

[ORIGINAL.]

**"Only a Line Left Out."**

By the Editor.

**W**HILE passing along a street in Montreal, some few years ago, I overheard a young man remark to his companion, "Oh it was not much! It was only a line left out." The words started a train of thought.

"It was not much," yet whatever it was, it was evidently something which had caused annoyance or inconvenience, else, why should the young man now make it a subject of conversation with his companion? It was evident that while he was inclined to think it a trifle, others took a different view of the matter.

Again, he said "It was *only* a line left out." Only—not much to talk about—only one line. My

memory went back to a scene at a polling place during a municipal election. The contest was a close one. A keen party man came up to the poll and asked for his ticket. "What is your name?" "John Blank." "Where do you reside?" "No. 9 — Street." A pause,—while the clerks look down the list of voters. "No such name here." "Oh, it must be, I have resided here for years, and have voted in every election." "Can't help it, we have no such name." It was no use arguing. There were the books, and the name of John Blank was not there. "It was

not much, only a line left out," but that man could not vote.

Again, another illustration. A friend of mine received a check in payment of an account. He was much in need of the money, and the receipt of the check was hailed with pleasure. He laid it on his desk, and proceeded to make up his deposit form, when, lo! a glance at the check revealed the fact that there was no signature. He called a lad, and bid him haste to the merchant's office and secure the signature. In a few

minutes the lad returned, saying, "Mr. — has gone, and will not return to-day." It was not very much, *only a line left out*, yet it resulted in a protested note, additional expense and much annoyance.

But these were only temporary inconveniences. The citizen could see that his name was properly enrolled before the next election should take place. The merchant could

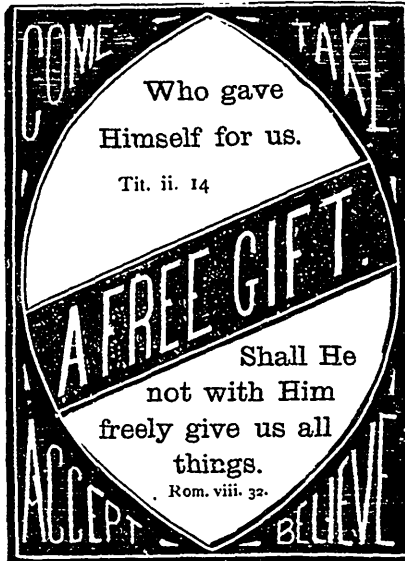
**THE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT.**

God so loved the world that He **GAVE** His only begotten Son, that who soever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John iii. 16.

The wages of sin is death; but the **GIFT** of GOD is Eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom. vi. 23.



I **GIVE** unto them Eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand.

John x. 28.

This is the record, that God hath **GIVEN** to us Eternal life and this life

is in His Son.

1 John v. 11.

**READER! HAVE YOU EVER SAID,  
"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift."**

make explanation which would free him from permanent difficulty at the bank. In other words, the wrong might be put right.

But, dear reader, remember there is a time when the omission of a name will result in irretrievable loss. Look at what the Word of God says:—

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.—Rev. xx. 15.

*Only a line left out.* Is it much? Why it means a soul shut out from God—forever shut