreds of men have been employed in cleaning the streets of the city. In this way they have earned their meals and lodging.

The gospel meetings have been well attended and a large number of souls have been converted. In this respect, the past month has been the most successful in the history of the Institution. Brother Callahan has been at his post of duty almost every night, and the Lord has especially blessed his efforts to bring the Gospel within the reach of these discouraged men.

By the time this paper reaches its readers, plans for the removal of the Workingmen's Home to new quarters will be in operation. A new place has been leased, and the work of the Home will be considerably enlarged, with facilities and accommodations very superior to those we now have. Next month we hope to give our readers an extended description of this new Home, also a picture of the same.

A few evenings ago fifteen men, representing all classes of criminals and every form of vice, were converted at a single meeting. The after-meeting the following hour, and during which time these men took their first stand for the right, was indeed a most inspiring scene. Visitors to the evening meetings of the Home will be forcibly impressed with the fact that the Gospel has not lost its power, it is still able to save to the uttermost. w. s. s.

A Devoted Wife

WE quote as follows from a very touching letter received at the Workingmen's Home:—

"I have prayed to our heavenly Father every day to keep him, and shield him from evil, but the devil is everywhere. My husband is not strong, is a nervous person. You can talk and reason with him, better than try to drive him. Oh! I am sure by your letter he is drinking; it seems as though I can never stand it, for I love him so much. I am poor but able to work. I am sure that my husband loves me. Oh! I am nearly wild. Please try and keep him with you. I will try and get some money to pay you for his bed, if he can do nothing at the Home to pay for it. Don't let him go hungry. Let me hear from you as often as possible, God bless you, and all who are trying to lift the fallen. Jesus is mighty to save. Yours respectfully."

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Are you a subscriber? If you are not, this issue has been sent you as a sample copy. Each month we desire to speak to you through *The Life Boat*, and thus communicate to you something of the wonderful dealings of our Lord Jesus Christ with fallen humanity in this great city. The Chicago Medical Mission is daily influencing the lives and characters of hundreds of men and women.

Marvelous changes are being wrought in the bodies and souls of many of these people.

Would you like to hear from us? Send in your subscription at once.

As a result of lectures given by Mr. Sadler and Dr. A. B. Olsen, the boys of the Cook county jail school got up a pledge against the use of strong drink, tobacco, and bad language; and, notwithstanding the fact that nine-tenths of these boys are

habitual users of tobacco, the pledge was signed by nearly every member of the school. We hope to tell our readers more about this work at another time.

Through the kind generosity of Barnhart Brothers & Spindler, of Chicago, we were enabled to add to our line of industries, some time ago, a small printing outfit. The Review & Herald Publishing Association, of Battle Creek, Mich., donated type, etc. From time to time additions have been made, until at present the visitor would find a well equipped office for doing job, tract, and paper work. *THE LIFE BOAT* is published at this office. Those employed in this department are men, who have been rescued from the meshes of vice; while tracts, etc., are folded by boys, whom we are trying to keep out of bad company and at the same time afford them an opportunity for some industrial training. Many of these boys are taken from the jail; others are picked up from the street. At one time when thirty-five dollars was needed for a paper cutter, it came in a most providential manner, from an unknown source, at the very time it was most needed. *The Life Boat Series* of gospel tracts are issued by this printing office, and these who are engaged in the work offer up daily prayers that the Lord will bless their efforts in scattering the printed page for the salvation of souls.

Wanted

We are greatly in need of an organ at the Training School. Cannot some one who may read this note donate one to the work in Chicago? It should be properly crated, and forwarded by freight to the Medical Missionary Training School, 1926 Wabash avenue, Chicago.

STENOGRAPHERS AND ENGINEERS.—At present there are openings for two stenographers and two engineers to enter the Medical Missionary Training School, and pay their way by working from five to seven hours a day. This does not refer to some one who can simply fire a boiler, but means engineers; those who are competent to pass the necessary examination for license in Chicago. This suggestion applies with equal force to the stenographers. Address, immediately, Medical Missionary Training School, 1926 Wabash avenue, Chicago.

In the Police Stations

During a visit to the Harrison Street Annex, last week, we found an interesting case. An old lady had sought shelter from the cold, snowy streets. She had no friends in the world and did not know where she was going from that place.

The readers of *THE LIFE BOAT* would have smiled to have seen the dear, old soul hurry and gather together her few belongings in a bundle, and come with us to our home.

She is grateful for the slightest favors, and is happy beyond expression for the little kindnesses shown.

Contributions to the Chicago Medical Mission

This and the enumeration on last page make a complete list of the donations to the Chicago Medical Mission, received up to date of February 15, 1898:—

ALABAMA.—*Birmingham*, Eld. W. Woodford, \$1.00.

CALIFORNIA.—*Healdsburg*, F. T. Heald, 2.00; Miss Heald, 10.00; S.-D. A. Church, 5.00. *Lemoore*, Otto Johnson, 5.00.

DAKOTA, NORTH.—*Buc*, Ole T. Buc, 1.00. *Dunseith*, Mrs. S. Myers, 1.00.

DAKOTA, SOUTH.—*Campbell*, Alice I. Carmen, .60. *Clarkson*, Abraham Voth, 4.50. *Hill City*, B. Matern, 5.00. *Galla*, Mrs. Thomas Atkins, 2.20. *Hutchinson*, Sarah Nott, barrel and sack of goods. *Millbank*, A. L. King, barrel clothing and bedding. *Ramsey*, Mrs. Jennie Talcott, 2.00; Lonnie and Jennie Talcott, .35. *Sioux Falls*, Lillie and Bessie Truxes, 1.10. *Twin Brooks*, Mrs. J. Shields, barrel notions. *No address*, Lars Hanson, 5.00.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—*Washington*, no name, 50.00.

FLORIDA.—*Tulee*, Mrs. L. M. Lisne and Mrs. E. J. Johnson, 10.00.

GEORGIA.—*Gainesville*, Frank and Anna Clover, 5.00.

IDAHO.—*Boise City*, F. W. Hiddleston, 10.00. *Grangeville*, Mrs. M. B. Scott, 5.00.

ILLINOIS.—*Chicago*, Mrs. J. Nelson, 1.00; Mrs. J. E. Baker, 5.00; Dr. H. E. Brighthouse, 10.00; Chicago Telephone Co., 25.00; Rittenhouse & Embree, 7.00; Hope Pub. Co., fifty song books (3.00); Sprague, Warner & Co., 50.00; Montgomery, Ward, & Co., 50.00; Sharp & Smith, 25.00; Wilks S. Manufacturing Co., 10.00; Carson, Pirie, Scott, & Co., 10.00; William Schick, 1.00; Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett, & Co., 25.00. *Farina*, Charles and Lee Burdick, per A. L. Crandale, 1.00. *Moline*, Mrs. M. E. Stewart, package clothing; *Orangeville*, John R. Fisher, 3.00. *Princeton*, Mrs. H. N. Loyd, box quilts and clothing. *Plano*, James Prince, .50. *Serena*, ladies of, per Mrs. L. H. Armstrong, box clothing. *Windsor*, W. S. Proctor, 1.00.

INDIANA.—*Chester*, S. J. Townsend, 5.00. *Fayette*, Fayette and Albany churches, clothing and bedding. *Forest*, Thomas and Mollie Keener, 2.25. *Ligonier*, people of, and Christian Help Band, three barrels clothing. *Middleton*, Mechanicsburg Missionary Society, 10.00. *Remington*, John L. Turner, 75.00.

IOWA.—*Atlanta*, E. G. Olson, box clothing. *Brighton*, Church of, per Metta B. Garret, box bedding. *Des Moines*, Iowa Tract Society, 1.00. *Eddyville* Church, box clothing. *Grass Creek*, Mary E. Harrison, .50. *Hartly* Church, box and barrel clothing. *Hawkeye* Church, per A. K. Hathaway, box clothing. *Incline*, Mrs. Eliza Cadwell, 5.00. *Indianola*, James Shee and family, 50.00. *Muscatine*, Mrs. E. Westbrook, clothing and bedding; S.-D. A. Church, barrel clothing. *Sumner*, Mrs. B. J. Allen, package notions; Mrs. M. T. Allen, sack goods. *West Union* Church, box bedding and clothing. *Winterset*, Mrs. Verna Stiffley, barrel clothing. *Youngstown*, E. Knot, 5.00.

KANSAS.—*Berwick*, James C. Nichols and friends, four sacks clothing. *Busby*, J. L. and R. A. Osburn, 30.00. *Lebanon*, S. H. Clark, .25.

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*, Paul and Mason Danner, 5.00. *Sparta*, B. J. Zackary, .50.

MASSACHUSETTS.—*Baldwinville*, Mrs. J. A. Clayton, 15.00. *South Lancaster* M. E. Tract Society, 1.50.

MICHIGAN.—*Alma*, D. Wood, twelve and one-half bushels beans. *Battle Creek*, Sanitas Food Co., 150 pounds nut foods; Rosalie De Bruyn, 1.00; Iva Tyrell, .25; Bro. Green, 1.00. *Frankfort*, E. Reynolds, Marion Taylor, Mary Adams, Caroline Marble, box notions; David Taylor, 1.00; J. B. Goffer, 1.00. M. B. Cyphers, 5.00, and two boxes bedding and provisions; A. W. Maynard, 5.00. *Fitchburg*, Miss Carrie Titus, sack bedding and clothing. *Hillsdale*, Mrs. D. H. Lamson, box bedding, barrel dried fruit. *Ithaca* Dorcas Society, box bedding, etc. *Lakeview*, Chas. A. Richer, 3.49. *Peittsford*, T. D. Snyder, 4.60. *Riverside*, N. W. Nichols & Son, 213 pounds corn meal. *Saugatuck*, L. Shepherd, 5.00. *Traverse City*, Mrs. M. E. Trotman, box clothing.

MINNESOTA.—*Alexandria*, Mrs. Lettie Sheldon box clothing and bedding. *Bath*, Hartland S.-D. A. Church, per Hilda Christenson, 5.15. *Hokah*, Mrs. M. E. Kline, 2.00. *Lemond*, Hermon L. Hahn, 4.00. *Mankato*, Spring Island Society, per Wm. Youngs, two barrels beans. *Fort Ripley*, Crow Wing Church, barrel bedding; Mrs. J. W. Cook, box bedding. *Spencer Brook*, D. E. Erikson, 1.50. *Sterling Center*, Wm. Webb, 1.00. *Stewartville*, Mrs. M. H. Howard, 1.25 and barrel notions. *No address*, Church, per Halverson, 5.50.

NEBRASKA.—*Excter*, Mrs. J. W. Wolstenholm, 1.05.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—*Washington*, E. G. Farnsworth, 5.00.

NEW YORK.—*Ashford*, M. A. and D. A. Robbins, barrel dried fruit. *Binghampton*, Mrs. C. M. Finch, twenty-five Signs of the Times. *Camillus*, Harriet Hopkins, 2.00. *North Creek*, Miss Harriet E. Carr, 10.00. *Olan*, Mrs. Charles Satterlee, barrel clothing, bedding, and carpet.

OHIO.—*Green Springs*, N. E. Loveland, .60 and box bedding. *Grover Hill*, Mr. and Mrs. J. Garrison, .50. *Riversville*, C. C. Eddy, 10.00. *Veto*, Charles Burford, 12.00.

ONTARIO.—*Allandale*, Wm. Harker, 2.50.

OKLAHOMA.—*Wankomis*, Thomas Baker and wife, 10.00.

PENNSYLVANIA.—*Edinboro*, Belle Lewis, 1.00; Mrs. L. M. Talbott, 1.50. *Eprata*, Mrs. Jonas Herr, barrel clothing. *Evans City*, Mrs. M. E. Boggs, barrel clothing. *Greensburg*, Sadie Shaff and mother, box clothing. *Millgrove*, H. C. Hufnagle, 5.00.

VIRGINIA.—*Ford*, Mrs. Lucy Core, 5.00.

VERMONT.—*Athens*, Martha Chipman, 5.00. *East Berkshire*, no name given, 5.00.

WASHINGTON.—*Elma*, Mrs. J. H. Hill, 5.00. *Farmington*, Richard Alderson, 5.00.

WISCONSIN.—*Albion*, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Clark, 5.00. *Downing*, C. C. Gear, 5.00. *Prescott*, Oak Grove S. S., bag bedding and clothing. *Sun Prairie*, Fred Schadel, 5.00. *Sumner* Sunday School, 10.00; Mrs. Jane Cash, 3.25. *Wild Rose*, P. J. Peterson, box clothing. *Wilton*, W. N. Perham, bag beans.

WYOMING.—*Big Horn*, J. M. Adams, 1.00. *Casper*, Mrs. S. J. Bostwick, 2.00. *Lakeview*, Frank A. Tomkins, 30.00.

Total cash donations, \$750.39.

News And Notes

Mr. Solon Clough left us, last week, to connect with the Helping Hand Mission at Milwaukee.

Dr. W. B. Holden has located in the Training-School building, and is attending to the many duties left by Dr. Olsen.

Dr. A. B. Olsen has returned, with the junior medical class, to Battle Creek. We miss his assistance in the missions very much.

A new gospel mission has been opened at 1339 State street. It is largely conducted by students from the Medical Missionary College.

Brother Mackey is out of the city at present, visiting. Sister Mackey is in charge of the Star of Hope Mission. The Lord is prospering this Mission more and more.

Miss Fannie Bogue is again at her post of duty at the jail school where about fifty little fellows, charged with criminal conduct, greatly appreciate her efforts in their behalf.

We are glad to welcome into our midst brother J. Henry Myers, who has had extensive experience in jail and prison work. He is nicely started in his work in Chicago.

The sophomore medical class, numbering twenty-five, arrived, February 16, from Battle Creek. They have heartily taken hold of the work and are having a good experience.

The Chaplain, Elder Luther Warren, has been with us since the opening of the Training School. Sister Warren has charge of the rescue department at 1926 Wabash avenue.

Brother C. N. Andrews has worked up, and is now conducting, a night school for poor boys gathered from the streets, saloons, etc. Sister Rosma Whalen is bearing the burden of the instruction.

Mrs. Lena Sadler has taken up the rescue work, giving special attention to the police stations, at which places there are always a large number of girls detained. The Police Matrons greatly assist the work.

We are very glad to have with us Mrs. M. S. Foy, of the Sanitarium at Battle Creek. Her long connection with the Sanitarium has given her an experience which is of special value in the task of organizing our rapidly growing work in this city.

Thanks to brother M. E. Yergin who is in charge of the printing office, and whose untiring efforts have so largely contributed to the growth of the printing department, and to the realization of our plans for the publication of THE LIFE BOAT.

For the past two weeks brother Sadler's class in the Training School has been studying the "Complete Work of the Holy Spirit." Great interest has been manifested in the work, and much of the Spirit's presence has attended the consideration of the theme.

Brother John Callahan, the Workingmen's Home evangelist, has just returned to his work after a two-weeks' absence. Brother C. was called to Fostoria, Ohio, where he assisted the Rev. J. Wesley Hill (Methodist) in a series of evangelistic meetings. The Lord greatly blessed his efforts.

Homes Wanted

The following are some brief descriptions of those who are in need of homes, Christian homes. Can you take one into your home? If so write us at once. Be sure to designate all cases by their number, and also to accompany your request with proper references. These people are all poor—they have no money with which to pay car fare:—

1. Little Harold, seven months old, has light-brown hair, gray eyes; pleasant and happy. He will bring sunshine into any home.

2. A mother sixteen years old, with her child five weeks old. She has had little or no training in life. She is an American, kind-hearted and willing. She desires a place in a Christian family where she can work, be with her child and train it for God. Is your home this kind of a missionary home?

3. A mother nineteen years old, with infant child. German descent. Has no home and no friends. She has been with us some time.

4. Mrs. ———, age forty-six years, quiet, has a sad face; no friends, but left alone to care for herself in Chicago. Willing to work and very neat; not very well or strong but could do light housework—sewing, ironing, etc. Not a Christian but enjoys religious reading, and wants to do right; wants a home among Christian people. Who will take this soul into their home and point her more fully to Jesus?

5. Miss ———, a Bohemian girl, twenty-one years of age, blue eyes, fair complexion and hair, medium height, rather stout build. Health not very good, and not able to do much heavy work, but very willing to do all she can. She wants to be a Christian and needs a father and mother to help and encourage her. She has a stepmother who has driven her away, and her father is a drunkard. These influences would lead her into sin again. She wants a home among Christian people.

6. Lillian, a wee girl of six months, was left at a hospital when only a few days old and nothing is known of either parent. She began life on the starving plan and was brought to us just in time to be saved. The rapidity with she is gaining, and reaching the normal condition, is surprising. Seems perfectly well; has bright blue eyes, good features, fair skin, and no deformities. Who will provide the conditions for the perfect development of the wonderful possibilities hidden in this bit of humanity?

7. A sister, forty-seven years old, with her two daughters, ages twelve and fourteen; very good health. One of the girls not very strong. She has had considerable experience on a dairy farm; is a Christian woman; desires a home where her children can be with her. She is a willing and faithful worker.

8. A boy thirteen years old; willing to work; very little education. Health not the best, would be improved if he could be on a farm. He is serving the Lord to the best of his ability. Has no friends in the world excepting those at the Medical Mission.

9. Baby boy two months old, healthy, red hair, blue eyes. A blessing for some home.

In answer to many letters, we will say that we have very few men who are skilful farmers. Occasionally we find one in the Mission. Are you not willing to take a man who is not skilled, and train him for God?

Contributions To The Chicago Medical Mission

Donations of money, food, clothing, etc., to the Chicago Medical Mission during the last month, were received as follows:

CANADA.—*Wahopa*, Robert Cowen, \$5.00.

DAKOTA, SOUTH.—*Springfield*, John Hanson, 1.00.

IDAHO.—*Meridian*, Fedalma Ragon, 1.00.

ILLINOIS.—*Chicago*, Francis Beidler, 5.00; Jay W. Cummings, 20.00; *Orangeville*, John R. Fisher, 2.00; *Plano Church*, per George Wheeler, clothing and bolt cotton; *Pontiac*, A. L. Cook, clothing and shoes; Z. Kose, caps; R. G. Sinclair, canned fruit; E. Cook, peaches; W. H. Young, beans; C. T. Kipfer, clothing; Mrs. I. S. Muephy, clothing and shoes; A. L. Smoth, clothing; James Elmer, clothing and food; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bennett, clothing and food; John Lauther, draying; C. E. Legg, four pairs of shoes; W. R. Lyon, clothing; Mrs. A. Furgeson, bread; S. H. Hursburg, hats; Roolens and Baker, shoes; Max Diamond, clothing and shoes; per C. W. Bennett, 119 Payson street.

INDIANA.—*Lafayette* Missionary Society, per T. S. Dock, box clothing; *Monticello* Sabbath School, per Henry Hoover, box clothing.

IOWA.—*Atalissa*, Mrs. R. Ferguson, 3.00; *Hartly* Church, per E. R. Böwes, box and barrel of clothing; *Jonnystown*, Peter Anderson and wife, 1.00; Willie and Ansie Anderson, 1.00; John, Marslie, James, and Philip Knox, 1.00; Anna Griffith, 2.00; E. Knox, box of old clothing; *Youngstown*, E. Knot, package clothing.

KANSAS.—*Burdett*, Ida M. Shafer, 5.00; *Chapman*, Mrs. H. R. Mitchell, 2.00; *Scandia*, B. Hillery, 2.00.

MICHIGAN.—*Alexandria*, Harriet L. Colby, 1.00; *Byron Centre*, A. J. and Mary A. Terrell, barrel clothing and beans; *Eaton Rapids*, S.-D. A. Church, per Hallie Hayward, one box; *Ithaca*, Dorcas Society, per Mrs. Sarah W. Mack, three quilts, dried corn, etc.; *Laingsburg*, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reavis, box clothing; O. B. Sevy, pair sheets; E. A. Sevy, 1.00; *Lakeriew*, Chas A. Ricker, two barrels beans, one barrel dried fruit; *Ola*, J. T. Sutton, box of old clothing; *Stimson*, Walter Hyatt, barrel bedding.

MINNESOTA.—*Brainerd*, Mrs. E. B. Ralston (credited from a "friend"), 1.00; *Fairmont*, Lizzie Alton, 3.00; *Luverne*, Mrs. M. A. Baer, 1.00; *Mankato* Church, 2.25; *Rochester*, Louisa Postier, box clothing; *Sterling Centre*, Myrtle B. Franklin, 5.85; *St. Peter*, Kasota Church, two boxes of old and new clothing.

MISSISSIPPI.—*Natches*, W. J. Singletery, box of clothing.

MISSOURI. *De Soto*. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. J. James, 5.00.

NEBRASKA.—*Beaver City*, Christian Help Band, per Lucy Mayo, box clothing and bedding; Junior Endeavors, scrap-book and pictures; *Paxton*, G. B. Coates, 10.00.

NEW YORK.—*Chaumont*, Mrs. Louisa Winch, 2.00; *Ellicotville*, H. V. R. McKay, barrel (5¼ bushels) of beans; *Salamanca*, Flora E. Fitch, 2.00; *Warsaw*, Mrs. J. Truesdell, 5.00.

OHIO.—*Bloomington*, J. B. Mical, 5.00; *Jefferson*, O. C. Atwell, bag beans; *Laura*, Sadie Cassel, barrel clothing; *Steubenville*, Mrs. R. A. Shane, 5.00.

OKLAHOMA.—*Dover*, C. A. Nettleton, 10.00.

PENNSYLVANIA.—*Hamburg*, Mrs. Philip DeLong, box of clothing; *West Pike*, Harriet Wetmore, 6.00.

TEXAS.—*Kosse*, F. Brooks, 1.00.

VIRGINIA.—*Fawcetts Gap*, Philip Prefitt, 1.00

VERMONT.—*Burlington*, Lizzie A. Stone, .25.

WASHINGTON.—*Walla Walla*, C. N. W., .76.

WEST VIRGINIA.—*Newberry*, T. E. Bowen and friends, 2.00; *Sugar Grove*, H. H. Stane, 10.00.

WISCONSIN.—*Berlin*, H. W. Jordan, 10.00; *Nec-nah*, S.-D. A. Church, 5.00; *Omre*, Abner Thompson, 50.00; *Utica*, C. O. Black, 5.00; *Wild Rose*, Peter J. Peterson, sack beans.

NO ADDRESS GIVEN.—Miss Mary Jordan, 5.00.

Total cash donations, \$153.11.

Some Letters

Following are some of the many encouraging letters received the last month from our friends:

"We again respond to your call for help. We hope this box of clothing will be of some benefit to you. Friends from Macksburg join with us in preparing these things in this box.

"We are of good courage and want to go on in this good work. We wish to get all the instructions in the best way of doing work.

"We now have a class of children, who, under the instruction of others, are learning to sew. Even the children can have a part with us in this part of the work, and they enjoy it.

"In this you will find the receipt for the box. Please let us know when you get it, and if all right. "Yours in the work."

"Enclosed find \$5.00 for the work. May the Lord bless the work. Yours truly."

A Word About Homes

We are indeed grateful for the many homes which have been opened for friendless men, women, and children, in answer to our recent appeals. We will here mention two reasons why many of these requests for a man, a boy, etc., have not been supplied:

1. Many of these offers to shelter the homeless read similarly to one just received: "I would like a boy twelve years old, amiable disposition, willing to work, one who does not use tobacco or swear. He must be a loving disposition, would prefer blue eyes."

We cannot supply our friends with this kind of boys. We would gladly do it if we only had them. A loving disposition, etc., is not the product of the crime and vice of the slums. It will require patient effort on the part of those who have the love of Jesus in their hearts, to develop the same desirable traits in these children of the outcasts.

2. Many a kind offer to furnish a home could not be utilized because of the fact that no funds accompanied it with which to pay transportation of the friendless one to the new home. We fully appreciate the fact that many have done all they possibly could in opening their homes to receive an additional member. In such case, would not others who could not open their homes be willing to assist in the matter of transportation?

Let us continue to hear from you, friends.

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