

"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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The Workingmen's Home Removed to Better Quarters

WE are glad to announce that a more salubrious location and a more suitable and better equipped building has at last been secured for the Workingmen's Home. The new location is 1339 State street, a building which was constructed a number of years ago by the United States government for a soldiers' barracks. The structure is a four-story building, forty feet wide and one hundred feet in length with an excellent and well-lighted basement, and a large yard in the rear. The ground floor is divided into two large rooms, which have been used as stores. The three floors above are devoted to offices and dormitories. The building has been used as a lodging house for a number of years, and is one of the best equipped in the city for this purpose. It has a large number of private rooms, each with a nice locker, and is admirably arranged for heating, ventilation, and general administration. The building is exactly what we have been looking for for several years, and it is with much satisfaction that we are at last able to get a few blocks away from the dirt and malodors of Custom House Place.

The Rock Island depot is just across the road and the place is easy of access by both the State street and Wabash avenue lines of street cars. The elevated road also has a station close by, so the location is as central as could be desired. A nice laundry, suitable treatment rooms, and all the necessary facilities for a well equipped medical mission, will be fitted up. One of the store rooms will be used for a kitchen and lunch room, the others for office and treatment rooms, the laundry occupying the basement.

The lodging department will provide accommoda-

tions for more than 300 men. Arrangements can be provided for feeding several thousand men daily, if necessary. The management have also under consideration the advisability of undertaking to carry out more fully a plan which has been contemplated for a number of years, viz.; the establishment of a general store for the benefit of the poor, in which goods will be sold at the exact cost, or lowest wholesale price. If this feature is added, no goods will be offered for sale except the actual necessities of life: of food; such as milk, potatoes, and bread; of fuel; such as coal, wood, and kindlings; perhaps worn clothing, and a few other necessities.

No attempt will be made to compete with the grocers or other merchants, and no goods will be sold except to persons whose cases have been investigated, so that it is known that they are extremely needy. Cards will be provided which will be distributed to charitable organizations of various sorts in the city, and one of these cards presented at the store will be taken as an indication that the one presenting it is in destitute circumstances and worthy of assistance in the manner contemplated. The management of the Home have facilities for purchasing goods of every description at the very lowest wholesale prices, and propose simply to give the needy poor the benefit of this advantage.

Quite a number of improvements in various directions will be added to the methods of conducting the Home. There will be better laundry facilities, better bath facilities, and better facilities for the care of the sick. The proximity of the Home, in its new location, to the Medical Missionary College, will also be a valuable advantage; as doctors and nurses from the college will be more readily accessible.

Gospel work of various sorts will be conducted in the Home as heretofore; but the gospel meetings will be conducted at another place which is now

secured at a point farther north on State street, in the vicinity of State and Harrison, a portion of the city which is greatly in need of work of this sort, but in which, heretofore, no effort of this kind has been made. A strong corps of evangelists has been organized, and these formally opened the Mission March fifteenth; as mentioned in "News and Notes".

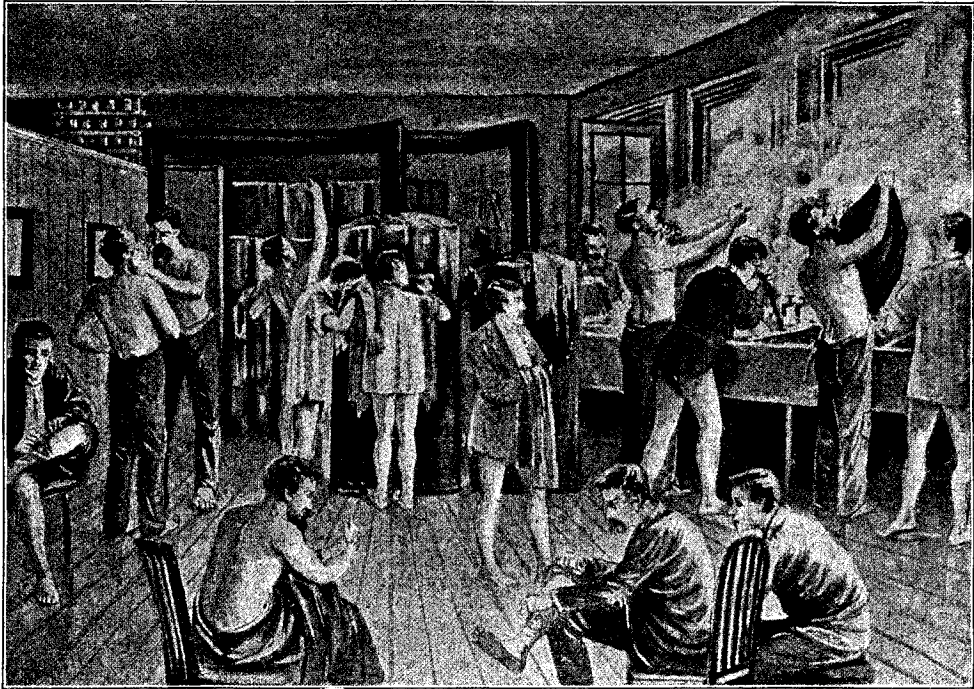
WORKINGMEN'S HOME MISSION

The Mission of the Workingmen's Home, as a branch of the Chicago Medical Mission, has been chiefly directed toward the rescuing of men from the ranks of tramps, criminals, drunkards, and other of the destitute and vicious classes. During the five years since the Mission has been established, and especially during the last two years since the opening of the Workingmen's Home, this work has been

connected with this work in Chicago and other cities not far distant.

The success of the Chicago Medical Mission has been so great that Christian men and women in many other cities have been led to come forward and offer aid and support to similar enterprises in numerous cities. At the present time missions following closely the same plan are being conducted in St. Louis, Mo.; Kansas City, Mo.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Rochester, N. Y.; Nashville, Tenn.; Lincoln, Neb.; Denver, Colo.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Portland, Ore.; and San Francisco, Cal. Every week or two we learn of the establishment of some new mission which is following in the lead of the Workingmen's Home in closely connecting, with the evangelistic work, relief for the physical necessities of the sinner.

The free bath, the free laundry, the penny lunch-



SCENE IN WORKINGMEN'S HOME LAUNDRY

marvelously successful. The reformation of several thousand men can be traced directly to the influence of this enterprise.

The Workingmen's Home has not been, as perhaps some have imagined, simply to furnish a rendezvous for tramps and criminals; but, instead, it has been made a sort of tramp hospital: one in which gospel treatment of a thoroughgoing character, mental, physical, and moral, has been applied by Christian physicians, nurses and evangelists; and with most marvelous results in lifting men out of the quagmires of vice and intemperance, and restoring them to the ranks of useful members of society.

Within the three weeks preceding the writing of this article, more than a hundred men have been led, by the influence of the Workingmen's Home, to start in new and better ways of life. Twice as many more have taken the same step, within the same time, as the result of efforts made in other missions

counter, and medical aid and assistance are accommodations which are admirably adapted to supplement the ordinary evangelistic work of the gospel mission in a most effective manner. The relief afforded the suffering sinner softens his heart to yield to the influence of the Divine Spirit which is always knocking for admission.

The friends of the Workingmen's Home, who have so generously supported this enterprise in the past, will doubtless be pleased to know that the work has been made nearly self-supporting, until for some time back the running expenses of the Mission have been pretty nearly met by the receipts for lodging and lunches. The Home would be fully self-sustaining but for the fact that so large a number of men have, within the past few weeks, been taken out of the police stations where they are compelled to sleep upon a cold stone floor, and have been given lodging and breakfast in the Workingmen's Home, with comfortable accommodations. This has added

very considerably to the expense of the Home, as the number thus received each night has not infrequently exceeded one hundred persons.

Those who visit the police stations have taken pains to select, as far as possible, such men as would be likely to appreciate the help offered them; and in this they have been very materially aided by the courteous officials, who have co-operated with us in this work in a most thoroughgoing manner.

Experience has convinced us that although many of the men thus helped are generally regarded as unworthy and incorrigible, the work is nevertheless highly profitable and fruitful in results. More than one man is to-day rejoicing in deliverance from the thralldom of vice and intemperance, who owes the fact to the invitation which he received to spend a night at the Workingmen's Home instead of lying upon the cold stone floor of the police station. Our only regret is that our limited facilities have not made it possible for us to conduct this work upon a much larger scale. Next season we hope to be in position to undertake two or three times as much work in this line as we have thus far been able to do.

J. H. KELLOGG, M. D.

Workingmen's Home

THE Lord has been very good to us at the Home this winter. The Holy Spirit is working with mighty power in our midst. Numbers have deserted the black flag of sin and Satan and have enlisted under the blood-stained banner of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have had a regular Pentecost within the last three weeks; over one hundred have come to the altar seeking Christ.

One man came, like Saul of Tarsus, to disturb our meeting, and got so noisy that we had to put him out. The next night he came again and the Holy Spirit got hold of him; and, as in Saul's case, his heart and mind were changed and now he is preaching the gospel he once rejected. He has been to our meetings every night since and his testimony would thrill you. It is wonderful how the dear Lord works when we give him the right-of-way in our hearts.

Another man who was separated from his wife and child through drink, since last September, came to our meeting. The Holy Spirit convicted him of his need of Jesus as his Savior. He came to the altar and received Christ, and began to testify of his saving power. Ten days after, the Lord brought him back to his wife and child and gave him a position; and now he is gladly telling all the great things the Lord has done for him.

This is only one of many such cases. Pray for us, and that the good work may still continue; that Jesus may be glorified; and that we all may be faithful till our dear Lord comes.

JOHN CALLAHAN.

One of Many

A FEW days ago a very nice appearing man came to see me and asked if he might not talk to me about his condition. Of course I replied, Yes; and after being seated he told me his story, as follows:

"Two months ago I left my wife and children in Lowell, Massachusetts. I had a good

situation but spent most of my earnings in drink; thereby compelling my family either to suffer or look to strangers for help. I realized what I was doing but could not reform. I tried again and again but it was of no use. I could no longer endure to witness this condition so I left them and came to Chicago. Here I have drifted from place to place, all the time trying to rid myself of this great monster; but it stays right with me. Twice I have thought to go back home and try again. I have written to wife two times for money to return home with; which she sent, and which I spent for whisky."

This is indeed a sad story but, with tears in his eyes, he began to write again and said he desired me to take charge of the money when it came. The Lord touched his heart and just a few days ago we saw him start home in a cheerful and sober condition.

May God in His infinite mercy protect and keep this man for Christ's sake.

W. E. WILLIAMSON.

Roses Among Thorns

WHILE attending to my duties in one of the dormitories at the Workingmen's Home, I cannot help but note the difference of manner in which the various men retire. As they throng in in great numbers, the converts kneel by their beds, looking up to God in prayer, and seeking him to supply their needs; and in the morning these same men kneel again and thank God for the night's rest.

On the other hand, as I look at this scene and see scores who lie down to rest without any thought of the goodness of God and their dependence upon Him, I can but think of these pardoned souls as so many roses among the thorns.

This is one of the great tests of sincerity on the part of the convert: if he has courage to kneel down and pray in the presence of his deriding companions, you may be quite sure he is thoroughly in earnest.

CLAUDE GREEN.

The Workingmen's Home Street-Cleaning Corps

A MOST salutary and, from many stand-points, vital principle, and one which should be carefully considered by all who undertake to engage in relief work for the benefit of the destitute classes, is, that so far as possible the poor should be encouraged to help themselves; and that gratuitous charity is often likely to do fully as much harm as good.

The problem of providing industrial work for persons seeking relief at a city mission is, however, one of the most difficult of all the various problems which present themselves for solution in connection with enterprises of this sort. How to find work for men in a city in which there are thousands idle, especially during the winter season, is a problem not at all easy to solve. Broom making and peddling, wood cutting, manufacturing of kindling, and similar enterprises have proved successful to a limited degree in various places at different times, but often

every avenue for employment seems to be closed; every line of industry being over-crowded to the last degree.

What can be done in such a case? This was the situation which confronted our workers in Chicago recently. From fifty to a hundred men were brought in every night from the police stations, but there was no employment to furnish them; as our resources in this direction had already been taxed to the utmost. A happy thought occurred to one of the workers, to set these men at work cleaning the streets; as the city through lack of funds had been compelled to suspend its street-cleaning operations, leaving great quantities of mud accumulating at the crossings and in the gutters, obstructing surface drainage on warm

reach from the slums to the marble residences on the avenues, and touch all classes between. The Chicago Medical Mission has identified itself with the interests of the city of Chicago; and, as from year to year its work becomes better established and its managers more experienced in dealing with the various problems which come to them for solution, its work, we hope, will become more and more efficient as an enterprise representing a very complete and efficient form of Christian beneficence.

J. H. KELLOGG, M. D.

Star of Hope Mission

AFTER one has witnessed the awful depths of depravity to be found in the neighborhoods of the missions of Chicago, a realization of the work for them, and the necessity for their existence is painfully apparent.

Within a radius of one hundred yards from the Star of Hope Mission, 33 West Madison street, can be found twenty-seven saloons; three or four of these are so-called, first-class places where the majority of the people living in the vicinity are not welcome, even though they have the price necessary to purchase the liquors on sale in these saloons. These are the starting points for the well-dressed people; many of whom finish their career in the cheaper places where everyone possessing five cents is very welcome, if together with the five cents they have a thirst for condensed hell in the guise of whisky.

In this district are also to be found about fifteen cheap lodging houses where beds may be had for from five to fifteen cents. These places afford accommodations for about two thousand men. Without a rigid police census it is impossible to even estimate the number of poor, unfortunate women who find refuge in this same territory.

Fully cognizant of the pressing need of a mission that would always be on the aggressive in the contest for souls, against Satan, brother T. F. Mackey opened the Star of Hope Mission November fourteenth, 1896. Since that time, a continuous battle has been waged against the adversary who "walketh about seeking whom he may devour". The warfare is a bitter one, and is kept up relentlessly on both sides. Satan has manifested his presence many times at the services of this Mission. He often shows himself in the persons of drunken and disorderly men whom he fills with a desire to interrupt and, if possible, to break up the meeting. He has never yet succeeded in disturbing any of the meetings for more than a minute or two, at the most. His envoys are treated gently but firmly; and, at the same time, convinced that their efforts will meet with a dismal failure. Very often his emissaries are captured and shown their error; and they leave the room converted, and filled with a desire to lead different and better lives.

There is an average attendance at the Star of Hope of about one hundred; very seldom is the number as low as sixty; while it often reaches two hundred. The average number of conversions is about



MEN AT WORK ON THE STREET

days when the snow was melting, and giving rise to great inconvenience.

The city authorities and the Bureau of Charities were consulted; a complete outfit of tools was obtained with which to do the work, and the City agreed to carry away the snow and dirt when put in piles. In one case a merchant donated a large number of shovels. Finally a street-cleaning corps of between seventy and a hundred men was organized.

For several weeks this force has been at work upon the principal thoroughfares of Chicago, opening the gutters and cleaning the crossings. It has done most excellent and creditable work, supplementing the efforts of the reduced city force of street cleaners in a manner which has attracted the attention and favorable comment of not a few of Chicago's best citizens.

The managers of the Chicago Medical Mission are interested in the welfare of Chicago, as a city, as well as in the welfare of its most destitute and morally depressed and degraded classes. The work of the Chicago Medical Mission is one that strikes the whole gamut of society. The twenty-eight branches of the work being carried on in the city of Chicago

five; on several occasions it reached the grand number of fifteen.

Brother Mackey is greatly blessed in having with him in this work two willing co-workers: sister Mackey, who takes charge of, and conducts the meetings when he is compelled to be absent; and sister Albertson, the organist. These two, as assistants to brother Mackey, are invaluable. They are fully imbued with a desire to win souls for Christ; and devote all their energies to this end.

During the past two weeks, brother Mackey has been holding revival meetings at Charlotte, Michi-

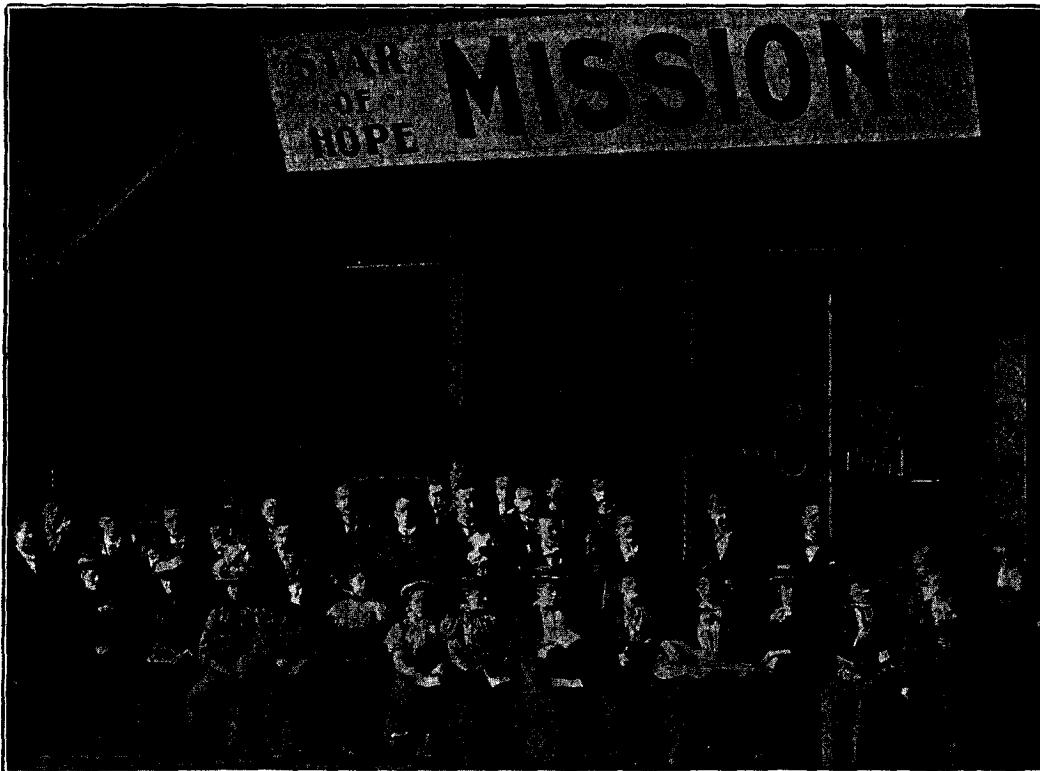
impresed to speak with him before he reached the door.

"Good evening! my brother; how are you tonight?" said I, grasping his hand.

"Don't stop me now," he replied, "they're after me"; referring, of course, to the police.

"So is the Lord Jesus, and he is more anxious to have you than they are," said I, still clinging to his hand.

I succeeded in engaging him in conversation just a



gan. Sister Albertson is assisting him. Sister Mackey also was with him part of the time. The success attending him there can be simply described in one word: wonderful! Such an outpouring in that place was never known before. While sister Albertson is away, her place at the organ, in the Star of Hope Mission, has been most efficiently filled by sister Lillian Snyder, of the Missionary Training School. Brothers Harvey Sedgwick and Allen Straight have also rendered valuable assistance during brother Mackey's absence. They two are energetic soul-winners for Christ.

H. C. LYMAN.

Shining All the Way

THE following incident occurred one Friday evening, recently, at the Star of Hope Mission:

It was just after the meeting had closed, and as the men were passing out my attention was attracted to a young man and I felt

moment, when he said he must not stay any longer; but promised he would call, in a few days, and see me. I gave him my address, and the following Monday noon, I confess somewhat to my surprise, he called at the Training School and inquired for me.

I had a very interesting conversation with him, read a few verses, and then asked him what he felt impressed he ought to do about it.

He said, "I just feel sick of my present life and want to yield myself to God."

We found a convenient place and sought God together, and in a calm and earnest manner he gave himself to the Lord; asking him even yet to make his life of some use to the world.

He left Chicago that same afternoon for his home, twenty miles distant; and by a letter received from him a few days later, I learned he spent one day at home, and then proceeded to Milwaukee where he found work. He concluded his letter by saying: "I am telling the story everywhere I go;—shining all the way for Jesus."

G. W. THOMASON.

Star of Hope Rescue Home

THE harvest is great, but the laborers are few." On every hand we see tokens of the ripened harvest. During the past two weeks, my heart has been stirred as I have seen the mighty power of the Holy Spirit convicting men of sin and pointing them to Christ who taketh away the sin of the world. Our missions are, for the most part, filled with men from the high-ways and hedges; and very few women come into these meetings. The work among fallen women, in the Star of Hope Rescue Home, is being blessed of God; and eternity alone will reveal how many will be saved in the glorious kingdom of God because they have seen the "Star of Hope" and it has lighted their way to the cross of Jesus.

Last Sabbath we visited one of these poor, unfortunate sisters of ours, who is dying in Cook County Hospital. As I saw the tears of gratitude which came to her eyes when presented with some flowers, I thought of the promise: He who giveth a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple shall not lose his reward.

This dear, "little one" does not know that the end is near, but believes that soon she is to get well; and it seemed that my heart would break as I turned from her side knowing that her supposed hope was not to be realized. Soon the screens will be placed about her cot; and she will be left to fight the last, hard struggle alone, so far as earthly friends are concerned. But praise the Lord! she has found Jesus, the best friend of all, and He will be with her even then.

As I glanced up and down the long ward and then again, at her bed, I thought: "*Only one!* she is only one in this ward; and this is only one ward in this great hospital; and this is only one hospital in this great city! Is not the harvest great?"

Let us pray that the Lord may send workers into His vineyard.

LILLIAN SNYDER.

Prison, Jail, and Police Station Work

OUR rescue work in this department is one of the greatest importance from the standpoint of economy, to say nothing of a work for Christ. The question with the practical, matter-of-fact American to-day is, "Does it pay?" Let us see: Throughout the country prisoners cost an average of more than \$150 each to maintain, over and above what they earn. There are 150,000 in confinement at one time, costing more than \$22,500,000 a year. Every man we can save by the grace of God, comes from the prison no longer to be a burden to the tax-payer and society but to be a self-supporter, a producer, a tax-payer, and, in many cases, a prison missionary of power in the hands of God. We might take volumes of space to prove that it pays, from the very lowest motive (that of dollars and cents), to rescue the criminal; but we have a command from God to do this work: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature". (Mark 16:15.) This includes the prisoners in their cells; as particularly specified by Jesus in Matthew 25:43: "I was . . . in prison and ye visited me not".

Reader, if you cannot go and visit the prisoners in prison you can assist some consecrated missionary to go; and you can pray for the unfortunate brother,

and sister who is found there. Hundreds and thousands have been rescued from the prisons; are to-day leading honest, industrious lives for Christ; and are among our best and most trustworthy citizens. Many more, by the grace of God, can be rescued, and will help man and equip the Master's Life Boat for this work.

J. HENRY MEYERS.

A Changed Man

SOME time ago in passing through the corridors of the police station where hundreds of homeless men had sought lodging space (for there were no beds but the cold cement floor), I noticed a kindly face which looked up with hope as we passed by. We had in mind the selecting of those who would appreciate a chance to clean up and reform. The man appealed to me as a hopeful case, and as one who would appreciate friendly aid.

He was provided with a bath, bed, and breakfast. He attended family worship and was glad to show his appreciation by working. He was found to be a young man who had left New York city with the chief idea of getting away from his drunken associates; for he had lost his position through drink.

He had been a wholesale salesman, and was so earnest in the matter of reform that he was willing to work at anything to earn his way and keep busy. He was twice invited out to a private dinner, then for a time provided with sufficient work to pay his way. He has not drank a drop for four months, has depended on Christ for help; and is leading an entirely different life.

E. H. MATHEWSON, M. D.

Among the Girls in the Police Station

FOR the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10.) These lost souls belonging to Jesus are scattered throughout the length and breadth of this world; and He wants them sought out and saved for Him. He has told us in Luke 14:21, 23, where we will find some of them: in the streets and lanes of the city; in the highways and hedges. He has really invited these poor souls to come into His house.

In this great city so full of vice and crime, there are several police stations. In these stations, men and women find shelter each night from the cold, wet streets. Some of them are thrust into cells because of some offense; but Jesus has bidden us visit these people, and has said that inasmuch we have done it unto the least of these, we have shown kindness to Him.

While attending the trials of these girls, my heart is touched to see them come before the judge, tell their story, and pass away. Some are fined, some are discharged, while some cases are continued. One girl, I remember, had been accused of theft to the amount of twenty-five dollars. It was her first arrest and she stood trembling before the judge, her accuser by her side; and his look was anything but kind. After close examination it was found that the girl was innocent of the accusation and was of course discharged. Her look was not that of crime and vice which we so often see on these women's faces, and I followed the case up. The officer who had arrested her kindly assisted us in meeting her, and we found

that she had been but a short time in this life of sin. A few sentences were dropped about Jesus and His love, and an appointment was made to visit her at her home. The call was made; but, like many other cases, her courage had failed her and she refused to see us. We cannot help but believe that at times she thinks of that meeting, and weekly letters of encouragement are written her. This is only one case in a thousand of those who need not only a kind look, a little act of courtesy, but a sister's love; and they must have it.

The Harrison Police Station Annex is an apartment for women only. In this place, women under arrest are kept for trial; here we also find women who seek shelter at night. Here is an excellent opportunity to do personal work; and the readers of THE LIFE BOAT no doubt would be surprised to hear that we often find young ladies of culture and refinement who have been compelled to come to this place for temporary shelter. At the present time in our home is a young lady who, having been turned from her place of boarding because of reverses, had no where to go that night except to the Annex. She was sent to us, and in her brief story she remarked, "I would rather die than earn my living on the streets". She is a Christian young woman; so we see these people are not all bad that are found in these places. Several have been placed in good homes, others are with us at the present time proving efficient help in our various departments. This work brings great rewards here on earth; and I believe the choicest blessings received are realized while working with some soul personally.

Many of these girls would readily give up their life of sin if they had but one word of encouragement, if there was only one soul who would speak kindly to them, call them sister and treat them as such. Their hearts are not so hard, and Jesus still loves them; let us tell them of it.

LENA K. SADLER.

The Cook County Jail School

IN this school, we meet with all classes of boys, from the "swells of Michigan avenue" homes down to the poor, little waifs whose lone domicile is a barrel or hogshead set up somewhere in an alley. The majority, however, are boys from the poorer families where the mother is either dead or necessarily neglecting their training, while away seeking a livelihood.

The sturdy, little fellows who have never tasted luxury have very little sympathy for the lad who, through over-indulgence, has lost self-control and perhaps robbed his father until the poor man has helplessly given him over to a stronger rule; so the little fellows who have had to fight for themselves decide to make it "warm" for him, and they usually succeed.

Most of the boys on entering the jail, have a very defiant bearing. They do not expect any one to be for, but against them; and one of the most encouraging features of the work is the change which is almost sure to take place in the little hearts a few days after their arrival, or as soon as they learn that their guards and teachers are their friends.

The present number of boys in the school is about thirty. These are not, as some have supposed, thoroughly hardened criminals but are principally children to whom the crime of theft is no worse a sin than is simple deception to a child of more favorable

environment. A boy, who, after learning the evil of his ways, is brought back to jail a second or third time has a vastly different face from the little fellow who comes in on first offense and hanging his head ashamed because he was so stupid as to "get caught". The average age of the pupils is fourteen years; some are a little older, and some so young that their ages are well expressed in the newspaper headings, "Kindergarten Trials".

The object of this work is not only to bring the boys from their cells to a room where they can get sunlight and air, and have an opportunity to advance in their studies, but it is to inspire in them hope and courage to lead an honest and more noble life. The teacher learns all that she can of these boys' characters and lives both in the jail and in the neighborhood of their homes, and is consequently often called into the courts to assist in deciding their cases. The teacher often encourages the judge to suspend the sentence of a boy; and it has been proven in several instances that boys put out on good behavior in this way make better men than those of very like dispositions who are sent to the reformatories.

The most successful attempts at reforming boys without compulsion have been done by changing their surroundings. The teacher assisted one boy in getting a position in one of the large depots of the city; the position was humble but one from which he could work up. The last I heard from him he was doing well and fully expected soon to fill his employer's chair. Another of our boys who was sent to the country is growing strong and hardy and is getting a good country-school education. Country life seems to be most conducive to rapid improvement, and these boys need it; for the majority of them are sadly impaired in health, and from the effects of tobacco using and other bad habits are very much stunted in growth. They are in want of God's pure, country air to aid them in eliminating poisons, to increase their bodily health and vigor, and thus help them to grow strong morally.

FANNIE E. BOGUE.

Our Boys

THE work for boys at the Training School here, grew out of work done among the boys at the jail by some of our members. Very often at the jail and police stations it appeared that a boy's only crime consisted of not having any home or friends; so it seemed only right that we should open our doors to such ones, at least until good, permanent homes could be found for them. The first boys who came were from Cook County Jail. However, "prevention is better than cure," and none of the boys in the group are from jail though it is quite likely that a little while longer would have found them there.

Each of the boys has an interesting, little history; but we can speak of only a few at this time.

Eddie is a German boy whom Dr. Kellogg noticed while on a visit to the Harrison street police station. Running away from home was the crime laid to him but at the trial it seemed that "driven away" would have been a truer rendering. Elder Warren obtained permission to bring Eddie with him to 1926 Wabash avenue. On the way up he talked to him somewhat as follows:

"Now Eddie, they told me, at the station, that you wouldn't stay with us but would run away as you did before. Of course we haven't any bolts or bars and

we will not try to keep you unless you want to stay; but we will put you on your honor and expect you to let us know before leaving at any time."

And Eddie has proved that he has an honor of a very manly sort. He is still with us a faithful, little disciple of the Master. Each day at the opening of school in the morning his prayer grows more earnest,

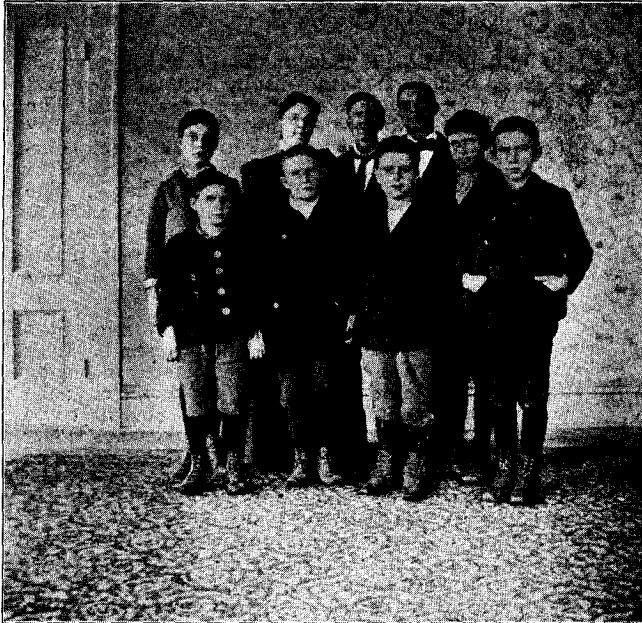
Lord Jesus into his heart and grow to be a thoroughly reliable boy.

The Training School is not meant to be a permanent home for the boys; but what those in charge wish, is, that in the first place while here they may learn of Jesus, and then go to Christian homes where they can grow to be good and useful men.

Every day, classes are held as in any other school only that in all things we seek to make the Bible the basis of our work. Especially are we anxious that not a boy shall leave us without learning, though in ever so simple a way, about the harmful effects of alcohol and tobacco.

The boys are with us for so short a time; and with some of them at least, it may be the chance of their life-time to learn of God; so we are anxious that the impression may be made deep and lasting by the Holy Spirit.

ROSMA WHALEN.



and his consistent young life would be a help to many an older Christian.

George and Johnny are brothers, aged eleven and nine respectively. Their mother was not able to support them and they have sold papers on the street for a living, though I am sure you could hardly imagine it if you were only to look into little Johnny's baby face.

Another very interesting little lad is Frank, the youngest of the number in years, though not in experience. He is only seven; but his parents died when he was very small and he has lived since then first in one institution then in another. Everywhere they passed him on as a hopeless little case. And truly it did seem as though nothing could soften the hard, little heart but Jesus' love. Naturally of a sturdy disposition, he had grown, under unloving treatment, into a real little Ishmaelite: every one against him and he against everyone. When asked to do anything his chief thought appeared to be, "I wonder if you are big enough to make me". But one evening there was a prayer-meeting down in the boys' room. Only the boys themselves and Jesus were there, as their preceptor was away; but that night Frankie found his Savior and a great change has come into his life.

The other cases are no less interesting and hopeful than these; perhaps we can tell you of them at another time. Two have parents who expect, as soon as possible, to provide for them; and another, though not in very good health, is looking forward to supporting himself before long. Joe, who came only day before yesterday, did not want to stay at first; he has lived in several different orphan asylums and has made it a practice to run away as opportunity was afforded; but we trust that he will shortly receive the

One of many Similar Stories

(Retold for "The Life Boat").

THE other day, as we stepped into the waiting room where we had been called, we met a sweet-faced, young woman with a baby in her arms. The baby was born at the hospital less than a month before, and the young woman could remain there no longer. She was alone in the city and had encountered no small amount of difficulties in finding a place where baby could be safely cared for while she went to look for work. Some "good Samaritans" had found her and brought her to us. She left baby in our keeping; and a few days later wrote a touching little letter brim full of mother-love, in which she spoke of the work she had secured, and confided some plans for baby's wardrobe.

It is evident that the sorrow of being separated from her darling is no less, to her, than it would be to the more fortunate mothers who are blessed with family ties and a home where they may shelter and cherish their treasures; and watch each unfolding of the little souls with all a mother's joy and pride.

M. R.

Our Babies

DO you want a sunbeam? If so, let Jesus Christ come into your home in the person of one of those little, homeless, deserted waifs for whom this cold world has no room. They are little treasures whom God has permitted to come here to brighten your home, to claim your love, and to point your mind's eye to Him who was once a babe in the manger.

Chicago has many of these uncherished, smothering sunbeams awaiting your invitation to share the blessings that God has given you wherewith you might bless others. The Spirit of Christ says that a childless house is a desolate home. When Christ was on earth He gladly received the little ones, saying: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." What a privilege God offers to you in taking these little sunbeams to cherish and nourish

for Him, that the sunshine of His love and happiness may be shed abroad in your home, and stars added to your crown.

Nine years ago our home was brightened by a little, blackeyed, two-years-old girl, who has been a joy to our hearts ever since. During the last three months we had an added blessing through a dear, little, eight-months-old darling who has brought "a dozen sunbeams to one cloud". A few days after the little one came the elder one said,

"O sister, what would we do without this baby!" I replied,

"O, we would do the same as we always have done before"; to which she replied,

"Well, but it was lonesome before, but now I have someone to play with and care for."

She has laid aside her dolls and bicycle to devote her time to this dear, little one.

Are there not other homes where are elder children whose delight it would be to cherish "one of the



least of these", His children, rather than to play with dolls and bicycles?

L. E. KYNETT.

Saving Power

JESUS said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." *John 11:25.*

I thank God that in Jesus there is life. While in the northwest a few years ago, I noticed that the oak trees retained their leaves until spring and then, as the new life came into their branches and caused the buds to unfold, these old leaves would drop off. And just so it is with the Christian life: as Jesus comes into our lives, the old sins and habits drop off like dead leaves; the old things have passed away, behold! all things have become new.

For many years I was dead in trespasses and sin. My friends tried to save me but could not. I drifted on into a sinner's gloom; no peace, no friends, nothing to live for. I was a hopeless, lost man. It was in this condition that I came to Jesus Christ.

How well I remember that day,—the darkest day of my life. I had struggled by a saloon on South Clark street, determined in my mind to go and see brother ——. By the help of God I managed to get to the Training School, and there it was that brother —— pointed me to Jesus Christ. We got down on our knees. He began to pray; and as I began to think of surrendering my all to Jesus, right then came the thought of tobacco. I had not thought of it until then, and I thought how hard it would be; I could give up all but that. My miserable self pleaded for indulgence. At last I saw I must give up Christ or tobacco, then I cried out to God for help.

Yes, I was willing to give up all but God must help me. I feel indeed grateful to Him. Praise His name that from that hour I have been a free man in Christ!

For seventeen years I had used tobacco and this was only one of the many things that Jesus saved me from,—in a moment's time he took them all away. I had lived the life of a crook but Jesus has made me straight. Not as the twig is bent is the tree inclined when Jesus comes into the life; but old things pass away and all things become new. Jesus is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever.

JACK O'BRIEN.

God Answers Prayer

ONE of the testimonies given in the Star of Hope Mission, Tuesday evening, March eighth:

"Last week I was in a terrible state, intoxicated all the time; saturated with vile whisky of the cheapest kind. It seemed as though I had not a friend in the world; everything was dark and gloomy. Last Friday I made up my mind there should be a change in my condition, that is, financially, even though it put me in the hospital, or jail. That night, in a manner unknown to me, my feet were directed to this Mission. I thank God for bringing me in; for here my wicked way was shown me, and I was converted. I do praise His name and will praise Him wherever I go.

"O, happy day that fixed my choice
On Thee, my Savior and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
And tell its raptures all abroad.

"Last night was the first time I prayed definitely for anything; I prayed for work. This morning I saw an advertisement in the *Record* saying that a man in my line was wanted at Hyde Park. I went out there and met a former employer of mine. He asked me where I was going. I told him I did not know, exactly; but that I had seen the advertisement and was going to the address given. I also told him of my conversion. He then told me he had put the advertisement in the paper; and if I had told him the truth, and would keep straight, I was just the man he wanted. I am to go to work to-morrow morning. I could have stayed out there to-night but I wanted to come in and tell you of the answer to my prayer."

BERTHA WRIGHT.

Mission Meetings

UPON the nature of the meetings, how they are conducted, and the methods in general which are employed in connection with the work, depends very largely the success of gospel missions.

We will here briefly consider a few points which are essential to the success of any gospel mission or similar undertaking:

1. *Working Up the Meeting.*—A gospel meeting in a great city will seldom be successful, in point of attendance, unless special efforts are put forth along this line,—unless special efforts are put forth to bring lost men and women in. Those who will come in of their own accord are usually professing Christians, and unless they are active workers, they really interfere with the purposes of the mission. In the Chicago work, we have found a little card with an invitation printed on it, to be the most practical and efficient method of attracting the attention of men and women on the streets and in the saloons. About thirty minutes before the opening song service, our workers take these cards and scatter them throughout the vicinity of the mission. We do not use the same card week after week but have several different styles of cards. Be sure that your card bears some verse of scripture. I know of many interesting converts that have come alone from reading the text on the card. You can get the mission converts to work in this way, teaching them to offer a prayer with every card that is given out. Many opportunities to do personal work are found in distributing these invitations.

2. *The Opening of the Meeting.*—The real meeting of the evening should be preceded by a song service lasting from fifteen minutes to a half hour, or until the audience is gathered in. This will necessitate the workers and singers being on hand promptly at the meeting place. Sing live, gospel songs; and if the weather will permit, have the doors of the mission open so the music can go abroad. The first song of the Mission which we recently started in the city, was heard across the street, in a saloon, by a young man who was rapidly going down to destruction. He was attracted by it and came over to the Mission. He found the Savior and is now doing efficient work for the salvation of those in the very place where he himself was saved. Music is the most important part of mission work. I have had many men tell me that the song or some redeemed man's testimony saved him; but I never had a man tell me that my sermon converted him.

3. *Conducting the Meeting.*—Make everything brief. Do not read long chapters, pray long prayers, nor preach long sermons. The majority of the attendants at a mission meeting are not capable of assimilating much spiritual truth at one sitting. In your gospel talks, use few texts. Take one theme

and stick to it; make it as plain as you possibly can. However sound your doctrine may be, the mission is not the place to preach it. When these men and women have found Christ and begun to inquire a reason for your doctrine then give it to them in meekness and fear. If more than one person is to talk, have some music between the talks; a solo, duet, or quartette. What is said in a mission must be sharp shot,—right to the point. Never talk over twenty minutes in a mission. Thirty minutes should be the extreme limit of a sermon or talk in a meeting where the lower classes are gathered in to hear the Gospel.

4. *Closing the Meeting.*—The usual method of closing the meeting is with a word of prayer in which requests, indicated by upraised hands, are taken be-



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fore the Lord. An invitation is given for those who desire to find Christ, and who desire to accept salvation as presented in the Gospel, to raise their hands. After this matter has been earnestly presented to them, the meeting is closed with prayer in which they are remembered. This but prepares for the next and most important part of the meeting.

5. *Personal Work, or the After-Meeting.*—Now the time has come to reap the harvest. Those who have raised their hands, and *others*, also, must be personally dealt with by consecrated men and women who, with Bible in hand, will point the sinner to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Get them down on their knees as soon as possible; don't allow them to sidetrack you: hold them to the one issue; that of accepting Christ. This personal work will accomplish much more than getting them to the front. However, it is an excellent plan to get a number of men and women who have just accepted Christ, to stand up and give testimony for the Lord and thus declare their intentions; it will give them strength. A word of caution can be offered in this connection; it is this: have *men* do personal work for *men*, have *women* do personal work for *women*. Adherence to this plan, as a rule, will prevent many unpleasant complications which, in dealing with the various classes, you are sure to meet in the mission work of a large city. Give all new converts a Testament with appropriate verses marked. Get their names and addresses, and be sure their cases are followed up if they do not return the next evening. This is an important part of the work and one concerning which we will have more to say next month.

W. S. S.

News and Notes

The article entitled "Star of Hope Mission" was written by brother W. C. Lyman, one of the converts of the Mission.

Brother J. H. Meyers has charge of the meetings at Workingmen's Home for the present. Interesting times are reported.

Brother Mackey, who is somewhat worn in body from long-continued work, is taking a rest with friends in Rockford, Ill.

A thoroughly-trained, Sanitarium nurse has just been installed as one of the "mothers" in the babies' department of the nursery.

G. A. Wheeler and a company of colporters under his direction, are holding a three-weeks' institute in connection with the regular Training School.

Elder Luther Warren is conducting several promising classes with the mission converts. Much interest is manifested on the part of the students.

Friday of last week, the students of the Training School enjoyed a very instructive talk given by John Callahan on the subject of "Mission Meetings".

Mrs. Foy is conducting three classes each week, in the Training School, along the lines of practical nursing. Her services in this respect are greatly appreciated by all.

The force of workers on THE LIFE BOAT has been increased by the arrival of Mr. Bordo and Mrs. Wood, both from the Review & Herald Publishing Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Harry Farnsworth, of the sophomore medical class has been conducting the class in vocal music since the departure of Mr. Reekie. The class has been studying sacred music exclusively.

John Wesley Crowell, an electrical engineer, and the first convert of the Life Boat Mission, has given his life to the Lord's work and is nicely started in the Medical Missionary Training School.

A number from our boys' department have left us, the past month, to enter Christian homes. We trust they may be blessed and also prove a blessing to those who have taken them into their homes.

George Thomason and Newton Evans, of the junior class, have prolonged their sojourn in Chicago, and are doing some much-appreciated work in behalf of the dispensary and other lines of medical work.

The efforts put forth in the rescue work have been especially successful in the past month. Many precious souls have been rescued from the meshes of sin and are now rejoicing in the light of the glorious gospel.

Last week the freshman class, numbering thirty-four, arrived in Chicago, from Battle Creek. This is their first period of study and work in Chicago. Their services will be greatly appreciated in all lines of missionary work.

During the past month, sisters Snyder, Yates, and Borman have presided at the instruments of music of the Star of Hope and Life Boat Missions. Their services have been greatly appreciated by those in charge of the work.

Our Sunday-school now has an attendance of about twenty-five bright, little boys and girls. Nearly all

of these children have come in voluntarily and promise to bring others with them; so we hope for a large attendance in a very short time. The school is now studying about "Creation".

Sister Mina Nelson who has labored long and faithfully in the Assyrian district of the city, reports many interesting and encouraging experiences. There are many foreign fields right here in Chicago, and we are glad to note the special interest which some of our workers are taking in these different nationalities.

On March fifteenth a new gospel mission was opened at 436 State street, near Polk street. It was christened "The Life Boat". The first meeting resulted in ten conversions. Brethren T. F. Mackey, John Callahan, Luther Warren, and W. S. Sadler were present at the opening exercises. Brother Callahan has taken charge of the meetings, and already there have been scores of interesting conversions. The work promises to be a great success.

The nursery is indebted to some kind friends in Hopkins, Michigan, including the Methodist and Congregational sewing circles of that place, for two large, well-filled barrels of carefully-made clothing and bedding. Each garment tells of a thoughtful care that is seldom bestowed upon "things for the poor". Some nice, feather pillows were among the bedding. As we unpacked the contributions piece by piece we were made conscious of the fact that it was done in the spirit of "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto Me". A generous donation of apple jelly and beans accompanied the barrels.

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The past month our workers in Chicago have enjoyed several visits from Dr. Kellogg. The Doctor always brings along encouragement and enthusiasm, and at the same time his counsels are much appreciated by those who have the responsibility of carrying forward the rapidly growing work of the Medical Mission. The Doctor's time is valuable, and we appreciate very much that his interest in the work is such that he will make the necessary sacrifice to spend this time with us.

We are indeed grateful for the many words of appreciation which we have received from our friends concerning the first issue of *THE LIFE BOAT*. Owing to many obstacles which had to be overcome in issuing the paper with our limited facilities, we were a little late in mailing it. We hope to do better in the future. An effort will be put forth to make *THE LIFE BOAT* a live and interesting periodical. We appreciate, very much, the hearty support which the paper is receiving; and assure you that no pains will be spared on our part to bring the paper up to your expectations.

The necessary preparations for the publication of this paper have entailed considerable expense on the part of our Industrial Printing Department. Our subscription price has been placed very low, and the work was undertaken for the sole purpose of making the friends and supporters of the Chicago Medical Mission familiar with the progress and doings of the Institution and its various branches. While *THE LIFE BOAT* will make its monthly visits for the small sum of twenty-five cents a year, we are persuaded that many of its friends will be pleased to contribute something more for the purpose of liquidating the obligations which were incurred in launching the paper. We will be pleased to receive contributions in any amount to the "Life Boat Fund."

From March 18th to 20th, there was held in this city, in the Wabash avenue Methodist church, a conference for the consideration of various topics along lines of gospel and philanthropic work. This conference was the materialization of plans which were laid at the dedication of the Medical Missionary Training School in December 1897. Rev. W. E. McLennan gave a most interesting address, illustrated by a specially prepared map on the subject "The Field, Its Needs and Opportunities." "Social Regeneration" and "Improvement of the Industrial Situation" were discussed by such eminent men as Hon. Z. S. Holbrook, Dr. Geo. K. Hoover, Miss Mary McDowell, Hon. S. M. Jones, mayor of Toledo, Ohio, Dr. Bayard Holmes and others. Dr. J. H. Kellogg spoke on the afternoon of Sunday, March 20th, at three o'clock. His subject was "Public Hygiene and Sanitation." The frequency with which these conferences are convened in recent years shows the increased attention which thinking men and women are giving to this vital problem of our social relations, and to the betterment of the physical and moral condition of the lower classes.

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