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# The Law of God

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I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

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Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

#### III

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

#### IV

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

#### V

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

#### VI

Thou shalt not kill.

#### VH

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

#### VIII

Thou shalt not steal.

#### IX

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

#### X

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.



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#### BEAUTIFUL HANDS. MRS. W. H. MC KEE.

Beautiful hands are those that deeds of love are doing, That beckon souls from sin away, and on toward heaven are wooing.

Not those of snow-white grace, and languid, patrician air.

Can always claim to be the hands that are fair. Ah, no-the world's dear hands, of surest, truest beauty.

Are those that work with love, and never spurn a duty.

The pillows of the sick oft feel the touch of smoothing. The brows of suffering ones are grateful for their

soothing. Dear hands that minister relief from pain, that bring sweet rest

These are the hands of beauty-the hands that I love best; Hands that never weary in toiling for others' sake;

That bind up the broken hearted, and "beauty for ashes" make

And in the daily duty, or whate'er they find to do— Take pleasure evermore—such hands as these are few. "Heartily as unto the Lord" the service of love is given;

"All to the glory of God" is recorded above in heaven. And when in the future their labor and toiling is o'er, These same dear hands, so true, will find on Eden's

shore Employment still; but then those harps so wondrous,

And heavenly harr mortally fair, harps will be swept by hands im-

And enchanting music sweet will float on celestial air. But none in that grand host, on that immortal sphere But knew the service of love and shunned no duty

here.

These are the hands to clasp, so strong in every duty. These are the hands we'll see, fair with immortal These are beauty.

THE STORY OF A NOBLE LIFE.

DR. B. E. FULLMER.

Des Moines, Iowa.



Many of the LIFE BOAT readers were personally acquainted Mary Smith, with and many more knew of her because of her self-sacrificing work for the fallen in Chicago and other cities, and to them must now be told the sad

news that she sleeps her last sleep. By her request before death, I was the one to stand by her casket to speak for her to the gathered friends, of the Saviour she served and to whom she committed her all in life and death. To me it is now a sacred privilege to speak for her silent lips through THE LIFE BOAT which she loved so dearly, in the hope that some may read the simple story of her life and be moved to rise from their lowly station and find rest and joy in the Master's service. May she, though dead, yet speak through this account, and lead some soul to Him.

The story of her life as told by a friend touched my heart, and I am better for hearing it. She was born twenty-nine years ago, but scarcely had her baby mind grasped the

name, "mother," when that mother was stricken, and a stranger took her place. Soon after, her father became a miner in the coal camp, with all its rough surroundings; then the stranger who had taken her mother's place drifted into sin and drunkenness. Little should we expect to find God working in such a place, but there it was that He was preparing her to minister to those whose lives were blighted by poverty and sin. She discovered that in the rough miners' hearts there was something that responded to the touch of human kindness and she took the first youthful lessons in that which later made up her life work.

The erring wife forsook the family. The father, despondent because of the bitterness of life, passed away, and out from the wreck of what should have been a home, she stepped alone into the wide world. But another trouble awaited her, for her health began to fail, and physicians told her she could not live. With an almost vain hope she fled to Nebraska to battle for life, and there in the Lincoln City Mission her lot was again cast among the poor and forsaken.

In the midst of all her troubles she had become a Christian, and as health returned, the cloud lifted from her life, and she saw the guiding hand of Him who had led her feet through the rugged way, and her life work became clear to her. The childish inspiration of the mining camp returned to her and she consecrated her life to the service of the Master among earth's weary and outcast men and women. To this work she was faithful to the end, and she whose home was taken from her by sin, made brighter hundreds of unhappy homes. Her hand soothed the brow, and her words the heart, of many a crushed and suffering one, till her worn body was stricken by the fatal disease.

Homeless herself, when her work was done, a home was opened to her in Des Moines, Iowa, where tender hands returned to her in some measure the care that her own hands had given to so many. Here she waited for the end, which came July 26. While waiting she did not complain, nor fret because her life was being taken from her, but rather rejoiced that since her health had improved, years had been given her in which she had been able to answer the Master's call, and by hand and heart bear His blessings to so many cheerless homes in our sin cursed and darkened cities.

She sleeps, but may her works live in the lives of others, and may this story of her life inspire some soul to arise and imitate her faithfulness. Some who will read this are surrounded by poverty and sin, but even from these God can lead you as He did Mary Smith, and make your life a blessing to many. Take courage from her life and example, and live for Him.

#### A POOR SAILOR LEARNED THE LIFE BOAT BY HEART. r. w. munson.

#### Sumatra.

[All readers of THE LIFE BOAT will certainly be interested in the following narrative by R. W. Munson, a missionary in Sumatra, on the west coast of the East Indies. We have often wished that we could afford to send THE LIFE BOAT to every missionary in foreign lands. If this were possible, no doubt we should constantly be receiving similar letters.—EDITOR.]

I thank you for THE LIFE BOAT. We gave a few copies to a poor sailor, an American, who was placed ashore here in the hospital, and he was happily converted through reading those LIFE BOATS. We did all we could for him and sent him on his way. He promised to write us, but for six months we received no letter from him. Finally a letter came, full of fervent faith and earnest testimony to the saving grace of God. We had given him a Bible, and he read it-almost hourly and seemed to get much help and comfort from it.

As his letter may prove an inspiration and comfort to some poor, discouraged soul, I quote some extracts from it:

"I have entirely stopped using tobacco. I am trusting in my Saviour. I believe that He pardons all my sins. I do love to read the Bible that your wife gave to me. God's word says, 'Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.' Isa. 1:18. O, pray for me that I may be faithful to the end. This is my daily prayer. I have plenty of time to read my blessed book.

"Oh, my brother and sister, I do not know what would have become of me if I had not met you. My eyes were opened. I was hungering and thirsting for the love of God, but I could not speak out. But I praise God He saves me now. Praise His name. I shall never forget the Bible readings we had together. When I look back, they are the happiest hours of my life. God says, 'Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.' That is just what I have done, a sinner like me. He picked me up out of the gutter and now I stand on the solid rock of Jesus Christ.

"My dear brother and sister, I want to ask you if you will please send me a LIFE BOAT. O, they are so grand. I know these all by heart. Now they are my treasures. I thank you for them from the bottom of my heart.

"Give my best regards to all the family. Tell them that I am pressing upward, so if we do not met on earth again I pray that I may meet you all in heaven.

"I am your brother in Christ,

"P. S.—Don't forget The Life Boats."

I replied very warmly to this good letter and sent him a bundle of papers, among them several LIFE BOATS. You see how much good one or two copies did in these ends of the earth. If you could send me a couple of copies regularly, I should be able to use them to good advantage in giving them to soldiers or sailors. Some of them know English. THE LIFE BOAT is a power for good wherever it goes. May its circulation increase immensely! May the Lord help you to make it better, if that is possible, and bring many precious souls to Christ, as Brother Williams has been by its means.

#### THE PRIESTHOOD OF CHRIST. In Promise and In Prophecy.

#### ALONZO T. JONES.

The day that man sinned, the promise of Christ the Saviour was made. That day the word of God to Satan was spoken, "I will put ennity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel."

This planting in the heart of man, enmity against Satan, created in all men the desire for the good, the right and the true, which can be met and satisfied only in Christ, who is, therefore, called in the Scripture "the desire of all nations." He is the origin and the satisfaction of all desire in men for the good, the right and the true; "the author and finisher of our faith"; "the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

Therefore the day that man sinned Christ was promised, and from that day forward His coming was believed in and looked for. Every sacrifice for sin that was offered was an expression of faith in the coming of Him as the sacrifice that would take away all sin. The lamb that Abel offered was the means of expressing his faith in the coming of Christ as the Lamb of God that would take away the sin of the world. Abel's offering of the firstling of his flock was the expression of his faith in the coming of Christ, the only begotten Son of God, the "firstling" of His flock, whom He had already given, and who could redeem him from all evil. Thus every sacrifice for sin that was offered was an expression of desire for His coming and of the hope of His coming.

But the offering of every sacrifice for sin required the service and ministry of a priest. And just as every offering of a sacrifice for sin was not the true sacrifice, but was the expression of faith and hope in Christ to come as the true sacrifice, so every priestly service and ministry in the offering of the sacrifice was the expression of faith in Christ as the true Priest and Minister in behalf of the sinner.

At first, each one who offered sacrifice for sin was at the same time the priest in the offering of the sacrifice. Such was Abel, such was Noah, such was Job, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, who offered for themselves and for the.r families and so each in his place was priest in his household. And in the history of Abraham it is made plain for all that, beyond them all, in all this there was yet a priesthood which was the true one—the priesthood of the most high God. For, as Abram was returning from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, there came to meet him "Melchizedek, king of Salem, who brought forth bread and wine; and he was the priest of the most high God. And he [Melchizedek] blessed him [Abram] and said, Blessed be Abram of the most hich God, possessor of heaven and earth. \* \* And he [Abram] gave him [Me'chizedek] tithes of all." Gen. 14:17-20. "Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. \* \* \* And the better." Heb. 7:4, 7.

But as time passed men departed farther from God and the true idea of sacrifice and priesthood and the service of God was lost, and both sacrifice and priesthood were corrupted, debased and turned to the support of error. In Egypt this was carried to the greatest extreme. Israel's four generations in Egypt had caused them also to lose in large measure the true idea of sacrifice and priesthood, of God and His service. And when God brought Israel out of Egypt all this He had to teach them, and to them for all nations. Accordingly there was instituted the whole Levitical system of sanctuary, sacrifice, priesthood and service.

But the Levitical system of sanctuary, sacri-

fice, priesthood and service was not even yet the true and final. It was a figure, a lessonbook for the time and circumstances then present, a prophecy to teach them of the true and to train them into a condition of mind and heart in which they would be able to appreciate the true when the time should come that the true would be manifested. It was a means of educating men from the darkness and delusion of Egypt to the light and truth of the land of promise in the realm of God.

This is shown by the fact of the high priesthood of Melchizedek, recognized by "even the patriarch Abraham," the progenitor of all Israel. It is further shown by the fact that while the Levitical system was in operation there was spoken by the mouth of David the words, "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool. \* \* \* The Lord hath sworn and will not repent. Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." (Ps. 110:1, 4.) And also by the mouth of the prophet Zechariah, "Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is THE BRANCH; and He shall grow up out of His place, and He shall build the temple of the Lord, even He shall build the temple of the Lord; and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne; and He shall be a priest upon His throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both." Zech. 6:12, 13. And it is yet further shown by the emphatic statements in the writings of the Apostle Paul that "If perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, what further need was there that *another priest* should rise after the order of Melchizedek, and not be called after the order of Aaron?" \* \* For He of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that *our Lord* sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concern-ing priesthood. And it is yet far more evi-dent, for that after the similitude of Melchizedek there ariseth another priest, who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For He testifieth, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." Heb. 7:11-17.

Therefore of all this the sum is that in Christ "we have such an high priest, who is set at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary and the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man"; who now ministers "in the presence of God for us"; and who "ever liveth to make intercession" for us.

#### DO YOU ENJOY READING THE LIFE BOAT?

If so, remember that some one else would enjoy it just as much if you would call attention to it.

#### DO YOU THINK YOU ARE UNFOR-TUNATE? READ THIS.

#### W. S. SADLER.

A great many people regard themselves as being very unfortunate in life, and as having "bad luck." Many pine away and abandon life's struggle because a few difficulties or obstacles present themselves.

Thousands take to drink because they have trouble or meet with disappointment. Are you discouraged and disheartened over your prospect in life? If you are, it will do you good to read what a young man did who lost both feet and both hands several years ago. This young man's name is A. J. Murphy.

We know him and know that his story is



HOW MR. MURPHY WRITES.

entirely true. In beginning a little note concerning his life he uses the following heading: "The Bright Side of Life, or the Way to Be Happy Though Under Heavy Misfortune," and goes on to say: "Why should a man be unhappy when blessed with the use of his four members? You do not realize what a benefit they are until you are deprived of the use of them; though should you be so deprived, I can tell you how to be happy and satisfied.

"I lost my hands and feet in the big blizzard of January 12, 1888, that swept over Nebraska, Dakota and Manitoba, and caused so many families to mourn the loss of little ones who froze to death. I was one of the unfortunate



MR. MURPHY, SHOWING ARTIFICIAL HANDS AND FEET.

ones who were in the storm, thirty-six hours without food or shelter. By crawling on my elbows and knees I managed to keep up circulation enough not to fall asleep and perish.

"As the storm cleared away I found myself near my brother's house and crawled up to it. I was taken in and everything possible was done for me, but three days afterwards my limbs were removed by the doctors. "I was a young man twenty-one years old,

and just in the prime of life, but absolutely helpless. In the eyes of the public it seemed

that I should always need assistance, but the last few years I have convinced them that I last few years 1 have convinced them that 1 am quite capable of waiting on myself. So many people have asked me, 'How do you do this or that? For instance, how do you feed yourself, and put on your clothing?' and all sorts of questions. They took so much in-terest in me, that I thought I would place my-colf on exhibition which affords me a good self on exhibition, which affords me a good occupation, as I am sure all will agree that I am not able to do any kind of manual labor; and thus I give to those who desire it an opportunity to see that though under heavy misfortune, a man can be both happy and satisfied in life, if he has manly courage enough to lay his misfortune aside.

"I have met many young men who had become downhearted and discouraged, but who after seeing me, deprived of the use of my four members, yet happy and contented, have been cheered up. When they see a man in my condition happy, why can't they be? I gladly explain to them the secret of my success.

"The secret is, I did not allow my affliction to cause me to drink. By keeping from drink, and using patience, perseverance, and will power; knowing that drink is the curse and downfall of most cripples, I avoided it with a determination that it should not be mine, and by not doing so, I have brought myself today, instead of being a burden to others, to be an independent man once more.

"I am now happy to say that I am once more able to transact my own business by using the pen, feed myself at the table without any assistance; and best of all, dress myself, and walk the streets of the city without aid of a cane or crutch.

"Hoping this will reach some of those upon whom misfortune has fallen, I am "Yours truly, A. J. M

A. J. MURPHY."

#### FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH. DAVID PAULSON, M. D.

Mary Smith, one of our most self-sacrificing workers, has been laid to rest. Years ago the same disease that ended her life had brought her so low that death seemed near. Struggling alone with frail health, her well trained hand soothed the fevered brow of many a poor sufferer. In the most inclement weather, often at the midnight hour, she could be found ministering to the afflicted in some dark, cheerless home in Chicago's slums. The most fallen and abandoned intuitively recognized the genuineness of her Christianity and turned to her for the advice and Christian instruction which they would have scornfully rejected if offered by almost anyone else.

Time and again some poor abandoned girl confided to Miss Smith the pathetic story of how she had been taken advantage of by those whom she supposed she could trust; how in many instances landlady, employer, and others of standing in society, had cruelly conspired against her.

As the awful depth of this world's wickedness dawned upon Miss Smith's mind, she became possessed of a burning determination to do her part to arouse Christian people to the real situation and enlist their interest in preventive work.

With this in view, she undertook, with Miss Alice Burghart, a LIFE BOAT trip to the Pacific



ALICE BURGHART, MAY SMITH.

Coast, planning to defray her expenses by the sale of LIFE BOATS, and at the same time arouse sympathy with rescue work. The Lord wonderfully blessed in this effort, but on stepping from a car in Colorado Springs, she injured an already crippled shoulder to such an extent that she could not go on, and Miss Emmel took her place for the remainder of the trip. But she had already enlisted the sympathies of a large number of people with the St. Louis Rescue Work, and last winter she and Mrs. Holaday went there to develop a preventive work. Recognizing that her health was gradually becoming undermined, we presented to her the risk that this work would involve to her own life. She replied that she would rather die trying to save the poor girls in St. Louis than live and know she had done nothing for them.

Thousands have been willing to risk their lives on the field of battle, but Miss Smith laid down her life for sin-stricken humanity. She continued her work till her health became so utterly impaired that it was impossible for her to do any more, and then kind hands cared for her until she passed away. The story of her early life is told in another column by Dr. Fullmer.

## ST. LOUIS LIFE BOAT HOME AND WORK.

MRS. N. E. HOLADAY.

Two girls from a little town in Illinois were persuaded to come to St. Louis by a man who lived in the same place. He told them they could make lots of money here. He brought them himself, and took them to a questionable house, but the woman in charge thought they were too young, so she turned them over to the police, who took them to the police station. After being kept there three days, they were sent to the Life Boat Home. We kept them one day and night, and then sent them home. We have since received a letter of gratitude from the parents of one of the girls.

A girl who had been leading a wrong life for two months came to us and begged us to help her, as she was so tired of a life of sin. We took her in and kept her two weeks, then sent her to her uncle's home in the country.

Another girl was found on the streets in a very discouraged state of mind. We brought her home and kept her three days; by that time she had found a position. An old lady was seen crying on the street because she could not find work. She stayed in our Home several days, until she secured a situation.

One day another old lady, who had just come from a hospital and was homeless, begged us to take her in for a few days. We did so, and she is with us now, but will soon go to a comfortable home.

A young woman was robbed at the Union depot. She was taken to the police station and kept over night; then they turned her over to us, and we did what we could for her. Mr. Carl Richter, who has charge of the German educational exhibit, read of her case in the paper, sought her out and loaned her money to get home with.

Another young woman was robbed on the street, and the police took care of her for three days and then placed her in our charge. We kept her for a few days and then sent her home.

We have with us at present a homeless old lady who needs a place in which to stay, and we hope to be able to find one for her.

Two girls came to us late one night, saying they were out of work and had nowhere to stay, so we did all we could to help them in their plight. Another girl is staying here at night and in the daytime trying to find a situation.

We might speak of many other cases that we have helped temporarily. Some in deep trouble come to us for us to pray with them and comfort them. In a thousand ways we find more to be done than we can possibly do, as we are greatly hindered by lack of means, even to pay the expenses of experienced workers, who would gladly give their time if they could be sure of support.

2022 Chestnut street, St. Louis.,

#### YOU CAN EASILY SUPPORT YOUR-SELF BY SELLING LIFE BOATS.

A number of workers in different parts of the country spend all their time in handling THE LIFE BOAT. They are constantly having splendid missionary opportunities, and at the same time are earning enough to support themselves, and in some instances to keep a brother or sister in school. If you would like to personally correspond with some of these workers we shall be glad to put you in touch with them, as they may be able to give you valuable suggestions.

A young lady in Switzerland writes:

"During the past year I have been reading THE LIFE BOAT. Every time I read it it fills me with pleasure and satisfaction, and I am becoming more and more interested in it. I am sure I should have studied the English language with more interest if we had been given some such spiritual food for reading matter."

## A PRAYER MEETING INSTEAD OF A MORTGAGE.

A few evenings ago J. W. Cummings, who is engaged in the real estate and loan business, related an interesting experience at the Life Boat Mission. He said a man called at his office for the purpose of mortgaging his home. It was evident that he had been drinking, so Mr. Cummings persuaded him to go home and wait a little before negotiating the loan. Mr. Cummings then went to the man's home and had a good talk with the man and his wife. She said she had been wishing for some one to come and talk and pray with them. Before the visit was over, the man made a complete surrender to God. As Mr. Cummings was about to leave, the man said he did not desire the loan now. Thus a little prayer meeting resulted in the salvation of the husband and father, and prevented a home from being mortgaged, and probably passing out of their hands at last.

#### HOW I WORK WITH THE LIFE BOAT. MRS. M. M. SHULL. Salina, Kas.

Salina is a town of colleges, an educational center, and hundreds of students come here every year. The business college and normal are open all the year. To reach these students with THE LIFE BOAT has been my constant study. I called at the home of one of the professors and left a number of papers with his wife, requesting her to ask her husband to introduce THE LIFE BOAT to the students for me. This he did with marked success, several of them buying two copies. I have also had no trouble in securing permission to present the work myself at chapel exercises.

I make an effort to follow up my work. It is a good plan to make friendly visits to those whom you find on your first call to be people who study the Scriptures. Some of them have asked me to have Bible studies with them. We have followed up THE LIFE BOAT work in one family with cottage meetings in which several neighbors take part. Of course, all can not be treated alike. Each individual must be dealt with as the occasion serves. I realize more and more that we must have the spirit of Christ in this work if we wish to make the sale of THE LIFE BOAT the foundation for further gospel effort.



# **Life Boat Mission**



#### WHO WILL HELP?

We are earnestly praying God to raise up for us men and women who are interested in sending the gospel to the hundreds and thousands of this great city, and who will become regular contributors to the Rent Fund of the Life Boat Mission.

Are there not among the readers of THE LIFE BOAT hundreds who would be willing to give twenty-five cents, fifty cents, or a dollar a month, or even ten cents a month, for a period of one year? If you can help, write to the superintendent, Brother E. B. Van Dorn, 436 State street, Chicago, or to the undersigned, at the same address.

> W. S. SADLER, Treasurer Life Boat Mission.

#### A CONVERT'S VISIT TO HIS OLD HOME. ROLLO M'ERIDE.

#### [Sometimes when the outlook at the Life Boat Mission is rather discouraging we are encouraged by the thought that its influence may perhaps that very night be used of God to accomplish much good in other places. The following experience, recently related at the Mission, is an example of this.—ED.]

On the 26th of last February three other railroad men and myself came into the Life Boat Mission, when we were in so bad a condition that we scarcely knew what we were doing, but we realized to some extent that our lives were not what they should be and we raised our hands for prayer and decided to turn over a new leaf.

I am sorry that my companions have fallen out by the way. One was as intelligent a railroad man as I ever saw. He stood a good chance of becoming a general officer of the road, if he only would live right.

I have tried to tell of the saving and keeping power of God to other railroad men, and ten have since followed me in the Christian way. And the Lord is helping me to reach others. It is now my chief pleasure to tell others what He has done for me.

There was great rejoicing in my old home when I wrote and told my father of my conversion, and that I was coming home on a visit. I left twenty years ago and had returned there only once, and then was intoxicated, and probably they were glad when I left.

When I arrived there were many who were very glad to see me, but, of course, my old father was most pleased of all. I was very glad I was able to be at home to celebrate his seventy-third birthday anniversary. The first night I was asked to talk in a meeting. I had no intimation beforehand that I should be called upon, and I never was a public speaker, but that night the Lord certainly spoke through me, and I talked forty-five minutes. When I finished, the congregation crowded around to shake my hand and say how much they had enjoyed hearing about the wonderful mission work being done in Chicago. I told them that it would be a great thing for

I told them that it would be a great thing for the whole town if they would take up genuine soul-saving work. Many of the people, said they would like to be in Chicago and have such experiences. I told them that they had just as good a chance there as we have in Chicago. Sin exists everywhere, and it is the business of real Christians to root it out.

One night while going home with my two sisters we passed by some scioons and heard some of the vilest language imaginable, and the men were spitting tobacco juice all over the sidewalk, and altogether it was very sad and disgusting. After telling the people in the church of this experience, I asked them if they did not think some mission work needed to be done in their own town. I hope and pray they may rise up and do something to get rid of that curse.

I spoke three times in the Methodist church, twice in the Congregational church and three times in the Baptist church; also once in an adjoining town, when we had the largest meeting of all. I am very grateful to God that my voice was strong that night and I was feeling very well and could speak with power from on high.

My sister had asked me to speak at a meeting of the League. You can imagine my surprise when I got to the church and found it packed, and still more people coming. An adjoining room had been opened and this, too, was filled. God endowed me with wonderful power that night, for I asked Him to before I said a word, and when it was time to stop they urged me to keep on talking, and I am glad their hearts were touched. I am glad God gave me a message for the people, and I know He will do it again. I could not talk at all if He did not help me.

I simply went home for a visit and a vacation, but God chose to give me these opportunities and use me in this way. I believe He will do the same for every convert who is willing to be a worker in His vineyard. In one home where I was asked to meet some friends and tell my experience, the old father with tears streaming down his face asked me if I would remember his wayward, wandering boy, who had been away about the same length of time that I had, and I prayed that the poor lad might be led into The Life Boat Mission or some other and give his heart to God before it was too late.

I ate one meal at the house of a friend. I did not think that this man and his wife were praying people, but after we sat down he requested me to ask the blessing. I was glad to do so, and after the meal was finished he confessed that it was the first time a prayer had been uttered in his house.

#### SPEND AN EVENING AT THE LIFE BOAT MISSION.

If you pass through Chicago do not fail to spend an evening at the Life Boat Mission. You will never forget it. If you live in Chicago, come once and you will be certain to come again. It is at 436 State street, near Polk street.

#### THEY CAME TO SEE FOR THEM-SELVES.

E. B. VAN DORN.

Last evening during the service at the Life Boat Mission, a curious and unusual experience was brought to light. A young man told us that as he was riding on a street car during the day, some one asked him to buy a copy of THE LIFE BOAT. He was attracted by the appearance of the paper and bought one. He read it with much interest, then handed it to his lady friend, who was also deeply interested in it. They then decided that they would like to go to the Mission, to see for themselves a place where such things as were told about in the paper could actually be seen and heard. So they came. The Lord touched their hearts and when the invitation was given, both gave their hearts to God. -

At the same service, no fewer than twelve others came to the front seats, expressing a desire to accept the Saviour, and three of these were women. Near the close of the service each one of them rose and gave an earnest and intelligent testimony. No one present would ever question that the power of God was there.

#### WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US.

#### (No. 2.)

#### W. S. SADLER.

#### 6. GOD AND CHRIST BOTH LOVED US.

"For God so *loved the world* that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

You, dear reader, are one of the "world" full of people God *loved*, and Christ died to save.

The record is, that God loved you and me; will we believe it and lay hold of everlasting life?

God showed His love for you by sending His only begotten Son to live and die for you. How will you show your appreciation of God's infinite love?

Let us love God, for surely He did "first love us," and accept Jesus, the gift of His matchless love, as our personal Saviour.

O, tried and tempted soul, and sometimes discouraged, Christ loves you; He has given Himself to you; so let us rejoice in the freedom of His salvation, and offer praise "unto Him that *loved us* and washed us from our sins in His own blood." Rev. 1:5.

God's love is as deep as the ocean, God's love is as broad as the sea, God's love is as high as the mountain, God's love is sufficient for me.

7. CHRIST HAS PURGED OUR SINS.

"Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when he had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high." Heb. 1:3.

Brother, sister, did you know that Christ *purged* your sins before He ascended on high, and took His seat at the right hand of God?

Thank the Lord! It is true—your sins and mine are all purged away. Let us rejoice and be glad.

But some will not believe; some will not accept the Christ who has done all this for us. Let us not be found among such doubters and rejecters of the saving grace of God.

Still others love their sins; they do not want to be purged of evil; they enjoy iniquity. Some love their bad habits and sinful practices, as they love their lives.

Dear reader, will you reject the sin-purging Christ that you may enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season?

Accept Christ to-day and be purged, cleansed. Have you a single good reason for rejecting Christ?

#### 8. HE HAS SAVED US.

"Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." 2 Tim. 1: 9.

Yes, it is true; He has saved us-you and me-Jesus is really our Saviour.

Christ has done his part. What is your attitude? Do you accept your merciful Saviour, or do you reject Him?

What will you do with Jesus?

Your decision contains your eternal fate. Since the price of your salvation has been paid, and Jesus has loved even you, and medo you know, dear reader, of any good reason why you should not believe, accept, and enjoy this wonderful salvation?

What a wonderful salvation, For its length and breadth and height, Far excel the grandest knowledge Of the seraphim in light; I can never, never fathom half its holy mystery, But I know it is for sinners, and it just suits me!

Yes, it is wonderful, for He has saved me, even me, and He is your Saviour, too-won't you acknowledge him, sinner friend?

> 9 CHRIST HAS REDEEMED US.

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree." Gal. 3:13.

I am so glad that I can tell poor struggling souls that Christ has redeemed them. But many will not believe it.

But what if man will not accept Christ's re-Then he abides under the curse demption? of the law; for all have sinned (Rom. 3:23) and sin is a transgression of the law. (1 John 3:4.)

Dear reader, are you living under the curse of intemperance? Are you a victim of the drink habit? Cheer up, there is hope for you! Christ has redeemed you from your curse. Will you accept your Redeemer? Do it right now.

To the one who is under the curse, let me say, "Do you expect to ever find redemption by rejecting the Redeemer?"

So you see that He loved us; He purged our sins; He has indeed saved us; yea, He has redeemed us. I am sorry we are not all together just now, for we could all unite our voices and sing-

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb! Redeemed through His infinite mercy, His child, and forever, I am.

#### LIFE BOAT MISSION DISPENSARY.

Who will help to establish treatment rooms in connection with the Life Boat Mission? The sick and suffering come to us every day for help, and we long for the time when we shall be able to do more for them than we have been able to in the past. It is a number of miles from the Life Boat Mission to the Halsted Street Dispensary, and the Life Boat Mission is in one of the most congested districts of Chicago.

Reader, can you help even a little? Send your donations at once to the Life Boat Mission, 436 State street, Chicago, or to the undersigned at the same address, and say that it is to help establish and equip the dispensary.

W. S. SADLER.

#### DONATIONS.

#### LIFE BOAT MISSION.

LIFE BOAT MISSION. Myrtle Abrams, 55c; Mr. Anhohn, \$1.00; Alice Burton, \$1.00; Mrs. E. G. Burkland, 70c; Alta Baer, \$5.00; Battle Creek Sanitarium Helpers, \$10.00; F. E. Carter, \$1.00; Melissa Cookendorfer, \$1.00; James Davis, 25c; E. G. DeVoe, 25c; Mrs. George Davis, \$2.50; a friend, \$8.00; H. C. Hufnagle, \$1.00; Bertha Jorgenson, 50c; James W. Jones, \$1.00; Clara Jensen, 90c; Indiana Conference, 79c; W. R. Landis, \$1.30; Dick Lane, \$1.00; Mr. Alex McNab, \$1.00; R. Martin, \$2.00; Mrs. J. L. Messmer, \$1.65; G. Nimon, \$2.00; Mrs. Jessie Nelson, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Par-sons, \$4.25; Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Sotter, \$1.00; Daniel Payton, \$2.60; A. B. Saunders, \$1.50; Mrs. E. A. Saunders, \$5.00; Walter Saunders, \$1.00; Mrs. E. Winlandt, \$1.00, Mrs. Melling, C. davis, \$1.00; Mrs. E. Sorenson, 65c; Winlandt, \$1.00.

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Sara Curie, 65c; Melissa Cookendorfer, \$1.00;
James Dunkin, \$5.00; a friend, \$5.00; a friend, 65c;
Sara M. Gamble, \$3.25; Mrs. Carrie Garbutt, \$3.00;
H. C. Hufnagle, \$1.00; Mrs. J. G. Mann, 76c; Grace
O. Neil, \$1.00; L. M. R., \$1.00; Amy Rawlinson,
\$1.00; Mrs. Clarles Whitney, \$3.00; a friend, \$4.00;
Mrs. Phelps, 25c; Mrs. Reynolds, \$1.00; unknown
friend, \$1.00; Agnes Zoerb, 50c; children, \$1.19; children, \$2.55; a friend, \$1.00; Mrs. Rice, \$1.00; Mrs.
Lee, \$1.00; Miss Anderson, \$1.00; a friend, \$1.00;
children, \$1.77.

#### LIFE BOAT REST.

James R. Bailey, \$1.00; Edgar Nelton, \$1.00; Miss Golda Riter, 10c; Mrs. Charles Whitney, \$2.00.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. Cooper, 15c; Mrs. Millie Garner, 73c; Mary E. Reid, 75c; H. C. Hufnagle, \$1.00; Mrs. Fred Cole, \$1.00; Mrs. Myrtle Phillips, 21c; Bertha E. Rugg, 50c; Mrs. George Fritz, \$1.00.

# Hospital Like Zoat York

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOSPITAL WORK?

Is there a hospital in your vicinity? If so, will you not arrange to supply patients each month with THE LIFE BOAT? If you do not know how to begin, write to Mrs. Odell, care of THE LIFE BOAT, 436 State street, Chicago, and she will give you some helpful suggestions. She will also be glad to tell you how you can interest others in the matter, so that you can easily raise the necessary money.

#### FRAGMENTS FROM HOSPITAL WARDS.



MRS. HELEN ODELL.

"O the good we all may do while the days are going by."

Yet after all it requires so little to make others happy. When we let Christ into our hearts and lives His sunshine is uncon-

sciously revealed in our faces, and people can see it. A few days ago while walking in the street some one asked me why I always looked so happy. I told them a little about the grand work the Master had given me a part in, and they said, "Well, I do not wonder you are so happy." I earnestly desire to live so close to my Saviour that I shall recognize any need it is in my power to supply, so I never enter a hospital without asking that my vision may be clear to discern the special needs of each patient whom I shall meet.

One hot day this summer, in one of our largest hospitals, the look on the faces of the nurses told plainly how difficult it was to bring comfort and cheer to the patients on such a day. As we glanced down the long rows of beds, a great longing came into our hearts to help them, if only for a little while, to forget the intense heat, their weariness and suffering, and the unutterable monotony of it all. We felt impressed to sing for them, and as we sang the nurses forgot their perplexities, and on the faces of the patients smiles took the place of wearied looks. Expressions of thanks and invitations to come again were given and many a "God bless you" was heard as we left the wards.

#### LIGHT FOR THE BLIND.

A note was left asking me to call at a certain place to see a blind lady, so with a fellow worker we went to see what we could do for her. We found her the sweetest-faced old lady we had met for many a day. Two medical students, who had seen copies of THE LIFE BOAT while taking their hospital training and knew of this blind woman, had sent me the note. Although unable to see, this dear old lady knits different articles of wool. As she can not get about to dispose of them, she has to rely upon the help of friends to do this for her. I shall esteem it a privilege to help her. She makes bath cloths, mats, holders, thimble bags, etc., and sells them for from ten to fifteen. cents. Should any readers of THE LIFE BOAT wish to help a worthy one, either as a purchaser or by making sales, we shall be glad to hear from them. Our visit was a red-letter day to her. After we had a little prayer service, she said: "This is the first time I have heard any voice in prayer besides my own in twenty-three weeks. She has since spent a few days with me and I have taken her to the Life Boat Mission services, which she greatly enjoyed.

#### THE LILY SERMON.

We often do not know at the time how much good a little act of kindness does. A German patient, who understood very little English, did not seem particularly impressed with the paper as I laid it on his bed and did not seem to understand why I left it for him. On a table near by was a beautiful Easter lily. Pointing to it, I said, "Do you know, my brother, that God wants your life to be white like that lily?" The next time I visited that hospital a nurse told me he had told her in broken English what I had said to him, and every day until he left had asked her if his life was growing more like the lily. Truly, the tiny seed was watered by the Holy Spirit, and who can tell what will be the result?

#### OVERLOOKING RICH OPPORTUNITIES.

One day I was questioning whether I would continue to visit a certain hospital, for which I had not vet secured any donations to pay for LIFE BOATS. I was hurrying along the street when I met a cripple, and handed him a LIFE BOAT with the words, "Put that in your pocket and read it when you get home." I was too hurried to wait for any reply. A little later the thought came to me, "Would it not have been part of your hospital work to have stopped and talked with that man?" So, as I knew his address, I visited him and learned that he had received THE LIFE BOAT in the very hospital which I had doubts about continuing to visit. Although a Hebrew, the reading of this paper had led him to look to Christ and think about the preparation he needed, and he inquired where we held mission meetings.

#### LIGHT IN DARKNESS.

We find even in the hospitals some who say, as Paul did, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Phil. 4:11. We entered a darkened room, and when the nurse explained who we were a cheery voice responded, "O, yes, come in. I am glad to have you come to see me; I can't see you," pointing to his eyes, from which all light was excluded. This man maintains such a cheerful frame of mind that his life is a continual inspiration to the other patients.

#### VISITING THE PATIENTS AT HOME.

Much time has been spent during the past month in visiting in their own homes patients whom we had met in our hospital Life Boat work. We find they welcome the paper and are anxious to learn more of what can be done for souls as well as bodies. One day by mistake I called at the wrong room, and while asking for information, the lady to whom I was talking asked me if the book I carried was a Bible, saying, "I never saw one, but it looks different from other books, and I wondered if it was a Bible." She told me her father died last April and since then she wanted to learn how to read the Bible so that she could become a Christian. I took her a Bible, but she was afraid that she would not make a success of reading it without help, so now I go and read it with her. She will soon be studying James 1:15, Prov. 28:5, and John 16:7-13. Yesterday a friend of hers attended the study and they both expressed a desire that the study should be arranged so that their husbands might share the light they were getting. The all-wise Father knew who needed help in that building. She is now assisting me to supply Bibles to her acquaintances.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP US.

Take the August LIFE BOAT and read again carefully and prayerfully of the number of hospitals we are trying to reach and the needs of each. Then ask the Lord how you can assist in this. This call has been responded to to such an extent that seven hospitals are provided for, but we need funds to make the work permanent in the others. Surely, there is no other way in which you can preach so many sermons to such willing and appreciative hearers.

#### "I WAS SICK AND YE VISITED ME." MRS. D. K. ABRAMS.

While distributing LIFE BOATS in the Railway Hospital several weeks ago, one of the patients I talked with became very much interested in the work and invited me to visit her after she had returned home. I called on her yesterday. She said, "How glad I am you came, as I have often wondered what had become of you and if you would come to see me. You don't know how much good THE LIFE BOAT did me while on my sick bed. I read it and re-read it, and realized my need of the blessed Saviour, and prayed that the little journal might go to other hospitals and do others the good it had done me." I was thankful I could tell her that the Lord had opened the way for THE LIFE BOAT to be taken to a great number of hospitals as well as prisons. She had read in THE LIFE BOAT about the harm of novel reading and said, "I don't read them myself, but when I got home my husband asked me to read to him out of a novel, and that article came up before me and I thought how wrong it would be for me to do so." I could tell her there was power in the gospel to take out of our lives the sins we want to get rid of but can't.

#### TEN LIFE BOATS FREE.

If you wish to take up Life Boat work, but have not the necessary money we will send you ten copies free. We hope that only those will take advantage of this offer who are earnestly determined to order a good supply each month.

# neighborhood Gospel Work

#### SHARE IT WITH US.

If some interesting experience or striking example of the power of the gospel has come under your observation will you not write us about it? We may be able to use it to encourage some poor, despairing mortal who has lost all hope.

#### DO NOT "OVER ORGANIZE."

When the Lord helps you to begin some Good Samaritan work in your community, do not overdo it by too much organization. It is human nature to pin our faith to the organization which we have perfected, and so forget our individual responsibility, and consequently lose our individual blessing.

#### A PIECE OF THE LIFE BOAT IN CUBA.

We recently received the following letter from Havana, Cuba: "Please send me sample copies of THE LIFE BOAT, that I may take subscriptions. I am using a *piece* of one (that is precious), and think I can sell a few; possibly could sell many, especially if they were in the Spanish language. Can you donate a year's subscription to our public reading room? Never did a place more need it. Much good would be done there."

### ARE YOU OVERLOOKING SIMILAR OPPORTUNITIES?

Jay W. Cummings, formerly pastor of the South Side Church, wrote us the following encouraging experience:

"I want to thank the Lord that He ever put it into your hearts to send this little messenger of mercy to those who have been enslaved by the passion of appetite.

"Not long ago I was in Detroit and called upon a lady to whom I had been sending THE LIFE BOAT. She told me about a young man who through excessive cigarette smoking had become a mental, physical and moral wreck. She felt impressed to try to do something for him, but being in poor circumstances with a large family, she did not know what to do, but the thought struck her one day that it might do him some good if she could have THE LIFE BOAT read to him. She took the little messenger and had it read to him; and then he read it himself, and something in it appealed to his particular case, and he gave his heart to the Lord. When I last heard of him he had given up smoking cigarettes and was trying to live a new life.

"I have met a number of similar cases where THE LIFE BOAT has done its work. May the Lord bless it and use it."

## WHAT DO VISITORS SEE IN YOUR HOME?

Do your visitors see something more in your home than Hezekiah's influential visitors saw in his? He had received remarkable physical and spiritual blessings; but when his worldly guests came from Babylon he showed them his precious things, silver and gold, his jewels, and all his treasures, but gave them no glimpse of the religion of heaven (2 Kings, 20:13). Therefore God permitted his children to be sent captive to Babylon, that there they might do the missionary work which Hezekiah had overlooked. Do your visitors perceive the fragrance of heaven in your home?

#### SOUL WINNING IN A BROKEN HOME CIRCLE.

#### MRS. M. E. M'KEE.

A woman here abandoned her four small children and went off with another man. Her husband was heart broken. He had done considerable drinking, before she went away, to drown his grief, but now he had the dear children to care for and he felt he must not drink nor disgrace them, but bear his loss courageously. He wanted me to stay with them a few days while he went away. I did so, and when he returned he was excited over some new information he had received. I urged him to let God set matters right. Cautiously I turned his mind to the love of the Saviour, who allowed trouble to come that it might lead

him to turn to God for help and comfort. I did all I could to persuade him to leave the inatter to Christ instead of taking revenge. Finally he yielded and said I was right. I asked him if he would like me to pray for him. He seemed glad I had mentioned it and we knelt, and he sobbed and moaned while I was praying. When I had finished, he prayed, and asked God for pardon and help, and that his wife might see her wrong course and return. I thought how the angels of God must rejoice. The next morning I asked at breakfast if I might ask God's blessing on the food. He said, "Yes, certainly," and this simple act so melted him to tears that he had to leave the table. He afterward said, "Oh, how I have wanted help in having a Christian home," but he needed instruction and did not know how to do his part, and God gave me words to say that I believed have helped him. He thinks the children behave a great deal better since I have been with them.

#### A FOURTH OF JULY EXPERIENCE. MRS. A. E. LOUNSBURY.

I took some LIFE BOATS with me on a journey that I took last Fourth of July. My husband said, "You can not sell them, as the minds of the people will be on the excitement However, I sold some in the of the day." depot before we started. One couple made fun of me, but an elderly lady said, "Press on; you will receive your reward, for seed sown under such difficulties will grow." She also bought a LIFE BOAT. On the train was a blind woman, whom I found to be in need, and took up quite a collection for her among the passengers. I gave a copy to a widow, who, on looking through the paper, remarked, with tears in her eyes, that her little son would read it for her that night.

While explaining the paper to another lady I learned that ten days before, while selling THE LIFE BOATS, I had given her son a copy and spoken to him in regard to his soul, reminding him that life was uncertain, and that he should live so that he would always be ready for death. That same evening, a few minutes after I arrived home, a dispatch came from this very young man's sister, saying that he had been suddenly killed in an accident and that they wished my husband and myself to conduct the funeral services. What a sad funeral it was. He was but nineteen years of age. The sister was wild with grief. We never know what a day will bring forth. How glad I was that I had taken an interest in this young man and his sister. Little did he think that his life was to end so soon. Truly, "in the midst of life we are in death."

#### RAILROAD LIFE BOAT WORK. ESSIE L. SMITH.

After reading the article about gospel work for railroad men, I felt impressed to report some of my experiences. Last winter, when trains were frequently delayed many hours, I would bring THE LIFE BOAT and other papers to the railroad men and have often seen them afterward reading the little magazine. There is a sidetrack near our house and frequently cars wait there for others to pass, so I have a good chance to hand reading matter to railroad men. I always underline the words that-I think will do them most good, and write on the outside requesting them to pass the paper on to someone else after reading it.

I am sixteen years old and teach a class of little ones in a Sunday school here. The Lord has helped me to lead two persons to Christ.

#### HOW YOU MAY ENLIST. MAE COKER.

Reader, would you know how to reach out and help fallen humanity in your own neighborhood? Would you enter the hearts and homes of your neighbors, taking with you the light and cheer of gospel love? If so, the Lord has great need of you. Not many of us have been called across the seas to heathen lands, or to stand on platforms and proclaim His message to thousands, but each one can preach many sermons every day by our lives, and by scattering the printed page. It is often the little things in this world that accomplish the greatest good.

Not long ago it was my privilege to visit a great military post with THE LIFE BOAT and while there saw a complicated bayonet drill. I could but notice how few the officers were in comparison to the enlisted men, and I felt thankful to my Captain that I could be one enlisted under His banner to carry "the sword of the spirit" to all the land.

THE LIFE BOATS we gave to these soldiers

were as much appreciated and cared for as were the implements of warfare they carried, and little do we know of the tremendous battle with sin THE LIFE BOAT may be helping these men to win in their daily lives.

Just where you are you may take the paper to your neighbors and reap rich blessings, for it is appreciated in the highways as well as in the hedges of our cities, towns and country places.

One dear old lady said to me, with tears in her eyes, "I can not read your language, but you sold my boy a LIFE BOAT and he told how it said Jesus loved us even if we did not have money, and now my boy prays before he goes to work in the morning and stays with me in the evening. He never did that before."

The manager of one of the largest business firms in the city said when I presented THE LLFE BOAT to him, "Yes, give me ten. I put it in the hands of every foreman in the house, and get better and more work, for it makes the men better."

One evening while out with the paper we met a group of men, one of whom was president of a leading labor organization in the city. They were very much interested in THE LIFE BOAT and the work it represented, gladly subscribing for it that their families might each month receive a blessing from its regular visits.

#### PERSONAL EXPERIENCES IN ST. LOUIS RESCUE WORK.

#### MRS. G. G. RUPERT.

I began work in June and first visited the business offices in the interests of our work; then investigated the work done in the Union depot; then I acquainted myself with the efforts of the Women's Christian Association; after that, studied the situation in and around the street car terminals, the Fair Grounds, beer gardens, and in the Wabash station. Permanent headquarters were then secured for us. Miss Weist and I visited the police station to acquaint them with our aims and our Headquarters, and to ask for their protection and co-operation in our work. We visited the Women's Christian Association headquarters to arrange for free admittance to their Homes for girls needing help, and the co-operation of the Association was assured us. We also visited the King's Daughters' Headquarters and found them willing to co-operate with us.

We became acquainted with many of the girls working in the restaurants and booths and the concessions at the Exposition and learned where they were staying in the city, and also the addresses of their parents. We visited some of them in their rooms and warned them all of the dangers to which they were exposed. In some cases I found this warning had proved a great protection. I talked about the scriptures and taught them as I had opportunity and gave them tracts. I saw some of them afterward at their work, with their Bibles by their side, marked at places where they had been reading.

The Wabash station was visited twentythree times, where we helped in a special way two girls and one old lady, while at different times and in many little ways we were able to help many people by directing them to respectable lodgings in desirable localities, or to find their friends, and others to get away on the right trains. There were many opportunities to speak of the goodness of the Lord, of His claims on us, and the privileges and blessings that were ours.

Five thousand, six hundred and forty-six pages of tracts and other literature were distributed and thirty-nine hundred pages were sold. Bible readings were held; some of the sick were visited and treatments given. We solicited and received donations to the amount of four dollars, which was used to feed and clothe the needy. Nine dollars was secured to send three girls to their homes.

Admittance was also ob<sup>\*</sup>ained for an old lady at the Old People's Home in the city. Many interesting missionary experiences have also been developed on the Fair Grounds.

#### HOW THE LORD DIRECTS.

An aged friend, in sending some financial help, wrote the following encouraging words:

"I thank you for your letter. It is not much that I send, but like the widow's mite it is all I have. I am over seventy years old and there is not much money that comes into my hands. This summer I raised a brood of fine chickens to be sold for missionary money. Yesterday I took some of them to market and on my way home I thought "What shall I do with the money?" Then the thought came into my mind, 'When the Lord wants it He will send for it, and I will put it away and wait for His orders.' But I had not long to wait, for when I got home your letter lay on the stand, and when I read it, I said, 'The Lord has sent for the money.' Now this little circumstance is enough to convince me that the Lord is guiding us.

"Surely He guided you in sending the letter, and guided me in having the money ready when the letter got here. I feel sure the Lord directed me where to send it. Please use it as He directs you.

"How many things happen all around us which if noticed would teach us sweet lessons of the Lord."

#### EXPERIENCES IN LIFE BOAT WORK. JAMES A. SKINNER.

The greater part of the time during the past twelve months I have been engaged in LIFE BOAT work and have met with many interesting experiences while selling the papers, and can also say that it has proved a success financially.

It is very evident to me that in many ways and in marked instances the Lord has signified His approval of this good work. "I like that little book," says one, "because as I read it it awakens in me aspirations and desires to live a better life." As I have listened to the simple, earnest words of so many telling me of the benefits derived from reading THE LIFE BOAT, and as I have realized that many, through reading it, have been brought out of darkness and a life of sin into a new life, and into the glorious light and liberty of the children of God, this work has been an inspiration to me. It has aroused in my soul a determination to press forward and to rise to higher ground.

I met a young man in a saloon in Buffalo one day and sold him a LIFE BOAT. He was somewhat under the influence of liquor, although he was nice looking and well dressed. I conversed with him a short time, and told him something of the good work THE LIFE BOAT was doing. As I talked to him of his need of a better life, he broke down and wept like a child. He told me he belonged to a good family, but drink had been his ruin. As

I pressed home to his heart his need of a friend who could help and support him, he confessed between his sobs that he wanted to reform and live a different life. He grasped my hand and we walked out on the street together. He seemed so grateful for the advice I gave him, and as the tears came again, he said, "I am so glad I met you; nobody ever talked to me like that before. I am going right home to read this little book, and shall try by the help of God to lead a better life." We parted, and as I walked away I lifted my heart to God in prayer for that young man, and I trust that his reading of THE LIFE BOAT in connection with his Bible may have a sanctifving effect on his life.

This is only one instance out of many, but space will not permit of more. I have sold during the past year about eight thousand LIFE BOATS, besides over two thousand copies of the "Bible Training School," and some of "Good Health," "Story of Daniel," etc.

#### PURCHASING THE GIFT OF GOD WITH MONEY OR TALENTS.

We read in the New Testament that there was once a man who actually thought his money, influence and talents could procure the power which can only come through humble submission to the Spirit of God. But Peter said to him, "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money." Acts 8:20. All this was of no value while the man was not right with God, for Peter added, "Thy heart is not right in the sight of God." Acts 8:21. Those who are cherishing bitterness of spirit toward their neighbors, and condemning their fellow church members can have no power with God.

Those who continue to be slaves to tobacco, liquor, or some other soul and body-destroying vice or sin can not expect to go forth and labor for humanity clothed with divine power. This was Simon's condition, for Peter said that he perceived that he was "in the bond of iniquity." Acts 8:23.

A gentleman in South Dakota writes:

"I would not miss reading THE LIFE BOAT for fifteen times its weight in gold."



# Children's Department

#### MOTHERS, ENCOURAGE YOUR CHIL-DREN TO SELL LIFE BOATS.

Have you sometimes felt impressed to encourage your children to sell LIFE BOATS, but hesitated for fear something unpleasant might happen to them if they should take up this work? If so, we are glad to be able to say to you that of the large number of children who are now spending more or less time in disposing of LIFE BOATS, we have not yet had our attention called to a single instance where anything serious has happened to them while trying to place this little gospel messenger in the hands of others. But we have known of a number of instances where children who were · not interested in giving the gospel to others, have drifted into the vilest sins, and to all appearances are going to wreck and ruin. We are much more concerned about the safety of children who do not sell LIFE BOATS than of those who do.

#### A LITTLE LIFE BOAT WORKER IN PORTLAND, OREGON.

DEAR LIFE BOAT:

I am twelve years old. Four years ago I lost my mamma. My aunt nursed mamma and a few months later she brought my little brother and me to Portland. It was here that we learned of THE LIFE BOAT. When the LIFE BOAT workers from Chicago were here we went out with Miss Burkhart one evening to sell LIFE BOATS. My aunt bought fifty. I soon found that I could sell them. The next time we sent for one hundred; after that for two hundred, then three hundred and then three hundred and fifty. During holidays last winter another girl and I sold about five hundred. This month I am not in school so I have more So far I have sold five hundred and time. seventy-five of the six hundred we ordered. By mistake, instead of there being six hundred sent, double the number came, so we shall have to work. I have two little girls helping me sometimes and altogether we have sold over seven hundred. We will try to sell them all.

I go to various wholesale and retail stores and to banks and commercial buildings, the offices of doctors, lawyers and real estate men, the court house, the custom house, and other business places. I have a good many regular

customers who are glad to see me come. They sometimes call me "Sunshine." I sell from twenty to twentyfive regularly in the Chamber of Commerce. My brother goes with me. He does not sell any, but is company.

People often as k where the Life Boat Mission work is going on. They think Chicago is too far away. We often give papers to those who have no money to buy. There should be various kinds of Life Boat Mission work done here, especially for men and boys. When my aunt goes with the LIFE Boat to the humblest part of the city, many men say "I haven't a cent." They not only say it, but look it.

There is an element here that is moving about, looking for something more satisfying. Many come from the East hunting for something they have heard of, but do not always find. For instance, a bright young man who was distributing bills one evening said he was a stranger and had just got off the train, and hoped to get enough out of the bills to pay for his night's lodging. Another man who was in from the logging camp said, "Yesterday I had money, to-day I have none." He had been robbed while intoxicated. If we had a place to invite such people to, that was neither office or restaurant, but homelike, no doubt many would prefer the Home to spending their time in a saloon.

There is a dear lady here who goes to the jail every week and distributes papers. Another is a hospital worker who takes papers and flowers to the sick. The lady who goes to the jail has kept her work up for several years. She is really a prisoners' mother. Many who are sent to prison write interesting letters to her. The parents, brothers, and sisters of a young man who was executed here a good while ago, still write to her, offering their gratitude for the interest she took in him and the consolation given them in their bitter affliction.

People often tell us they believe in saving men before they go to prison. There is one man in Portland who lives near a railroad track and many tramps are kindly taken into his home. He gets letters from different parts of the United States written by those who were helped by him when they were tramping. One young man for whom he found a good position has since given him considerable money to keep for him. This gentleman has sionaries come here, as they went to the St. Louis Fair?

I am sincerely The LIFE BOAT's friend, FERN WEDRICK.

#### FROM FOUL SLUM TO FRAGRANT PARK.

#### J. B. JENNINGS.

Recently forty-five Life Boat Sunday School children spent an entire afternoon having a picnic and fresh air outing in Washington Park. At twelve o'clock an anxious but merry



A GROUP OF CHILDREN IN DARKEST CHICAGO.

had as many as nine tramps in his home at once.

A sweet-faced elderly lady goes with her missionary papers regularly to nearly all the saloons in the central part of the city, and they patronize her well. No doubt many a gambler leaves the saloon with a missionary paper in his pocket.

While there are some things along Life Boat lines being done in Portland, there should be more. In view of the 1905 "Lewis and Clark Exposition" will not the medical miscrowd of youngsters met their teachers at the Life Boat Mission. One little girl brought her aged grandmother, and she enjoyed it as much as the children. The boys and girls were very well behaved and we had no trouble with any of them. These children came from crowded tenement districts, where, as a rule, they see very little of the bright and happy side of life, which should form a part of every child's birthright. They receive no parents' tender care, nor are they surrounded with the good influences that are the foundation stones of strong manly and womanly character.

The Life Boat Mission Sunday School services, with their songs and lessons, and the outings that are provided are truly a Godsend to these unfortunate juveniles. The opportunities for uplifting the children of the slums are innumerable. It is a pity that such a work is not done on a much larger scale, but our efforts are limited by our slender resources, being entirely dependent upon contributions. I do not know of anything more worthy of assistance than this work, with its opportunities to help those who, in later years, will be men and women. As their youthful hearts are molded now, will it not have a great influence upon their future manhood and womanhood?

#### A BUSY BEE SOCIETY. MRS. LAURA B. LITTLE.

Since our return from the South we have reorganized our "Busy Bee Society" and have a meeting at my home one afternoon each week and spend the time in sewing and studying how to help the poor and afflicted of Chicago.

The Society is composed of children between the ages of ten and sixteen years. They intend to carry flowers and playthings to the children in the hospitals. They are also making various articles which they expect to sell at their coming entertainment, the proceeds of which will be given to the poor children of Chicago.

· A LEAF TORN FROM A LIFE BOAT.

A gentleman living in Erie, Pa., recently wrote: "Please send me a few sample copies of THE LIFE BOAT. I found your address on a leaf torn from the Prisoners' Number of THE LIFE BOAT which I picked up in the street when going to my work."

In ordering a good supply of LIFE BOATS, Mrs. E. M. Baston, East Providence, Rhode Island, says: "My little granddaughter went out by herself two hours and a half and sold fifty cents' worth of LIFE BOATS, although it was her first attempt, and she could easily have sold more if she had had them. I give LIFE BOATS to the carmen, who never get a chance to go to church, and they seem to be much pleased with them. They say that after they have read them they give them to some one else. THE LIFE BOAT I am now ordering is for a poor old lame man, who can barely hobble around, but he will be able to sell them. May God bless THE LIFE BOAT whereever it goes, and give success to the workers, is my prayer."

Bertha Rugg writes:

"Last Saturday evening two little girls went out with me selling LIFE BOATS. We sold sixty-four in about an hour. God blessed us, as He always does. We are of good courage. We also visited the County Hospital on Sunday and gave away LIFE BOATS and Signs. They seemed to appreciate them very much and asked us to come oftener."

A business man in a large Western city writes: "My little daughter insists that she will sell more LIFE BOATS. I therefore enclose an order for twenty-five copies."

In sending an order for five hundred LIFE BOATS, Miss C. N. Anderson, Durham, Okla., says: "I was eleven years old when I first read THE LIFE BOAT, and it stirred my young heart more than anything else had. I then decided to keep this work in mind, and perhaps some day I could help in it. I have not realized my childish wish to its fullest extent, but I have done what I could. There are no large towns here, as this is a newly-settled country. 'out West.'

"While in Cleburn, Tex., last fall, nine of us started out with twenty-five LIFE BOATS each, and in an hour and a half I had sold my quota. I took several yearly subscriptions. As I was explaining the paper to one woman, I mentioned among other things that it told of rescue work. She said, 'I will have nothing to do with it.' I thought, what a woman's heart! I asked her if she was a mother, and she said, 'Yes, but there is no hope for such as they.'

"When traveling, I take some LIFE BOATS along, and sell it readily while waiting for cars. At Jennings, Okla., I organized a Life Boat crew among my pupils."

The editors of The Life Boat wish to obtain the names and addresses of all children who are selling Life Boats.



#### YOUR LOCAL PRISON.

Is any one supplying your city or county jail with THE LIFE BOAT? If not, what excuse will you have to offer in the day of judgment for not interesting yourself in it? If you do not know how to begin, write to us and we will give you what information we can. Prisoners are a most favorable class of missionary subjects. They have found for certain that the way of the transgressor is hard, which is something many sinners outside of prison have not yet discovered.

#### À PRISONER'S LAST MESSAGE TO LIFE BOAT READERS.

A prisoner in the Clearfield, Pa., county prison, who was sentenced to die September 1st, sends us the following impressive words for every one who is trifling with God's opportunities and carelessly tampering with sin: "To THE LIFE BOAT.

"Christian Friends: I left my happy home in 1891, and my father never heard from me till this year. The first letter he received from me was after I was sentenced to die for my crimes. Sinners, take my advice and don't drink and gamble, for it will lead you into crime. I hope you will take warning before it is too late. If you will give your heart to the Lord you will not want to drink and gamble.

"Last May I received word that the Supreme Court had refused me a new trial. I then thought I should be lost. I sent for Mr. Anderson, the captain of the Salvation Army, and asked him to read and pray with me. And he did, and the Lord washed me white as snow. The 1st of September will be my last day on earth; but I thank the Lord that He has saved my soul. HENRY O. FITCH."

Accompanying the above was the following letter from Gottlob Widman, of the Countess Adeline Schimmelman's International Mission:

"I secured twenty-five copies of the prisoners' number of THE LIFE BOAT, and supplied the Clearfield county prison, and ever since THE LIFE BOAT has been gladly and thankfully received and read by the inmates. I have been going regularly with the Salvation Army officers and the W. C. T. U. to hold service in the prison on Sunday afternoons. Generally there are several who desire our prayers and express a desire to lead a new life. On May 22nd a young man who was under sentence to be hung made a complete surrender and a confession of his past life. He found forgiveness of his sins and peace in the Lord Jesus, and is perfectly reconciled to pay the penalty for his crimes. All who come in contact with him recognize the wonderful change that his conversion has wrought in him. He gave me the enclosed letter for THE LIFE BOAT."

#### JAIL SERVICES IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

#### CATHERINE F. LITTLE.

Wesley Chapel has had charge of the prison services for the past nine years and they are exceedingly interesting, as the crowds that gather there every Sunday afternoon testify.

The meeting is opened with a song service and each prisoner is furnished with a book containing words and music. The singing by this choir of prisoners is worth going a long way to hear. The musical director, Mr. D. D. Lore, once told them he wished he could have them in one of the city churches, for of all the singing that he had heard (and he had sung ever since he was a little boy, and was at one time in a chorus of five thousand voices) none had ever pleased or helped him so much as their singing had done in the four years that he had been their leader.

A short talk is given by one of the pastors of the city, then the prisoners again add their contribution of song. It has been our privilege to attend many of these services of late, and our hearts go out to these men and women who were created in the image of God and for His glory were sent into the world, but who have gone astray. We long to tell them of Him who left His beautiful home with the Father and came "to seek and to save that which was lost, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

It is a great thing to secure a pardon from men and again have freedom, but how much more blessed is it to obtain from the Courts of Heaven and from the King of kings a pardon which not only sets free, but blots out the record of the crimes written against us. "I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sins; return unto me, for I have redeemed thee." Isa. 44:22.

We long to inspire them with the thought that before them is a glorious future of good if they will but yield their hearts and lives to the One whose name was to be called "Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." Matt. 1:21.

#### A PATHETIC EXPERIENCE.

A prisoner in Indiana State Prison writes: "I am not master enough of words, and the pen, to enable me to give you any idea of how much I appreciate your kindly worded letters. Truly, a few words to a friendless man in prison is like a gleam of sunshine, to be cherished and never to be forgotten. They make the gloomy cell more cheerful and brighter for their coming. They make a man think purer thoughts, and also to realize that there is something worth living for after all.

"After reading the Easter number of THE LIFE BOAT I became so deeply impressed that I did as you suggested in it; after a hard battle with myself I got to my knees, but, alas! after getting there I was like a stranger in a strange land. I knew not what to say. T felt better for a day or two, then I drifted back into my old way of thinking, and I became more discontented than ever, for I know I was in the wrong and always have been, and vet I seemed not to have the strength of will to choose the right. Then your letter came and brought back the purer thoughts and I am having another battle, but I am very much like the man who plunges into the water and does not know how to swim. He will very likely sink if he does not get help, or a life preserver. Some people told me that God helps those that help themselves. They very likely told me the truth, so I keep on trying to get control of myself. I am in deep, troubled waters at present and don't know how to get myself out of them. The expiration of my sentence seems a long time off yet, being the nineteenth of November, 1914.

"I was fortunate enough recently to have a copy of THE LIFE BOAT passed into my cell by a guard and I enjoy reading it very much. If I had any possible way of getting into a position that would enable me to subscribe for it regularly I would do so, for it would be of much benefit to me, but I know of no way that would enable me to do so."

## COMFORTING A LIFE-TERM PRISONER.

A prisoner in the Southern Illinois Penitentiary writes:

"I have received THE LIFE BOAT for some months past and can assure you that I have received great comfort from it. I am here under a life sentence, but I thank the good Lord that he has allowed good, kind Christians to write a book like THE LIFE BOAT to comfort a poor, unfortunate prisoner like myself.

"Through our good Chaplain Rutledge, who brings your papers to us, we learn that there are still good, kind Christians who think of us poor unfortunates."

Ex-convicts may receive a letter of hope and goodwill from a man who knows by actual experience what prison life is, by addressing with two-cent stamp, F. J. C., 125 North West street, Kalamazoo, Mich.

#### LONGING FOR A FEW KIND WORDS.

#### INDIANA STATE PRISON.

To the Editor of THE LIFE BOAT:

I am a prisoner in here doing a life sentence and am entirely without friends. I am a reader of your publication and would be pleased to hear from you. I have tried to live a Christian life, both before and after coming here. A few kind words from you would be a great help to me. You say you will help the deserving in distress; will you help me? I don't know who to appeal to besides you.

A. G. Gates, chaplain Kansas Industrial Reformatory, writes: "We find THE LIFE BOAT is more appreciated than any other publication which comes to our young men. May God bless you and prosper you in the work."

### ARE YOU HAUNTED BY A WICKED PAST?

#### MRS. NINA CASE-BAIERE.

A few days ago, an old man entered a police court of New York City and begged the judge to send him back to prison. He explained by saying, "I can't make a living; my past follows me. As soon as I get a job and they find out my past, I lose it. Over and over again it has happened until I know it is no use. My past won't permit me to be an honest man."

This is the experience of hundreds of men and women. A wicked past is a worse punishment than years behind the prison bars. Whenever a man or woman tries to do right, it drags them back to the old life. Go where they will, it pursues them. "Over and over again," as the man said, "it has been tried, and there is no use in trying to escape a guilty past." The Bible says in Num. 32:23: "Be sure your sin will find you out."

Dear reader, are you haunted by a sinful past? Are you discouraged in trying to live it down? Does every man's hand seem to be against you? Do you desire to be freed from your past with all its sorrow and sin, black as it may be? Give it to Jesus. Say to Him, "I have sinned and perverted that which was right, and it profited me nothing." And He has promised to "deliver" you. Read Job Again in Isaiah 1:18 he says: 33:27, 28. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Then read Isa. 38:17, where He says He will cast your sins behind His back and remember them no more forever.

Perhaps you will say, "God may cast my past behind His back and remember it no more forever, but man will not."

Read a few more promises from God's word. Prov. 16:7. "When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him"; and best of all, Isa. 49:8-10: "Thus saith the Lord, that thou mayest say to the prisoners, go forth; to them that are in darkness, show yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places. They shall not hunger nor thirst neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for He that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall He guide them." Isn't that a precious promise? Does it not thrill you through and through? If you are sitting in your cell, or if you are in freedom in your home or on the street, wherever you are, make the surrender now. Believe God's word, and in place of the agonized remorse for sin, God will fill your heart with

joy and peace, and cover with his own precious blood your past. Then you will taste the true joy of freedom, and instead of bitterness you will find sweetness in your lot; in place of despair you will have hope, the future will be laden with opportunity and blessing for you. There are no heights to which you can not climb if you make God your helper, "For if God be for us, who can be against us." Romans 8:31.

#### A LESSON FROM THE CAMEL.

Myrtle B. Hudson, who formerly assisted in Life Boat Work in the Honolulu prison, sends us this poem with the following explanation:

"This poem was handed to me while visiting one of the homes in Honolulu. The whitehaired mother of the household prayed that all who came within its portals might feel the atmosphere which pervaded it. Though a home of wealth, it was a spot where the weary and way-worn of earth's sons and daughters found a place of refuge. It was built on the side of a mountain, where the air was pure and clear. From its broad piazzas, one could look out over the blue Pacific or gaze upon dear old Diamond Head."

The camel, at the close of day, Kneels down upon the sandy plain, To have his burden lifted off, And rest to gain.

My soul, thou, too, shouldst to thy knees, When daylight draweth to a close, And let thy Master lift the load, And grant repose.

Else how couldst thou to-morrow meet, With all to-morrow's work to do, If thou thy burden all the night Dost carry through?

The camel kneels at break of day, To have his guide replace his load— Then rises up anew to take The desert road.

So thou shouldst kneel at morning's dawn That God may give thee daily care, Assured that He no load too great Will make thee bear.

—Anon.

#### NOTE THIS.

Have you read W. S. Sadler's article in the last LIFE BOAT entitled, "What God Has Done for Us," and its continuation in this one? If not, you do not know how many helpful soulwinning truths they contain.

#### PRISONERS' FUND.

Mrs. H. Coleman, 50c; James Dunkin, 54c; Mrs. D. E. Fish, 10c; a friend, 10c; H. C. Hufnagle, \$1.00; Indiana Conference, 50c; Mrs. Lizzie Marsh, 95c; Mrs. H. Perrior, \$1.00; Mrs. Mary Prowondra, 10c; Mrs. E. Umlandt, \$2.00;



# **Rescue Service**



Do you wonder why you are allowed to live? Does everything and everybody seem to work against you? Does the future look dark and you know of no way out? Do you feel that everyone, even your best friends, has forsaken you? Are you completely discouraged and disheartened? If so, we would like to help you. Write to us as others have and like them you may be greatly helped.

There is a chance for you, my sister, and I trust by God's help we can get your feet on the right road. Address Mrs. David Paulson, Hinsdale, Ill.

#### HOW GOD SUPPLIES OUR NEEDS. MRS. DAVID PAULSON.

The other day we received a letter from a lady who wrote that she was canning fruit to send to us for use in our Suburban Home for Girls. Possibly there are others who, while they are canning their fruit for winter use, or storing away their vegetables, will think of the straying daughter of some mother, whom we have taken into our Home and whom we are trying to help and teach. Remember if you will send to us some of the fruit and vegetables you will make it possible for us to help more of these girls.

Just a few days ago the Lord answered our prayers by sending out a good cow. This will enable us to have good milk for our babies. We trust our readers will not forget to help us in paying our rent each month. I am sure if you could see the good work that is done for the girls who come under our roof you would not regret sending us fifty cents or one dollar each month. Address the writer, Hinsdale, Ill.

#### "OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN." MRS. NINA CRANE. Matron Suburban Home.

I wish all our readers would look at the loving mother face in the accompanying photograph, and then picture in their minds a home where love reigns supreme, and the Spirit of God rules; a home of plenty where the blessed sunlight and pure air are abundant. In this home was taken our dear little baby James, by hearts of love who opened their doors to take in a poor little castaway.

This child was the second baby born in our Suburban Home. From its birth we have



LITTLE JAMES AND HIS FOSTER MOTHER.

watched over it night and day, trying to save its life as it was sickly ever since it was born, The person for whom we do the most we love the most, and so it was with baby James, he was loved by all our family.

About a week ago I visited him in this home and was happy to see the love and care he was receiving. He was so bright and winning and laughed and crowed and enjoyed it all so thoroughly. While I was there he was taken ill one night with that baby scourge, cholera infantum. Not having it severely we hoped to see him survive, but in spite of all the watchful care given him he took a cold and that, with a tendency to bronchitis which he inherited, ended his little life, and baby James was laid to rest last Sunday, awaiting the call of the Saviour who said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

#### RESCUE WORK IN GRAND RAPIDS.

#### MRS. W. H. MC KEE.

Matron Home for Girls, Byron Center, Mich. There are so many encouraging things connected with this blessed work for others in need of Christ-like sympathy that it gives me pleasure to tell of some of our experiences. While in Ohio, a few weeks ago, I was introduced to a gentleman, and upon learning that I was trying to help the heartbroken and suffering, he asked me to tell him about my work in detail. I was indeed glad to relate to him what we were trying to do, and the blessings God had wrought through our efforts. Turning to me, he said: "I am not a Christian; I make no profession at all, but I know Christianity when I see it. This is a work I should be glad to contribute to. I am in the paint business, and if you have not the paint for your buildings, I will gladly furnish enough for all you are to put up, according to this plan for the dormitory and hospital." I am sure those who read this will understand the gratitude I felt for this generous gift. I do so pray that the Lord Jesus will bring to this kind man's heart the knowledge of Him who is the friend of us all, and whose life was our example of the true missionary.

The paint is here, ready to be used, but we have not enough money even to begin to put carpenters to work to finish the dormitory. The lumber to finish it, and to put up a hospital where we can minister to the sick and suffering, is also here awaiting the hammer and saw of the men who can enable us to do more for those who so sadly need it. It seems as though we can not go through another winter with that unfinished building standing empty, and so many needing its shelter.

We are very thankful for the kind interest of friends of this work who read THE LIFE BOAT, and wish to express again our sincere appreciation of their assistance and the loving words of sympathy which have greatly cheered our hearts. We are greatly in need of sheets, pillow cases, table cloths and napkins. If some who read this would send a pair of sheets, others a table cloth, and still others a few napkins, we should be well supplied in a short time. We have the promise of furniture from dealers in our city to furnish the new dormitory, when once it is finished, but just now our immediate house needs are more urgent.

The words of our Saviour are very precious to all who lend a hand in such work: "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40. Anyone desiring further particulars of this work and its needs will be furnished with circular, and we will gladly correspond with such.

#### WHY I AM IN THIS WORK. MRS. NINA CRANE.

#### Matron Hinsdale Suburban Home.

A number of years ago I said to Mrs. Dr. Kress, in the Battle Creek Sanitarium, "I would like to go to Chicago and take up rescue work." I had never heard of the work without feeling it was something that I really should do.

Several years passed away. One day Dr. Paulson talked to a company of workers in the publishing house about THE LIFE BOAT work, and I felt very much impressed that it was a call for me. I wrote asking him if there was anything in Chicago that a woman fifty years old could do. He encouraged me to come, which I did, beginning with LIFE BOAT selling, but soon taking up the work at the Rest, and I must say it has been the most helpful and encouraging work I have ever done. I know God would have us do rescue work, and am sure He sends His needy children to us.

Because I am a mother, I can sympathize with the mothers of wayward girls, and can go to these girls and talk and pray with them in a way that perhaps some young women could not do. Many times some of these girls have said to me, "Oh, if my mother had only talked to me as you do. Oh, how I wish some one had told me these things years ago," but the words had not been spoken, so these poor girls were reaping the harvest of bitterness and woe.

Many times the thought comes to us, 'Shall

we be able to do just the right thing for this soul? Can we lead her nearer to the Lord? Can we so live before her that our lives will preach more forcibly than our words?' Every night we take our girls to the Lord in prayer, and if one case seems more needy or hopeless than the rest, we make that soul a subject of special prayer. The most careless and indifferent cases seem to be the hardest for us to give up. We feel that God sends every soul to us, and for each we must give an account. We remember that the Saviour said the gospel net should gather in both good and bad, but we try to do for each one as we would be done by. God is blessing us in every phase of the work, and we feel sure that lives are being made better and brighter and eventually souls will be saved in the kingdom of God as a result of this work.

#### ONE DAY'S WORK AT THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION. ALBERTA WIEST.

It may be interesting to LIFE BOAT readers to speak of one day's experiences on the Fair grounds. I visited among the girls at work, and found many of them were getting discouraged on account of the small wages they received, which were much less than had been represented to them before they came, and were not sufficient to meet their expenses. One girl told me that before the summer was over she feared many girls would accept some of the propositions that were daily made to them. Some were wondering how they were going to pay for their board. One girl had come in answer to an advertisement offering large wages. She was the eldest of a large family and had decided to take advantage of this offer in order to help support the others. What she actually found was a position in a laundry at six dollars a week, with hard work from early morn till late at night. Her board and room cost her \$5.50 a week, leaving fifty cents for laundry bill and clothing, and nothing to send to her parents. Under the strain of hard work and disappointment she broke down and her health gave way, and when we found her she was in distress and utterly discouraged, but with no thought whatever of accepting any of the degrading propositions that had been made to her. We helped her, and gave her some encouragement, and now

she has work in a private family. We intend to help her to get back to her home in Iowa shortly.

We meet with many difficult problems, but the Lord is helping us to solve them, and I feel more than ever like trusting Him all the way. He knows all our needs, and will supply them. Pray for the success of the work in St. Louis.

#### HIS PRAYER WAS ANSWERED.

One evening during the service at the Life Boat Mission a drunkard in the audience made himself rather troublesome. One of the workers persuaded him to go upstairs with him. There the worker spoke to him about his soul and in a little while induced him to kneel down for a season of prayer and he was then urged to pray for himself and make a complete surrender. He insisted that he did not know how to pray, but finally yielded, and prayed in the following words: "O Lord, if you can do anything for an old broken down wreck like me I wish you would." Rough and crude though his prayer was, it was sincere and came from the heart.

They then returned to the meeting, and at the close of the service the drunkard slipped out before anyone had an opportunity to speak to him again.

About a month later, the first to take part in the testimony meeting was a nice looking man who told about his visit to the Mission, and that someone had talked to him about his soul and got him to pray. That night he gave his heart to the Lord, and after leaving the meeting began to live a different life. His employer who had discharged him had taken him back and now his family rejoiced and God had prospered him. He was the man who had offered the unique prayer mentioned above.

Is this not a striking proof of the truth of the Scripture which says we know not what will prosper, this or that? (Eccl. 11:6.)

Mrs. L. A. Cooper, \$1.00; Mrs. Bertha Cooper, \$1.00; a friend, \$2.50; Mrs. Polly Frizzell, \$5.00; Emma Garner, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Ora E. Long, \$3.00; Eli James Jr., \$2.00; J. W. Wildc, \$1.00.

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## PHYSICAL REDEMPTION



#### A SURE CURE.

A poor man wrote asking us to help him raise sixty dollars to defray the expenses of taking a liquor cure. We were glad that we could call his attention to the gospel cure, which he could have without money and without price, and is a thousand times more effective, as is well illustrated by the multitude of striking examples that come under our observation in the Life Boat Mission.

If you know of a victim of the drink habit, be sure to call his attention to this, and if he will write to us we will gladly give him additional suggestions as to how he can cooperate physically and spiritually with the Lord in being absolutely saved from the awful tyranny that now has the mastery over him.

#### HAVE YOU A CLEAR HEAD?

The dietary has more to do with this than anything else. If you habitually subsist upon food laden with waste products, you need not be surprised if you are irritable and have a cloudy brain. More than likely you are gradually laying the foundation for other serious troubles.

Your body is continually manufacturing waste products. By eating the flesh of animals, you are compelling your eliminative organs to do double work, and your brain will continually be bathed in blood, containing not only the waste matter from your own body, but also some of that contained in the flesh of the animal. As you consider the fact that a large percentage of animals are diseased, does it not seem desirable to secure the same food elements from the natural and wholesome products of the earth?

The Japanese are winning admiration the world over for endurance under rapid movements, yet they are a non-flesheating people. Karl Mann, the young German who walked a hundred miles in less time than any other man in the empire, never eats meat. Mr. Allen, who beat the world's record for walking a hundred miles in England, lives on fruits, grains and nuts. Mr. Mills, the champion tennis player of the world, subsists on a non-flesh dietary. Some of our best long distance bicycle riders in this country have found it advantageous to discard meat.

The editor of the New York Medical Record stated recently that the only difficulty in securing a proper and palatable food supply from the natural products of the earth was that it required more *intelligent* effort than does the cooking of meat. He therefore suggested the organization of cooking schools for the wives of laboring men.

Cook books, giving all this necessary information, can readily be procured. If you are really interested in this matter and want to eat the food that is most conducive to health and happiness, write to us and we shall be glad to give you more information.

#### READ THIS, IF YOU WANT FREEDOM FROM THE TOBACCO HABIT.

The Lord can save you from the tobacco habit just as easily as He can save you from sin. Instead of enabling you to get a great deal of pleasure out of life, tobacco is in reality shortening it and blunting the finer sensibilities of the brain, thereby making you less capable of enjoying spiritual things. It is crippling your liver, deranging your digestion and battering down the defenses of your body, thus making you much more liable to contract pneumonia, tuberculosis or any other infectious disease. Do not try to taper off. It is as useless as it would be to attempt to get rid of lying and stealing by the same process. STOP, and ask God to be your helper. He is willing to lay hold of you more strongly than tobacco Eat nothing but abundance of fruit has. four times a day for several days. Drink a large quantity of water, and take several vigorous sweats. You will be surprised how easy it is to gain the victory, and the discipline that you will receive will help you to gain other victories where you have thus far made a failure.



DAVID PAULSON, M. D.

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Luke, 21:28. Are you following this admonition or are you so intent on worldly or selfish enterprises that you have neither time nor thought to give to the significant events which are taking place in the world about you?

#### SECOND ANNUAL LIFE BOAT WORK-ERS' CONVENTION.

Our first Life Boat Workers' Convention last fall proved such a signal blessing that we have decided to hold another one in the latter part of October. This Conference will last ten days, and we expect that the leading Life Boat workers in different parts of the country will attend. Able and experienced workers and speakers will give instruction on Bible topics and missionary methods.

Opportunities will be afforded each day for practical missionary experiences in connection with the various departments of the Chicago Life Boat work.

Begin now to plan to attend this Convention. More information will be given in the next number of THE LIFE BOAT, but we shall be glad to correspond with those who expect to be present. We would suggest that those who are selling LIFE BOATS try to arrange their routes so as to be in Chicago at that time.

#### DENYING SELF FOR THE SPREAD OF TRUTH.

Professed Christians undoubtedly waste enormous sums of money each year in many useless ways—on soda water, candy, useless photographs, etc. This money alone, if saved to the cause of Christ, would result in a great extension of His kingdom on earth.

When building a dispensary for the poor in San Francisco some time ago, the Young People's Society of that State alone in but a few weeks sent to me over one hundred dollars that had been saved by self-denial volunteers. They were no worse off for it; perhaps better off. This money was used to purchase an electric light bath for the dispensary.

Now the time has come in the providence of

LET THIS MEAN YOU.

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Every minister, mission worker and Sunday school teacher should have their attention called to THE LIFE BOAT. Thousands of them would gladly subscribe for it. We are constantly receiving most appreciative letters from Christian workers all over the land. Will you not supply them in your vicinity with a sample copy and afterward solicit their subscription?

#### AN ANTI-INFIDEL NUMBER OF THE LIFE BOAT.

The battle between truth and error rages as fiercely to-day as ever, and there never were more dangerous attacks on the Bible than at the present time. The faith and confidence of thousands of people in the inspiration of the Scriptures is gradually being undermined. Therefore we have decided to issue the November LIFE BOAT as a special anti-infidel number. Some of those whom God has specially used as champions for the truth of the Scriptures will contribute their best thoughts for this special number. It will be ready for circulation about the twentieth of October. Begin to lay your plans to help us to circulate a quarter of a million copies.

"THE CITY IS FULL OF VIOLENCE." "The land is full of bloody crimes and the city is full of violence." Ezek., 7:23.

It would be difficult to select a few words that would describe more accurately the condition of the country in general and of Chicago in particular at the present time. In various portions of Colorado there has existed a veritable reign of terror which has only been quelled by the cruel hand of the military power. Labor and capital complications of most stupendous proportions are developing in many of the most important industrial centers.

There is at present a strike in Chicago which is marked with as great intensity and disregard of personal rights and human life as was ever manifested in the most bitterly contested war.

The Master said: "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." 5

God when a dispensary should be equipped in connection with the Life Boat Mission in Chicago. Dear reader, will you and your friends help us in raising a self-denial fund? What pleasure or luxury are you willing to forego for the sake of the sick and suffering, those who are out of Christ? Think the matter over; set aside what you save, and at the end of the week or month send it to us, in care of the Life Boat Mission. We will acknowledge the receipt and let you know how it is used. This is an excellent chance to make an investment in this new feature of our work, and the blessing of God that will come to your own soul will so refresh you that you will feel that after all it was more of a blessing than a denial. W. S. S.

#### FIND A LIFE BOAT WORKER.

Nearly four hundred people are spending more or less time each month in selling THE LIFE BOAT to their friends and neighbors. If you have never tried this, order ten at two cents a copy and you will be surprised what a blessed time you will have in disposing of them. If it is impossible for you to do this, persuade some one else to do so. It may be the means of saving a soul and so add another star to your crown.

#### DO NOT LET YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRE.

This is an age of high pressure, and it is easy to overlook such small things as the renewal of a subscription, but as we are publishing THE LIFE BOAT at cost you can readily see that we need your subscription money. Will you not look up the wrapper that was torn from this paper and see if your subscription is not about to expire, and if so, renew it? And will you not remind your friends who are taking THE LIFE BOAT of the same matter?

#### POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN.

There are certain classes of public officials whose duties almost entirely deprive them of ordinary religious advantages, and consequently they often, to all appearances, have little or no regard for spiritual things. But in many cases this is not so in reality. The policemen's work is such as would naturally lead them to lose confidence in humanity, for their duties often bring them in contact with the shallowness of human pretension. Their calling inevitably makes them reckless and desperate. Yet they have souls to save. Are you earnestly asking the Lord to send the gospel to policemen?

Every fireman is again and again called upon to risk his own life to save human lives and property. They need the gospel. Why not secure from the city records the name of every policeman and fireman in your city, and raise a fund to send them THE LIFE BOAT for six months? We will allow a special discount for this purpose. In some places this work has already been done. Why not do it in your city?

In San Francisco the Young People's Society of one of the churches undertook to place THE LIFE BOAT in the hands of the firemen. They had an interesting experience. THE LIFE BOAT is readily received by these men, and we hope every effort will be made to place the forthcoming Anti-infidel number in the hands of every fireman in this country. The harvest of good resulting from such an effort eternity only can reveal.

#### HOW TO PREVENT JEWELRY FROM BEING STOLEN.

We are constantly reading in the papers of jewelry being stolen. Invest your jewelry in our Suburban Rescue Home, or use it to give the gospel to needy souls in the Life Boat Mission; or to pay for LIFE BOATS to be sent to prison cells; or to flash the light of the gospel into some darkened heart. When you have done that, you have laid up a treasure where "neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break throough nor steal." Matt. 6:20. Many have already acted upon this scripture and have received a great blessing for so doing. Will you not do the same?

#### THE FIRST-FRUITS OF THE LAND.

In the old dispensation the first-fruits of the land were sacred unto the Lord. If you live within a reasonable distance of Chicago will you not consider it a privilege to send us by freight some farm products to help maintain the workers and girls in the Life Boat Rest and the Suburban Home?

Apples, potatoes, beans, dried corn and similar foods will be very acceptable. Write and tell us what you have and we will correspond with you further. Address Mrs. David Paulson, Hinsdale, Ill.

#### LEAVE YOUR ANXIETY WITH GOD.

Are you lying awake at night worrying over the mistakes of some other Christian workers? If so, try to believe that God can manage His cizing others who are trying to do something, you call down upon yourself the curse of Meroz, who simply did nothing. "Curse ye, Meroz," said the angel of the Lord, "curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof, because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Judges, 5:23.

#### HAVE YOU SEEN THE HUDSON TAY-LOR BOOK?

We do not know how any one can read the wonderfully interesting experiences and the re-



VIEW OF THE PRESENT LIFE BOAT OFFICE HEADQUARTERS ON THE HINSDALE SANITARIUM GROUNDS.

work and His workers. He can prevent them from making terrible mistakes. At any rate, He has not laid upon you that responsibility, and so it will be better for you to leave the whole thing in His hands.

David made some serious mistakes; nevertheless he was afterward spoken of as a man after God's own heart. Can you conceive of a more serious mistake than to do nothing for humanity? A ship can not be steered unless it is moving. Beware lest while you are critimarkable answers to prayer in the early days of the founding of the China Inland Mission without having their faith and confidence in the Lord strengthened.

We will send you this remarkable book for only four new subscribers to THE LIFE BOAT. A thousand of our readers have availed themselves of this opportunity. Why don't you? You can surely find four people who will gladly subscribe for this soul-winning magazine, if its merits are explained to them.

#### NEWS AND NOTES.

Mrs. Swanson and Miss Ford are spending a few weeks at Lake Geneva taking a wellearned rest.

E. B. Van Dorn visited the Pedicord mission farm this month. He found it in a prosperous condition.

Dr. David Paulson recently gave a talk on the gospel of health at the Railroad Y. M. C. A. in Chicago.

Miss Carrie Daniels and Miss George are engaged in selling LIFE BOATS in St. Louis and having splendid success.

Mrs. Nina Crane, matron of the Suburban Home for Girls, enjoyed a short, but well earned vacation at Battle Creek.

Dr. and Mrs. Paulson are giving health lectures at some of the leading Chautauquas. They report most interesting experiences.

A returned missionary from Abyssinia, Africa, says "THE LIFE BOAT would be a fine thing to circulate among the English speaking people in Africa."

T. J. Murphy, Mineral Wells, Tex., writes that he has read THE LIFE BOAT regularly for some time and has been an instrument in God's hands of placing it in the hospitals and prisons of Louisiana.

S. A. Smith. of Jamaica, West Indies, in sending us an order for LIFE BOATS, says, "I have distributed all THE LIFE BOATS that I last ordered and think it is a most encouraging paper to read. I find it very helpful."

Mrs. N. H. Richmond writes from Grand Rapids, Mich: "We have visited nearly every home in this place. We have sold one thousand LIFE BOATS this month and expect to order a thousand again next month. The paper grows better all the time.

We had orders for nearly fifteen thousand August LIFE BOATS before the first number was off the press. This is certainly very encouraging, but if every reader would order a few extra copies, our circulation would soon be a quarter of a million. We furnish LIFE BOATS at two cents each in quantities.

Edith Craig, Lyons, Mich., reports: "I had some very interesting experiences at Detroit and Pontiac while selling LIFE BOATS. I sold nearly all the four hundred that I ordered in the three weeks and could not be out more than an hour and a half or two hours a day, and worked mostly from house to house." Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Moore, formerly members of the Chicago Medical Missionary Training School, are now connected with Treatment Rooms in Havana, Cuba, and are having splendid missionary opportunities. They have sent us a number of new subscriptions to THE LIFE BOAT, and write that the subscribers are well pleased.

W. A. Winchell has worked hard during the past year to get the Workingmen's Home on a better basis, and the Lord has blessed him in this effort. Plans are now being made to renovate the building from top to bottom, provide new bedding, install a laundry machine, etc. A good spiritual atmosphere pervades the Home.

Mary Hubbel, Maringo, Ohio, who has been selling gospel literature to miners, writes, "I believe I should like to work with THE LIFE BOAT, as there is much contained in a little space. The miners are not generally very well educated and need to have the gospel made simple, and I believe THE LIFE BOAT would reach them. Do you know of some one who could come and work with me?"

"We had an interesting time in Pittsburg, Pa. Wickedness abounds on every hand, but we met some persons who said they wanted to live better lives. Some of the policemen took so much interest in our work that each time we met them they asked us how we were getting along. It is wonderful how THE LIFE BOAT gives opportunities to preach the gospel to sinners. My courage was never better and I mean to press on in this work."

Mrs. Ely, Valparaiso, Ind., writes: "Last winter I sent personal letters and a copy of THE LIFE BOAT to fifty of my friends and relatives, and many of them have become deeply interested in it. Among them was the editor of a prominent paper, who published a very nice article about the Life Boat work." This is a good suggestion for someone else.

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#### SUMMARIES FOR JULY. LIEF BOAT MISSION

LIFE BOAT MISSION.					
Regular meetings	31				
Average attendance	75				
Bible classes	$^{24}$				
Average attendance	10				
Converts' meetings	4				
Sabbath meetings	4				
Sabbath schools	4				
Outside meetings	14				
Hands raised for prayer	141				
Number of men helped	70				

#### WORKINGMEN'S HOME.

Penny lunches served	782
Number using laundry	579
Number lodgings 5,4	173
Meetings held	35

#### SUBURBAN HOME FOR GIRLS.

Public meetings held	9
Average attendance	7
Articles of clothing distributed	18
Medical services rendered	3
Number in hospital	1
Requests for prayer	4

#### LIFE BOAT REST FOR GIRLS.

Public meetings held	16
Average attendance	85
Calls made	800
Medical services rendered	5
Treatments	15
Free baths	50
Free lodgings	25
Free meals	50
Number professing conversion	12
Requests for prayer	75

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Are you undecided where to go to school next year? If so write to Union College, College View, Neb., for their calendar, and investigate what they have to offer.

#### NOTIFY US OF MISTAKES.

As our office work is now so well organized and we have become settled in our new quarters we have reason to believe there will be less mistakes made in future, but if you know of any who are not receiving The Life Boat for which they subscribed, or any other mistakes, we shall appreciate it if you will notify us.

Have you recently seen a copy of Good Health? If not, you should send ten cents for a sample copy. It is filled from cover to cover with the choicest things relating to health. Address Good Health, Battle Creek, Mich.

Are you anxious to study the significance of the striking things that are taking place in the world to-day? Then you should read The Signs of the Times. Send for a sample copy to the Pacific Press, Oakland, Cal.

#### HAVE YOU NOTICED OUR PREMIUM OFFERS?

Those who have availed themselves of our premium offers are surprised that we are able to give such valuable premiums for so few new subscriptions. Our only reason for doing this is to assist to the utmost those who are soliciting subscriptions and we could not do it at all if we did not have arrangements which enable us to avail ourselves of special wholesale prices. \_

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As you read in the Bible of the birthplace of Christ, the different cities that He visited in His wanderings and labors, you have doubtless often wished that you might have before you accurate photographs of them as they appear to-day. How much more vivid would seem the description of Mt. Tabor if you read it with a splendid picture of it before your eyes. The same is true of the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Mount of Olives, and Emmaus, and a score of other places. We have procured for the benefit of our readers a large atlas containing one hundred and sixty photographic views, with descriptions, presenting to the public such grand revelations of this country of sacred memories as was never before offered to the world, and which was produced by the publishers only after long, arduous and expensive labor. The volume is substantially bound in red cloth, with silver lettering, size eleven by fourteen inches. We offer this splendid book for only SEVEN NEW SUBSCRIBERS, with twenty-five cents additional for postage and packing.



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