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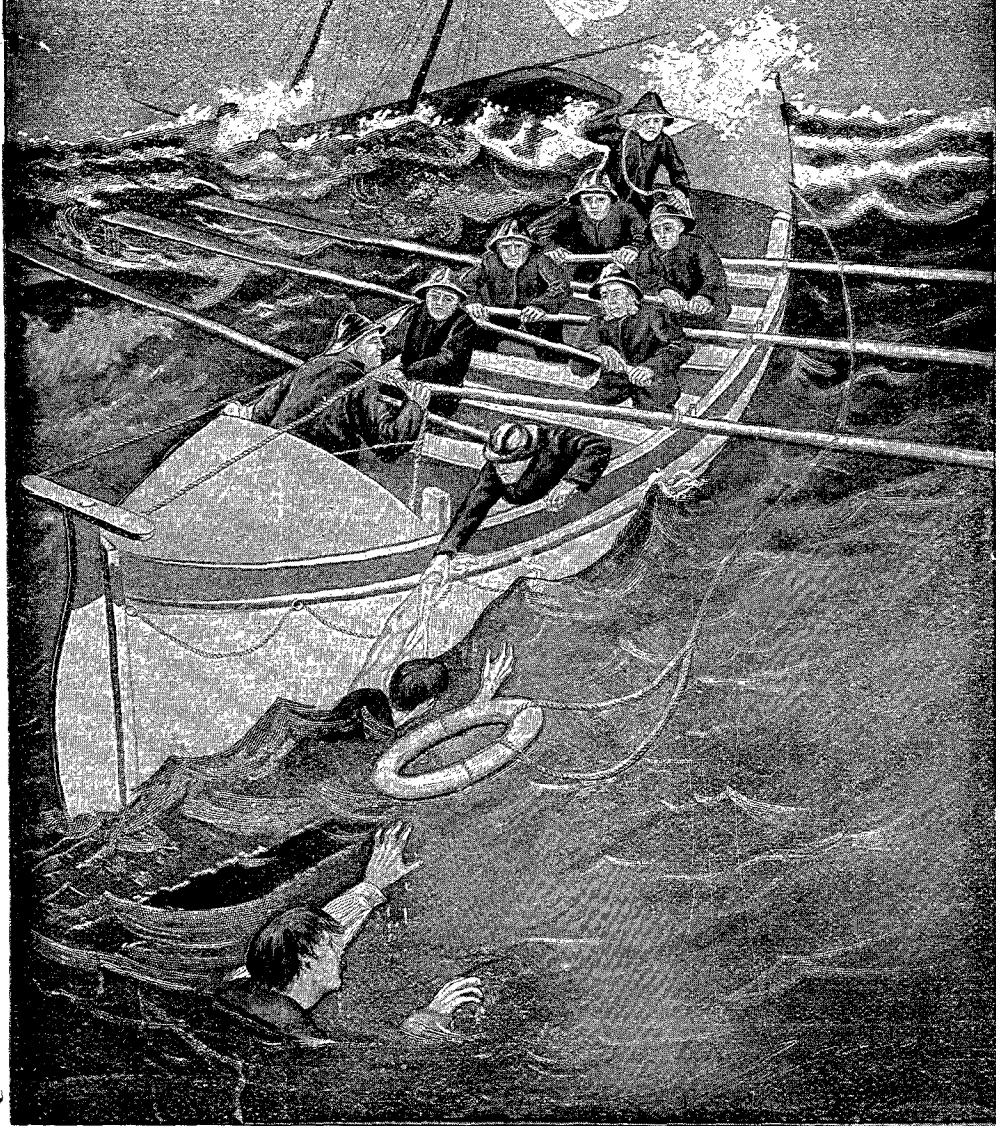
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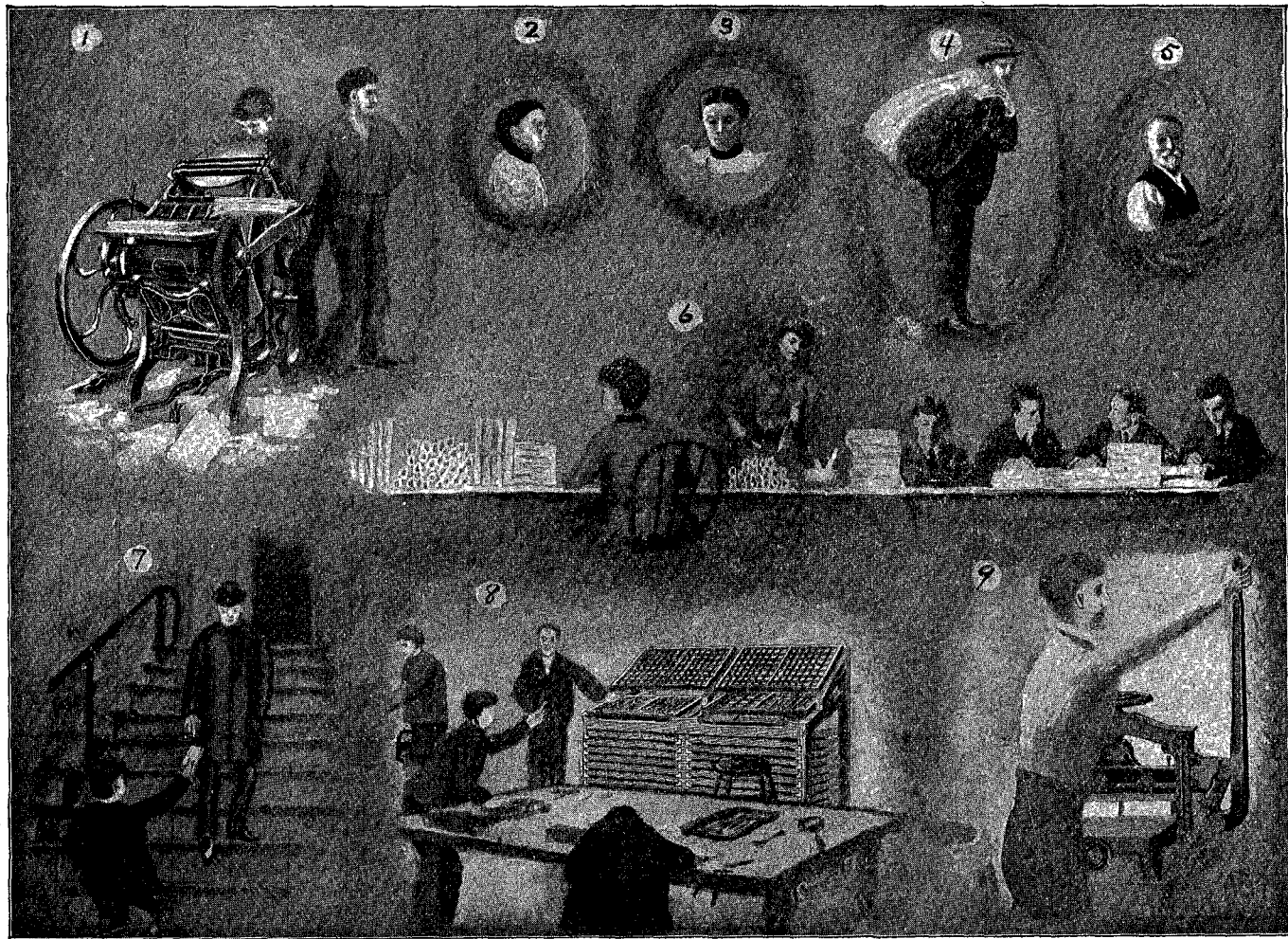


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**THE STORY OF THE LIFE BOAT.**

W. S. SADLER.

[W. S. Sadler, formerly editor of THE LIFE BOAT and now engaged in medical mission work on the Pacific coast, and M. E. Yergin, the first LIFE BOAT printer, have both written up the story, from their respective standpoints, of the special providences that attended the starting of THE LIFE BOAT. It gives additional interest to the narrative to know that neither was aware that the other was writing the account.—EDITOR.]

Why should another religious journal be started when we already have so many? This was the question we asked ourselves in the winter of 1897. For several years we had searched for a periodical containing the milk of the gospel, suitable for spiritual babes, but we failed to find such a paper. Day by day we became more and more convinced of the necessity of publishing a modest little sheet devoted to the simple gospel story. We were fully aware of its local need and felt that it would meet the demand for such a periodical in other fields. A score of special providences might be mentioned in connection with the establishment of THE LIFE BOAT, any one of which would have been in itself sufficient to convince the most skeptical observer that the favor of God rested upon the undertaking.

**PRELIMINARY PROVIDENCES.**

Under ordinary circumstances it is no small task to get together the machinery, materials and help necessary for the publication of a monthly periodical; but the task becomes

doubly difficult when one sets about it with only five dollars to begin with and the only stock in hand being a little outfit for printing cards and notices. It was at midnight; we had just returned from the evening's soul-saving effort and the matter of a gospel paper weighed heavily upon our mind. Once more we sought God to know certainly if He had laid the burden upon us to undertake this work. I felt so utterly incompetent to carry it forward and so helpless in knowing how to begin that I almost hoped the Lord would lay the burden upon someone else. I dropped upon my knees, and as I prayed the conviction deepened in my mind that we must arise and build. I promised God to devote mind and energy and whatever ability His grace might bestow, and then laid on the chair before me the five dollars—all the capital I had in this world. When I arose from my knees at that midnight hour I could never more doubt that God had set me at the task.

When I arose the next morning THE LIFE BOAT was an assured thing in my mind. The energies I had devoted in seeking to know the way of Providence I now spent in coöperating with Providence. Mrs. Sadler was an enthusiastic supporter of the enterprise and earnestly took hold to help me in every way possible. We had many counsels, and seasons of prayer, over the work, and were rewarded by seeing the hand of God working in many ways toward the accomplishment of our purpose.

## FINDING THE PRINTER.

We were impressed to make no effort to get machinery until we had found a printer who would put his soul into this work. A few days after this, while engaged in holding special meetings in Battle Creek; at the close of the services a young brother came forward and expressed a desire to connect with the Chicago work. I asked him how badly he wanted to go, and he replied, "Badly enough to walk all the way if I can't get there any other way." I learned that he was a printer and my heart was rejoiced, for I felt that this was of the Lord. I gave him a cordial invitation to report in Chicago as soon as possible. The next day he secured sufficient funds to pay his fare to Chicago. Remember, there was no salary to tempt him to come. He was an all-round printer, persevering, faithful, and willing to endure hardship—just the man to help us during those trying winter months of the first year of the publication of *THE LIFE BOAT*.

HOW A PRINTING OFFICE WAS STARTED WITH  
FIVE DOLLARS.

Now that the printer was secured, we began to pray for money. About this time I received a letter from a little girl who had raised some garden truck and sent us the proceeds, \$1.76. I added it to the capital stock of *THE LIFE BOAT*, and on the other shore I hope to have a chance to tell her how much her offering encouraged us. The \$6.76 secured up to this point represented all that two individuals had to give. It was given freely, and the Lord's blessing rested upon it.

At this time we presented the project to the medical missionary workers in Chicago. A donation of something like \$25 was made to assist in purchasing a printing press. One nurse had bought a \$4 pair of shoes; she exchanged them for a \$2 pair and brought me the \$2, with tears in her eyes and a blessing upon her soul for the sacrifice. From many sources came the small sums, aggregating something less than \$50, and with this in hand we started out to buy a printing press and other machinery. Two hundred and fifty dollars was the price asked for the press we selected—one just large enough to print two pages of the proposed journal at one time. You can imagine the look of surprise that came over the salesman's face when we told him we had less than \$50 with which to purchase the

press. He remarked, in astonishment, "Do you expect to buy a printing press like that for \$50?" We calmly replied, "Yes, or else get some one to give us one for nothing." We now asked him to kindly take us to the heads of the firm. And when we had explained our work to them, they gave liberal donations to help us in purchasing the press. Before going to rest that night we had placed in our hands, without solicitation, means sufficient, including the amount promised us during the afternoon, to purchase the press. Next morning the press was paid for, and that afternoon it was delivered in place, inked up and made ready to print *THE LIFE BOAT*. When the press was put in place, a group of five, who had worked hardest and prayed most, knelt about the mute machine in silent prayer, followed by a season of thanksgiving to God that he had supplied us with a printer and now with a printing machine, and we went on our way with courage to complete the work.

## GETTING STOCK AND TYPE.

From the Review and Herald Publishing Company we received a generous donation of type. We also received donations of type from some local firms. An afflicted sister in a distant city heard of our efforts, made a tour among her neighbors, and collected \$25—a sum sufficient to complete the purchase of the necessary type to print the paper. The articles were written—ah, how strange, how solemn it seemed, when we took our pen to write the "Introductory." "Introductory to what?" we asked ourselves. Was that which we had prayed for, and recognized the need of, about to become an accomplished fact? Were we about to make the first stroke of a soul-saving effort? Yes, we believed, and we had abundant reason to believe in the divine origin of the plan.

The matter was all prepared; the type was set up; the day for printing was at hand; but we had no paper on which to print the journal. Again we prayed to God to show us how to get the paper. A few minutes after our season of prayer I was impressed to tell a physician friend of what we had been praying for. The friend at once remarked, "I'll lend you the money without interest to buy the paper." This loan of \$150 enabled us to pur-

chase stock and the other things necessary to publish the first issue of *THE LIFE BOAT*. It was remarked by some that it would be the largest issue we would ever run off. When the first complete copy came from the press it was hurriedly pasted together, and then we gathered about the silent messenger and earnestly prayed to God to let His blessing rest upon it. It was in this little prayer meeting that I became deeply convinced that the mission of *THE LIFE BOAT* would be in a special manner for the proclamation of the simple gospel, to set forth the beautiful story so simply as to be appreciated by hungry and sin-sick souls in all stations of life.

#### ENTERING AND MAILING THE FIRST ISSUE.

Now came the struggle with the post office authorities. We had been told by a number of our friends that we would never be able to enter the paper. We discovered that we would need about 500 actual subscribers. During that day we secured something like fifty subscribers in Chicago, and on the afternoon train Mrs. Sadler and I left for Battle Creek, and with the help of friends we began work. Bright and early in the morning we were at it again, and at eight the following morning we started for Chicago with our list of nearly 500 *bona fide* subscribers; the next morning we appeared before the officials of the post-office department, submitted our list, answered numerous questions, filled out the requisite papers, made affidavits, etc., and received the assurance that our new-born periodical would pass muster.

For a number of evenings during that week you could have found our entire force of workers busy in the hall and in the larger rooms pasting together *THE LIFE BOAT* by hand. It was a laborious process, but we had no machine for stapling and folding. Those were days in which everybody was interested in *THE LIFE BOAT*, for all had something to do with its manufacture.

And now we were confronted with another problem: the paper had been folded and pasted together by willing hands, but its edges were uneven, and the paper was unsuitable to send out until it should be trimmed. But we had no paper cutter, and no money to hire the paper trimmed. We knelt, with the printer, beside the printing press, and asked the Lord for a paper cutter. On arising from our knees

I said to the printer, "Get your coat and let us go and look for our paper cutter." Down in the city we found a second-hand machine, which answered our purpose in every respect, and which we could get for \$40. The next day, as I was coming down the old Training School steps at 1926 Wabash avenue, on my way to the noonday meeting at Willard Hall, where I was to speak, a lad met me on the steps and asked, "Is this Mr. Sadler?" I replied, "Yes," and he handed me an envelope. For some reason I put this envelope in my pocket and went on my way without opening it; but when I remembered and opened the envelope, imagine my surprise upon finding four ten-dollar bills, crisp and new; and still further imagine my surprise upon finding that there was nothing to designate from whom they came, or for what purpose they were intended. Ah, I knew, without any word of human writing, what that forty dollars was for. I rushed into the printing office, showed it to the printer, and there was general rejoicing. We had prayed to God for a paper cutter, there was one to be had for forty dollars, and now the Lord had sent us the forty dollars.

We went at once for the paper cutter and arrived just in time to see it being hauled away. We were too late! It had been sold! We felt sad. We looked about, but could find nothing suitable for that price. What could it mean? Said the printer, as we started slowly homeward, "I don't understand this. How can it be? We have the money, and why did the Lord let us miss that paper cutter?" We walked a number of blocks by a rather unusual route, and as we were passing along I noticed, across the street, a sign which read, "Second-hand Paper Cutter for Sale." We paused. We read it again. Was it real? Or did we have second-hand paper cutters so impressed upon our minds that we were dreaming about them? We went across, inquired and found a paper cutter which was just the thing for us, and when told we would pay cash, they quoted us a price of thirty dollars. It was delivered promptly the next morning; our papers were trimmed and ready for mailing.

But what did it mean that the Lord had sent us forty dollars? Ah, we were also in need of a lead cutter, and that cost us just ten dollars. Again and again, when things went hard with

us and we were tempted to be discouraged with the outlook, we went down into the basement and looked at that paper cutter, and, remembering that we had never known from whence came that forty dollars, we have gone away convinced that the same God that had so marvelously wrought for us in the past would care for us again.

The first five hundred LIFE BOATS to fill our subscription list were put into a canvas bag, and a young brother took it to the post office on a street car.

#### OTHER PROVIDENCES.

"Pumping THE LIFE BOAT press" was a job that afforded employment for at least two men, and my mind recalls a number of noble souls who received their first start in the new and Christian life while working on THE LIFE BOAT press.

Other facilities were added from time to time to THE LIFE BOAT office. The subscription list rapidly grew. After the first issue was mailed I said to Mrs. Sadler one afternoon, "I think we shall live to see THE LIFE BOAT with a regular circulation of ten thousand copies a month." How great I thought my faith was! Somehow the Lord raised up friends for THE LIFE BOAT from many and unknown sources. After the first few issues had gone out, subscriptions began to pour in from all sides. Letters of encouragement came from those whose souls had been watered by the message it bore. We were made to appreciate, as never before, how hungry even some professed Christians were for the simple gospel, told in a simple way, and as illustrated and demonstrated in the lives of simple men and women who had been transformed by it.

THE LIFE BOAT began to find its way into channels we had never dreamed of. We began to hear of its influence in circles we had never supposed it would enter. About this time, through a chain of circumstances, as related in the last Prisoners' Number, the prison work of THE LIFE BOAT was inaugurated. Before the close of the first year our subscription list had indeed reached five thousand. Upward it climbed, until, by the blessing of God, in spite of the human imperfections of those whom He has permitted to be connected with it, it has mounted, not only to ten thousand, nor yet stopping at twenty thousand, but one special number of THE LIFE BOAT has reached a circu-

lation of one hundred and fifty thousand copies, and the regular circulation is about one hundred thousand. Every new issue of the paper recalls vividly to my mind the unmistakable providences connected with its establishment and its early history.

May God ever prosper THE LIFE BOAT in its soul-saving mission, and bless its workers in their labors of love.

#### WHAT IS FAITH?

S. N. HASKELL.

Faith is confidence in God. It is to believe because God has spoken. Faith is a gift bestowed upon all men. The early education of some makes it easier for them to believe than for others; but faith is the same in all and with all. If I have confidence in a friend, and he promises me anything that he can give or do for me, I expect he will do it because he has promised. It is based on the confidence I have in him. So is faith in God. Do we believe in Him? Is He able to fulfill what He has promised? If so, believe He will do what He has promised because He has promised; this is faith.

Eminent men in the Bible became men of faith because they believed without question when God spoke. "I will make thee a father of many nations," said the Lord to Abram. This was enough. Abram believed it, and by so doing he became the heir of the promise. He never doubted the fulfillment of that promise; but when he reasoned that it must be fulfilled in a particular way he made a mistake. When he said, "Oh that Ishmael might live before thee," he made a mistake. Had not God said it? Then it was for him to believe it. Had he from that time shaped his course as though it were so, it would have been so for God had said it. It mattered not to him how the promise was fulfilled, or when it was fulfilled; it was enough to know that God had promised a son.

A poor, unenlightened African was told that he must not drink intoxicants. Said he, "How can I help it when all my comrades drink?" The missionary answered, "Jesus is near to you although you can not see Him, and if you fall on your knees at once and ask Him to help you He will do it." Months afterward the temperance missionary saw him. "I have not



drunk a drop," said the poor native. "When my comrades drank and urged me to drink I fell on my knees and asked Jesus to help me, and He always did." The secret was, he believed He would, and He did; he asked no questions, neither did he stop to reason.

The Lord says, "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee." Ps. 50:15. Do you believe it? If so, try it. Do not begin to think whether He will or not. Believe it, and act as though it were really so, and then it is so. There is no question about it. "It did not come to pass, and I did not believe it would," said a person to me. No wonder, for that is not faith. A little girl in dispute with another child, who said a certain thing that was not true, replied, "It is so if it isn't so, because mother said so."

Casting down reasonings and "bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." 2 Cor. 10:5. This is faith.

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." The one great question to be settled is, has God spoken? If so, that is enough. Go forward believing without questioning; act as though it were so, and it is so. This is faith pure and simple.

### MY FIRST CONTACT WITH THE CHICAGO MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK.

TOM MACKEY.

The other day as I was returning home from a nine months' gospel campaign in Minneapolis I went over in my mind the old days when the Chicago Medical Missionary work was begun. At that time Dr. Kellogg felt deeply impressed that something ought to be done for the poor wrecks of humanity who were stranded in Chicago, so he went to the Chief of Police and told him that he wanted to help open up a work for the people in the worst and most needy district in Chicago. He was directed to Custom House place, and there, in a dark, dirty basement, in the vilest part of this wicked city, was opened a free dispensary. God-fearing medical men and nurses came to carry on the work, and even now I can see the faces of those sympathetic nurses and doctors who were constantly called upon to battle with every form of sin and suffering.

I can see again the old fumigator where the men would cleanse those of their clothes that they had not washed in the free laundry. Most of these men would stand around wrapped in sheets or blankets while their clothing was being fumigated, for most of them had only one

suit. I again see Dr. Kellogg kneeling down in prayer by the side of one of these poor sinners wrapped in a sheet.

I can remember the lunch counter that was established in the hard winter of 1893-'94 following the World's Fair. There were thousands of hungry women and children, and hundreds of men were driven almost to madness by the suffering of their families. You may recall the bread riots that were threatened in those days. Under these conditions that lunch counter was a Godsend. There these people could buy a big bowl of soup and some liberal slices of zwieback for a penny, and undoubtedly many lives were saved in this way.

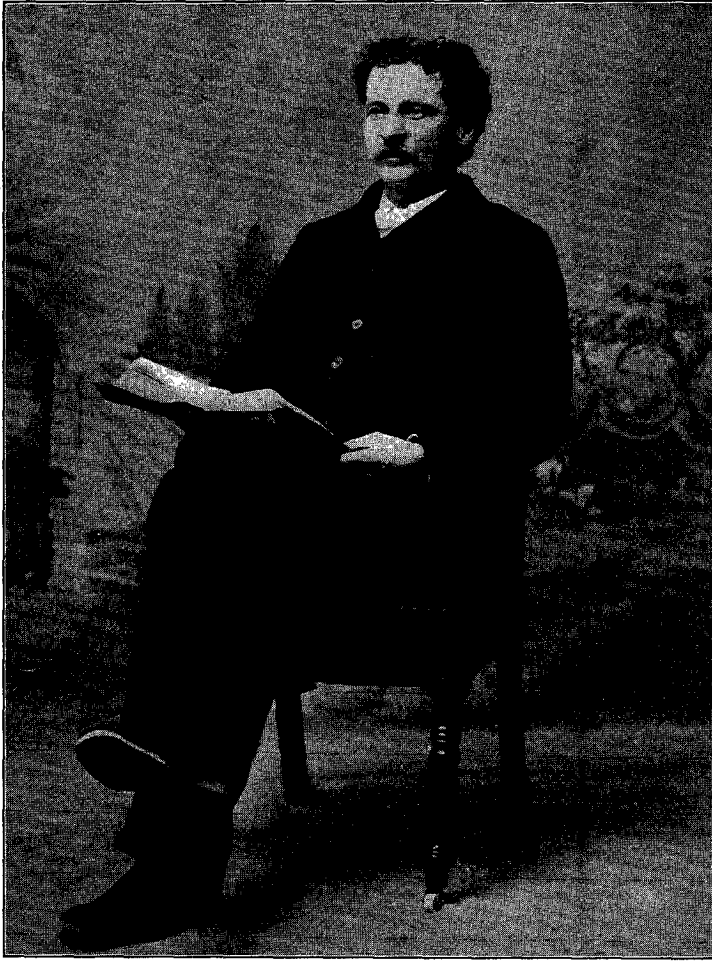
It was at this time that I came in. I had had nothing to eat for several days; I was hungry and penniless, but I could not steal, for I had been converted in the Mission the night before. Dr. Kellogg was present on this particular day and learned of my need, and the Lord impressed him to pay for a bowl of soup for me. He brought it to me himself, and spoke very kindly to me. He even called me "brother," and that somehow touched my heart in a peculiar way. I knew there was nothing in this world that could make a man like him and a man like me brothers. I was ignorant, friendless, penniless, while he was an eminent physician, a noted educator, and a man of God. I did not understand how it could all be, but I was glad it was so. I took that bowl of soup, and I believe it saved my life. Dr. Kellogg was the first man on earth to whom I said, "I have been saved." He immediately asked me how I knew it. That was a hard question for me that day, but I told him I knew it because I had spent my entire life in dreadful sin, crime and shame; but since the evening before, when I had given God a chance to come into my heart, I was willing and anxious to live a decent, honest life. He then asked me if I could give any other evidence, and I said that I had used tobacco for twenty-five years and liquor for thirty, and since last evening I had not cared for either. He then urged me to get up on the platform and give my testimony for the benefit of the four hundred men who were at the lunch counter. That was my *first* effort to talk to sinners, and it was a hard thing for me to do, but I stood up and said something—what, I do not now remember.

I soon secured a job at washing windows for fifty cents a day. That was not a very large salary for a man who had been stealing and spending as much money as I had been doing, but I knew it was honestly earned, and the fact that I was willing to wash windows was good evidence to me that something new had come into my life.

On the night of January 4, 1894, I was a homeless, friendless, wretched drunkard; every muscle and fiber in my body was diseased; my blood was all contaminated by bad habits and unholy living. In this physical condition I could not act straight, think straight, or be

straight; mentally, morally and physically I was all bad, and if there was ever a man who was dead without actually being in the grave, I was that man. While I was in this condition I made up my mind to end all of my misery by jumping into Lake Michigan, and I was walking along Van Buren street straight toward the lake when I heard a man call me. I looked at him and he asked, "Where are you going?" I

look at that. The first part of the service did not make much of an impression on me, for I was in a drunken stupor, but toward the last I heard the testimonies of redeemed men and the Word of the Lord quoted, and when the invitation was given for those to raise their hands who wanted the prayers of God's people I raised my hand, and, thank God, He saw it. And when I raised my heart to Him in prayer,



TOM MACKEY.

did not give him a very nice answer. I could not; it was not in me. I gruffly told him that I was going to destruction. He said: "You may be, but here is an open door to heaven." Then he got me into the old Pacific Garden Mission. What he said after that, or just how he got me in, I do not know. I know that I was a thief and a drunkard, ignorant, ragged and dirty, but, thank God, he did not stop to

He heard it. He spoke peace to my soul, and has wonderfully saved and kept me to this day.

Last winter I was very much surprised to get a letter from a prominent mission worker in Minneapolis. He said that the work there was in bad shape and he did not see how it could be built up. He wrote: "We have only \$25, but if you will come and stay two weeks we will give you that." As I thought of the



railroad fare, my living expenses, etc., the amount did not look very large, but I felt the Lord wanted me to go, so I wrote the man I would come. The result was that I remained nine months. We held two or more meetings each day, and now I have a good inducement to go back and stay; but I have not accepted it, because I believe the Lord has work for me to do here.

When I received this letter from Minneapolis my health was very poor. I was all run down from hard work and exposure, and several doctors told me it would be foolhardy for me to go. They said that one of my lungs was diseased and the other partially affected, and if I went up in that cold climate I would certainly die. I simply said, "Lord, if you want me to go, I will go," and I went. I knew that the first thing for me to do was to build up my physical health, and I adopted a strictly healthful diet. I knew I needed more physical strength, so I purchased a wall exerciser, and I spent a long time each day in religiously developing my body. I began to obey all the laws of health I knew of, and night and day I kept the thought in mind that I must endeavor to keep my body in good condition, or else I could not do good work for God. The result you see today. Instead of being dead, I am sound and healthy; I weigh more than I have for years, and I never felt better in my life. So you can readily understand that I believe in a gospel for the body as well as for the soul. I know that a knowledge of the laws of health and of the human body is a great help to everyone who is interested in the salvation of souls, and that there is a very close relation between the gospel of health for the body and the gospel of salvation for the soul. I know that those who go out as the great Physician did, healing the sick and preaching the gospel, will have precious souls for their hire.

Extracts from a talk given October 28, 1903, to the Senior Class in the American Medical Missionary College.

## PERSONAL EXPERIENCES IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE LIFE BOAT.

M. E. YERGIN.

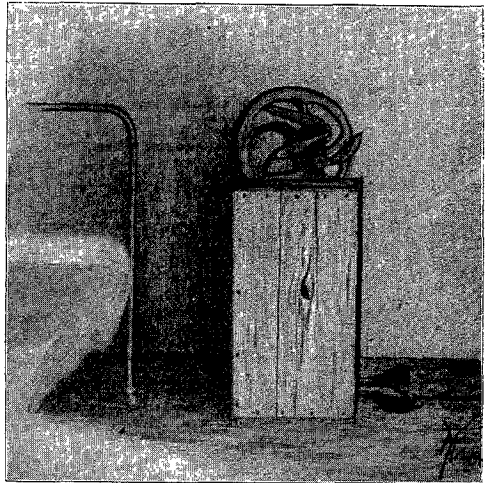
All things in God's order begin as a seed—a little thing—a mere starting point, which is a germ of that which is to be. It was so with THE LIFE BOAT.

In 1897, Andrew J. Harris, then associated with W. S. Sadler, in his efforts in behalf of the submerged of Chicago, got together the first of the material out of which grew THE LIFE BOAT. This consisted of a boy's press, intended merely for amateur card printing, but a rod and treadle were afterward affixed to it, a balance wheel put on, and for six months

it printed THE LIFE BOAT series of tracts. The press was donated by Barnhart Bros. & Spindler, Chicago. The type was some out-of-date type of the old method of hit-and-miss casting, with several hundred pounds of small pica and bourgeois.

Mission cards, notices of jail meetings, and LIFE BOAT tracts were printed. The cards and tracts paid the expenses of the office, which ran from \$1 to \$4 per week.

Brother Harris was called away a few weeks after the printing work was begun, leaving Eric Covert with only a few weeks' experience as printer to manage the business. About this time I came to Chicago and connected with



PRESS ON WHICH THE FIRST LIFE BOAT TRACTS  
WERE PRINTED.

the printing work. From October to the next June I received ninety cents a week. With this I paid board, postage, laundry and car fare for missionary visits. Possessing only a summer suit and no overcoat, it can be imagined that I was not living luxuriously, especially as my shoes were so old that for the greater part of the winter my feet were practically in touch with the ice, slush and snow of the streets, when doing the buying and delivering for the printing office.

We soon saw that a paper was needed to represent the work being done, and we were determined to co-operate with the Lord in bringing it into existence.

The printing office was moved from one room to another as the business increased, and

when an ordinary room was no longer large enough, we were relegated to the attic. The press made considerable noise, for its motion vibrated through the entire building, and at this stage we were working night and day much of the time, so we moved into a part of the basement. This made the work much

the necessary means. Fifteen minutes later, while Brother Sadler was going down the steps, a boy handed him an envelope. He placed it in his pocket unopened and soon forgot the incident on the steps. When he opened it later he found it contained a certain amount of money. I had seen a second-hand paper



MR. AND MRS. W. S. SADLER.

easier, as the heavy bundles and packages did not have to be carried up and down four flights of stairs.

The Lord's hand was continually manifested in causing the printing office to steadily develop. Early the first winter we needed a paper cutter badly. We asked the Lord for

cutter for a certain price; we had prayed for this amount of money, and there it was in bills! None of us had ever seen the boy before nor have we seen him since, as far as we know. Who sent him, no one knows, but the money was on hand fifteen minutes after we had prayed for it.

The next day we went to get the paper cutter, but it had been sold. We could find no other for less than \$60. Wandering rather aimlessly along the streets on our return, Brother Sadler noticed a placard "For Sale" in the window of a stationery store on Dearborn street, near Van Buren. Investigating, we found the article to be a paper cutter. The price asked was much less than the amount the Lord had sent. We purchased it and it did valuable service, trimming hundreds of thousands of LIFE BOATS. With the remaining money we bought some much needed material. Soon we needed a larger press. We prayed over the matter, and a few days later two wealthy ladies were inspecting our work, and became interested in the printing department; they then and there donated \$75. A short time after this Dr. Brighthouse lent us \$150 without interest. So a press was purchased, money was secured for the purchase of the necessary type, and the first paper was issued in March, 1898. Brother Sadler succeeded in getting a paid subscription list of about five hundred, and with this start THE LIFE BOAT was launched on its soul-saving career.

There was no steam power in the office, but men from the Workingmen's Home "pumped" the press at five cents an hour while I fed off the edition. The subscription list slowly increased until it reached thirteen hundred. From that time on, the subscription list and the sales have increased until now the monthly edition is about one hundred thousand.

Even in its infancy THE LIFE BOAT did much good and scattered blessings and sunshine wherever it went. I am glad to remember that many boys taken out of the jails found employment and got a start in earning an honest living in the printing office in the back part of my bedroom.

In those days a peculiar character from the Island of Samoa came to us. He was suffering from an injury and was treated at our free dispensary. He was a typesetter, and after his recovery he went to work in THE LIFE BOAT office. David Montgomery was a faithful worker in connection with THE LIFE BOAT for years, and after the printing was done by large concerns in the city he continued work on the mailing list until a few weeks ago, when he was laid away to rest. The funeral services were conducted by

his fellow LIFE BOAT workers.

Mrs. Luther Warren superintended the wrapping of the first copies. The work was done on some boards and tables in the hallway in front of the business office door.

William Rochambeau carried the first edition to the postoffice on his back. One edition now fills one hundred and fifty large mailing sacks.

Olive Hagle had charge of the first LIFE BOAT mailing list. The addressing was done by volunteers from the medical missionary classes. Today the papers are addressed by a new automatic addressing machine at the rate of six thousand a day.

In every country, in great cities, in the islands of the sea, THE LIFE BOAT has gone with its fragrance of blessing, but like many of the Lord's mighty works, the means, the instrumentalities have been few and weak.

#### THE PEDICORD FARM.

J. H. KELLOGG, M. D.

Old readers of THE LIFE BOAT will remember having heard something a few years ago about the Pedicord Farm. The matter has an interesting history. When the first class of the American Medical Missionary College met in Chicago, a few years ago, the writer, on meeting the class after they had been in the city two or three weeks and had been engaged in actual work in connection with the Life Boat Mission and the Workingmen's Home, asked the question, "What is most needed in Chicago?" A member of the class—now Dr. Thomason, who is spending some months in Dublin preparatory to taking up important medical missionary work in South Africa—instantly replied, "Doctor, we need a farm where we can send men who have made a start to serve God and who want to get away from the city influences which have led them to drink and ruin; a place where they can live in the open air, work in the soil, and have a chance to learn to live wholesome, healthy and upright lives." The writer replied, "The good Lord owns all the farms in Illinois. He will give us a farm as soon as we are ready for it. How many will join me for one week in praying the Lord every day for the gift of a farm?" The right hand of every member of the class—numbering some thirty or more—was instantly raised.

The writer returned to his duties at the sanitarium in Battle Creek. Every day earnest prayers were offered that the great Father who cares for the outcast and feeds the ravens when they cry would in His good providence make provision for the great class of neglected human beings who wander from place to place simply because they are without home and without friends and, unfortunately, also without God in the world. The very last day of the week a gentleman, who happened to be stopping at the sanitarium at the time, asked for an interview, and while we were talking he remarked that he would like to do something to help the needy and to encourage the good work which was being carried on in Chicago. The facts above related were mentioned to him. He at once exclaimed, "I have several farms in Illinois. You can have one for these poor fellows just as well as not. I would be glad to help them. I would like to establish something which will go on doing good after I am dead." An attorney was sent for in the evening and the deed of the farm was given, the farm to be used for this purpose.

The farm is located in LaSalle county, not inconveniently far away from Chicago, and arrangements are now being made for the utilization of this splendid farm of one hundred and sixty acres, with excellent buildings and all equipments complete for successful agricultural operations in various lines. The only thing which has prevented the more speedy organization of the work has been the difficulty of finding the right persons to take charge of it, and also the lack of funds for stocking the farm, furnishing the buildings in a comfortable, homelike manner, and to provide capital for carrying on the work until crops could be harvested. Some of these obstacles are in part removed, but it will be necessary to raise about \$2,000 to put the work in good running order. Furniture, carpets, bedding, cooking utensils and other household necessities of every description will be very gratefully received. Books, pictures for the walls, bedroom sets and similar conveniences of plain and substantial character will be needed, and those who can make contributions of this sort will have an opportunity to aid in the establishment of a greatly needed work.

In giving this farm the donor, Mr. Pedicord, though very feeble, arose from his chair after presenting the deed, and, walking across the room, smote his hands together with great fervor, exclaiming in a voice unusually strong and loud for him in his feeble condition, "I feel that I have done what God wants me to do! I feel that I have done what God wants me to do!" And he was evidently greatly blessed in his deed.

Many interesting circumstances which have been connected with this matter have shown most clearly that it is a providential work, and all connected with the rescue work, which for ten years has been conducted in Chicago, have looked forward with great interest to the time when active operations might be begun. It is hoped that the means and the other necessities requisite for the opening of this work will be provided soon, so that the opening of the enterprise may not be longer delayed. The need for a place of this sort is in no way diminished, but rather increased. THE LIFE BOAT and the Workingmen's Home have become permanent fixtures in Chicago, and have demonstrated again and again the value of the mission which they have undertaken to fill. The prayers of the many earnest workers connected with the rescue work in Chicago will follow these lines as they go out to the many thousands of LIFE BOAT readers; for hundreds of needy souls are waiting for the beneficent aid which will be afforded by this gospel haven, when the time shall come for the announcement that the Pedicord Farm Home for Homeless Men is at last ready to begin its work.

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#### DO YOU TALK WITH THE RULER OF THE UNIVERSE?

Ambitious young people sometimes plan and scheme for years to secure an opportunity for an interview with some of the great magnates or rulers of earth, and ever afterwards they cherish it as one of the greatest opportunities of their lives. Yet these same people have a chance every day to talk with the Creator and Manager of the universe, and very often they attach so little importance to this that many of them go through an entire lifetime and never once improve this wonderful opportunity.

## COTTAGE MEETINGS.

The ideal cottage meeting may be almost anything from a typical gospel mission meeting to a friendly visit, depending altogether upon the circumstances, but the end and object in view is in all cases the same, whether it does or does not come near enough to the surface to be visible to human eyes—and that object is the spiritual and physical salvation of humanity.

Take hold of this work at once and write us a simple account of your experiences, no matter how unimportant they may have seemed to you.

## OUR COTTAGE MEETING WORK.

E. C. WIDGERY.

This is of necessity a branch of our LIFE BOAT work, which is beginning to spread and becoming a sphere of great blessing.

Our workers go from house to house with our monthly messenger, THE LIFE BOAT, and always endeavor to have a personal talk with all with whom they come in contact. Some, realizing that we are interested in their spiritual and temporal welfare, invite us back again to have a Bible reading. The meetings thus begin in a simple way with one individual, but soon the friends and neighbors are invited. In this way people are reached who can not get out to a place of worship and thus we are able to cheer and help the hungry souls around us who are eager to grasp the truth.

We are anxious that every LIFE BOAT worker in every city and state should grasp the opportunity of spreading the glad tidings of full salvation wherever they go. Carry the word of life with you and make known the power of God to save unto the uttermost all who will come unto Him through Jesus' name. We shall be glad to hear from all who are doing such work, as the time has come that we must be up and doing; if we would reign with Jesus, we must be willing to be the servant of all.

## DO YOU WISH A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE?

M. M.

I have always been interested in reading THE LIFE BOAT and thought I would like to put it in the homes of some of my neighbors. So I ordered ten sample copies sent to as many different families, and then I visited them, and half of them subscribed for it. This

encouraged me so much that I kept on canvassing a day or so occasionally as I could spare the time from my family. In about five or six days I secured 140 subscriptions for THE LIFE BOAT. I know the Lord directed me in this work, for He has promised to go before us and prepare the hearts of the people for the printed page. I fully realize that angels had been before me, for some of the poorer people told me they had laid aside a quarter for the purpose of subscribing to some good paper, and they realized it was THE LIFE BOAT they wanted. I could only praise the Lord for sending me around in time to secure their subscriptions for a paper that would do them good. I have since received a letter from one of those ladies expressing her thankfulness that her attention had been called to THE LIFE BOAT and hoping that the Lord would bless the work it is doing elsewhere.

Any that would like to know the blessing I have received in working for THE LIFE BOAT can experience the same by taking their own copy and going out among their neighbors.

## THE WORKINGMEN'S HOME.

A. C. WINCHELL,  
Superintendent.

We are earnestly trying, by the help of God, to make the Workingmen's Home a great deal more than merely a cheap lodging house. It is our desire that it should be a lighthouse where the Light of the world is held up before homeless, disappointed men;—a place where they can come and eat and sleep in an atmosphere of Christian love and helpfulness. It does my soul good when I hear wicked men say, "That man behind the counter is a Christian." The Lord has wonderfully helped us in our efforts to improve the Home and in sending us a corps of sacrificing Christian workers.

Every evening gospel services are held, and the men are encouraged in every way possible to give up the old life of idleness and sin and to live a new life in Christ Jesus. There is scarcely a night that some man does not raise his hand as a sign that he wishes the prayers of Christian friends, and many a man has been soundly and thoroughly converted at these meetings. We are of good courage in this work, and thank God for the many blessings He is giving us in it.

## A RETROSPECT.

E. B. VAN DORN.

Supt. Life Boat Mission.

Another year has gone its round. The unseen Watcher has kept a faithful record of the thoughts of the heart, as well as deeds and actions. We have endeavored to sow beside all waters, and "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

The question probably arises in the minds of many who read this, What has been the profit? The Life Boat Mission door has been open to all classes and conditions of humanity, both day and night. The poor and the lame, the halt and the blind have all had their needs supplied. It is true we have not always given the thing they asked for, but in many instances we have helped them to work out for themselves the thing they felt they needed. I feel quite certain that no one has gone away without some effort having been made to ascertain the real need and to lend a helping hand in some way.

We have kept a record of some facts for the year 1903, which will perhaps be interesting to the reader; this refers simply to the Life Boat Mission:

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| Number of meetings held.....         | 1,245  |
| Attendance .....                     | 38,877 |
| Testimonies .....                    | 7,897  |
| Requests for prayer .....            | 3,342  |
| Professed conversions .....          | 1,320  |
| Missionary visits .....              | 1,590  |
| Lodgings given .....                 | 1,158  |
| Meals given to the poor.....         | 1,051  |
| Garments distributed .....           | 4,320  |
| Pages of literature distributed..... | 14,745 |
| Number of baptisms .....             | 12     |

## MISSION INCIDENTS.

Last night a man came into the Mission who stood up and testified that he had just been released from prison, and that he had come to this place that he might see for himself the actual working of the Spirit of God in the lives of men whose natures had been transformed by divine power. He had spent nearly seventeen years in prison, and there he stood, without friends or home, or any one to lend him a helping hand; his health was destroyed as the result of his long imprison-

ment; but he stated with a broken, contrite heart that he desired to experience a new life. He said he had been studying the Bible, and he realized that his life had been misspent. He asked the prayers of God's people that he might from this time forth be a better man. Some one took him by the hand and knelt with him in prayer. He then plead with God for mercy upon his sin-sick soul. He went out with a determination to live a different life. He took with him a portion of God's Word as a guide amid the storms of life. When some one gave him a copy of the October LIFE BOAT, he handed it back, saying: "I can repeat from memory everything in that number."

What a wonderful testimony to the power of God is the conviction and salvation of a man of this character! The Master said: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." If the Son shall make you free ye shall be free indeed.

About four weeks ago, a man came to us and told us that he had spent the most of his life in expert criminal work, for which he had paid the penalty behind prison bars. He expressed a determination to do that which was lawful and right. We invited him to the Mission, and there, broken-hearted and contrite, he knelt at the foot of the cross. For three weeks he attended the Mission every night, and the way opened for him to return to his old New England home to tell what great things the Lord had done for him.

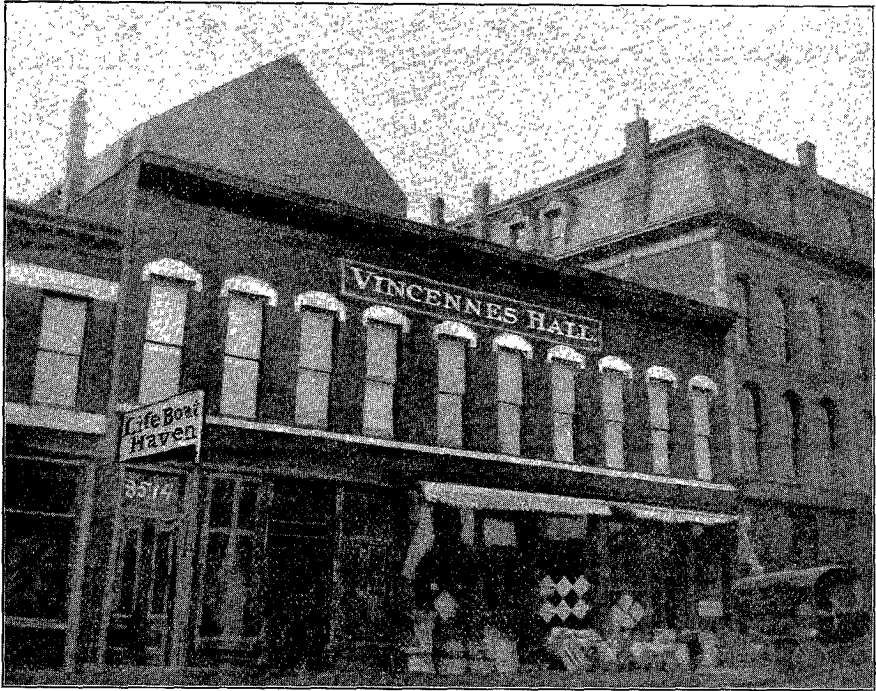
These are only two instances of what is occurring almost every day. We must engage in personal work in order to really comprehend the working of the power of God on the hearts of the unsaved. When one has been at the Mission and has seen what God has done for the outcast and sinners, he can but say from the heart: "Surely the Lord is in this work." We have endeavored from time to time to present in THE LIFE BOAT some of the marked instances that come under our personal observation. Most of these cases have remained faithful, as far as we know, up to the present time. I believe those who have read these interesting narratives will have a desire awakened in their hearts to do something to assist in this great work. Our expenses are very high, and, owing to the local-



ity in which we do our work, we have to depend largely on others for the maintenance of this gospel effort. As this year draws to a close, perhaps some who have assisted us in the past will feel they are unable to do so another year; we therefore earnestly request all who feel impressed to help us the coming year to send us your name and address, mentioning the amount you can give each month, and we will try to send you some special items of interest.

#### BARBER SHOP WORK.

"I placed a copy of THE LIFE BOAT in one of the barber shops here and had quite a talk with one of the barbers. He expressed himself very freely to me, saying that he wanted to live a different life—that he once had a better experience than he is now having. I invited him to attend church, and he said he would. Pray for him, that I may be able to lead him out into the light by the grace of God."



You may not be able to come and help us work in the dark corners of this wicked city, but you may be able to help with your means those who can do this. Thousands are going to destruction on the right hand and on the left, and sometimes we feel as the disciples did, "Where shall we get bread to feed this great multitude?"

We wish to take this occasion to express our gratitude to those who have so liberally helped us in the past. May heaven's richest blessing rest upon those who have denied themselves in order to carry the message of salvation to the erring in this city.

#### THE LIFE BOAT HAVEN.

E. C. WIDGERY.

We recently leased Vincennes hall located near Cottage Grove and Thirty-fifth streets for the purpose of opening up a new branch of our Chicago work. The hall is well ventilated and will seat about four hundred. This place will be known as the Life Boat Haven, and here we hope to propagate the gospel of health for soul and body. The following is the week's program:

Sunday, 8 p. m.—Gospel service.

Monday, 8 p. m.—Physical culture for young men, including dumb bell, Indian club and Swedish gymnastics.

Tuesday, 8 p. m.—School of health, including cooking classes and demonstrations of rational treatments.

Wednesday, 4 p. m.—Children's club.

Thursday, 8 p. m.—Physical culture for ladies, including dumb bell and Swedish gymnastics and corrective exercises.

Friday, 8 p. m.—Worker's experience meeting.

Saturday, 8 p. m.—Gospel meeting.

On Friday, November 13, the first meeting, a workers' experience meeting, was held. On Saturday and Sunday, gospel services were conducted and from the expressions of appreciation which we gathered from those who attended these opening exercises, we are confident that the Lord has directed us to plant a "Haven" just where it is needed, into which He will direct us to draw those who are tossed on life's stormy sea, that they may be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth, and be made to rejoice in God as their Saviour. Thus the good work goes on and we pray for more laborers, as the harvest indeed is great. Will you pray for us?

This effort will cost at least \$50 per month for rent, fuel and light. Will you assist us in our attempt to launch out into the deep?

#### MISSION WORKERS' CONFERENCE AT THE LIFE BOAT MISSION.

One of the most important events in the recent Life Boat Workers' convention was the Monday night conference at the Life Boat Mission. The subject discussed was the relation of the gospel of health to soul-saving work. There were present representative workers from the leading gospel missions in the city. The room was crowded far beyond its seating capacity. Dr. David Paulson, who was chairman, stated the object of the meeting in the following words:—

"We are glad to have such a large representative gathering here to consider the important question of the place of the gospel of health in mission and rescue work. There is a growing sentiment among mission workers in regard to the importance of physical as well as spiritual righteousness. Our converts must be saved physically as well as spiritually. During recent years business men have begun to

appreciate the physical development of their employees. They have inaugurated health clubs, physical culture clubs, etc., because they see that sound physical health is an important adjunct to a successful business career. In this respect the children of the world have been wiser in their generation than the children of light. We have lost much by not giving more attention to the care of the body. We have been too inclined to think that if a man was saved spiritually he was also saved physically. John, the beloved disciple, desired that 'thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth,' and Paul taught that 'if any man defile the temple of God, him will God destroy,' that we are to glorify God in the body as well as in the spirit.

"When the average drunkard is converted his body is more or less wrecked; he needs physical help just as much as a man does who comes to us with a broken arm. We must hold out to him a complete gospel that will reach his diseased organs as well as his confused mind. It was this idea that led us to open up the first free bathroom in the city of Chicago, and to attach so much importance to our dispensary work, visiting nurses' work, Workingmen's Home, health lunch counters, etc. We find that when our mission converts backslide, they generally begin with their physical habits. Perhaps they go out and eat juicy beefsteaks, highly spiced food, or something which arouses the old thirst for drink or other wicked and vile habits. There was a time when a man could be considered a Christian, while indulging in liquor and tobacco and in many harmful habits. We have progressed far enough to leave these things behind; but is it not time that we should strive to reach as high a physical standard in our mission work as the average worldly employer holds up for his workmen? Every month the popular magazines contain many advertisements of physical culture systems and of various other schemes for promoting physical health. Shall we be the last to fall in line on this subject of the care of the body?"

Miss Fannie Emmel, matron of the Life Boat Rest, then gave a brief history of the development of our rescue work, and stated:

"Those whom we have had the privilege, by the help of God, of helping into a wholesome, Christian life, have never failed to tell what a great benefit they have received from adopting health principles. They soon discover that when they lead simple lives, and eat only pure and wholesome foods it is much easier for them to overcome their wrong habits and subdue their wicked impulses."

Mrs. David Paulson then spoke as follows: "While a physician at the Battle Creek Sanitarium I was called to visit a patient in the city. I found a poor woman who had been brought up in a cultured family, but for various reasons had drifted down until finally she was an inmate of this house of ill-repute. It

was evident that she needed help, both physically and spiritually. I told her what she needed to have done to be healed physically, and also what she needed to have done to be healed spiritually. I had the blessed privilege of seeing this woman regain her health, and of seeing her profess Christ. I took the other girls out of that horrible place and gave them a chance to lead a better life. This incident led me to feel a special interest in such poor girls. I felt that there were many others whom I could help if I only knew them better. Perhaps if our experience had been the same as what these poor girls have gone through, we, too, might have fallen. If these girls inherit a tendency to a life of sin, and then highly-spiced and irritating foods are constantly placed before them, thus keeping their nervous systems in an irritated condition, the chances for them to lead pure lives are greatly lessened. When a girl is taught self-control from infancy in reference to what she shall eat and drink, she will find the lesson a valuable one when temptations assail her later in life. Is not this the duty that is before us as parents? I do not undervalue rescue work, but preventive work is worth a great deal more than rescue work. We have a duty in reference to the girls who are now growing up. Shall we let them drift into these evil experiences, or shall we give them a complete gospel for both soul and body?"

Miss Lucy Page Gaston, superintendent of the Anti-Cigarette League, spoke as follows: "I want to express my joy at such a splendid representative gathering of people who are doing something, instead of simply theorizing about what ought to be done. What is needed is people who are in a hand to hand and heart to heart work for the salvation of souls. A great good is often left unaccomplished simply because it is not undertaken. One of the greatest needs in the city of Chicago is just such a gathering of people who are working to the same ends and have them compare notes. and I am very glad that this has been undertaken in this conference. In my experience with cigarette smokers, I find a most woeful lack of appreciation of right habits on the part of the boys. So let us all, while we are teaching the higher things spiritually, not overlook the need of a physical gospel as well."

Mr. J. F. Atkinson, superintendent of the boys' work, said: "Our work is not a high-toned, make-believe charity organization; we are brought in contact with the real thing. If you don't believe it, come over to our headquarters and we will show you a company of card-flipping, crap-shooting, rough-and-tumble little fellows, the equal of which you can't find anywhere else on earth.

"One evening some months ago a little fellow of eight or nine came to our club. We learned the sad story of his father's death; that his mother had married a drunk-

ard, who would come home, smash the furniture, and fairly tear the doors off their hinges. The little fellow had become disheartened and discouraged over the situation, but one of our workers took him under her wing, as it were, and he was led into the light of the gospel. She then said to him: 'Harry, I want you to go home and tell your mother what you have done, and then ask her to let you conduct family worship.' His mother had once been a Christian. He went home and unbosomed himself to his mother, and she consented for him to have family worship. He came regularly to our place for about two months and one night we arranged for a special service for the little folks, and prepared to serve them something to eat such as they were not accustomed to get on the streets. By and by Harry wanted to go home. We told him that we were going to have something special a little later, and we wanted him to stay, but he said, 'You know I have kept up the family altar at home for several months. Mamma goes to bed about 8:30 and if I do not go home we will not have prayers to-night.'

"Oh, I am so glad we have the privilege of taking these little ragamuffins out of the ash barrel, the dry goods box, and unsanitary conditions, and bringing them into the blessed light and liberty of the gospel!"

E. B. Van Dorn, of the Life Boat Mission, said among other things: "This gospel is a seeking gospel. It digs for a man that is down in sin and degradation, and places his feet on a solid foundation. We try to follow our converts wherever they go and try to present the complete gospel wherever an opportunity offers, so that they may grow into the full stature of the man Jesus."

E. C. Widgery said: "I first began to adopt the gospel of health about twenty years ago, and have ever since felt that as Christian workers, no matter what position we occupy, these principles are extremely important to us, because the great desire of all our hearts is to get out of our bodies the largest possible amount of work. Years ago I formed the habit of taking a cold bath every morning, and I found it extremely helpful in my work in the West Indies. We mission workers must go into all sorts of dwellings and put up with all kinds of unfavorable conditions, so it is important that we should be acquainted with these health principles. We must not only understand these things ourselves, but we must recommend them to others. When I travel I put a simple lunch in my traveling bag; I consider it my religious duty to look after my stomach. When I was a little boy I was told I could never be a strong man, but, thank God, I still feel like fighting in this warfare, and I mean to use every vestige of my strength to the honor and glory of God. There is one passage of Scripture that I recommend to all Christian workers: 'When thou sittest to

eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee. . . . Be not desirous of his dainties; for they are deceitful meat.' Let us, like Daniel, purpose in our hearts that we will only eat those things that are good for our bodies."

Nina Case then related some interesting experiences that the Lord had given her in promulgating the gospel for both soul and body, and expressed her thankfulness that a soul-saving and health-saving gospel had come into her life.

After this the Kelly Quartette of gospel singers, composed of a father and four small boys, who have sung the gospel in all parts of the world, sang, "Bread Enough to Spare."

A recess was then taken, and a health luncheon was served to all present. After luncheon the conference was resumed, and the time was given largely to personal experiences of a number of converts, who testified to what the gospel for soul and body had accomplished for them.

By and by a man, who had staggered into the Mission, partially under the influence of liquor, arose and stated in broken accents that he had been addicted to the use of whiskey since he was twelve years old, and earnestly plead to be saved from it. Some one prayed for him then and there. He was taken aside and the gospel was explained to him, and he knelt down and prayed for the first time since his boyhood days. He came again to the Mission a few nights afterward a sober man, praising God for his deliverance.

When the meeting closed at 9:30 every one present felt that it had been a blessed occasion—one never to be forgotten; the full results of which can never be estimated in this life.

### A CALL FOR AFRICA.

HUGH W. JONES.

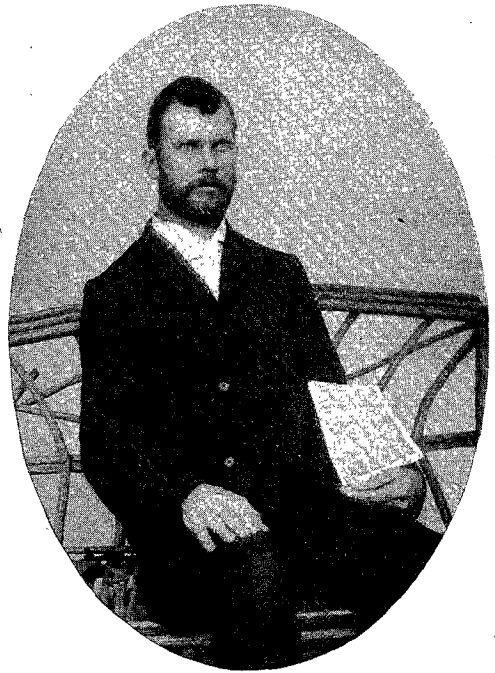
I have thought very seriously of going to Bulawayo, South Central Africa, as a missionary, and I have earnestly asked God to show me a way of earning the money to pay my passage, and I believe He has heard my cry. THE LIFE BOAT publishers have agreed to furnish me with several thousand copies at half the wholesale price, and with the profits derived from the sale of these papers, I hope to raise the necessary amount.

Recently I read a statement from one of the missionaries in that field, saying, "Unless some one is sent over to help us there will

soon be some more graves dug." This came to me with such force that even after my hard day's work in the iron mines I could not sleep, and I said: "Lord, I'll go if you want me to go," and I have been waiting for Him to open the way for me.

Who will devote a few hours to the work of assisting me in selling LIFE BOATS to help to defray the expenses of this trip?

"Go ye into *all* the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Some must *go*, let others *send*.



HUGH W. JONES

I am having a good experience selling LIFE BOATS here in Atlanta, Ga. With Elmer Kurtz, I went out Saturday night. We held two street meetings, sold a goodly number of LIFE BOATS and had many good talks with interested people.

We are constantly receiving appreciative letters from our readers who have sent in five new subscribers, thereby securing Dr. J. Hudson Taylor's great missionary book, "A Retrospect."

## SHALL THE WAIFS HAVE A CHRISTMAS TREE?

EFFIE NORTUP.

Our little children at The Life Boat Mission Sunday school have already begun to ask eager, anxious questions about Christmas. Each week some of them ask their teachers how long it will be till Christmas and if they are going to have another Christmas tree. Many of the children remember the tree and the exercises last year as one of the brightest experiences in their lives, and we must not disappoint them this year. Other children all over the world are looking forward expectantly to this time, but many of our little folks have nothing of pleasure to look forward to unless it comes to them from their teachers and friends of the Sunday school. We are glad that the Father cares for them, and that He has raised up so many good friends to help the teachers to give them a day filled with genuine joy. It will cost something to provide a Christmas tree for them, but it will all be spent in a good cause, for we believe in buying only such presents for them as can be used. Last year most of the money spent was for mittens, stockings, handkerchiefs, and such articles, and even when buying the toys we tried to buy such things as would help to teach as well as amuse them. The children were told that all good gifts come from God, and that they must thank Him for all their blessings, and we have every reason to believe that some of them have learned the lesson.

Do you not think that you would enjoy your Christmas more if you should help these poor children to have a good time? Do you think God thought of such a day as this when He said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive"? Can you not organize a little missionary society in your own home, with your own brothers and sisters, and some of your little neighborhood friends? Make it a club of little workers for Jesus. There are many ways in which you can earn money to help the poor children here. Little girls can make patchwork quilts, pincushions, holders, and many other useful articles which they can sell. Little boys can run errands, do chores about the house, make simple, useful articles to sell, and in many ways raise money for their missionary boxes. Both boys and girls

can sell LIFE BOATS and thus earn three cents on each one that is sold. This amount faithfully saved would soon be large enough to buy a pair of shoes or a dress for some little child that is sadly in need.

How would you like to belong to a Do-Without Band? What does this name mean to you? If you do not understand it, ask your mamma or your teacher.

Always remember that the Master wants little workers. Many people will be saved in the kingdom of God, because little children have led them there. Will you ask God to show you how to take part in this good work, and will you pray for the children and the teachers? Send in your offerings as soon as possible so we will know what to plan for.

Write and tell us how your work succeeds and ask us any questions you may think of. Address the Children's Department, 28 Thirty-third place, Chicago.

## CHILDREN'S WORK DURING THE YEAR.

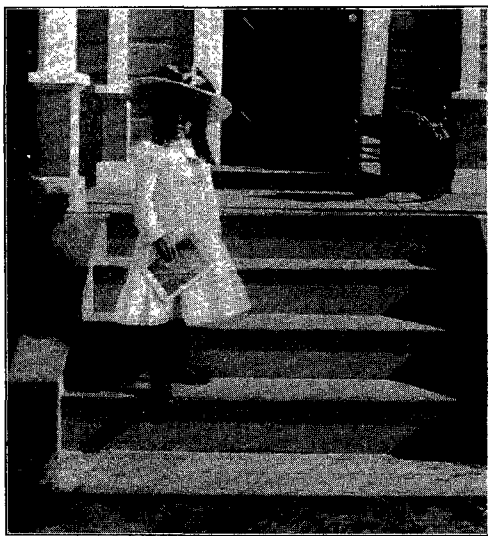
CLYDE LOWRY.

In thinking of the children's work, past and present, we have every reason to thank God for the blessings which have attended it. Slowly but surely, in different parts of the city, among children of the rich and middle classes as well as the children of the poorest districts and the slums, the work has been carried and the simple story of Jesus has been told. Little children who are acquainted with Jesus have been taught to do real missionary work, and to let their lights shine for Him. Children who never before heard the story have listened in glad surprise. Others who have been raised in an atmosphere of sin and poverty, have been taught not only the gospel of salvation, but the gospel of health and cleanliness. Children who have feared practically nothing except the police have been taught to fear God and to love Him. Poor children have been clothed and fed, and sent to school.

The rescue workers have done good service for God in the juvenile court and the police station. The visiting nurses have saved many little lives, and tried to teach the mothers to train their children in the way of right. Children's missionary societies have been organized

and conducted by our teachers. Sewing and weaving classes have been started in the Mission Sunday school. Our teachers have given valuable assistance to the Anti-Cigarette League and Chicago Boys' Club work. Altogether our teachers reach between one hundred and fifty and two hundred children each week, and the number is constantly growing. Day and night they have done what they could, and only the great ingathering day will show the harvest that their sowing has produced.

God, in His providence, has recently opened to us a wider field of usefulness, and made it possible for some of the teachers to devote more time to the work; the outlook was never brighter. God has said that the children should have an important part in carrying out His command to carry the gospel to every creature, and we can see the way opening for them to do it. We should be glad to correspond with every child or parent or teacher who wishes to have a part in this work. When writing enclose a stamp for reply. Address the writer, 28 Thirty-third place, Chicago.



Mrs. E. Bostwick writes: "Our little daughter Fern is six years old. She has sold a good many LIFE BOATS and she enjoys it very much. She tells me that she feels like a little missionary when she is selling LIFE BOATS."

## THE LAST LETTER OF A GOSPEL WORKER.

There has been forwarded to us a letter written by a little LIFE BOAT worker to her mother just before she ended her earthly career. She said:—

"DEAR MAMMA: I have been trying to write missionary letters. I love to write them.



Sometimes they do a great deal of good. I love to sell LIFE BOATS. They do so much good and sell so easy. I just wanted to tell you about my experience with the LIFE BOATS.

After seeking Jesus so earnestly one morning I took out thirteen of the little magazines and sold them all in less than half an hour. The people are almost ready to take them out of our hands. I hope I will be known as a LIFE BOAT girl. I am just as happy as I can be when I am doing the work of Jesus. I will try and get some LIFE BOATS to send to Trinidad. I can not help loving that paper. It is so interesting all the way through."

## FROM ONE OF THE BUSY BEE WORKERS.

GRACE I. LITTLE.

A few days ago while at the Halsted Street Dispensary a little girl about eight years of age came in and asked for some warm clothing. She had on only a torn calico dress and some ragged muslin underwear. There was no clothing there for her, so we obtained her address, and in a few days we were able to take her a coat, dress and several other garments, also some clothing for her sisters. We found a family of seven living in two small rooms, with a very few pieces of old furniture.

The mother was so glad to get the warm clothing for her children that she could do or say nothing but grasp our hands and say, "Oh, tanks; you're so good." How easy it is to make others happy, if we ask God to help us and then be willing to do our best; and God always blesses us.

I am only a little girl thirteen years old, but I am so glad that God has put it in my young heart to try to be of some use in this world.



### WILL YOU TAKE UP HOSPITAL WORK?

Hundreds of our readers reside in cities where there are hospitals whose inmates have not yet had access to THE LIFE BOAT. Those who have done something in hospital work have had a blessed experience. Some are hesitating about undertaking this work because they imagine that they would meet with difficulties; in most cases this is wholly imaginary. The hospital managers appreciate THE LIFE BOAT as soon as their attention is called to it, and are glad enough to have it placed in the hands of the patients.

We wish to correspond at once with all those who will interest themselves in supplying LIFE BOATS to their city hospitals. Write us giving the name of your hospital; also the name of the superintendent, and the number of patients it contains, and we will give you full instructions as to how to proceed in this work. If you do not feel disposed to undertake this, try to interest some one else, and have them write to us. The Lord adds His blessing to this work.

### OUR FIRST YEAR'S HOSPITAL WORK.

MRS. HELEN ODELL.

Last spring we began in a systematic way to supply THE LIFE BOAT to the Chicago hospitals and gradually this work is being undertaken in all parts of the country. An interested friend donated fifteen copies each month and the writer was asked to assist in their distribution. Soon the work grew until 400 copies were being distributed each month, and then the question faced us, How shall a fund be provided to supply the more than fifty hospitals in this city? In answer to earnest prayer we felt impressed to place the matter before some of the different churches, and it has been very gratifying to find that it was only necessary to give the people an intelligent idea of our plan and a few of the already evident results, in order to secure their most hearty coöperation, both with means and volunteers to assist us in distributing the LIFE BOATS. We also felt that we should allow various business men to give some of the Lord's silver and gold for this cause. We found some of the most influential business men in this city equally ready to respond to this call.

Desiring to bring in as much sunshine as possible, we sometimes took those along who could sing, and sometimes we distributed flowers. At an entertainment for the patients at Cook County Hospital the editor of THE LIFE BOAT was asked to give a gospel talk in the large amphitheater to three or four hundred patients, and Mrs. Paulson was invited to sing.

It is impossible in this brief space to even mention all the blessed experiences we meet in this work; how we have been asked to pray with the discouraged and for those about to undergo operations; and all the invitations we have had to visit them at their homes when they leave the hospital; to call on their friends and report their progress; or how parents have asked us to visit their children or relatives in some hospital.

We have been able to meet all the expenses of car fare and have even been able to put a little surplus in the hospital fund from the sale of LIFE BOATS while waiting on the street corners for cars. Twenty-five hospitals have been visited and 2,627 copies of THE LIFE BOAT distributed; thirty-one persons have taken part in this distribution. In twelve hospitals the LIFE BOATS have already been paid for on the yearly subscription plan. The other hospital friends are paying for them on the monthly plan. The number of LIFE BOATS distributed in each hospital ranges from five to 300 copies.

That God especially approves of this work we have every reason to believe by the various ways in which He has brought much needed help. We are told to "sow beside all waters" and leave the results with Him.

### A SMALL, SWEET WAY.

There's never a rose in all the world  
But makes some green spray sweeter;  
There's never a wind in all the sky  
But makes some bird wing fleetier;  
There's never a star but brings to heaven  
Some silver radiance tender;  
And never a rosy cloud but helps  
To crown the sunset splendor.  
No robin but may thrill some heart,  
His dawnlight gladness voicing.  
God gives to all some small, sweet way  
To set the world rejoicing.

—Selected.

## THE LIFE BOAT REST.

FANNIE EMMEL.

The Life Boat Rest is located in the very heart of a cesspool of sin and vice which can not be fully described. There we work for the girls and women who are leading wicked lives, realizing constantly that every one of them is some mother's girl. We take these girls out of their sinful surroundings to the Life Boat Rest, keep them until we can communicate with their parents or friends, and then restore them to the arms of their loved ones. We find it particularly easy to influence those girls who have been treated by our visiting nurses. There is an intimate relation between physical suffering and soul-saving work, and when our God-given treatments have healed the bodies, it is comparatively easy to minister to the souls of these grateful patients.

Each Sunday morning our workers take part in the services at the Harrison Street Police Station and we are constantly given precious souls for our hire.

For a long time we have realized that we did not have the proper accommodations for the girls whom the Lord sent to us for help; so we prayed earnestly for a suburban Home where we could take those who were willing to leave the old life and begin anew, where everything would be more attractive and conducive to spiritual growth. God has now given us a little farm of four acres near one of Chicago's suburbs, and in a truly marvelous way he has raised up friends to help furnish the Home. In this Home we have an opportunity to teach spiritual lessons in a practical way and live out our Christian profession in such a manner that these poor wanderers can see that there is something in the Christian life that is worth striving for. In our little Bible studies and prayer-meetings we have most blessed experiences, and the Lord comes very near.

We expect to teach those whom the Lord sends to us how to sew and to do different kinds of honorable, useful work. During the summer time we expect to give them outdoor employment on the farm, which will be a benefit to them physically, and will also be of financial value to the Home from the sale of garden produce.

We thank God for His many blessings, and we are of good courage to go on and serve Him to the best of our ability, and in His strength rescue the perishing.

OUR DUTY IN ST. LOUIS DURING  
THE WORLD'S FAIR.

MARY SMITH.

When I began work as nurse at the Life Boat Rest three years ago I was surprised to find so many young girls, from every part of the world, in questionable places. When asked when they first came to Chicago, in nearly every case they answered, "At the time of the World's Fair." They came here young, pure and happy, expecting to earn good salaries during the fair. They told me of snares laid to ruin them by friends who proved false; of positions that were lost; how their clothes were deliberately stolen, and of women who pretended to be their friends after such troubles had been planned for them, but who led them into sin. It does not take long to get to the bottom when you once begin stepping down on Satan's stairs. Nearly all of these girls are dead now, for such a life does not average more than five years. And what a life of sorrow and misery it is—loss of all that is good in the present life, and no hope for the world to come!

When I first heard of the plans for a world's fair at St. Louis I felt deeply impressed that we must have a Home there, where girls who are strangers and alone, in trouble or sick, could come and meet Christian friends who would help them, so that they might not be compelled to ask the assistance of those who are only willing to give it for the purpose of having an opportunity to drag them down to ruin. If the agents of Satan can afford to spend time talking and visiting with those young women for the purpose of leading them astray, can not we, who are in the Lord's work, afford to spend as much time and work as hard to *save* them?

Young women will be flocking to St. Louis to find work in connection with the fair, and we must be on hand to meet them. We expect to have a good corps of substantial LIFE BOAT workers at St. Louis who will work most energetically and earnestly to meet these girls and get them acquainted with our work

before they are persuaded to enter upon what will prove to be a life of misery.

Last month two of us went to St. Louis and looked the ground over carefully in order to obtain an intelligent idea of what can be done. Next month we are going back to begin to open up this work, that we may have all the arrangements perfected before the fair opens in the spring. This is a world's fair, and girls will come to it from all over the world who will need help, so we ask you, who are living in different parts of the world, to give as the Lord prospers you each month during the year 1904 for this purpose. It will cost more to maintain such a Home in St. Louis next year than in any other place in the world; but if it should happen to be *your* daughter or *your* sister who is there and in desperate need of our assistance, how much would you be willing to give to have her taken to our Home and cared for? If God is our Father, these girls are our sisters, and if God in His love and care has kept you from a life of sin, will you not help us to save these girls from such a fate? Write and tell us what you can do, for we must make no delay in this matter. We must not delay, and thus allow Satan to get the advantage of even those who are coming to the city now. Address all communications to THE LIFE BOAT.

#### HINSDALE SUBURBAN HOME.

FANNIE EMMEL,  
Matron.

Our Suburban Home at Hinsdale was opened about a month ago. Two faithful workers, Mrs. N. Crane and Miss Meda Kerr have immediate charge of the place.

At present there are three members in the family besides the workers, and, best of all, the presence of God is there. Family worship is conducted morning and evening, and each member of the family takes part. Services are also held at other times.

During the day every member of the family who is able is kept busy. Our purpose is that all should learn housekeeping and other useful occupations. Some of our friends have sent clothing, and it has come just at a time when it is most needed. We take this opportunity to thank our friends for their help.

We are still in need of other things, but our

God, who has promised to supply all of our needs will not fail us. Will not the readers of THE LIFE BOAT remember this work while they are planning to give beautiful Christmas gifts to their friends?

The following are some of the articles we most need—carpets, blankets, table linen, table ware, etc. Possibly several can club together and furnish some of these articles. They may be sent to Mrs. David Paulson, 28 Thirty-third place, Chicago. Each package sent should contain the name and address of the sender, so that proper acknowledgement may be made.

#### EARLY BLESSINGS FROM THE SUB- URBAN HOME.

MRS. DAVID PAULSON, M. D.

The other day I received the following letter from a young girl about eighteen years of age. She is now in our Suburban Home and we hope to have an opportunity to train her to become a useful Christian girl.

"I have heard of The Life Boat Rest and also the home for girls in the country, and want to know if you would let me go to either one.

"I am a stranger and alone in the city and am not working. My room rent runs out Tuesday and I have no money to rent another one. Please let me come to The Rest. Please do not say No, because I have no friends in the city nor no one to go to. If I can come, send some of THE LIFE BOAT workers after me."

The Lord is wonderfully providing for our needs. The sewing machine which we needed so much was sent us by a lady in Canada. Other friends have sent us enough to get our coal for the winter.

We should be glad to correspond with any of our readers who have a desire to help this work and possibly we can advise you as to how you can best help us. If you know of any girl whom we might be able to help, write to us about her, inclosing a stamp for reply.

**Renew your subscription now, and send an additional quarter with the name and address of a friend.**

## HOW TO TREAT AN ERRING BROTHER.

A. T. JONES.

Judas was scheming how he might betray Christ, and Jesus knew it all the while, yet he treated him so tenderly and lovingly that when He announced that one of them would betray Him, not one of the eleven disciples suspected it was Judas, for each began to ask, "Is it I?" Why did Jesus do that? First, because he was a Christian; and second, to forever settle how we were to treat a man when he was in the wrong. He might have taken some of His disciples aside and whispered to them, "Have you noticed Judas? Have you discovered he is not quite straight on some things? You had better keep your eye on him." What would have been the result? It would have worked just the same then as it does now. It would have sown discord and suspicion. In not giving the disciples a chance to know of the faults of Judas, Christ was only revealing how God always acts toward men who are in sin.

In the face of all this Judas went away and sold his Master. Yet he never could look back and give as an excuse that at one time Jesus did not treat him quite right. What does this experience mean to you and me? Let us open our hearts to receive this truth. A poor, weak, erring brother is often treated so shamefully at the hands of men that he has good reason to say, with David, "Let me fall now into the hands of the Lord, for very great are His mercies; but let me not fall into the hand of man." 1 Chron. 21:13.

We are in the world to reveal the way in which God regards mankind. When Christ was born, one part of the song of the angels was, "Peace on earth, good will toward men." That is Christianity, and nothing else is Christianity. We are to manifest only good-will toward whoever it may be. We are here for a higher purpose than to call people to account for their sins.

Evil-disposed people are always watching to get Jesus to take sides against some one. One time they brought a woman to Him who was guilty of sin, and how did He treat her? He said, "He that is without sin among you let him first cast a stone at her"; and He spoke to her kindly, "Hath no man condemned thee?" And she said, "No man,

Lord"; and He said, "Neither do I condemn thee." Perhaps you would have thought that to treat such a person in this way would bring disgrace on the church. Yet Jesus said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." That word kindly spoken to this woman had more power in it for good than there was in all the words of all the Pharisees of Jerusalem, Judea and Chicago put together.

When we have a similar confidence in God's love, then we can depend on that to win sinners and bad church members, and we will find more members coming into the church and more power coming in; so don't be afraid to let this gospel prevail. Dispense "peace on earth" and good-will *everywhere* and to *everybody*. In other words, simply let "brotherly love continue." Heb. 13:1.

## CLOTHING AND BEDDING.

MRS. DAVID PAULSON, M. D.

Some of our friends have sent in clothing which is greatly appreciated. Calls for clothing and bedding come to us daily from the many unfortunate poor in this city. Just the other day a man came to see us who related this sad story:

He had had steady employment until his hand became infected and he was very ill with blood poisoning for several weeks. As a result he lost his job and had not since been able to find steady employment, and when he came to us his wife and children were in actual want. We were glad that we could give him employment for a few days so that he could supply food to his hungry little ones. It gave us added pleasure to take him to our supply of clothing and select garments, which he told us the next day just fitted some of the children. He said, as we were picking out the clothes, "I don't care about myself, I can get along some way, but I want my poor wife and little ones cared for." He seemed very grateful for every little article given him.

Such cases as these are continually coming to our notice and we are glad, indeed, that the kindness of our friends has so often made it possible for us to relieve the needy who come to us for help.

The clothing sent is carefully sorted and it is all distributed where it is most needed. Much more can be used than we have. We

are anxious that the name and address of the sender shall be put in the box, package or barrel sent and also that the freight shall be prepaid as far as possible.

Address correspondence respecting this to the writer, 28 Thirty-third place, Chicago.

### OUR NURSES' TRAINING SCHOOL.

Previous to the last year and a half we have only attempted to give the first year in the nurses' course, and our students have gone to the Battle Creek Sanitarium to finish their training. Several of our workers have been anxious to remain connected with the Chicago work, because of the special lines of missionary effort carried on here; and for this reason it has seemed necessary for us to provide the second year's training also. We graduated the first class last spring; another class of nine members will finish their work just before the holidays. We are glad that these workers have an earnest desire to devote their lives to the service of humanity.

Our school here in Chicago offers special opportunities for nurses' work, in which the missionary part of the work can be made specially prominent.

There is plenty of room in Chicago for earnest, consecrated workers who can at the same time get a nurses' training. However, we are not able to support all who want to come, but we are glad to furnish free tuition and only ask them to pay for their board and room at actual cost and in most cases they can earn enough to pay these expenses.

If there are any who feel anxious to avail themselves of the opportunities and privileges which we can give them here, and who are anxious to do genuine work for the souls and bodies of men, we shall be glad to correspond with such and give them further particulars about the work. Address all communications to Mrs. David Paulson, 28 Thirty-third place, Chicago.

### THE DANGER OF PUTTING OFF.

MRS. W. E. EDWARDS.

As I read the article, "Have you ever thought of this?" and came to the question, "Have I done my duty in helping others to secure a Christian experience?" I was deeply impressed with times when I had neglected my duty. I want to give warning to any who may read this. When God tells you to do a thing, *do it*—not tomorrow or next week, but *today*.

Some years ago I had a friend who was an invalid and I often thought I would speak to her of Christ before her death, which I knew must be soon; but with each visit to her my courage failed. (How strange that it should.) At last I made up my mind I would have a talk with her on the morrow. But tomorrow brought news of her death, and I had never spoken to her of the Friend she did not know.

Later I was impressed to send some reading to a certain man twenty-five miles away, but I kept putting it off. At last word came he was sick. I sighed and said, "Well, he is alive yet; I'll send the papers tomorrow." The fatal tomorrow brought a telegram that he had been instantly killed by a train,—alas, without a moment's warning and wholly unprepared. "Had I done my duty?" No. God help me never to neglect it again. I believe "waiting till tomorrow" is one of Satan's greatest snares. "It is high time to wake out of sleep, for *now* is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Romans 13:11.

### RECENT ANSWERS TO PRAYER.

We have secured for our Chicago Sanitarium work a beautiful ten-acre tract of land with two buildings on it at Hinsdale, one of Chicago's suburbs.

We have just succeeded in opening up another gospel center, The Life Boat Haven, by obtaining complete control of Vincennes Hall, at Thirty-fifth street and Cottage Grove avenue.

A suburban Rescue Home has been secured in a splendid location. It has been furnished throughout, consecrated workers are there to maintain it, and there are girls in it who give every evidence of a desire to live a better life, and who will probably be saved both for this life and the life to come, because they have been brought in contact with the gospel through our workers. The sewing machine which was so badly needed and for which we asked in the November *LIFE BOAT*, was promptly supplied by a lady in Canada.

The twenty-five dollars that was needed for necessary articles in the Home was given by an influential lady of Chicago. Ten dollars was donated for coal by one of the coal dealers.

The typewriter that was so badly needed in the Life Boat Hospital work was donated by the Blickensderfer Typewriter Co.

## VOICE CULTURE.

A. E. J. McCREARY, L. MUS.,

Organist and Choirmaster University Church, Belfast.

[The past summer while abroad we met A. E. J. McCreary, who composed the music for the hymn sung at the coronation of King Edward. He was already acquainted with THE LIFE BOAT and takes a number of copies each month to distribute among his musical friends.

So great was his interest in THE LIFE BOAT that he volunteered to contribute to it several articles on "Voice Culture."]

Do you wish to improve your voice? You may do so silently.

If you do, your health will improve shortly, also. There is nothing so good for the lungs as air, but it must be compressed, or the blood does not get the benefit of the oxygen.

Let us take the silent method of strengthening the lungs and vocal chords first. There are two sets of chords, the whispering or false chords and the true or vocal chords. The false chords are usually neglected and hence the few good voices heard. Children in shouting and crying employ the false chords, and that is why their voices are so strong and tireless.

*Exercise.*—Take a deep breath through the mouth, without noise of any kind; hold one moment, and then whisper *ah* as softly as possible. All that will be observed is a little sound as if a bubble of air were escaping at these false or controlling chords. What takes place is this: The air first presses against these chords and is pushed backward so that the waist gets tighter with the action of the compressed air.

Good singing means good muscles in the chest and good false chords. Every one may sing, and every ear may be trained. The above exercise may be practiced aloud. This is how the old Italian School practiced. The chest should be kept forward and tight.

The sound should fly out automatically, by the compressing of the air as directed. In the voice box, or larynx, there are pockets called ventricles, which become inflated when the air, having passed through the lower and open true chords, strikes the closed false chords before the act of sounding the note. The howling monkeys of Central America have four of these pouches and can be heard at a distance of three miles. Animals cry, hence the natural use of the false chords. Few people in this age of "refinement" know how to produce a good shout; they did know as children. The soft palate rises high in the act of crying, and this is a most useful hint for singers.

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Look at the wrapper you tore from this paper and notice when your subscription expires.

## A WORD FROM A SOUTHERN PRISON.

Some time since, we convicts here in the Tennessee state penitentiary were treated to an excellent talk by Miss Nina Case, of The Life Boat Mission of Chicago, and some of the many good things she said were that we were like Jonah, inasmuch as we had disobeyed the voice of God and had by so doing dropped to the depths of degradation and into the penitentiary; but that God was as ready to hear and answer our prayers from the confines of dark and gloomy prison walls as He was to hear and answer Jonah's prayer, if we were only as willing and ready to call upon Him as Jonah was.

Two years ago the massive iron doors of the prison clanged behind me, and I began a term of ten years, since which time I have conscientiously endeavored to conform to the prison discipline.

Sometime since I was baptized and became a member of the church. We have an excellent Sunday school here at the prison, which at present numbers five hundred. Three hundred and forty of these are active members of a flourishing Christian Endeavor Society.

Close investigation has developed the fact that two-thirds of the crime committed here in Tennessee is clearly traceable to the use of cocaine, morphine, whiskey and cigarettes, linked and forged with other sins.

I have studied the criminal in all stages of his career and find the same old colossal demon at the bottom of all his foolhardy notions. When God made man he made him perfect, and in His own likeness and image created He him, and when man contaminates his system with vile and noxious things he defiles the image of God, thereby putting Him, the Infinite God, to an open shame.

I intend to carry forth from this prison a shining jewel and a perfect gem, wrought by the hand of Almighty God.

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"I received THE LIFE BOATS, also the book of J. Hudson Taylor, and am pleased with it. Many thanks for it, as what I have read is both interesting and helpful. I feel it is just what I need."

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"However small your talent, God has a place for it."



# Editorial Department

David Paulson, M. D.

## THE LIFE BOAT WORKERS' CONVENTION.

This convention met in Chicago, November 1 to 8. We feel that this conference will mark a new epoch in LIFE BOAT work. All the meetings were characterized by a spirit of intense earnestness on the part of all who participated in them.

Each morning at 6 o'clock the members met for an earnest consecration meeting, and the Spirit of the Lord was present in a rich measure. The hour from 8 to 9 o'clock was set aside for workers' experience meetings and planning for the day's work in the city. From 4 to 5 in the afternoon was used as a Bible study hour. From 5 to 6 some one of the many important subjects connected with this movement was considered. The evening was spent in mission work, cottage-meeting work, and other lines of soul-saving effort.

Among the many who took part in this convention, and whose labors were much appreciated by all, may be mentioned A. T. Jones, E. A. Sutherland, H. G. Butler, Lucy Page Gaston, Anol Grundeset, Nina Case, Dr. B. E. Fullmer and E. C. Widgery.

## FOR A CORRUPTIBLE CROWN.

Recently I chanced to be traveling on the same train with a university football team, who were returning from a contest. Some had ugly looking wounds on their faces; others had blackened eyes, and some were suffering from still more serious injuries, but they seemed in no wise disheartened or discouraged. We wondered that if some of our workers should have received similar injuries at the hands of a mob while circulating THE LIFE BOAT, whether most of their friends would try to persuade them to forsake their work. Yet these football men were actually on their way to engage in a similar contest in another state. "Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible." I. Cor. 9:25.

## WILL YOU TAKE THE TROUBLE TO LIVE?

Everything that is worth having in this world costs something. Whether we secure a certain thing or not depends upon whether we are willing to pay the price.

Good, substantial health is something that almost every reader of THE LIFE BOAT can possess if he is only willing to pay the necessary price in the way of earnest and intelligent effort, and careful and conscientious obedience to certain simple principles. Health is not delivered to the average invalid C. O. D., but has to be paid for largely in advance. The man who possesses property must pay his taxes or he will lose it. Even so the man who possesses the priceless boon of health must daily satisfy nature's just and reasonable demands or he will soon find that he has lost his title to it.

## OUR MISSIONARY FARM.

We hope the Lord will direct some good, practical, large hearted missionary farmer and his wife to read Dr. Kellogg's article about the Pedicord farm, and be led to volunteer to come next spring and take charge of this farm for the purposes for which it was so wonderfully given to us.

We hope that others will feel impressed to help us to properly equip it. We invite correspondence. Address the editor of THE LIFE BOAT.

The subscriptions of about five thousand of our friends will expire with this number. Why should not each one renew without waiting to be reminded? It costs money to send out these reminders—money that might be used in carrying the gospel to some hungry soul. To be sure, it is only a small thing, but it is certain that in the judgment day carefulness and thoughtfulness in small things will be commended by God.

## SOME STARTLING FACTS.

The German government has recently been investigating the drink question in that empire. It finds that the value of alcoholic liquors consumed by the German people in one year amounts to the enormous sum of \$750,000,000. In other words, they spend one-eighth of all they earn for drink. Yet temperate, Christian people often do not understand how they can devote one-tenth of all their earnings to advance the gospel. According to General Field Marshall Count Waldersee, the German people consume annually for drink five times the amount of money expended on their army, navy and other military expenses. Two million persons in Germany make their living from the production and sale of alcoholic beverages. Two-thirds of the barley grown in Germany is transformed into intoxicating liquor instead of useful food.

## PREPARE FOR A TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN.

Has your heart become so calloused and your eyes so accustomed to seeing the terrible results of the liquor traffic that you actually feel no special responsibility in the matter?

Have you succeeded in making yourself believe that it is too great an evil for you to cope with in any way? If so, you do not know what the Lord means when he says, "Where sin abounds, grace did much more abound" (Rom. 5:20). If you do the right thing, even single-handed and alone, you may chase a thousand, and if you should succeed in interesting one other earnest, praying person in the matter, your usefulness will have been multiplied fivefold, for then you two may put ten thousand to flight (Deut. 32:30).

The keynote of your work should be to prevent and save drunkards rather than to destroy saloons. Remember it is much better to prevent drunkenness than to save a drunkard. So you must begin to study at once what makes drunkards and you must begin at once to earnestly seek God for the necessary divine wisdom to save the victims of the liquor traffic.

Do you know some who are addicted to drink in your community? Can you not call together a few earnest souls for regular sea-

sons of prayer and careful study and planning as to how you may reach them? The Lord will bless such an effort in a way that will surprise you. You might begin by getting THE LIFE BOAT into their hands, or you can send us their names and addresses, with a few stamps, and we will write a personal letter to each that God may use to His glory.

Do something. Do not sit still and calmly fold your hands while the evil is flourishing unchecked. If you don't feel like doing anything, try to think how you will feel when you stand at the bar of God to give an account for all your lost opportunities. Then get right down on your knees and pray that you may discover what is your individual duty in this respect. We shall be glad to correspond with anyone on this subject and give all the suggestions we can.

## OUR SPECIAL OFFER AGAIN.

Nearly every mail brings letters from those who are anxious to take advantage of our offer to send ten LIFE BOATS free to those who will take up this work for the first time and will earnestly ask God to help them to continue in the work each month.

We are glad to renew this offer in this issue, and hope that thereby some will be led to undertake selling LIFE BOATS to their friends, and receive the blessing which God has for all those who try to do something for souls.

## THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN CAPITAL AND LABOR.

As the December LIFE BOAT goes to press the business interests of the entire south side of Chicago are almost paralyzed by one of the greatest street car strikes ever known in the city. For several years Chicago seems to have been the headquarters of the great struggle that is being waged everywhere between Capital and Labor. Anything that sheds light on this great question deserves more than a passing comment. The Pacific Press has just issued a million Capital and Labor edition of *The Signs of the Times*. It is most graphically illustrated, contains valuable articles from some of the great leaders on both sides of the struggle and it points humanity to the true remedy.

Send five cents to the Pacific Press, Oakland, Cal., for a sample copy, and write for special rates on large quantities.

## AN ONWARD STEP.

For several years we have needed to enlarge our sanitarium facilities in Chicago, and we prayed to the Lord to open up something for us in the country, and our prayers have been answered.

Mr. C. B. Kimbell, who has so generously befriended us in many ways, has just purchased and put at our disposal the beautiful ten-acre plot of ground known as the Judge Beckwith property, in the village of Hinsdale, one of Chicago's best suburbs. Here we expect to transfer our sanitarium work next spring. Our Suburban Rescue Home is, as our readers know, already established in this village.

## WILL YOU HELP US SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS?

"Will you please put me in correspondence with someone outside the prison who will be interested in me and hold out a helping hand to me at the expiration of my sentence? I have no one to help me get employment when I secure my parole."

## THE LIFE BOAT IN LONDON.

We recently received an order from an eminent and influential gentleman in London for a club of sixty-five LIFE BOATS for a year. He writes: "THE LIFE BOAT seems just what I want in order to bring to land some of the poor, stranded, shipwrecked souls among whom I work."

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Has THE LIFE BOAT been a blessing to you? If so, would it not be the same to your friends? Induce five of them to subscribe and we will send you J. Hudson Taylor's thrilling missionary book as a premium. The reading of it will bring an inspiration into your life that you have little dreamed of.

## GLEANINGS.

J. F. Bly and wife are away on a few weeks evangelistic tour.

Don't forget the poor and needy when you are planning for Christmas gifts.

Olga Ziegler has returned to take up her work as nurse in connection with the Branch Sanitarium.

Dr. W. R. Simmons, superintendent of the Portland, Ore., Sanitarium, spent a few days with us recently.

Mary Smith and Bessie M. Young are spending a few weeks in training at the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

M. E. Yergin, who was the first printer for THE LIFE BOAT, has again connected with the Chicago work.

What do you think could be done to arouse a genuine interest in the Temperance question in your community?

Mrs. N. H. Richmond, Mrs. Olson, Bell Rame and Miss L. E. Young are spending a few weeks in Moline, Ill., engaged in a gospel campaign.

Dr. J. E. Cooper, who is one of the physicians connected with the Boulder, Colo., Sanitarium, is now taking some post-graduate medical work in this city.

During the past few weeks a goodly number of our workers have met each morning at 6 o'clock for prayer and consecration meeting. The Lord has wonderfully blessed and many are obtaining a richer and brighter Christian experience.

E. C. Widgery and wife, who have had an extensive experience in pioneer gospel work in the West Indies and later in organizing similar work in the Southern states, have identified themselves with our Chicago Medical Missionary work. We feel grateful to God for sending us these experienced workers to assist us at the very time when it seemed as though there were more gospel openings than we could possibly fill. Brother Widgery is leading out in the work in the new gospel center, The Life Boat Haven, which we have just opened in Vincennes Hall, near Thirty-fifth street and Cottage Grove avenue.

Send twenty-five cents, today, to renew your subscription.

### "THE STORY OF JOSEPH."

*A Little Book with a Big Mission.*

W. C. WHITE.

It was a happy thought that led the president of the Southern Missionary Society to donate several thousands of copies of the new and beautiful little book, "The Story of Joseph," to the Colored Mission Schools in the south, and to ask the friends of these schools everywhere, and especially women and children, to sell the book without compensation, and thus permit the full amount received to go to the support of the schools.

This little book has a manifold mission. First and most important of all, it is a real blessing to the children. It tells the fascinating story of a Hebrew boy, in a way to inspire admiration for obedience, fidelity, faithfulness, and patience, and shows that the God who made the worlds has a care for the welfare of children, and that He protects them in times of trouble and temptation.

I know of a boy nine years old, who, on receiving a copy of this book, threw himself across his bed, and read it through without stopping.

My own children love to hear it over and over again.

It is a general favorite.

Besides being a blessing to the reader, it is a blessing to the seller. About a year ago I showed a copy of this book to a group of workers in the St. Helena Sanitarium food factory, and in a few minutes took orders for thirty copies. The next day a little girl, about eleven years old, came to my office, and asked for some copies. When I asked her how many she wanted, she said thirty. I was surprised at the request, and said: "Do you know, Gladys, that there is no commission on this book to the one who sells it, because all the money received from its sale goes to support the colored schools in Mississippi?" "O, yes," she said, "I never thought of making money for myself. I want to help the schools." She went on a visit to relatives in a neighboring town and sold her thirty books, and many more.

The work with "Story of Joseph" develops an intelligent missionary spirit among children.

The third mission of this little book is to support the schools. Hundreds of dollars have been raised from its sale for the support of our devoted teachers in the colored schools, and there are thousands of dollars which can be gathered in this winter from those who would be glad to purchase the book for their children.

If ten thousand mothers, and twenty thousand children between the ages of ten and twenty, would each consecrate one week between now and Christmas to this work, there would be many homes richer in Christian experience, hundreds of thousands of books would be teaching truth and righteousness, and

there would be funds to pay the teachers, and to start some new schools.

Let us lift!

The price is only 25 cents. Orders may be filled from the LIFE BOAT office.

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Workingmen's Home, 1339 State street.

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Life Boat Mission, 436 State street.

Life Boat Rest for Girls, 425 South Clark street.

Life Boat Rest Suburban Home, Hinsdale, Ill.

American Medical Missionary Dispensary, 3558 Halsted street.

Hygeia Dining Rooms, 5759 Drexel avenue.

Life Boat Mission Dispensary, 436 State street.

Chicago Medical Mission Health Food Store, 3314 Cottage Grove avenue.

North Side Treatment Rooms, 76 Hill street.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF LIFE BOAT REST.

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Public meetings held             | 385    |
| Aggregate attendance at meetings | 682    |
| Pages printed matter distributed | 14,827 |
| Scriptures distributed           | 172    |
| Articles of clothing             | 1,032  |
| Calls made                       | 979    |
| Medical services rendered        | 190    |
| Treatments                       | 326    |
| Free baths                       | 253    |
| Free Lodgings                    | 333    |
| Free Meals                       | 834    |
| Positions secured                | 17     |
| Number admitted to Rest          | 39     |
| Number in hospital               | 11     |
| Number professing conversion     | 168    |
| Requests for prayer              | 476    |
| Girls returned home              | 12     |

## ANNUAL REPORT OF HALSTED STREET DISPENSARY.

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Examinations         | 1,665 |
| Outside calls        | 1,873 |
| Outside treatments   | 1,027 |
| Office treatments    | 1,296 |
| Bathroom treatments  | 1,407 |
| Garments distributed | 1,156 |
| Operations           | 44    |

Yearly summary for the Life Boat Mission is given in the Mission Department.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF WORKINGMEN'S HOME.

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Penny lunches     | 187,282 |
| Lodgings given    | 69,198  |
| Used free laundry | 33,643  |

SUMMARY FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER,  
LIFE BOAT REST.

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Public meetings held             | 16      |
| Aggregate attendance             | 58      |
| Pages printed matter distributed | 1,200   |
| Scriptures distributed           | 16      |
| Articles clothing distributed    | 19      |
| Calls made                       | 170     |
| Medical services rendered        | 12      |
| Treatments                       | 91      |
| Free baths                       | 15      |
| Free Lodgings                    | 62      |
| Free Meals                       | 120     |
| Positions secured                | 3       |
| Admitted from Police Court       | 1       |
| Admitted in hospital             | 1       |
| Requests for prayer              | 51      |
| Contributions                    | \$10.92 |
| Expenses traveling               | 6.50    |

## DONATIONS.

## SUBURBAN HOME.

B. F. M., \$1; M. E. Cratsley, \$5.

## VISITING NURSE.

Ella Bronson, 40c; Mrs. F. A. Bush, \$3; C. R., \$1; Ernest Darton, 50c; Mrs. Meramontez, \$2.

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## WORKINGMEN'S HOME.

|         |        |
|---------|--------|
| Laundry | 3,038  |
| Lunches | 20,749 |
| Lodging | 5,686  |

## GENERAL FUND.

C. N. Anderson, 50c; friends, 50c; C. T. Brown (London nurse), \$1; Sophia Brewster, \$5; Eunice Cochran, \$1; Mrs. Campbell, \$5; Mrs. L. A. Clark, \$2.50; friend, \$5; Miss Gilbertson, 10c; Mrs. M. E. Horlacher, 45c; J. E. Jordan, \$2; Henry Jordan, 10c; Oswald Jaich, 5c; A. Kellogg, 50c; J. H. Klumph, 25c; Thomas Landon, 14c; Sophia Larson, \$1.75; Charles A. Nickols, 25c; G. Nemon, \$5; Bergett Peterson (London nurse), \$2.70; Bertha Rasmussen, \$1; Mrs. Ella Sebring, 10c; Miss Emma Schrin, 50c; Susie Twigger, 50c; W. W. Wiley, \$5.

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## LIFE BOAT REST.

A friend, 50c; Mrs. Booth, 50c; Miss E. J. Carter, \$1.75; Mrs. Foster, \$1.50; Milton Kerns, 25c; L. A. T., \$1; H. G. Moore, 50c; W. B. Payne, \$1; Bertha Rugg, 20c; Mrs. Jennie Westing, \$5; a friend, \$1; Ziegler, \$2; Mrs. A. G. Clark, \$5; a friend, \$1; Harvey Friends, \$3.35; Mrs. Rhodes, \$4; Mrs. Melins, 30c; Mrs. King, 25c; Anderson Sisters, 10c; Mr. Hill, \$1; Mrs. Kershaw, \$2; Mrs. Rich, \$3; Mrs. Henderson, \$4; Mrs. Abrams, 15c; Mrs. Rice, \$1; Mrs. Chapman, 50c; Mr. Robinson, 19c; Mrs. Doer, 50c; Mrs. Hurd, \$4; Englewood church, 80c.

## LIFE BOAT MISSION.

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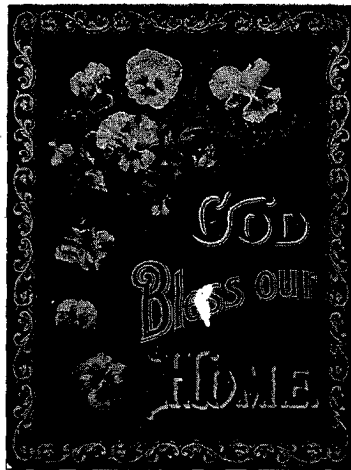
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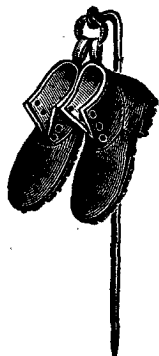


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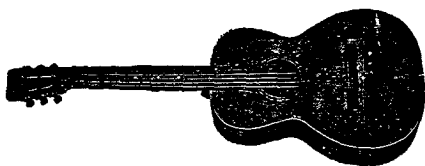
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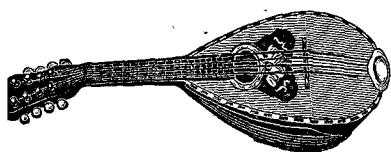
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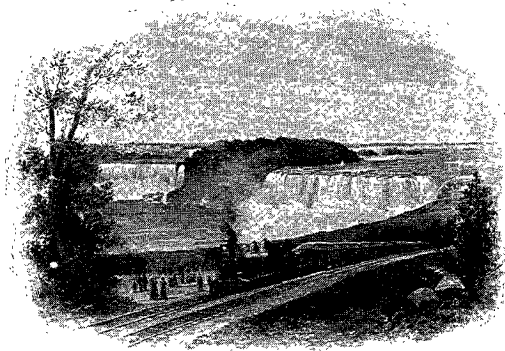
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