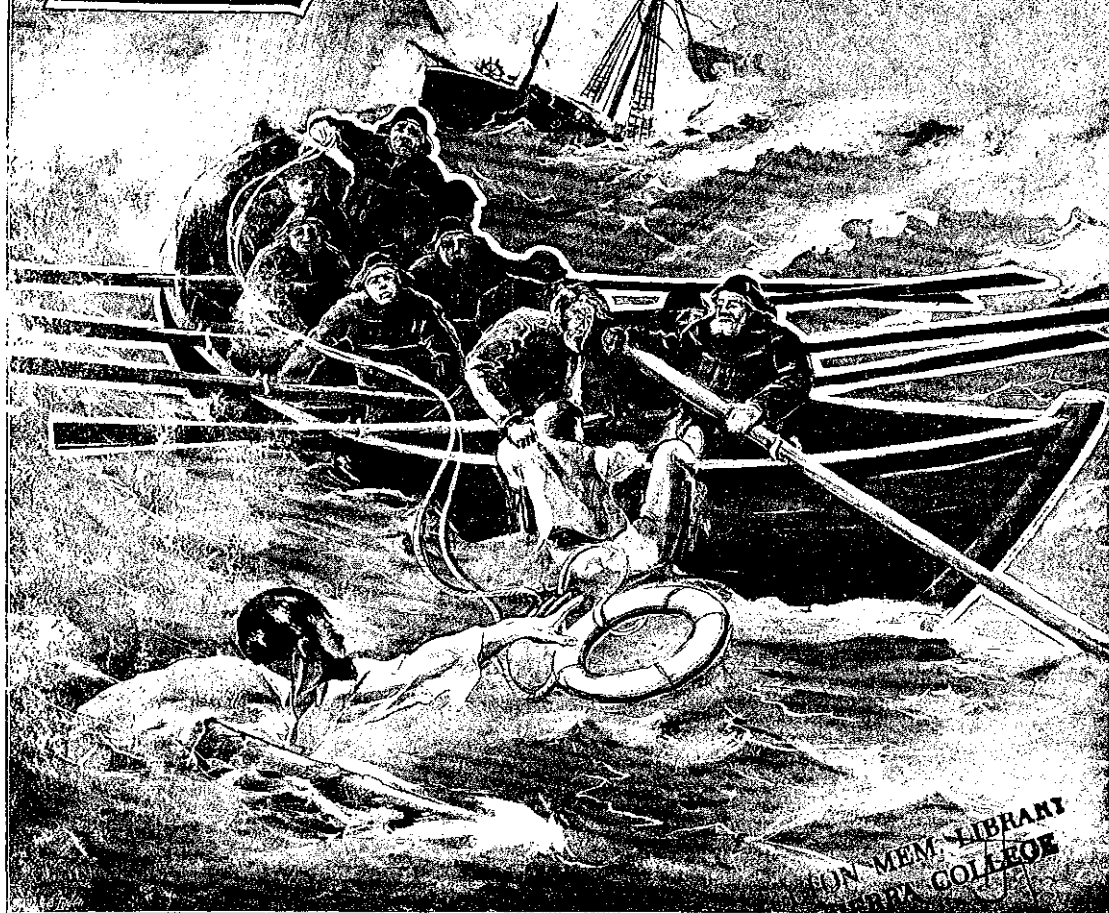


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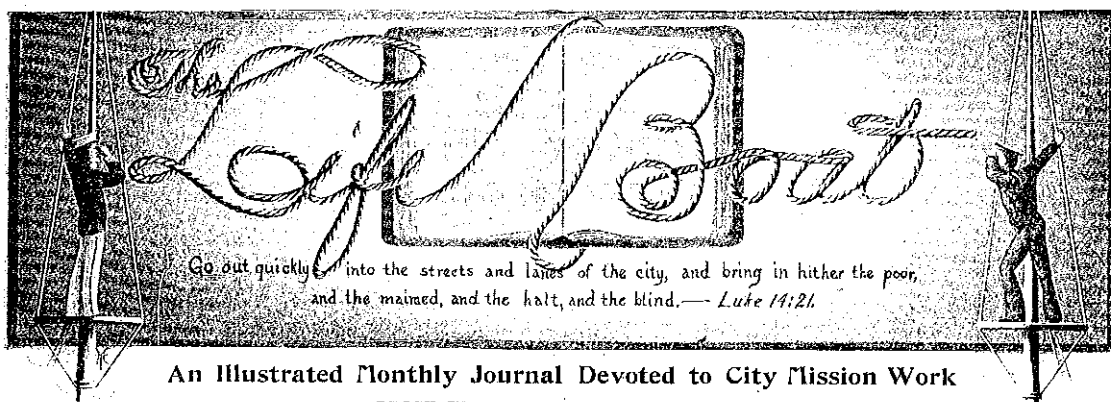
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SPECIAL NOTICE

Has your **Subscription Expired?** We hope you will be able to send in your renewal *promptly*. THE LIFE BOAT has no capital with which to carry on its business, and therefore we are dependent on our readers to renew their expired subscriptions *promptly*. We believe you will, and so thank you now.

A card for containing two twenty-five-cent pieces has been sent you together with a subscription blank. We trust you may succeed in getting at least one of your neighbors to **subscribe** and send it along with **now**, your renewal.

Renew TO-DAY

THE EDITORS.

the circulation of this "Special Prisoners' Number," comes the request that we issue another number of THE LIFE BOAT, to be especially adapted for prisoners.

We are sure that the readers and friends of THE LIFE BOAT are acquainted with the fact that the paper has no fund with which to execute this plan. We have expended hundreds of dollars the last year in following up the interest created in the prisons by the special number issued last May. In fact, we have incurred a debt through our efforts to carry forward this work.

We are sure that those who so generously contributed to the prisoners' fund last year will be pleased to see that their help was not given in vain. Scores of grateful letters might be printed did space permit. Extracts from these encouraging letters have been printed in THE LIFE BOAT several times during the year. These you have no doubt read with interest.

Now we are making our second appeal to you for help. Donations to the "Prisoners' Fund" in any amount will be acceptable. Send them at once. We hope that at least 50,000 copies of this second annual "Prisoners' Number" can be issued. Will you not help us in our effort to reach those who are unable to help themselves? Thousands of men, women, and youths have been put behind the bars of American penal institutions since last May. Are not these specially worthy of a chance? We realize that the work of THE LIFE BOAT in prisons is more or less familiar to our readers, so will not mention it further this time.

We make an earnest appeal to one and all to assist in this work, and thus share in the reward that the Master will give in the final day to those who neglected Him not "when in prison."

An Appeal for our Second Annual Prisoners' Number of The Life Boat

IN May, 1899, we published a special edition of THE LIFE BOAT, numbering about 40,000 copies, known as the "Special Prisoners' Number."

We have directly learned of the conversion of more than one hundred prisoners as a result of this effort, to say nothing of the scores who have written us expressing their gratitude for the help which this little messenger of the gospel brought to them behind the prison bars. With all these letters from prisoners as well as from those who were especially interested in

FOR THE PRISONERS' FUND

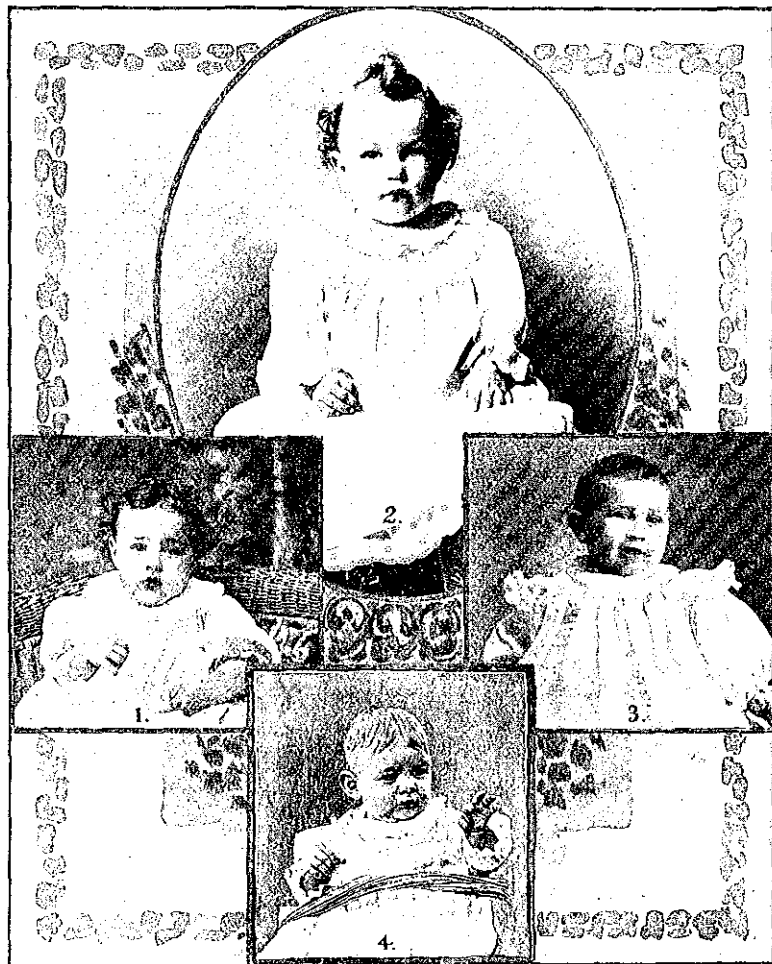
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Miss Purk, per B. L. Sparks, Battle Creek, Mich.....	\$5.00
New Sweden Church, Me., per E. H. Morton.....	9.00
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Incidents in Child Saving Work

IT is scarcely three years since the Maternity Home was opened at 3265 Rhodes Avenue. Over four hundred unfortunate girls, with their babes, have been cared for in this time. Perhaps the readers of *THE LIFE BOAT* will be interested in a little group of dear tots who came into this wicked world not to be folded in the loving arms of a kind father and mother, not to gladden the hearts and homes of grandparents, aunts and uncles, and loving friends, but instead to be shunned by everyone. For some Christian (?) people there are who do not like to take illegitimate

story, how she had been deceived, had no place to go, no money, no friends; how her parents were respectable people, and that she did not want to go home to bring disgrace upon them. We were glad to follow in Jesus' steps and take this poor outcast in, and give her a place to lay her weary and aching head. All went well, and beautiful Myrtle is now seven weeks old. I shall never forget the scene when the mother realized that she must part with her child. O, the agony of a mother's love! But what is our loss is another's gain. The child's new mother writes from the far West that since little Myrtle came she has been a continual pleasure and happiness to them. She says,



children into their homes, "on account of their heredity, you know."

Little Myrtle, who is shown in the group as No. 1, was the first to be born in our Home. We will go back to the day her mother came to us. As I sat looking out on the Avenue one day, the doorbell rang; I answered the call. There stood an intelligent looking girl, with large brown eyes and dark hair. Her face bore traces of a great sadness. She told me her

they could not do without her. Surely in this case has Isa. 58:8 been fulfilled.

Little Harold, No. 2, was brought us by his mother. She asked if we could not find a home for him, as she had no way to take care of him. He remained with us eight months before going to a permanent home. After he had been with us about five months, his mother came to visit him. He had changed so that she could not tell him from the other

babies. She stayed two days and nights with him, and when she left she prayed that her boy might have a good home. Truly the Lord answers prayer, for this child has a beautiful home. His adopted mother writes us that he is a loving boy, with long blonde curls, and says that he has brought much sunshine and happiness into their home.

Little Martin, No. 3, is a bright and happy boy who has a good home in Battle Creek, Mich. He is now two years old. His mother has accepted Christ as her Saviour, and is leading an honest, Christian life. She also has a good home in the same place.

No. 4 in the group: One day as I was passing through the dining-room, I noticed a curious looking bundle on the lounge. Wondering what it could be, I went over to investigate. Unfolding the blanket in which it was wrapped, to my surprise what should peep out but a tiny baby's face, seemingly about two hours old. She was a delicate little thing, and had to be nursed very tenderly. We named her Dorcas.

One evening in the early part of the winter, as we all sat around the fireside, chatting and contemplating the goodness of the Lord in providing a home of this kind, suddenly the doorbell rang and two people, a lady and gentleman, with kind, sympathetic faces, were ushered in. After making themselves known they said, "We have called to see the babies, and will take one to our home if we can find one we like." We took them through the house, and showed them our babies. They both thought little Esther their choice, but when they asked the mother for her, she could not answer, so great was her agony. Pressing her darling closer to her heart, she sobbed out, "I can not, can not part with her." Thinking Dorcas too

little, they went away without deciding; but upon their way home the Lord of the outcast and forsaken touched their hearts, and they lost no time in sending a messenger bearing this note: "We will take little Dorcas to our home." Yet mingled with tears of joy for the child's good fortune were those of sorrow, for Dorcas had a strong hold on our affections. She has a beautiful Southern home.

No. 5, little Rutha, has a remarkable history, which we refrain from giving here. She has had a home in Michigan for over a year, but has come back to visit with us for a short time. She is much loved by all. Her happy, smiling little face, and winning ways captivate all who become acquainted with her.

Dear friends, if you could read the letters that we receive from these girls, telling how glad they are that they found the Lord Jesus Christ while in our

Home, you would be constrained to answer in the affirmative to this solemn question. Does it pay to spend our time and means in working for this class of people?

Friends, you may all have a part in this work, for in such a home there is ever a demand for the necessities of life. The Lord has bountifully supplied us in the past, and we have implicit faith that he will not fail us in the future.

L. ALDRIDGE.

"The Life Boat"

"WHAT is it?" Many have asked me this question as I have conveyed this little messenger of truth up and down and across the streets of Chicago. I have been putting this paper

into the hands of more than four hundred persons. It tells its own story. THE LIFE BOAT and I have been associates for more than three months, and I love it for its comforting and cheering words. We have visited about 2000 families and had personal talks with many of them about their soul's salvation. THE LIFE BOAT has been the means of saving hundreds of souls that were almost lost. As I have walked the streets of this city and observed the wickedness of the people I have wept because of the hardness of their hearts. The Lord will take care of that however, and the seed sown by the distribution of this paper has been springing up all over Chicago. Many have received it gladly. As we pass from door to door, we are welcomed in nearly every home, and after a short talk or a verse from the Bible, and a word of prayer, we continue our journey. Although the sun was hot and the earth was dry we were



NO. 5

happy, for we knew that we were doing it for Christ's sake. He is "able to save to the uttermost." (Heb. 7:25.) "Hereby perceive we the love of God." (1 John 3:16.) These are blessed words.

Some ask "Is this THE LIFE BOAT? My little boy likes to read it. I will get it for his sake." Another says: "Ah! you have THE LIFE BOAT, I love to read it." One said, "Where is the mission? I want to go to it. Who has charge of it? Who are admitted?" I praise the Lord I can say it is free to all tribes and nations of the earth.

I feel that God has guided me as I have gone forth for I have received many blessings. While I am sorry to leave my friends, I will take my companion, THE LIFE BOAT, with me, and together we will "Throw out the Life Line to some one who is sinking to-day."

MRS. S. L. GRANT.

The Life Boat Rescue Service

I WAS on my way to the theater one night, over three years ago, when the Spirit of the Lord led me into the mission where Jesus first spoke peace to my soul, and where I gave my heart to God. Praise God for the mission! From that time on, my one great desire has been to point others to Jesus. It was then that my work upon the streets and in the brothels began.

It is difficult to tell others how to do this work; in fact, I do not believe that you can prepare any one method of work. My only plan is to remember Jesus and his love, and then to act naturally. I can not arrange any particular way, because each girl I meet is a different and distinct girl, with her own character and disposition, her own surroundings and difficulties. I just say to them, "I know you do not like this miserable life that you are living, and I have come to tell you that there is a way out of it." These girls feel that no one cares for them. We must tell them that Jesus loves them, and has always loved them, and that in His love He has raised up other people to love them; that we have a home open for them, a Christian home, where they will find friends, not an institution having officials.

We tell them of other girls who have been saved, who are to-day self-supporting, and praising God for His saving power. We always avoid speaking of one class of these unfortunate girls as "high-toned." Many rescue workers have made a special effort to help the "high-toned" girls only. These girls laugh at the idea, as their lives are of *sin* whether they receive large or small pay, and they all view it in that light.

The street work is the best kind of introduction to the house work. Most of the girls who walk the streets are girls who take the men to houses of assignation, but who live in furnished rooms where they either board or do light housekeeping. By meeting them on the street, and getting them to recognize you as their friend, you get their address, and thus secure a means of calling on them. You will find them glad to welcome a friend, for that is the one thing they have not got. Some have so-called "friends," some have "admirers," etc., but few have a real friend, and hence they are likely to value your friendship.

We always endeavor to leave the house with permission to go again. I have seen many go out in this work with great love in their hearts for these poor girls, but with a feeling of deep hatred toward the women, or "madams," who conduct the houses. These women need forgiveness as fully as any girl in the house. We do not know the circumstances that have made their lives what they are. They may have drifted into the life just as unwillingly as any girl in the place. Many of these "madams" have been saved and become good women.

The more luxuriously furnished houses are the "parlor houses." They are very difficult to get into. If we do not at first succeed, we must try again. Perhaps they will not allow us to see the girls, but the housekeeper will show us over the gorgeously furnished place. One such place has the walls and ceilings formed entirely of mirrors. But the sting of death is in these palaces as well as in the lowest of the low. A girl may be just as miserable in the one place as in the other.

We need not tell you this work pays. You know it does. We have been holding gospel services in these houses of infamy and in the saloons, and the Lord has greatly blessed our work. One girl who asked us to sing, "Go, Bury thy Sorrow," said to me, with tears in her eyes, "I used to sing that song when I did not know what sorrow was." Another asked us to sing, "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me," joining with us in it.

May God help us all to be more earnest in this work, for the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few, and I, for one, want to be the means, in His hands, of saving many such poor sin-sick souls. Pray for me that I may ever be found faithful in the work of the Lord.

MRS. ABRAMS.

The Life Boat found her in Prison -- She found the Lord in Prison

SHE was the sole occupant of a lone prison cell in one of our neighboring penitentiaries. We began to correspond with her early in the summer. A few short years ago she was the happy mother of three children, and enjoyed the blessing and privilege of a home. Within four years, sin placed her behind prison bars. The Prisoners' Number of THE LIFE BOAT found its way into her cell. Little did she know what that silent messenger had in store for her. Her heart's door, so long closed to the pleadings and entreaties of the spirit of God, was now standing ajar. Her eyes filled with tears as she read the stories of a pardoning Saviour's love. Yes, she saw clearly that there was hope for her. She could yet live an honest life. The five year sentence was about to expire. When released from prison, where should she go? To whom could she look for help? Where could she find a friend? She decided to write to THE LIFE BOAT. Several letters were received from her and as many written to her. At last the day arrived when she regained her liberty. Instead of going back to her companions in the old life of sin, she boarded a train for Chicago and made her way to the Medical Missionary Training-School, where she hoped to find the friend who had sent THE LIFE BOAT into prison, and had written those encouraging letters. It was worth the sum which anyone had contributed to the prisoners' number of THE LIFE BOAT to behold the look of gratitude and appreciation on her face when we grasped her hand and called her "sister." She remained with us a few weeks and then went to accept a situation which she is filling satisfactorily. To-day she is surrounded by Christian friends, who will encourage her in the hour of temptation and trial. How different it might have been had not the prisoners' number found its way into her cell. The Lord alone knows where this sister might have been to-day if she had not been given the opportunity to accept the gospel. "The Lord's hand is not shortened that it can not save, nor His ear heavy that it can not hear." "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

MRS. W. S. SADLER.

The following donations were received for the Rescue department the past month:—

Dr. Charles Stewart, Battle Creek, Mich.....	\$5.00
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HOW THIS MONEY IS USED

1. To pay car-fare, etc., of the rescue workers.
2. To pay or assist in paying for the transportation of rescued girls to permanent or temporary Christian Homes.
3. For the board of the girls while in the rescue department waiting either for employment or the perfecting of arrangements for their going into a home.

Would you like to help in rescuing some poor girl from the meshes of sin and vice? Your help will be appreciated. Send your donation, large or small, to the Life Boat Rescue Service, 1926 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

The Sinner

WITH bended head and wearied limb
He wandered on, 'neath snow and rain;
Not joy, but sorrow came to him,
And oft he fell, but rose again.

The gambling den, the vile saloon,
Ope'd wide their doors—he rushed within;
Alas! he found, and, O, how soon,
There is no joy, no peace in sin.

And often in his deepest woe
He paused, and something seemed to see;
And heard, in accents soft and low,
"A widowed mother prays for thee."

Unanswered, still, that mother's prayer;
She died; the wanderer saw her not,
His heart's now filled with black despair,
His every step with anguish fraught.

The past ne'er looked so black before,
The future holds no light for me,
For me there is no golden shore,
For me there is no shining sea.

A few short years—the end is here,
Down to the grave the carrion goes.
And not an eyelid drops a tear,
The stream of life untrifled flows.

O, ye who 'scape the ills of life,
Take pity on poor fallen man;
Turn not aside, aid in the strife,
And help him upward while you can.

D. E. McK.

Diet and the Liquor Habit

PEOPLE often think that we lay unnecessary stress on the harm of a flesh diet and the use of condiments, but I have had good opportunity for observing, again and again, that there is a close relation between these substances and the thirst for liquor.

A few weeks ago a man was brought into our dispensary at the Training-School, much under the influence of liquor and physically in a bad condition. We kept him two weeks, at the end of which time he was in a fair condition. I did not feel, however, that I had succeeded in impressing him with the importance of living upon a proper diet if he did not wish to again rouse the demon of the liquor thirst. When he returned, about two weeks later, he was in a worse condition than when he first came to us; but he had learned to see this point very clearly, as he stated in his own words.

"When I left here," he said, "I bade Dr. P—good-by, and thanked him for his kindness. He said to me at the time, 'Now, if you go to eating meat or mustard or pepper or, in fact, any such stimulant in your food, you are sure to go to drinking again.' I answered that I did not think there was any harm in eating a piece of meat, but that I would confess that while I had been there on that diet, I had not had a particle of desire for drink. I may also add that I have taken no less than five different cures for the liquor habit, the Keeley treatment at the Dwight Sanitarium included. If I had thought that this diet would help me to keep from my old habit, I am sure I would have been willing to sacrifice anything to get rid of the terrible curse that has been the bane of my life. The physician asked me why I could not continue on the diet. I told him the business I calculated to go into would take me to all parts of the city, and that I would not be able to find health foods at any of the restaurants. 'Why not go down to our store, and get some of the food and take with you, rather than

run the risk of eating the other foods?' he asked. I said perhaps I would.

"This was on a Wednesday. I kept from a meat diet and all condiments, and had no desire for stimulants until the following Friday night, when I went to see a friend in Hyde Park. For supper they had, among other things, pork chops and chicken. I took the pork chops. Two hours later I was down town in a saloon, taking a drink of beer, and the next morning it was whisky. The result was that I devoted my whole time to drinking until I found myself, about ten days after, in the Life Boat Mission at the evening services, a total wreck. The next day I was brought back to the Training-School, where I was given treatment by kind hands, and although I really believed that I should die the second night, through these treatments in four days I walked out a comparatively healthy man, with my mind now made up that, if possible, I would live on a strictly vegetarian diet. The Lord can keep me from eating flesh food, but when I eat that He has never succeeded in keeping me from drink. Not only that, but on that bed of suffering I promised God that if He would spare my life this time, with His help I would serve Him the remainder of my life."

D. P.

Finding a Lost Character

THE *Star of Hope*, published by the New York State prison, recently contained the following notice:—"Lost—A Good Character. The owner will give all his earthly possessions for its return, and no questions will be asked. Address 'Contrition, Clinton Prison.'" If all the young men in this fair land who are in a similar condition should advertise for their lost characters, we fear that the "want ad" columns of our daily papers would be more than overrun. This little note which appeared in the *Star of Hope*, no doubt expresses the real condition of many a man who will read the pages of THE LIFE BOAT this month. We say to you, brother, sister, your lost character will be found only in Christ.

The character you lost was not worth much anyway. It would do you but little good if you should find it again. Did the idea ever occur to you to get a new one? While you are seeking your lost character, Jesus Christ is seeking for you as a shepherd seeks for his lost sheep. Jesus says: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10.) The Lord also says: "And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart." (Jer. 29:13.) Come to the Lord, just as you are. Tell him you have lost your character. Tell Him you have lost your courage, and even if you are standing on the brink of despair make up your mind to seek God with all your heart. You will not only find Him but you will find Him both able and willing to give you new desires, new purposes; yes, and a new character. Thus He will fulfil His promise to give you a new heart. Read: "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." Eze. 36:26, 27.

W. S. S.

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"I praise His name that it takes no more time to serve the Lord than it used to to serve the devil; while it pays a thousand times better."

"I have learned that even for a man who has never met anything but defeat all his life, there is a victory in Jesus Christ."—*Mission Testimonies*.

Items from a Visit to Ionia---They Appreciate The Life Boat

I WISH that it could be my privilege to take every reader of *THE LIFE BOAT* through the Reformatory at Ionia, Mich.

On Saturday a few weeks ago, four of us rode out to the Reformatory to see if we could make arrangements to hold a service with the boys the following Sunday. The warden met us, and gladly gave us this privilege. He also said that we could come Sunday afternoon, and visit the boys in their cells. If any of you know anything about the rules of this Reformatory, you will know that this was a great privilege.

Sunday morning a double quartet went to the Reformatory to sing for the Lord, and to work wherever God opened the way. How our hearts went out to these poor boys. They could not talk long, as it was time for the meeting to begin. Two of them played, one the harp, the other a mandolin, while their fellow prisoners marched into chapel. We all felt very solemn as we saw five hundred boys march in and take their seats.

After singing and prayer, Brother H. G. Butler spoke to the boys of the love of God. With the exception of five or six of the boys, they listened with great interest, and tears came into the eyes of many. In the afternoon seventeen men from a camp-meeting which was being held in the city went up to speak a word of cheer to the poor prisoners. Yes, it was indeed a word of cheer. They were longing for some one to speak to them of Jesus and how He came to suffer and die for them. One boy had been in the prison nine years, and during that time no one of the prison officials had spoken a word to him. They all appreciated a hand-shake. About a dozen found the Saviour. The men took about one hundred *LIFE BOATS* with them that afternoon, which was not half enough. After they were all gone, some of the boys just begged for a paper. They said that they longed to read of what Christ had done for poor sinners like themselves.

The boys have an hour each day in the yard to play ball and take exercise. The prison officials gave some of our brethren the privilege of coming that hour to visit and talk with the boys. Accordingly on Monday a number went up, and I had the privilege of going with them.

Before going further, I shall have to tell you how I happened to go. All day long I had felt as if I must go, but the prison officials said that they never admitted a lady into the prison except to the chapel on Sunday. Just before they were ready to start, a brother came to me and said that he had been hunting for me. He said a brother in his church had left a little money to be used among the prisoners. He said that this brother was now dead, but had wished that the little money he left should be used among prisoners. I said to myself, "Surely the Lord has sent this." The prisoners wanted *THE LIFE BOAT* and other reading matter. I had been praying that God would open the way that they might have this little paper. When I told the brethren of my desires, they said, "Get into the wagon and come with us." I found another sister interested in this work, and so we went. As we reached the door, the warden said, "Ladies are not admitted." Then he looked at us, and said, "I will make an exception in this case." He took two chairs out into the yard, and we sat down and watched the boys, while he told us of his manner of working with them. The men went out into the middle of the yard, and began to sing. The boys immediately left their ball game, and came to hear.

After a short gospel talk, twenty-six boys raised their hands for prayer. They said they wished they could have *THE LIFE BOAT*, so their names were

taken, and we hope the necessary means will be provided so that they will receive it.

I had the privilege of talking to two of the boys who had found the Saviour the day before. Their hearts were overflowing with the love of Christ.

Dear friends, does it not pay to work for these souls? Will you not help with your means so that we can send *THE LIFE BOAT* to those behind prison bars? God will surely bless you if you will help these unfortunates. If you have anything to offer send it to *THE LIFE BOAT*, and it will be used in this way. If you could have seen some of the prisoners begging for the paper, I know that you would esteem it a privilege to help.

OLIVE B. HAGLE.

A Letter from Brother Mackey

DEAR BROTHER SADLER: To encourage some who do not see the immediate results of rescue work and so get discouraged, I write this. On my trip through Texas last year I invited a young man to pray. He was willing for me to pray, but he would not pray for himself. I knew that God would hear me in his behalf, but I insisted on his praying but he positively refused, so all I could do was to tell it to Jesus myself. The following is an extract from a letter recently received from this same young man:—

T. F. MACKEY.

Dear Brother: In accordance with the promise that I made you if I ever became a Christian and was baptized I would write to you, I now send you this letter. I have made up my mind to be a Christian and was baptized some time ago. I am the fellow that you prayed with when you were in Keene. I am the young man who would not pray with you. I have made up my mind to serve God rather than the devil. Pray for me that I may hold out faithful and at last be saved. The Lord has been good to me to spare my life this long time while I was a sinner. If I never get to see you again on earth we can be together in the next world where there will be no parting, sickness, nor death. O, pray for me that I may be among that number.

One week ago Friday evening while working on the gospel wagon a young man came up and said that if God had saved you why don't He save me. We asked him to let God have a chance, and so we had a season of prayer standing by the wagon. This man's home was destroyed because of drink. His wife and child he left upon the streets without home or money. He had been in prison ten times on account of drink, but after all this he found a Saviour that was seeking him. Glory to God! It makes me shout for joy to see these poor drunkards come to Jesus for the blood.

I am so glad he always hears and answers prayers. I asked this young man also if he ever became a Christian to write and tell me. Well bless the Lord, to-day I received a letter from him, and I will give you this clause: "Oh Christians be willing to sing and pray or witness for Jesus, and leave the result with Him and some day you will see your faithfulness rewarded by His success." Yours in His name,

T. F. MACKEY.

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From an end seat in the rear row of chairs a man, whom we knew to be out of employment only by reason of a labor strike at the factory where he was regularly employed, said, "I sought the asylum of the Life Boat Mission, a branded man. Less than forty years of age, I had spent over twenty years inside the different penitentiaries, and had just been released from the last one. Here in this mission the Saviour found me, and by God's grace I stand to-night a redeemed man, with more friends and more prosperity than I ever had before." *Mission Testimony.*

First Annual Report of the Children's Christian Home

WHEN October eighteenth arrived this year the Children's Christian Home had been open just one year. From the beginning the Home has been full,—yes, overcrowded with the little ones. This fact demonstrates the great need for such institutions wherein children can be trained to live noble lives and grow up to be exemplary men and women. During the year just closed ninety-eight children have been under the good influence of the Children's Christian Home. Of that number, three girls and five boys have been placed in permanent homes. During the summer forty-four children were provided with temporary homes. Very noticeable and most encouraging has been the manner in which the Lord has governed these juvenile minds, and though we have had some very trying cases to deal with, prayer has wrought a marvelous change in those children who were the source of our anxiety. One lad of twelve who, when he came to the Home was addicted to thieving, has become perfectly trustworthy.

When we started the work, we had nothing but needy children, and faith in God. God has wonderfully and abundantly blessed the institution, and we are encouraged to continue our efforts with grateful hearts. The Home is now entering upon its second year, and we hope and pray that the command of our Saviour to feed His lambs will not be neglected or unheeded by the readers of this brief report.

Average number cared for	30
At present in the Home	34
Total number in the Home during the year	98
Placed in permanent homes	8
Placed in temporary homes	44
Total income and donations from Oct. 18, 1898 to Oct. 18, 1899	\$1729.70
Expenses during same period	\$1591.20

Therla Black, Matron.

The Value of Cottage Meetings in reaching the Unconverted

THE long winter evenings are upon us and we trust that every reader of THE LIFE BOAT in whose heart the love of Christ has shone, will be thinking about plans for spending the winter evenings in a systematic and earnest effort to reach their unconverted neighbors, friends, and associates. The cottage gospel meeting or the neighborhood prayer meeting is one of the most efficient and successful methods of bringing the gospel to the notice of those who sit in darkness. Although you may not have had much experience in doing public work, although you may feel that you are weak and unqualified to begin this work remember that Christ is the portion of those who trust in Him. The same Jesus who so lovingly accepted you and so willingly forgave your sins, is just as much interested in the salvation of your neighbors as he was in your salvation. So don't allow the enemy to cheat you out of a grand experience, and keep your neighbor from hearing the gospel, because you are not an experienced worker. Do whatever your hands find to do, with all your might, and the Lord will give you the necessary experience.

HOW TO START THE MEETING

After finding a suitable place in which to hold your cottage meeting and after earnestly asking the Lord for His blessing on your efforts, invite the neighbors on either side and begin the work in a quiet, modest way. Get as many interested in helping you as possible. Use those who profess to be Christians,

in the work of extending the invitation to the meeting and in visiting the people between the meetings. Come close to the people. Have a real love for them and for their souls, and it will not take them long to find it out.

HOW TO CONDUCT THE MEETING

Much might be written on this subject, but we will here offer only a few general suggestions:—

1. Have plenty of singing. Music has a softening influence on the unconverted heart. Sing familiar hymns as far as possible.

2. Be prompt in opening your meeting. And by all means be prompt in closing.

3. Don't continue the meeting for more than one hour, as a rule, and never on the plea that you want to *finish your subject* or that the people were *so interested*.

4. Better leave your subject right in the middle and send people away hungry than to overfeed them. They will come again. The continued story plan works admirably.

5. Simply talk, don't preach at or to them.

6. Put your trust in the Spirit of God to convict men and women of truth, and do not try to convince them by the use of arguments.

7. Avoid controversial points. Reach people with subjects upon which all agree.

8. Avoid long chapters, long prayers, tedious testimonies, and tiring talks.

9. While you choose but few texts, make use of of *many illustrations* from every day life, the open book of nature, and personal experience.

10. Baptise your meeting and all the steps leading to it with the spirit of prayer.

COTTAGE MEETING SUBJECTS

Let your themes be simple and practical, suited to the needs of those who attend your meetings. Take such topics as the following: "The Love of God," "God's willingness to Forgive Sinners," "Christ our Best Friend," "Jesus our Burden Bearer," etc. Enforce by vivid illustrations and your own experiences the saving and keeping power of God. Let these subjects be practically and briefly brought before the people, relying on the Holy Spirit to emphasize them and bring home to the hearts of individuals the statements of truth which you may make. Many Christian workers make a great mistake in their cottage meetings by seeking to present truths which are utterly incomprehensible to unconverted minds.

CLOSING THE MEETING, OR PERSONAL WORK

When your meeting has been suitably closed either with or without an expression from those seeking to do better, or with hands raised for prayer, be sure that the personal work is not passed by nor neglected. It is at the close of a meeting when the story of the gospel has been simply told that the hearts of men and women are tender and touched. They are ripe for personal efforts. Take them into another room in which the meeting has been held, and with your Bible in hand point out to them the path of the just. A precious experience awaits THE LIFE BOAT reader who will take hold of this work earnestly the coming winter. Seek to enlighten our neighbours who are groping in darkness. Remember that it is by seeking to help others that we help ourselves. It is by giving of the things of God to our neighbors that we are prepared to receive a fresh supply. It is by seeking to make others happy that we ourselves find true happiness.

W. S. S.

Where are the Converts?—Two Incidents which help to answer the Question

"Cast thy bread upon the waters, and after many days it shall return."

I OFTEN hear people ask: "Where are the converts, we see but few of them?" Well, I am glad that we don't have to look out for that part of the work, for those who are really converted have gone to their homes to tell what great things the Lord has done for them. "And when He was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed Him that he might be with Him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." (Mark 5:18, 19.) We are to plant and water the seed but God giveth the increase. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16.) One instance is enough to prove that this is true. One year ago the Life Boat Mission crew was faithfully doing its work, when a poor disheartened man, in the prime of life, was roaming through the country, without friends, without hope. In this hour of his extremity God led him into the Life Boat Mission, where he heard the gospel, and had a kind word spoken to him. Some one grasped his hand with the grip of love, and asked: "Are you discouraged, can we help you?" His answer was: "No, let me alone." That was all that was seen of that man for one long year.

But this effort was not to be without fruit. That man's heart had been touched, and a spark of hope was kindled in his heart. Our God who never forgets the humblest of his creatures fanned that smouldering flax into a flame, and as he went to his home that night, he purposed in his heart to live a different life and by God's help to rise above the horizon of the degradation into which sin had plunged him. And God did help him, for a few nights ago that man came back to see if the Life Boat Mission was still throwing out the "life line." Thank the Lord he found the mission open, although the corps of workers had changed since his first visit. He found the Lord still working for the salvation of the lost, extending His strong right arm to every one that cries, "Lord save or I perish."

SAVED BY THE MIDNIGHT WORK

Many of the readers of THE LIFE BOAT know that the Life Boat Mission is now kept open until after midnight. No doubt you would like to know something of what is being done at these "midnight meetings." In a large city like this, with two million people, there is no limit to the good that we may do, if we are watchful for opportunities. One night just as I stepped up to the mission door, I saw a man standing there looking at the sign on the window,—looking in to see what was in there, and as I stepped up to him I asked him to come in and attend the midnight meeting. He said he could not go in, but he began to question why we were open so late, so this gave me an opportunity to tell him all about the work, and finally to ask him if he was a Christian. To this question he answered "No." He told me of his many chances to do right at home, and how his self-confidence finally caused him to leave his home. I said to him: "My brother, have you a mother?" "No, she has died since I left home," was his reply. "Have you a sister?" "No, she is dead too, and all these sorrows have come to me since I left home." Here he took off his hat. His hair was as grey as that of a man of sixty years, all wrought by only three months of vice and dissipation. Here I began to tell him of Jesus and His love for sinners. His proud lips began to quiver, the fountain was broken up, the tears gushed forth, he pleaded for me to let him go that

he might get away from the scene, but I could not let him go. By the Lord's help I persuaded him to go inside, and there we humbly bowed in prayer. He confessed his sin, asked for pardon, and on rising from his knees he said: "I will arise and go home and make everything right." I have not seen or heard of the man since that night, but I am sure that good seed was sown in his heart, and watered with penitent tears. I am equally sure that God will take care of the rest. There are many other instances that would be of interest but I will not give you more now. Will you not support this work with your prayers?

E. B. VAN DORN.

The Life Boat Mission—Are You Waiting for Others to Help?

Very often when appeal for help is made through the column of a paper, the large majority of its readers take it for granted that, in view of the fact that the appeal will be read by thousands of people, there will be many to respond, and therefore the plea does not bring a very hearty response.

THE LIFE BOAT MISSION

We made such an appeal to our readers last month. The answers were few, but we are none the less thankful for the response that was made to the statement of our needs.

Our readers are all familiar with the work of this mission. We need not undertake to tell about the good being accomplished just now. You read about it every time THE LIFE BOAT comes into your home. Can you not give one dollar each month? Your offering, whether of five cents or five dollars will be thankfully received. The following have become monthly subscribers to the support of this work, agreeing to pay the amount opposite their names each month:—

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SPECIAL HELP NEEDED OWING TO THE APPROACH OF WINTER

The cold weather is fast approaching. The coming winter will find thousands of honest and worthy men and women in Chicago without employment and without friends. They will apply for temporary help—a bowl of soup, a place to sleep for one night. They are willing to work, and we give them employment as far as possible. It costs but one cent to give a hungry, friendless man, woman, or child a warm and nourishing bowl of bean soup, and but a few cents more to provide a comfortable bed for the night.

SEND WHAT YOU CAN—NOW

If you can not become a regular or monthly supporter of this work, send your donation, what the Lord impresses you to give—*now*. We will see that your donation is used strictly according to your wishes.

DONATIONS TO THE LIFE BOAT MISSION FOR THE PAST MONTH

Edwin F. Henry, Slocumville, R. I.	\$2.00
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THERE are only two animals in the world that use tobacco—man and the tobacco-worm.

WHEN we do anything wrong—physical or spiritual—we *blur* the mirror which we should be of the Divine.

TRUTH is full of power. If earnestly presented by consistent workers, it will "raise a blister." Those who heard it will know that "something happened."

THE Training-School students are getting fairly started in their winter campaign of cottage meeting work. Many excellent experiences are reported, and souls are being brought to a knowledge of the gospel.

God's government is one of love. Satan's government is one of arbitrary rule. God gives men authority based upon his qualifications and experience, and consequently God's authority is never an arbitrary one. We should never undertake to meet unarbitrary authority with arbitrary authority.

THERE is a very great difference between the *garments* of obedience and the *spirit* of obedience. The Lord tells His children not to cast their pearls before swine, and in harmony with this instruction He Himself never cast opportunities and possibilities before those who would be unappreciative of their value.

BROTHER E. B. VAN DORN has been conducting the midnight meetings at the Life Boat Mission during the past month. Heaven's richest blessing has rested upon the efforts to reach the wayfarers in sin. These meetings are opened at the close of the regular mission services and continued until midnight or shortly after that hour. The work for the remainder of the night consists of personal efforts put forth by the workers who go by twos to their work of seeking the lost.

THERE is a great difference between being washed white and being whitewashed.—MACKEY.

THE Chicago *Tribune*, having kept a record of crime for ten years, declares that the saloon business of the United States is directly chargeable with a total of 53,436 murders during that time.

WE would call special attention of the readers of THE LIFE BOAT to the rug and carpet department of the Workingmen's Home, whose advertisement appears in the columns of this paper. This department is the industrial feature of the Workingmen's Home, and it is here that the sincerity of the men who apply for help is tested. This department is a sort of testing place by which we ascertain whether the man who applies for assistance is really deserving and industrious or whether he simply seeks to impose upon our generosity, or rather upon the generosity of the friends who sustain this work. We invite you to investigate this department of the work and see if you can not in some way lend your assistance.

VEGETABLES of any kind, peas, beans, potatoes, etc., also dried fruit, will be very much appreciated at the Children's Christian Home, 2408 South Park Avenue. Our family at present has thirty growing children, all with excellent appetites.

A few Questions for Young Men and Young Women to Consider

DO you expect to camp where you are for ever? Do you want to go to heaven without taking some one with you? What is your highest ambition in this life? Have you ever stopped for a moment to consider the vast difference between skilled and unskilled labor? Are you aware that souls can not be saved by machinery, that they must be hand picked, like the best fruit in the market? Are you so indifferent that you want your neighbor to receive all the blessings that come from soul-saving while you idly stand by and look on? Has God ever whispered to you that you ought to be a medical missionary? If so, what efforts have you put forth to secure the necessary training? Do you know anything about the work God is doing at the Chicago Medical Missionary Training-School in fitting young men and women for a grand life work? If not, why not take the trouble to find out? Address, The Medical Missionary Training-School, 1926 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

D. P.

Where some of your Potatoes are needed

What do we want to say about potatoes? We want to ask you if you would not like to share your bountiful supply with those who have none. Hundreds of hungry men, women, and children will knock at the doors of our mission this winter for something to eat. Our visiting nurses and cottage meeting workers will discover scores of families without a morsel of food in the house, widowed mothers surrounded by orphan children, hungry, and shivering with cold.

Do you want to help us in our efforts to assist the poor and suffering?

Many of our readers probably have hundreds of bushels of potatoes lying in the cellar. How many can you spare for the Lord? Jesus said: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the *least* of these, my brethren, ye did it unto Me."

The freight will be but a trifle. Send what the Lord impresses you. Prepay freight, and send to 1926 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Mission News and Notes

Dr. L. J. OTIS has been doing efficient service in connection with the dispensary the past month.

The sisters of the South Side Church are making night shirts, etc. for the Workingmen's Home.

A Health Food Restaurant has been opened in connection with the Health Food Store at 178 Wabash Avenue.

Dr. James Erkenbeck and wife are dividing their time between the work at the Branch Sanitarium and School of Health work in the city.

Dr. W. B. Holden, who has been closely identified with the Chicago work for a number of years, returned with the medical students.

Lottie Hoffman and Clara Saxton paid us a short visit on their way to Honolulu, where they go to engage in medical missionary work.

A large number of consecrated young men and women are arriving to begin their nurses' course at the opening of the class, November 1.

The senior medical students have arrived in Chicago to take up their winter work. The Branch Sanitarium furnishes them a pleasant home.

Sister Emmel, of Ohio, has connected with our corps of workers, and will devote her time especially to the circulation of THE LIFE BOAT in the city.

As a result of the Life Boat Mission Kindergarten a day nursery has sprung into existence. Sisters Upton and Vredenberg are leading out in the enterprise.

Ten members of the Spring Nurses' Class who have been with us for five months, returned to the Sanitarium at Battle Creek last month, there to continue their training.

The work of the Workingmen's Home has so greatly increased of late that it has become necessary to rent another large building adjoining the Home. We will tell you more about the new institution next month.

Elder S. N. Haskel and wife recently from Australia, spent a day with us last month. In addition to looking over the Chicago work Elder Haskell occupied the morning class hours at the Training-School, and his words of counsel were much appreciated.

Brother and Sister Mackey, who have been in the field the past summer, have returned to us refreshed both in soul and body. Brother Mackey spoke at the Life Boat Mission on Sunday evening with his old time power, and many souls were turned from the path of wrong. Brother Mackey is conducting some studies at the Training-School, sparks of which will appear in THE LIFE BOAT from time to time.

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A voice from prison :-

Although confined within the stone walls of an earthly prison, I know there are no prison walls through which the rays of God's spirit can not penetrate. I was once an honest boy, but I would not listen to mother's cautions; I went down and down until I began to steal. It was no excuse for me to be a thief, for I had everything a good home afforded. It was merely to win the favor of my evil associates. But praise God, after fourteen years of sin and crookedness, I was brought to a realization, after five months of inward battling, that my soul was fast on the road to destruction. I thank God that he heard the prayers of one in a prison cell. I am so glad I can testify of the Lord's power and keeping spirit. I used to say to Christian friends who talked to

me about my spiritual welfare, "No. Not now; some other time. My sins are too great; God wouldn't pardon me." Stop, my dear brothers; what has our past life cost us? Now is the accepted time. If you put it off until you go out into the world again, I fear you will fail. You are not too great a sinner: "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.) I find my daily Bible reading to be food for my soul. I trust that you, my dear brothers in misfortune, will turn to the Lord and seek salvation. It is the prayer of one who will ever stand for the right. May God help THE LIFE BOAT and its noble workers. Yours in Christ,
H. J. HALE.

Yes, our God is just the same to-day :-

DEAR FRIENDS: May the light of heaven shine upon your souls, and awake you to a more glorious life.

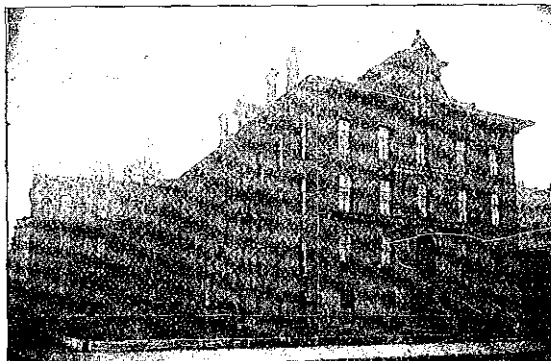
I came to Topeka, Kan., for the purpose of stealing, but, thank God, I got caught and sent to the penitentiary, and there I found the Lord, and He has shown me a better way to live. The way I found the Lord was this: I was sitting in my cell one evening, reading a story about a woman who drove her daughter away from home and refused to forgive her. One day she received a note that her daughter was dying of consumption. Her heart was softened, and she sent for her daughter and pleaded with her to forgive her for treating her so. She asked God to forgive her, and He did, so I know He will forgive my sins, for He is just the same to-day. So I asked Him, and the glad tidings soon came. O, my brother, the dark, gloomy prison walls may stare you in the face, but the presence of the Lord will make things seem bright. In the morning the Lord tells me He will bear my burdens through the day, and at night, when I come to my cell, the light from my Bible shines so bright that the darkness can not enter my cell; and when I lie down to sleep, the Lord watches over me. If the Lord is for me, who can be against me? I can truly say that the Lord is a true, kind Friend to those who put their trust in Him. O my brother, do not stay out in the darkness of despair any longer, but come in and share the blessings of the Lord, who suffered so much on the cruel cross for you and for me, and you will find peace and joy.

Your brother in Christ,

CHAS. MACKLIN.

Monthly Summary of the Chicago Work

Treatments given.....	362
Examinations.....	75
Prescriptions.....	30
Surgical operations.....	4
Admitted to the surgical ward.....	13
Number in the Children's Christian Home..	30
Visits by visiting nurses.....	250
Days' nursing.....	225
Cottage-meetings held.....	40
Meals served (penny lunches).....	44,618
Lodgings given.....	5719
Newsboys given baths.....	80
Using free laundry.....	2347
Attendance at gospel meetings.....	339
Gospel meetings held.....	60
Bible classes conducted.....	336
Testaments and Bibles given away.....	53
Pages of tracts distributed.....	6350
Pages of other literature distributed.....	37,000
Requests for prayer.....	168
Professed conversions.....	47



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EXPENSES

No charge is made for instruction. The expense for board, lodging, and incidentals is about two dollars a week. Those who desire to do so will have opportunity to earn something by selling THE LIFE BOAT, Good Health, etc. Regular course begins November 1.

STUDENTS MAY ENTER AT ANY TIME

Those who can possibly arrange to spend a few months in Chicago in connection with the city mission and rescue work during the present winter, will be able to enjoy many advantages as well as acquire a practical knowledge of the various lines of work carried on. Further information will be given upon application.

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The Life Boat Series of tracts are especially adapted to mission and rescue work. The following numbers are ready for delivery.

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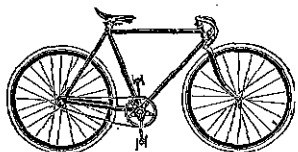
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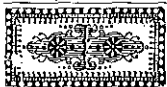
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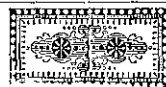
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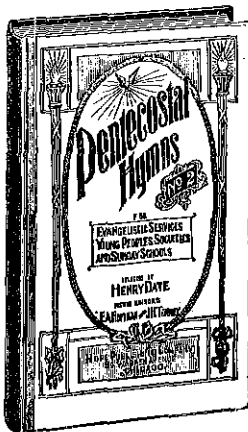
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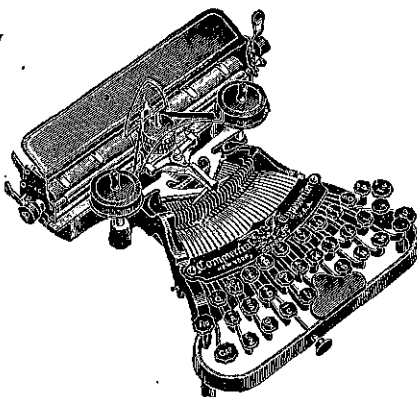
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