

they talked, and begged them to pray for him. After they had offered prayer, they urged him to pray for himself. He answered them, "I cannot pray, ladies, I am too hungry; I am nearly starved." This, of course, roused their sympathies, and they assured him that he should have a good meal at the close of the meeting. This assurance caused a fresh outburst of grief on his part, as he said, "I have a wife and two little children who are just as hungry as I am, as we have had no food for two days." At the close of the meeting he received an order for a substantial meal for himself, and a good basketful of provisions for his family. Another afternoon, on the way to the hall, the ladies met a policeman taking a woman to the lock-up; they begged him to resign her to their care, saying, "We can do her more good than you can." This he did reluctantly; and the poor creature, realizing that she was in the hands of friends, spoke freely of her sorrows and her downfall. She was the daughter of one of the proud families of Virginia, her father a judge, and she the wife of a lawyer. By the time they reached the meeting, she appeared to be quite sober. She begged them to pray for her, and as they pointed her to the sinner's Friend, she was enabled to trust in Christ for salvation, and rejoiced in a sense of forgiveness. Said Mrs. Riley, in speaking of the circumstance afterwards, "When that poor soul received the blessing, I was as conscious of it in my own heart as when I was converted myself."