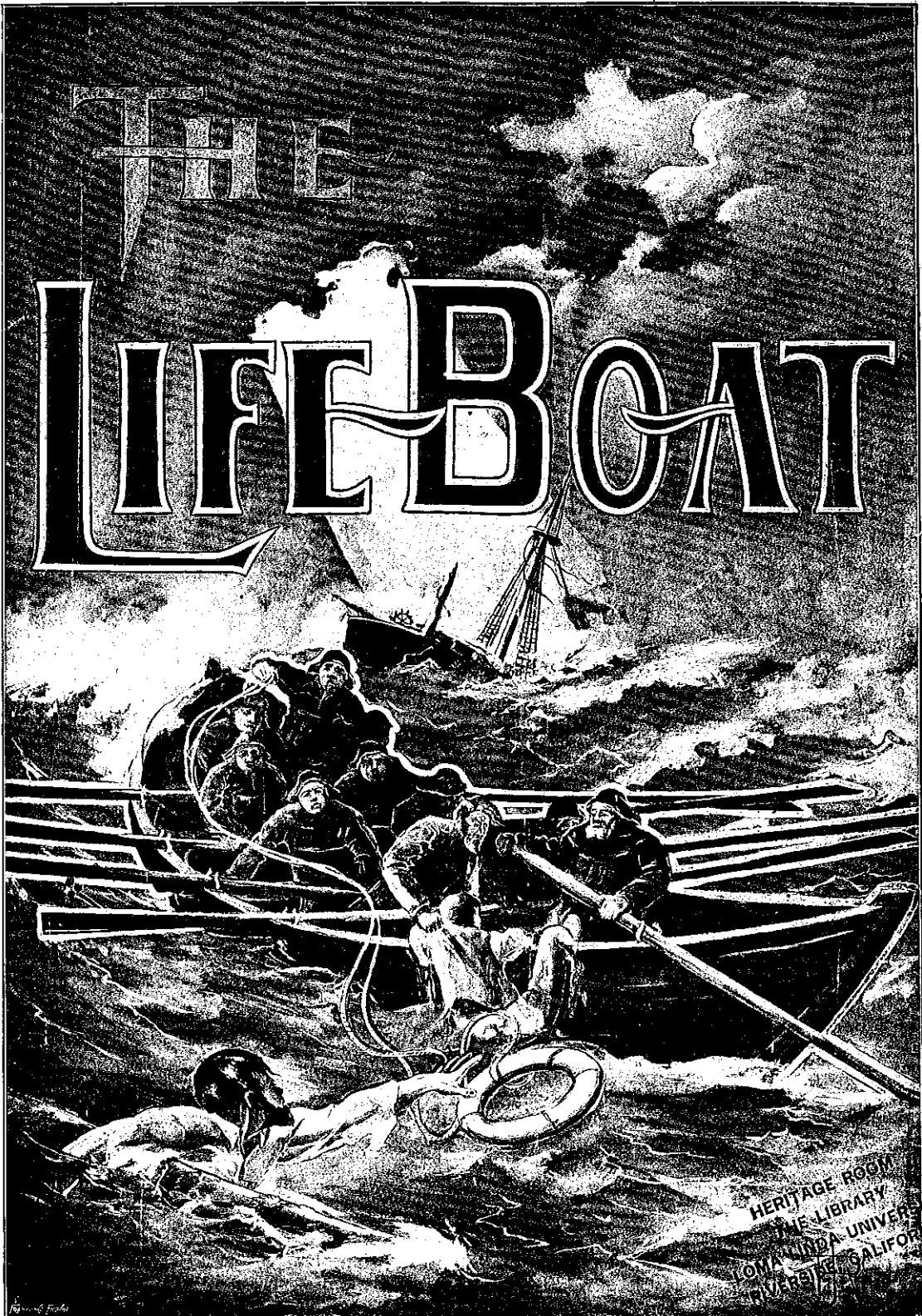


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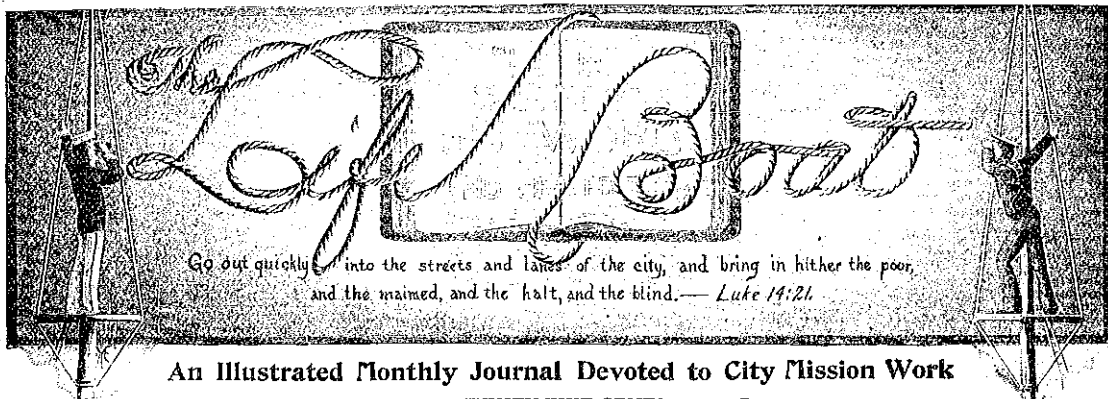
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Wanted

WANTED: to-day, a sailor;
 A crew for a Life-Boat, to-day;
 Wanted: a hand to grasp the oar
 And help to speed away.
 Wanted: the little children;
 Wanted: the fathers grey;
 Wanted in country and city
 A crew for a Life-Boat to-day.
 Wanted: the call is ending;
 Dawn lights the eastern sky;
 Speeding the precious moments,
 Mercy is passing by.
 Wanted: whoe'er is strongest;
 Wanted: the weakest of men;
 Come! for the voice of the Master
 May call to you never again.
 Wanted: the saint and the sinner,
 Body and spirit and mind;
 Wanted: the well and the crippled,
 Wanted: the halt and the blind;
 Wanted: the sick of sinning;
 Wanted: the poorest and best,
 To-day for the Master's service,
 To-day for His blessing and rest.

M. E. YERGIN.

Where are the Homes for the Outcasts?

"LET mine outcasts sojourn with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler." (Isa. 16:4.) "Is not this the fast that I have chosen . . . that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house?" Isa. 58:6, 7.

How many of the at least fifteen thousand homes into which THE LIFE BOAT comes do we find affording shelter to one of God's outcasts? Perhaps one in a hundred, scarcely more than that, we fear, and yet every one of these homes doubtless claims to be a Christian home. Can a home be truly dedicated to Christ, the door of which is not open to receive one of God's outcasts, who may be a homeless, friendless wanderer, whom nobody wants, for whom nobody cares, who meets frowns, cold looks, rebuffs, scorn and

curse from the world and neglect from those who claim to be Christ's followers. Is it possible that the Son of righteousness can be shining with undimmed radiance on a home which has no welcome for one of these neglected ones of Christ, many of whom are wanderers only because people who claim to be followers of Christ fail to see Him in the person of His downtrodden and neglected children? It is to be feared that darkness rather than light reigns in the homes which have seen at the door one of God's outcasts, then turned him away.

This may be the reason why deepest darkness has settled down over many a threshold where the light of God's countenance ought to dwell; for does not the Lord say: "And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon-day; and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not?" Isa. 58:10, 11.

Is your soul hungry? Feed some hungry soul, and you will be fed. Is your soul in darkness? Enlighten some benighted outcast, and the light will shine into your heart and home. Are you a wanderer in the mazes of doubt and unbelief and foreboding? Reach out the hand to help some wandering brother, to lead him into the path of life, and God says He will "guide you continually." Do you want guidance? Here is the way to get it. Seek to guide somebody else. What a beautiful plan is the gospel way. By feeding others we are fed. By enlightening others we are enlightened. By leading others we are led.

This seeming paradox is the simplest of propositions when one recognizes the fact that God does it all. When we feed bread to the hungry, in Christ's name, it is through yielding to the Christ-spirit that is in us that the kindly act is done, and in thus yielding we are fed; when leading the straying brother towards the goal, it is the Christ-spirit in us that is seeking to lead him upward, and in yielding to the influence of this spirit to help our brother, we are also led. Christ himself became perfected through suffering, and the gospel plan set before us for the development of Christian perfection is the sharing of the sorrows and afflictions and misfortunes of our fellow men.

The work in Chicago and other cities is constantly bringing to light numbers of men who have long been

downtrodden by their fellows, who have never had a chance to hold up their heads, who gladly seize the opportunity offered them to rise into a better life; but after the start is made, something more is needed,—new environment, Christian surroundings, an opportunity to study God's word, to develop a Christian character under favorable conditions, a fair chance to lead a Christian life. This the new convert from sin, who has through misfortune missed the opportunities of a real Christian training, must have.

Kind readers, think for a moment what you would be likely to be if your fathers and mothers were drunkards, if you had spent your infant days in a saloon, if you had grown up in a gutter, if your companions for twenty or thirty years of your life had been only criminals, thieves, drunkards and vagabonds, and that the only language familiar to your ears during all this time had been the language of the slums or the brothel! A person born and brought up under such conditions lacks that background of Christian training which is so essential an element in a stable character. He requires the best possible conditions to hold him up in his new life. He requires Christian principles on every side. Like a man whose literary education has been partly neglected until he has reached mature years, he needs the best sort of tutoring to enable him to grow rapidly in the grace and development of a Christian character. Yet it is surprising what rapid progress such men often make when a good chance is afforded them. Not infrequently these waifs in Christ, though greyheaded with years, through their perfect submission and complete surrender to the Lord, make more advancement in a few months under favorable circumstances than many Christians have made in all their lives, under the most favored circumstances.

Homes of various sorts are needed for those who are rescued from the perilous conditions of our great cities. Homes are needed for men and women, for boys and girls.

All those who feel their hearts moved to open their doors to these repenting outcasts, these prodigals who have returned to their Father's house, are asked to send their names and addresses to *THE LIFE BOAT*, that correspondence arrangements may be made to give these neglected souls a chance for both this world and the next. Country homes are especially desired. Thousands of homes are wanted right away. We could not fill them all at once, but the doors ought to be opened right away so that God's sunlight may begin to shine in to get the home ready for the outcast man or woman, boy or girl, waiting somewhere to be led into a better way, and perhaps into your home. Get your home ready as soon as you can, and be assured that Christ will come into it in the person of one of His wandering ones just as soon as the home is all ready for His reception.

J. H. KELLOGG, M. D.

Visiting Nurses' Work

THE Psalmist says: "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." Our hearts were touched as we went in answer to a call to see a poor woman who is hopelessly sick. The husband had died one week before, a helpless little invalid lay in a crib with bones so prominent that the skin had worn through. The mother was ill and the anxiety of support for the family, added to the physical suffering, had brought her to the verge of insanity. Our nurse stayed, and made the woman comfortable until other help could be obtained.

Here is the case of Mrs. B—, on the West side, who was reported to us by one of the city relief societies. The mother lay sick without medical care or proper food. A doctor and nurse were sent; but she had been neglected too long, and died the following day. Last week a modest little woman whom we had helped in sickness a year ago, came to us with her troubles. Her husband had been unable to get work for several weeks, and at last they were without food, and had eaten nothing for two days. Of course we do not have a large stock of provisions to give away; but a kind word with directions to the proper place secured food and fuel for the mother and two little ones. We gave her a basket of food to last till the other help came. Now the husband has work, and they are quite comfortable. This family has not yet made the personal acquaintance of the One who is our helper in every time of need, and we are trying to impart to its members a knowledge of spiritual things.

While making some calls one of our visiting nurses called at a door which was opened just a little by a bright little woman. The nurse immediately began to tell her who she was, and why she had called; but the woman started to close the door, saying she was very busy, and hadn't time to stop. Just then a responsive cord was touched, the door opened wide, the woman gave her guest a hearty welcome and wanted to hear more. In a few minutes she was asked if she was a Christian. She replied that she was not, but wanted to be. They both knelt down, and after the worker had prayed, the newly awakened one could only say: "God be merciful to me a sinner." But this prayer came from her heart, and when the nurse started to go, she assured her that she would welcome her back any time, and would gladly study the Bible with her. At the appointed hour she called in several friends, and they had a good meeting. The lady and her sister have both found the Saviour, and are trusting Him in simple childlike faith.

The husband and other sisters of this lady are in the West, and she expects to go soon, but says she wants first to learn all she can, and take the Lord to them. Meetings are being held at the home with increased interest. Yesterday as the worker who first called was passing, she stopped to leave a word of encouragement, and found the lady reading her Bible. She said she was having trials and discouragements, and was so glad she had found the place to go for help. It gives us courage as we see souls ready to respond to truth. Jesus says: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

NELLIE CHURCH.

A Convert of the Star of Hope Mission

THIS convert of whom I am going to tell you was a member of the Methodist church for seventeen years, even up to the fifteenth of last June, when he fell. On Thanksgiving day, he had to walk the streets all day and all that night without anything to eat. He had fully made up his mind to go to the bridge and end his miserable life. While on his way to the bridge he saw something which gave him a ray of hope and convicted him. It was the sign, "Star of Hope." He knew what this was because he had been a follower of Christ.

The man did not commit suicide, but instead came to the mission the next night. He wanted to do right, but did not know how. Sitting behind him was a drinking man. I went to the drunkard and said: "Good evening." He hung his head, and I said: "Brother, can you raise your head now?" and he

said: "Not very well." I said: "Brother, the Lord is not dead, even if you have gone back on him." I told him to listen to the message which I would read to him. I read him 1 John 2:1, 2: "And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." I said: "Brother, if you will go back to where you laid down your cross, and take it up on the authority of God's word, He will restore to you His salvation."

This was just the message which this other brother wanted. Before he left that night, he raised his hand for prayer, and stood up and openly confessed Jesus Christ. Sunday morning, he went back to the church where he had lain down his cross. On Monday, God gave him employment. Now, he is happy in God, and his testimony is wonderful. He is not only laboring for his own salvation now, but by giving his experiences, he is a blessing to many others. We can truly say that we have a wonderful Saviour.

T. F. MACKEY.

So Small that No One Wants Them

OUR readers have been hearing of the rescue work for men and women, and something of the Children's Home; but no one has spoken of the little ones who are so small that no one wants them. There is no place in the city where an infant can be left without its mother. We have no home of this kind connected with the Medical Mission, but we feel the need of it when the poor young mother, without any means of support, comes and asks us to take her little one. She realizes that it is for the child's best good to put him in a family where he will receive love and sympathy. We know there are many of our readers who would like one of these little ones to train up for the Master, so we want to get acquainted with you.



LITTLE RUTH

This cut shows our little Ruth, who came to us one week old, weighing four pounds. She was six weeks old at the time this picture was taken. She is now three and one half months old, bright and healthy but very tiny yet. We can not care for her longer on account of other work. Who will give her a place in their heart and home? We have found homes for two boys, but we still have one four weeks old. This poor boy has had a hard time, and is not strong and well. Who will take such as this one "in His name" that we may hear the welcome words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

NELLIE CHURCH.

Restless Soul, Come to Jesus

HAVING had but a little over a year's experience in the use of the English language, I thought at first I would not like to write my testimony, but when one of the brethren told me that even my broken language could be very well understood, and might help some poor struggling soul, I trusted God and made the attempt.

I have had peace and joy and happiness since I gave my heart to Jesus, November 17, 1898. Before I came to this mission, while I served the world, I did not know anything about that wonderful peace. I was always restless. For the last few years, I have been traveling over the world, spending my father's money, not in drink and smoke or anything like that, but in traveling.

When winter came (my first winter in this country) I did not like it in the North. In my restlessness and selfishness, I went down to St. Augustine, and Palm Beach, South Florida. I soon found it too warm there, and went up to Hotel Ban Air, Augusta, Ga.; but still there was a burning in my soul, and I soon found it too warm there also; then I went to Hot Springs, Ala., away up in the Alleghany mountains. Nowhere could I find rest and peace. I was in my full health and had a strong body, but I was sick at heart, sick in my soul.

Time after time, I tried to stop, but I could not. Why? Because I did not know Jesus. I served the world, and therefore I was selfish. Several times I had to write home for more money. O, how I longed for anything that could take that restlessness out of my heart. During the war, I became a nurse in the Roosevelt Hospital, New York City. When the soldiers came, and I saw so many dying of fevers and wounds, I started to do some thinking. I was sick of sin and wanted to surrender; but as yet I did not know Jesus, and I could not do it in my own strength.

November 17, I came to this blessed mission, and heard about Jesus and how he loves poor sinners. I know now that Jesus that night answered my prayer, when I asked Him to be merciful and forgive me. I know that He that night gave me a new heart filled with His wonderful peace and love for all of my brothers and sisters all over the world.

Every day I pray to God for health and strength, so that I may be able to give all of my life and all of my time to work hard for Jesus, for the sick and the poor, being more than satisfied if I can only make my living. God's people do not need much for their living. They do not need to take so much thought for tomorrow as other people do, for Jesus has said: "Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all of these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:31-33.

I cannot tell of all the blessings that have been bestowed upon me since I gave my heart to Jesus. I know that all things work together for good to them that love God. Rom. 8:23. I realize now that all the many hardships I have gone through have been for my best good. I want to call them all blessings from God.

I am a young Swede twenty-two years of age, but it is my earnest desire to serve the Lord for all my life and with as much strength as He gives me. I want to help the sick and the poor. I want to be thoroughly cleansed from sin, for Jesus says: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8.

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Open-Air Work---Street Meetings

WITH the approach of summer, there is usually a relaxation of effort in evangelistic and Christian help work. This is probably due to the fact that people are not disposed to sit in a warm church building on a hot summer's evening to listen to long sermons. While the summer season may present some obstacles to the Christian worker, it also presents many favorable openings for aggressive work. One of these—open-air meetings—we shall here consider. During the summer months we have many interesting meetings in the parks of this city, as well as on the crowded, busy streets. The parks, boulevards, groves, etc., afford excellent opportunities for doing personal work. Whether in city, country, or village, let us keep on the outlook for these openings.

ADVANTAGES OF OPEN-AIR WORK

Open-air meetings present a grand opportunity to reach a great number of people at little or no expense. Through this channel, the gospel can be presented to many who otherwise would never hear it. Where can we find a more appropriate place to preach the gospel than out under the open heavens, with the trees, grass, flowers, and other works of God in plain view. The greater part of Christ's work was open-air preaching. He often refers, in a familiar way, to the things of nature,—“consider the lilies,” etc.

City street meetings do not possess this particular advantage in the way of surroundings, yet if properly managed, the street meetings will be productive of great good. There seems to be more or less prejudice in the minds of some against open-air and street meetings. Why there should be, I do not understand, unless it is one of the efforts of the enemy to prevent the employment of all useful soul-winning agencies. I know of scores of men in this city who are rejoicing in the gospel light to-day, who were brought in contact with these soul-saving agencies through open-air meetings. You can carry the open-air meeting right to the people who need the gospel. This is especially true of street meetings in our larger cities. There are two ways of preaching the gospel: One is to have the people come to you for it, and the other is for you to take the gospel to them. This latter method is one which we must employ if very many ever hear it. Remember the commission to us now is: “Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in.” Luke 14:23.

NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS FOR WORKERS

Let no one undertake this work in a mechanical way. While it is necessary that those who engage in open-air work should possess a good voice, good lungs, and a ready, active mind, yet the mere possession of these qualifications should not be considered as sufficient evidence that one is called and prepared to engage in open-air work or to conduct street meetings. Neither should the ability to talk freely and sing loudly be regarded as divine credentials for this particular work. *This phase of gospel work requires just as much consecration, sound judgment, and humility on the part of those who engage in it, as is required of those engaged in any other branch of the gospel ministry.* Let prayer precede every other effort to preach the gospel on the busy thoroughfares of the great city or in the streets of the village. Disregard of these things will not only jeopardize the personal safety of the worker, but will always subject the work of God to compromise and reproach.

PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING—MUSIC

Now let us consider a few things which are essential to a meeting of this kind. While it seems to be a very simple thing to hold an open-air service or

street meeting, it is, nevertheless, no small task to successfully handle all the various influences which are constantly working to interfere with or break up the meeting. This is especially true of street meetings in the towns and cities. If possible, arrange beforehand for at least a dozen earnest, praying Christians to assist in the effort. After carefully and prayerfully selecting a corps of workers, the next thing of importance to be considered is the music. We must have something to arrest the attention of the people. It is not necessary to make a noisy demonstration. A little vocal or instrumental music is sufficient. As it is often impossible to have instrumental music, a vocal solo, duet, or quartette will be an excellent means of attracting the people. At the close of the opening music, as the crowd is gathering around the speaker, let the workers, provided with plenty of little gospel tracts, make their way gradually and quietly to the outside of the assemblage, and in this way form a working and praying circle surrounding the entire company. In holding city street meetings, it is especially necessary that your plans be carefully and well laid so that there will be a perfect understanding of the program to be followed by one and all.

NATURE AND LENGTH OF THE DISCOURSE

Let the singing be promptly followed by a short, pointed, energetic gospel talk. Present the plain simple gospel story. The open-air speaker must be filled with his subject—filled to overflowing. The street is not the place to preach sermons. Let the remarks be so pointed and direct that every hearer will consider that he is addressed personally. Avoid preliminaries; start into your subject at once. Many successful workers in other lines fail in their street work for lack of these two things; viz., *brevity* and *directness*. None but enthusiastic and judicious workers will be able to accomplish much in open-air or street meetings. Let your words proceed from a heart full of love for lost souls. Let your manner be marked with intense earnestness. The ordinary street meeting or open-air meeting is not the proper place to present doctrinal subjects. Let us remember not to cast our “pearls before swine.” Deep spiritual truths will not be appreciated or understood by street audiences. Present only the practical truths of faith and repentance. Preach the gospel of the kingdom in such a manner that it will prove to be meat in due season for the hearer.

HOW TO DEAL WITH DISTURBANCES

In considering this phase of our work, let me emphasize just two things: First, prayer; second, tact. If there are those present who desire to raise a disturbance, deal gently with them. Have your band of workers so trained that when a man begins to make a disturbance, some one will go at once to him and engage him in conversation, and thus put an immediate stop to the trouble. If he is intoxicated, lead him away from the scene before attempting to deal with him. If properly managed and conducted, there will be little or no trouble attending the holding of street meetings.

PERSONAL WORK

While the leader of the meeting is engaged in speaking to the people, let his assistants energetically carry on the personal work, taking pains, of course, to move as quietly as possible through the crowd. It is in connection with this personal work during street meetings that tracts and cards bearing the address of the permanent meeting place—the mission or the church—can be distributed. It is often the kind word or the hand-shake that seals the word spoken in public to the saving of a soul. In your preparations for open-air work, do not fail to emphasize the necessity of personal work.

THE INVITATION

There are many ways of leading men and women to express themselves definitely and to take their stand on the Lord's side. The one which we have most largely used in our street meetings is about as follows: At the close of the gospel address, the invitation is given to those who have heard the gospel, who desire to accept it, to raise their hands, and thus make a request for a special remembrance in the prayer just to follow. As this invitation is given, let the workers take careful notice of the hands raised. They should quickly make their way to the side of these men and women, as the case may be, and at once begin the work of pointing them to "The Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." Many a poor soul has been led to the Saviour on the busy streets of the city. Tell them who you are; get their name and address, and leave nothing undone that will enable you successfully to follow up the work.

WHERE TO HOLD THE MEETING

It is a good plan to hold the street meeting in the vicinity of your mission or other meeting place, as this affords an opportunity to invite the crowds to the mission, thus getting them under more permanent influences. In this way, a portion of your audience can be carried back to the mission after every meeting. In case this plan is followed, the street meeting should be held just before your regular evening services. Some section of the city where there are a great many saloons is also a good place to hold street meetings. Make it a rule to hold the meeting where you can reach the greatest number of people. In the poorer quarters of the large cities, in the tenement districts, etc., you will always be able to get a good audience. In addition to your immediate audience you will have those who are listening from the windows all around. Of course, where it is possible to appoint your meeting place, and secure an audience, it is preferable to hold the meetings in some grove, park, or some other place where nature and her fruits can be used in illustrating truths.

Let every man, woman, and child whom God has called into the liberty of the gospel be constantly looking for opportunities during these coming summer months to speak a word for Jesus; ever ready to point the dying soul to the Lamb of God. Every one may have a part in this work. While all can not conduct street meetings, while all can not speak publicly in open-air work, each one can engage in personal work upon all occasions and under all circumstances. Let even the little children when gathered together in play seek to hold up the Saviour to their playmates and associates. On a summer's afternoon or evening after a game in which all have participated, let every boy and girl in whose heart the love of Jesus abounds make the best of the opportunity by speaking a word for the Saviour. In many respects the summer months afford opportunities for personal missionary work which can be found at no other time of the year. Let us not excuse ourselves by saying, "The weather is too warm," or, "I am too tired," but let us put on the whole armor of God and go into the harvest-field, into the highways and byways, and seek out precious souls for the garner of God.

CAUTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

1. Let your meeting, especially the talk, be short.
2. Let the singing, praying, and talking follow one another in quick succession.
3. Never attempt to handle controverted points at a street meeting; do not preach doctrine which will be unappreciated and misinterpreted.
4. Be sure that what you say is "meat in due season."
5. Remember that long sermons drive away the people.
6. A street meeting conducted and closed without personal work has been largely a failure.
7. Put forth every possible effort to get the people under permanent influences.
8. Learn how to talk so that you will not ruin your voice and break down your lungs.
9. Do nothing arbitrary; trust in God to qualify you by His Spirit to meet every emergency.

W. S. S.

Care of the Voice

THE voice, above all instruments, should receive care and attention, for it is one of the means of communicating heavenly truths to the world. The voice is a special gift of God and therefore it should ever be in a condition so that its very tone will make truth attractive.

We can lay down as a broad and general rule, that whatever promotes the maintenance of robust health serves as an invaluable agent in the development of a pure and musical voice.

The first thing necessary to the hygiene of the voice is correct breathing. All bands, constrictions, and tight clothing must be removed from the waist and chest. There should be no obstruction to the natural movements of the body.

Correct breathing is the next important thing. There is only one right way to breathe, and that is nature's way. Watch a little child and see. Notice the muscles it uses when it cries. The entire front of the body moves forward, and there is also a lateral movement. In inspiration the abdominal muscles are perfectly passive, but they are active in expiration. When one is talking above his natural tone to an audience in doors or out of doors, the lungs should be well filled with air before each long sentence. Then when the diaphragm slowly relaxes and the abdominal muscles contract, the words spoken or sung simply float out easily upon the air, and with but little effort. If one speaks or sings correctly, the strain is all put upon large muscle and the throat is left free and relaxed. The throat should not feel tired.

Speaking or singing from the throat not only produces an irritating tone, but also a chronic state of irritation of the larynx and pharynx, and one in time loses his voice.

The power and strength of the voice can be increased as one increases his lung capacity and the strength of the respiratory muscles.

It is a bad practise to sing out of doors in the cool, damp of evening, and if it is necessary to speak to a crowd under such circumstances care must be exercised in not raising the voice to a high pitch or in any prolonged effort at speaking.

It is very important to breathe through the nose if one wishes to retain a smooth and pleasant voice, and the importance of this way of breathing can not be too much emphasized when the air is damp, laden with dust, smoke and noxious gases. No mouth breather can ever hope to have a musical voice.

Attention to diet is another important factor in maintaining a clear voice free from irritation. A diet consisting of the free use of fruits, cereals and nuts is beyond all question the best one for singers or public speakers. Abundance of refreshing sleep imparts a richness to the voice.

F. M. ROSSITER, M. D.

A Little Runaway Converted

I WAS born in Italy. My father brought me to this country when I was three years old, but my mother did not come. When I was four years old, my father wanted me to go to school, but I told him I was too young, so he waited until I was six years old.

When I was ten years old, my father went to Boston, and that was the last time I ever saw him. Then I stayed with my uncle. He used to whip me, and make me drink beer against my will. When I asked for a drink of water, he would scold me, and would not let me have it. When he was so cruel to me, I would tell him that I was going to run away, and then he would shut me up in the house.

Finally I did run away, and went to the mission on Washington street. I stayed away two years. When I went back, he was very cross to me, but he bought me a pair of new shoes. One day he sent me on an errand, and as I did not do it to please him he scolded me, and took my new shoes and threw them at me, and tore my waist, so I ran away again, and went to sleep on the docks by the river.



FREDDIE

It is just eight months since I came to the Training-School, and since then I have had a good time. Before I came here I had to sleep by the river. I did not like sleeping by the river, so one night I asked a boy if he knew of any home that I could stay in, and he told me to come with him and he would find me a home. I told him all right, and he brought me to the Life Boat Mission. I did not want to go in, and I told him some other time I would. He took me to the other side of the street, and there was Sister Bretscher. The boy asked her if they would find me a home, and she said, "Yes," so I went into the mission, and some sisters brought me to the Training-School, and I am glad to say that as long as I have been here the Lord has kept me, and I have been a good boy.

I am only a boy thirteen years old, but it seems that the Lord has blessed me, and I wish that you LIFE BOAT readers would tell some other boys of the Word of God. I wish that you would pray for me. I thank God for His kindness, and that is all I have to say.

FREDDIE.

At the Workingmen's Home

TRULY this institution deserves the name of "home" as never before, for the good it is doing. It is not a "shelter," but a "home" to enjoy. Men from all parts of the city have partaken of the

comforts of this home. Poor men come here to get a bed for ten cents; laboring men board here because they can get a good meal for such a small price. Often the business man and the invalid are attracted by the toothsome dishes prepared without animal fat. Here it is made plain that a man can do physical labor on a vegetarian diet.

No man ever leaves without knowing that this is a religious institution. All over the building there are Christian men anxious to help men to lead better lives, — anxious to lead them to Christ. In the chapel the sinner finds a place for meditation and prayer. Here the babes in Christ comes every morning to worship and every evening to gospel service. These lessons will never be forgotten. Here the gospel is practical. The Christian who loves to work for sinners has many precious experiences here. Eternity only will reveal the work done.

I wish to thank the many friends of the home for so liberally donating clothes this cold weather. Behold the picture for just a moment, and see what you have done. Every day men come to us who are destitute of clothes, having only filthy rags to protect their bodies that were formed in the image of God. After having them take a bath, and giving them warm clothes, their hard hearts are softened and tears run down their cheeks. A kind word and a meal ticket is then the loudest sermon you can preach. Then you can ask them into the chapel and we know with assurance that they will come. We thank the Lord that we have had clothes for nearly all who have asked.

Of late I have received a great many letters from men who have been helped at the home. Some say they are studying the Bible, others ask for LIFE BOATS, and still others are anxious to know how the work is progressing. We can not tell what an act of kindness may do. One night a man asked me the price of a bed. I gave it to him. In a few nights he came back and asked for the same favor, which he received. I praise God that he is now a faithful worker in THE LIFE BOAT office. May the Lord bless His servants in this great work.

B. E. CONNERLY.

Kept from Drinking, by a Vegetarian Diet

A FEW evenings ago, it was my privilege to be at the Workingmen's Home at a gospel service. During the testimony meeting a few of the men testified that they had been kept from drinking, by a vegetarian diet. Whenever they ate meat, it created a desire for drink, but so long as they lived on a purely vegetarian diet, they had no desire for whisky.

The following were some of the testimonies given, which may be of interest to the readers of THE LIFE BOAT:—

"I want to say that before I came here I was a great drinker, but since I have lived upon this diet, I have had no desire for whisky."

A well-built fair young man then arose and said: "Look at me. I came here a drunkard, but this living fixed me all right, and now I have no desire for liquor."

After this young man was seated, a convert from the Star of Hope Mission, now a faithful worker at the Training-School, said. "Hygienic food is a good thing. When I became converted, I became a vegetarian. I am strong for my age, and am growing stronger every day on two meals a day, and no meat whatever. In studying the Bible, I have come to the conclusion that God did not intend man to eat meat. If you will turn to the first chapter of Genesis,

you will find what kind of diet was given to Adam and Eve, and I believe that is the kind we should live upon. God gave the people of Israel meat only because they desired it. Since I became a Christian, God has taken from me the desire for liquor or to use profane language."

"I am thankful for the health foods, for they keep my mind in a pure condition."

OLIVE B. HAGLE.

Among the Sick

ONE of my calls was upon a suffering woman, without husband, neighbors, or friends to do or care for her. Her room was very cold. A soft-coal fire was smouldering in the stove, and the moment we gave it any draft, the smoke poured out into the room. We opened two outside doors, and sat down with our overcoats on, watching the smoke pour out into the room, and curl above our heads like a thick cloud until only about three or four feet above the floor was free enough from smoke to permit us to see. Thus we sat until the gas had burned from the coal, then closed the doors, heated water, and had the room fairly warmed when the crisis came. While waiting I inquired about her circumstances, and found her truly without friends, deserted by her husband, living in a basement room, so dark that even in the daytime you could not see your hand without a lamp, and yet she was expressing her satisfaction at having her rent paid for two weeks ahead. The rats were so numerous that as I was leaving, she asked me to put some soiled clothes into a tub of water in order to keep the rats from eating them. I asked her who would care for her the next day, and she said that God would not leave her. While waiting there we cooked some rice and fruit. Then we asked some neighbors to step in occasionally until the nurse arrived.

To us, this was a beautiful illustration of trust. Some may say these people have not sufficient mental capacity to worry (would to God that we all had it less developed), but I am sure that she knew what it was to suffer pain, and to lack food and friends, and yet when free from pain, she was telling us how she had sat up until two o'clock the night before, feasting on gospel truths from a copy of the *Signs*, which one of our sisters had handed to her as she noticed her resting a heavy basket on a door-step.

J. E. FROMM.

Visit to the Ladies' Surgical Ward

PERHAPS our friends would like to take a look at the ladies' ward, and visit a few of my patients with me—for the cases are always intensely interesting. After having breakfast the usual query arises: "Nurse, are you sure the minister will be here this morning, and bring the singers with him?" They are seldom disappointed, and they learn to look forward to the morning worship as the most pleasant thing that occurs during the day.

The ward is clean, bright, and sunshiny, and the patients are so glad to tell you that they are so much better than when they came, and how much the Lord has done for them.

One night a lady was brought in who was suffering great pain, so that a doctor and nurse were obliged to work over her all night. Toward morning she got relief. She made a rapid recovery, and has now gone home. During her stay with us she learned how to take care of her body, to prepare wholesome food,

and to make right combinations. She said to me: "Nurse, I am not going to eat any more hog or meat of any kind. Please tell me what are the best foods, and how to get them?" This we gladly did.

Another case comes to my mind, that of an Italian woman who was brought in very sick. After taking off several thicknesses of dirt, she was put to bed and made comfortable. She went home before she was well, and we wondered what good she had received from her stay with us. Shortly after, one of our visiting nurses called upon her and found a wonderful transformation had taken place. The nurse had visited her many times before and always found the house very dirty; but now the floor was scrubbed, and everything was as clean as one could ask.

The ward is overflowing with patients, and still more are begging to come. We can not refuse anyone when God sends them to us, so we take them, and thank God for the privilege of working for souls. As every individual is sent for a purpose, we feel the need of keeping very near to Jesus, so that the precious souls that we come in contact with may not go away empty.

G. EUDORA SKERRITT.

A Free Drink and a Free Lunch

YOU are familiar with signs reading somewhat as the above. I have found in an old book some very quaint, interesting, and life-giving remarks. Will you read some of them?

A man by the name of Isaiah cries unto the world this surprising message:—

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

IT GIVES SATISFACTION

How often you have been thirsting! And oh, what a terrible, burning thirst it was! That thirst caused you to sell your children's clothes. You stole and begged to satisfy that thirst. I know One who can quench that thirst. Hear what He says: He can and will do, —without money, without fee. No doctor nor druggist to pay. True, it is the utterance of a carpenter, but we know Him as Jesus of Nazareth. He says: "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

"But this spoke He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive."

Therefore, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved. Be saved? Yes, from rum, beer, whisky, morphine, tobacco, and all things which impair and destroy. Drink of Christ and be filled and satisfied.

THE INVITATION

This is not only an announcement but an invitation. It is desired that you come and eat and drink without money and without price. The feast is prepared. The tables are spread. The Fountain is flowing.

It is truly wonderful! The voice of a trumpet sends forth the invitation. Angels are the heralds that bear the tidings. The great Spirit of God and the Living Church—the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ—unite in extending the invitation.

"The Spirit and the Bride say, Come; and let him that heareth say, Come; and let him that is athirst come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

DO YOU WANT A DRINK?

Brother, are you longing to have your soul satisfied? Do you want peace that passeth understanding? Do

you want the comradeship of Jesus? Do you want the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit? Do you hunger and thirst after righteousness? Do you want to be free from the desire for strong drink? Listen, brother, I know whereof I speak. I have been in the grasp of the rum devil as tightly as you are. I have sold myself for a drink, and not being satisfied stole others. God had mercy. There is deliverance in Jesus Christ. Seek Him where He may be found; that is, among His people in missions and churches, in the Bible, and on your knees in prayer. "Jesus stood and cried, saying: If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink." John 7:37.

TESTIMONIALS FROM THOSE WHO HAVE DRUNK OF THIS FOUNTAIN

This life-giving draft has delivered thousands from the bondage of habit. You may hear the evidence which is given by men and women here in Chicago, in almost any mission, chapel, or church. Would you like to know more about the power of this Fountain? Go to the Life Boat Mission, the Star of Hope Mission, the Pacific Garden Mission, or any other Christian mission or church, and hear numberless testimonials of deliverance and purification.

Do you want to add your name to the list of the reclaimed, the reformed, the redeemed? One who had suffered much and traveled far,—a man of great wisdom and also tenderness, whose name was Paul,—tells you how to join this throng. Hear him: "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, . . . and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." And that dear old man, who died full of years, after his imprisonment on Patmos, whom the world knows as John, says: "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." **

Monthly Report of the Haven of Rest, Fort Worth, Tex.

Meetings held.....	36
Bible readings and religious conversations	73
Requests for prayer.....	195
Professed conversions	26
Visits made	23
Treatments given	105
Garments given away.....	10
Letters written.....	16
Meals given away.....	25
Free Lodgings	95
Penny lunches served.....	4946
Pages of reading matter loaned	1000
Pages of reading matter given away	1300
Days spent in nursing	11
Nights spent in nursing.....	6
Members received into church.....	4

A. G. BODWELL, Superintendent.

The Lighthouse Medical Mission, Toledo, O.

LAST month we briefly noted the opening of this new mission. The Lighthouse Medical Mission is favorably situated in the heart of Toledo's most needy district. The mission is splendidly equipped for its work. The first floor is occupied by

the chapel or mission-room proper, and has a seating capacity of about three hundred. The interior of the entire building is nicely papered and painted. On the second floor will be found a nicely furnished reception-room, and adjoining this, is the office. On the same floor are the dining-rooms, the superintendent's room, etc. The rooms on the third floor are very neatly furnished, and on the whole present a very clean and inviting appearance. The bath-rooms and treatment-rooms occupy the basement.

Elder Babcock has charge of the mission, and is assisted by Brother G. A. Stevens, who acts in the capacity of business manager, besides assisting in spiritual and other work.

The Lighthouse Medical Mission is located at 120 South St. Clair street, and is, indeed, a monument of



THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDICAL MISSION

faith. The two brethren above mentioned took hold of this work with little encouragement and no means at all. The Lord has honored their faith, and has raised up a host of friends and supporters among the citizens of Toledo. The furnishings and equipments for the institution can not be worth much less than two thousand dollars. These were largely furnished by the business men of the city.

Brother Sadler, chairman of THE LIFE BOAT editorial committee, was present at the dedication of the Mission. Scores of beautiful plants, donated for the occasion, were used to decorate the rostrum, while the large assembly-room was well filled by the friends of the mission and those who had been called in from the byways and hedges to hear the glorious gospel.

Let us pray that God's abundant blessing rest upon this mission and those who labor in connection with it.

The Art of Giving

CHARITY is a much abused and misapplied term. Charity means vastly more than a large majority of people suppose. In the light of the Bible, we must come to consider charity as meaning practically the same thing as love. Love invariably leads to those actions and efforts which are in the highest degree calculated to better the condition of those who are in need.

To pass a few pennies to the blind beggar or to hand a cold lunch to the tramp at the back door can not truly be called charity. While it is possible that charity may lead to these things, they are to be considered as the results of charity. In this work we are made God's stewards. He entrusts to our care various talents and capabilities. Our eternal future is determined by the use we make of this stewardship.

We are told that it is more blessed to give than to receive, but we must not lose sight of the fact that much wisdom and discretion must be exercised in all our giving. It is often the very worst thing that can be done for a person to give him temporal assistance, — money, etc. For instance, it is very unwise to give money in the hands of a drinking man. He will undoubtedly use it to procure more liquor. Thus you become a partner with the saloon-keeper in his work. For some time we have followed this plan in our mission and rescue work. Under no circumstance do we give money to those soliciting it. It is our aim to supply their needs. If they are in want of food, we give them something to eat; if it is clothes they need, we furnish them. Care should be taken not to give good clothes to those who are likely to pawn them for liquor. As a rule it is better to give second-hand clothing to those with whom you are unacquainted. Pray for Divine wisdom to direct you in the work of giving.

W. S. S.

"Ask and it shall be Given You"

WHEN I was fourteen years of age, I put my arms around my mother's neck and kissed her good-by, then I came away across the ocean. After reaching America, I was lonely, strange, and could not speak the language. I often got very homesick, and then I used to pray to God to bless my folks at home, and to help me, but I never felt that my prayer was answered. As I grew older and realized my sinfulness more, I used to ask the Lord to forgive me my sins, but I never seemed to get the assurance that they were forgiven. I soon drifted into the company of infidels and then became one myself. I did not believe that there was a God who cared for poor human beings like myself, yet I always stayed among Christians, and they were after me to be a Christian, but I always told them that I was all right. I was all right in the eyes of the world, but I was not in the eyes of the Lord. One day as I was sitting alone in my room, a strange feeling came over me. I could not rest, and strange to say, I knelt down and prayed. I asked God to show me my sins. If I ever had a prayer answered in my life, this one was. It seemed that every wicked thing that I ever did in my life came up before me in my distress. With this load of sin, I determined not to get off my knees until the Lord forgave my sins. I began to look around for my Bible, and discovered it lying on a shelf, but I could not reach it without getting off my knees, and I had said that I would not get off my knees until God had forgiven me, so I reached up with a crutch and as it fell, it opened, and my eyes fell on the verse, "Ask and it shall be given," so I took the Lord at His promise, and from that day I have been a saved man.

Satan's Want Ad.

JOHNSON, the drunkard, is dying to-day,
With traces of sin on his face;
He'll be missed at the club, at the bar, at the play.
Wanted—A boy for his place.

SIMONS, the gambler, was killed in a fight;
He died without pardon or grace,
Some one must train for his burden and blight,
Wanted—A boy for his place.

The scoffer, the idler, the convict, the thief,
Are lost; and without any noise
Make it known that there come to my instant relief
Some thousands or more of the boys.

Boys from the fireside, boys from the farm,
Boys from the home and the school;
Come, leave your misgivings, there can be no harm
Where "drink and be merry's" the rule.

Wanted—For every lost servant of mine,
Some one to live without grace;
Some one to die without pardon divine.
Will you be the boy for the place?

CHICAGO RECORD.

The Meaning of a Life Boat Crew

THE life-boat is not a large craft; it is not built for beauty, neither to do the work of a ferry-boat; least of all is it a pleasure yacht. It is especially for great emergencies, where human life is in danger, where souls are sinking beneath the waves. This boat is manned by a small crew of brave, vigilant men, who know all the dangers of the deep, and are skilled in avoiding its perils. These crews are always on duty, never neglect to add the best equipments to their outfit, and are on the lookout for better methods. They often warn seamen of the dangers before them, and risk their own lives in saving men whom they never before have seen. Men of every craft upon the wave love the life-boat crew, and hail them as friends. What the life-boat crew of our seacoast is to those who follow the sea for any reason, the life-boat crew of our Saviour's rescue service is to the perishing souls about us on land and sea. We are to be even more faithful in our service, for we are saving, by the grace of Christ, lives from eternal death. Please observe the following:—

The craft is built for service—nothing else.

It is manned by a small select crew.

The crew knows it will meet danger.

It studies its field.

It observes the signs of the times, and calculates what probabilities there are of a storm, and it is not "taken unawares."

The crew makes no distinction in its work; the dirty coal-heaver, the shipmaster, the wealthy passenger, are all treated alike.

Where they cannot reach a person by the hand, a line is thrown him.

The crew never lags in its toil *until the last person possible is saved.*

They regard not their own comforts, but unselfishly give up all for those in need.

There is great love and perfect harmony between members of the crew. Mutual perils create a strong cord of tenderness.

They help one another.

Reader, you see what is needed. We call for volunteers who will not shrink, those who have seen service for Christ, and have a love for perishing souls. A life-saving station should be established in every city and town the world over. We have no age or

sex limit, but *call to all* who have seen service for the Master to become a member of a Life Boat crew. Or, if you feel a call from Jesus to active work, you are invited to unite with us. We don't invite you to a pleasure party, nor, on the other hand, to a funeral service, but to real rescue service among those who "ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them." (Lam. 4:4.)

J. HENRY MYERS.

What Others Say about The Life Boat

"WE had never seen the paper until the other day, but we think it a noble little paper. What a blessed work you are doing."

"The worth of your paper can not be told. It is better by far than gold."

"I like THE LIFE BOAT more and more, and think it worth twice the price asked for it. I have just received my one hundred copies, and I am going to sell them on the streets and in saloons at night."

"I saw your paper the other day, and I told my husband that we must have it. I think it is just splendid. It has been read by us and has just gone to the third family to be read. As soon as we read them they will be sent to others. May God bless THE LIFE BOAT and the missions is my prayer."

Will God Forgive Me?

"LET the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for *He will abundantly pardon.*" Isa. 55:7.

Brother, sister, God loves you—*loves you*. O, but you have sinned over and over again. You knew you were sinful by nature and you have just let that old nature have sway again and again and again, until you were confident that if God would treat you as you deserved, and as you would treat some one else, He would leave you in the darkness of despair forever—hopelessly forever.

No, no! God can not do so. He loves you, sinful though you be, has followed you moment by moment, grieved though He has been with your sinning. Moment by moment He has stretched out His hand in yearning compassion, and said: "How can I leave thee? How can I give thee up?"

All the day long He has called; in the watches of the night His longing heart has hoped. And you went on and on, saying, "He will not forgive." Listen, brother, sister! God loves you—*loves you yet*. He is pleading now; hear His own kind words: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18.

Is this love or hate? Is this the burning of fierce anger, or the earnest proffer of tender forgiveness? Will you go on and say, "He can not forgive me?"

Listen! "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." O, what love! Don't wait a moment longer; He will forgive you, *He does forgive you*, HE HAS FORGIVEN YOU.

Look to the cross where forgiveness was for ever finished. Turn, confess your sins, and forsake them; take the forgiveness at once. "Acquaint now thyself with the Lord," and know that He is good.

He loves you; He has forgiven you. So much He loves you that He gave His only begotten Son for you that you might not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16. He has paid the price of your redemption, and from eternity to eternity, He has forgiven you. "I have loved thee with an everlasting love." Is not everlasting love everlasting forgiveness? But, how can He save you from sin if you will not accept the forgiveness awaiting you? "I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye."

M. E. YERGIN.

What a Little Girl Did

ELMA BORGAN, a little girl of Wild Rose, Wis., sends us a donation of one dollar.

In the evening her papa had read to her from THE LIFE BOAT about the prisoners, and when she arose in the morning, she said: "Papa, I want to send my dollar to help the poor men in prison;" so she counted it out, penny by penny, and gave all that she had to aid in sending THE LIFE BOAT to those behind prison bars. If any one wishes to know how Jesus regards such donations, let him read Mark 12:42-44.

God will surely bless this donation and the many others which are given, and thus many sheaves will be gathered home as a result of these sacrifices.

Hints about Personal Work

1. "He that *winneeth* souls is wise." Prov. 11:30.
2. Never argue. "Better lose the argument and win the soul, than to win the argument and lose the soul."
3. Pray before you begin, pray while the other fellow talks.
4. Persevere.
5. Never try to deal with two inquirers at once.
6. Work with open Bible. Jer. 23:29.
7. Get your man to pray as soon as possible. Rom. 10:13.
8. It requires the Spirit of God and the Word of God to convict and convert men.
9. Show sympathy and not pity.
10. Keep the question of personal salvation before him; do not be led off on doctrinal and other lines.
11. Never get excited. Trust the Holy Spirit.
12. If you need any special help for some wandering sinner, ask God for it. Luke 11:5-13.
13. Andrew was a personal worker; Philip was not. John 12:20-22.
14. Watch for opportunities to work.

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"I want to praise God for saving me and keeping me another day. It will be five months to-morrow since I came into this mission. I came in because I had no place to go but the theaters and I was tired of them. I was thinking of skipping out; I could not stay in one place; I was just roaming around all the time. I had been in Chicago four times during the summer and the longest stay was two days. That night I raised my hand, and I got down and asked God to be merciful to me a sinner. I thank God for the salvation that saves and keeps a man. It is wonderful!"—*Mission Testimony*.

Sidelights on Life Boat Crew Work

MOODY has aptly said "Bungling Do-somethingism is better than faultless Do-nothingism." Too many would-be soul-savers stand idly in the market-place for want of some one to come and tell them just *how* to begin. How much better to seek the Lord for guidance, and step out by faith.

The school of Christ is a peripatetic school of philosophy. The students don't sit still and study words and theories. They go about doing good and study at the same time. In other words they learn to do gospel work by doing it.

There is no standing still in the Christian life. In this respect it is something like a bicycle—perfectly safe as long as it is in motion, but once bring it to a stop, and the rider must *get* off or *fall* off. The moment you cease to work for other souls, that moment you have virtually withdrawn from Christ, your name may still be on the church roll, but in the real army of the Lord you are counted as a deserter.

There are too many long, sad faces among professing Christians. Every Life Boat worker should feel it a part of his duty to make the path to heaven bright and attractive. The scripture's teaching is very clear with reference to this matter. Paul writes: "Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice." The prophet writes: "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound." Christ said: "These things have I spoke unto you that your joy may be full."

Do not feel discouraged because you are severely tempted; rather let it encourage you. The enemy of souls makes his severest attacks on those whom the Lord is calling out to do the greatest work for Him. On the other hand, do not look lightly upon these periods of darkness that come over the soul. Seek the Lord earnestly for light, fight manfully the battle, and by faith lay hold of the victory.

Many workers become discouraged because they fail to see results. These have not learned the secret of abiding rest in Jesus. They forget that the battle is the Lord's. Jesus is our commander-in-chief. We are soldiers fighting under the banner of the cross, and victory is sure. But it behooves us to put on the whole armor of God, and strictly obey the orders from headquarters, not only with reference to the actual fighting but in everything pertaining to the campaign. The Bible is our drill book. Let us master its contents. It is also the sword of the Spirit; let us learn to use it skillfully.

The success of the American arms in the late war with Spain has been attributed, and rightly, too, no doubt, to the skillful work of the "man behind the gun." It is much the same in gospel work. The success of a Life Boat Crew depends upon the skill, earnestness and zeal of each individual member. And the results are most satisfactory when each member is a sharp shooter,—takes accurate aim for his man, and follows it up with more shots if the first does not take effect.

Herein lies the weak point of many a Y. M. C. A., and doubtless of some Life Boat Crews. The members depend too much upon the organization, and too little upon their own individual efforts. Brother Smith wonders why the meetings are growing dry, and the Crew is doing so little work, but forgets that he himself has been neglecting the work of late. The other members have simply followed suit, and the result is that there is a poor showing for the Crew as a whole. The remedy consists in a return to active, faithful work on the part of each member; then the Crew will awake, and souls will be rescued.

M. E. O.

At the Life Boat Mission

I AM glad to say that the Lord has bountiously blessed the labor of the workers at the Life Boat Mission during the past month.

The Holy Spirit has softened many hardened hearts, and many precious souls have been won for God. The character of the conversions has been such as to give us a strong proof of the saving power of God's word. As an instance, one who had sought deliverance from his sinful life, after being shorn of all worldly goods in dens of iniquity, proved his sincerity in the following manner: His wife and two children were staying at the Home of the Friendless which is located at Fifty-first street and Vincennes avenue, while he was working on Sedgwick street, the distance between the two places being at least ten miles. One of his children was taken dangerously ill, and he walked this distance night and morning for several days, having nothing to eat and no place to sleep. When his condition was discovered, he was so loath to accept any aid, that it had to be forced on him.

During one week of the past month, over twenty-four sin-sick souls requested prayer, and professed conversion, and but two of the number desired aid in nature of temporal assistance. Their sole desire was to be saved; trusting in God for mercy and deliverance. Hence we can but feel that the Spirit honors us with His presence.

Our mission has a seating capacity of about one hundred and fifty, and is well filled every night with interested and attentive listeners.

Workers from the Training-School and other departments of the Medical Missionary Association are aiding us in this blessed work. Interesting speakers give earnest gospel talks nightly, and good singers are provided to lead the song service. A warm-hearted invitation is extended to those who are weary of their sinful lives and many respond. We are trying to carry out the Master's bidding: "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind."

In all the world there is no greater source of satisfaction than to know that you have been instrumental in saving some poor soul from a life of sin.

But by far the best part of the service at the Life Boat Mission is in the voluntary testimonies given every evening by saved souls; when men stand up, with faces full of joy, and tell in their own words of the change God has wrought in their lives. It is truly a wonderful transformation within and without. What could be more inspiring than to see these newly-born souls valiantly standing up for Christ, and talking the gospel to some unsaved one. The glory of God shines through it all. And there is joy in the presence of the angels over one sinner that repenteth *more than over ninety and nine* just persons that need no repentance.

"O, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men." "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 25:40. H. BEHENNA.

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"I am glad to say that four months ago I came in here and raised my hand for prayer, and the Lord has kept me ever since. I am glad to say to-night that I have a nice room to go to and He has been wonderfully good to me, and He has given me work and everything else."—*Mission testimony.*

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THE prosperity which has attended THE LIFE BOAT has been indeed remarkable, and for this blessing the editors and publishers are very grateful to the Lord. From time to time THE LIFE BOAT has been enlarged and otherwise improved. We know these improvements have been appreciated by our readers, for they have often written us to this effect. There is one thing, however, to which we wish to call the attention of every LIFE BOAT reader. It is this: While numerous improvements have been made in THE LIFE BOAT, which have nearly doubled the cost of production, *the subscription price of twenty-five cents a year has remained the same*. It is our settled purpose to keep the price of THE LIFE BOAT at twenty-five cents a year, but in order to do this and be able to meet the heavy demands which are made upon us in sending large clubs to prisons throughout the year it will be necessary for us to increase the subscription list of the paper immediately.

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THE LIFE BOAT is published with very little or no profit, therefore we are unable to offer a large financial inducement to agents and others to secure for us a large number of subscriptions; but knowing that our readers appreciate the nature of the paper and its usefulness as a gospel messenger, we are going to appeal to you to make an effort to secure at least *one subscriber*. If every LIFE BOAT reader will secure one subscriber or send the paper to some friend for one year, we will in this way be able to double our subscription list in the next thirty days. This will enable us to give our readers a well-illustrated paper at the low price of twenty-five cents a year. *We*

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Earnestly soliciting this help from you and praying that God's richest blessing will rest upon your efforts and our efforts to make THE LIFE BOAT an efficient means of reaching souls, we remain, yours in His name,
THE EDITORS.

THANKS to those of our exchanges who so kindly made mention of our Special Prisoners' Number.

NEXT month (July) we hope to present our readers with an illustrated article touching the rise and development of THE LIFE BOAT and its work. Watch for it.

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THE work at the Life Boat Mission is in a prosperous condition. The number of those seeking the "fishes and loaves" is constantly decreasing. We thank the Lord for this and the other blessings He is bestowing upon the mission.

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WE would call the attention of our readers to the article on first page by Dr. J. H. Kellogg, on the subject of "Missionary Homes." We would be pleased to hear from those who are willing to open their homes to the outcasts. Send us references when writing.

OWING to the failure of Brother Mackey's health a few months ago, and to the fact that our corps of workers in Chicago was greatly reduced in numbers, it was thought best to close the Star of Hope Mission for the summer. Surely the harvest is great and the laborers few. Let us pray the Lord to send forth more laborers into His vineyard.

It is a little early to say much concerning definite results of the Prisoners' Number. We will have more to report in our next issue. We will here state that the paper has called forth much favorable comment from prison wardens, chaplains, and prisoners. Several conversions are reported already. All who have donated to this work can feel assured that the enterprise was a grand success.

Life Boat Crew Notes

THE Life Boat Crew at Grand Rapids, Mich. reports seven conversions during the month of March. Hours of work reported 280. Surely the result is well worth the effort. Who can measure the value of a single soul!

Earnest work is being done by the Crew at Charlotte, Mich., largely among the prisoners in the county jail there. In our next number we will speak of this work a little more in detail, and give the plans followed for the benefit of other Crews.

Our latest communication relating to Crew work comes from Lela Gregory, of Elk City, Kans., aged twelve years, who wants to organize a junior Life Boat Crew. We are glad to see our young people rally around the Life Boat. They can be real angels of mercy, and exert a strong influence for good upon all their associates. Some of our most successful workers with THE LIFE BOAT are little boys and girls. One little five-year old, seeing some children carelessly throw away their papers after reading them, earnestly asked her mother: "Why don't they go out and sell them to the people when there are so many little boys and girls that don't know Jesus?"

The Crews at the Sanitarium report interesting meetings and good courage. As the weather grows milder, they will take up work on the street again. The members of these crews also find many opportunities for gospel work among the patients.

Some of the young men who work in the *Review and Herald* Office have organized themselves into a crew with E. A. Atherton for captain. Perhaps our readers will remember Brother Atherton as one of the leading members of the first Crew organized. The *Review and Herald* Office Crew are doing excellent work in distributing Life Boat tracts in the saloons of this city. Not long ago one of the members of this Crew came across two homeless men late one night while working on the streets. He took them home, and put them in his own bed while he slept on the floor. After giving the men a good breakfast the following morning, and having prayers with them, he sent them on their way rejoicing. It is safe to say that those men will never forget the kind treatment received.

There is yet opportunity for much more work in these lines. May new Crews be organized all over the land, and may the members of the Crews already at work renew their diligence in seeking out the lost and wandering sheep, and bringing them into the fold.

M. E. O.

Opening of the Summer Course of Study and Work in the Chicago Medical Missionary Training-School

THE classes and various lines of practical work in the special three months' course of study began May 17. The nucleus of this new class was a company of forty-two young men and women from the Sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich. The total number enrolled in the various classes at present is about seventy-five. Classes are being conducted along the following lines: Physiology, hygienic cookery, physical culture, practical nursing, principles and methods of Christian work, Christian help work, Bible, etc.

An earnest spirit seems to pervade the entire work. These workers are gaining a rich experience as well as being directly instrumental in the salvation of many souls. Students may be received into the Chicago Training-School at any time. The present

course of study will in all probability be immediately succeeded by a similar one.

Those who, after prayerfully considering the subject, feel led to connect with the Training-School and mission work in Chicago should write to us immediately. Do not come without corresponding.

Monthly Summary of the Chicago Work

Treatments given.....	597
Baths given.....	4226
Examinations.....	136
Prescriptions.....	85
Surgical operations.....	14
Admitted to the surgical ward.....	17
Number in the Children's Christian Home..	34
Visits by visiting nurses.....	23
Days' nursing.....	168
Garments given away.....	100
Cottage-meetings held.....	10
Meals served (penny lunches).....	50,243
Lodgings given.....	6894
Newsboys given baths.....	69
Using free laundry.....	4220
Attendance at gospel meetings.....	3500
Gospel meetings held.....	77
Bible classes conducted.....	26
Testaments and Bibles given away.....	45
Pages of literature distributed.....	220,500
Requests for prayer.....	119
Professed conversions.....	37

Mission News and Notes

THE prisoner's number was a grand success. A second edition had to be run. See mention elsewhere.

Thirty-four children were cared for during April at the Children's Christian Home. Twelve of these were charity cases.

Freddie, whose article appears on page fifty-four has just left us. He has gone to the home of Brother Yates in Eureka, Kans.

Brother and Sister Iliff have been away from the Chicago work for two weeks. Their vacation was spent at the Sanitarium, Battle Creek, Mich.

Half of the spring nurses' class of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, have joined us in the Chicago work. They are just getting started in their class and practical work.

Have you read about our plans to double the circulation of THE LIFE BOAT? Will you do your part? We know you will, and you have our thanks in advance. See page 60.

We are glad to report that an excellent kindergarten and primary school is in session at the Children's Christian Home, under the supervision of Sisters Wright and Paulson.

Sisters Maccabee and Weithoff, from the Sanitarium at Battle Creek, have joined our corps of LIFE BOAT workers. They are meeting with most excellent results in their work of introducing THE LIFE BOAT. We shall hear from them next month.

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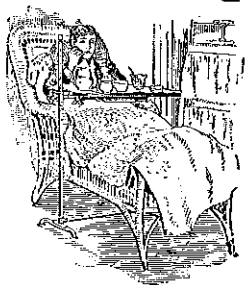
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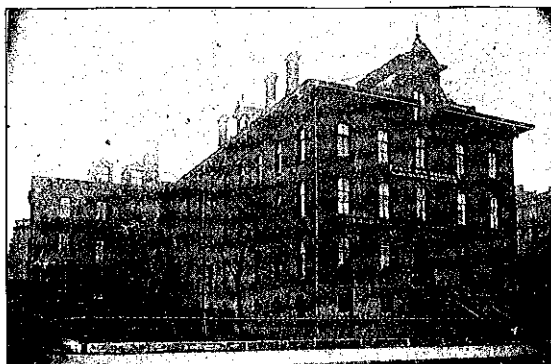
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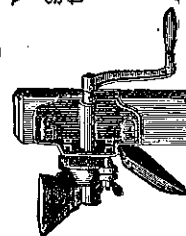
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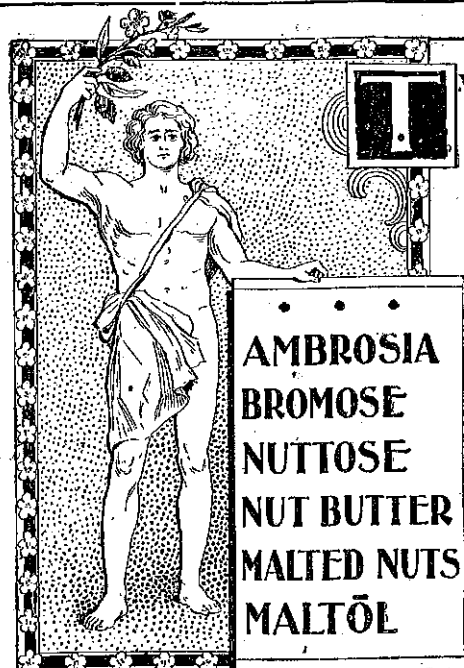
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