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BY MARGARET BOTTOME.

John B. Gough has gone to his reward, but I shall never forget my indebtedness to him for an illustration I heard him use the last time I listened to him. I don't even remember what he was illustrating; I do remember the use the Holy Spirit made of the illustration to my own soul. Mr. Gough said he sat once by the side of an engineer on a lightning express train, and, as the engine flew round a curve, he said to the engineer, "Do you never fear while going at this speed?"

The engineer turned to him and said: "Mr. Gough, it doesn't do for an engineer to be afraid. Sometimes they do become timid, and when it is found out that they are, they give them a freight train." In that moment I saw the danger of being afraid when God fires up a soul with a new truth and means it to go with speed. Alas, for those who have not been true to the truth given them, and as Emerson says, have "struck souls to a fear," and another soul has been given the truth they were afraid to utter, and that other has taken their crown, and they have been given a "freight train" instead of a lightning express. If God made you for a freight train, take good care of your train, "here all the honor lies;" but if He fitted you up for an express train, it is humbling to find yourself on a freight train.

I well remember in the long ago sitting beside Phœbe Palmer in a morning prayer-meeting, held during the session of our annual conference of ministers of our Methodist Church. It was the morning General Lee surrendered to General Grant. I was full of the thought of a complete surrender to Jesus Christ; she turned to me and said, quietly, "the King's business requires haste." I sprang to my feet, and in an express sort of way gave the burning thoughts the Holy Ghost had given me, and in that hour a leading business man of New York surrendered to Christ.

Oh what victories are lost through fear; fear of what people will think of you, when the probability is that up to this time you have never done anything to make them think of you in any way. We want souls these days who know no fear but the fear of God. Souls that are ready to take God's dispatches at quickest notice, and in quickest time. "Be ready for every good word and work." Anything short of this is not entire consecration. May many more souls be fired up by the Holy Ghost, to be like express trains for God to take truths He wishes to send.

To the Editor of THE VOICE FROM THE FIELD:

Knowing the interest taken in Temperance work by THE VOICE, I thought perhaps you would like to have a short account of the Band of Hope which we have started in connection with Chalmers Church Sabbath School. It is worked under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society, the members of which are expected to assist in the work if required. Our first meeting was held January 8th, when seventy-seven names were enrolled. We have now on the pledge book two hundred and seven names, with an average attendance for the last month of one hundred and twelve.

We are trying to make the work as practical as possible, and are conducting it something in the shape of Sabbath School work, classes being formed in which the children receive scientific teaching. This is varied at times by an address from our pastor or older temperance workers. We have much to learn, as the work is new to most of us, and we will be glad of any hints from those who have had more experience.

Hoping I have not trespassed too much on your time and space, I remain yours sincerely,

THE MANAGER.