

AN OUTCAST SAVED.

On the Sunday evening following the Christmas dinner at the Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, a man of fifty years arose in the Mission meeting, who said that he had come to the city a homeless wanderer and drunkard. Passing along Van Buren street, with little heed of his surroundings, he saw men rushing down into a basement. Inquiring what it meant, he was told that the Mission was giving a free Christmas dinner. Penniless and hungry, his fast yet unbroken that day, he went in to ticket himself for this free board. While waiting for a seat, he heard Colonel Clarke speak of God's willingness to save even the most hardened sinner. Like the bullet which wounded him while in the army, conviction went straight to his heart in that moment and laid him low at Jesus' feet. Mr. E. S. Miller then sang of home and mother, and that completed the work. As he went to the inviting tables and saw kind ladies ministering to poor, wretched men, the impression took deeper hold. "And now," said he, as the tears coursed down his cheeks, "I want to forsake my sinful life. At the age of fifty, a poor wanderer, outcast and wicked sinner, I want to come to God and be saved, if there is hope for me—such an old, wicked sinner as I have been." Then and there he yielded himself to God and found peace and joy.

Poor and Needy.

When the richest American of his day was in his last fatal sickness a Christian friend proposed to sing for him; and the hymn he named was, "Come, ye sinners, poor and needy." "Yes, yes," replied the dying millionaire, "sing that for me, I feel *poor* and *needy*." Yet at that moment the stock-markets of the globe were watching and waiting for the demise of the man who could shake them with a nod of his head. "Poor and needy!" How the sand sweeps from under a man's soul in such an hour as that!—*Dr. T. L. Cuyler.*

Rev. Mr. Hogg of Moncton writes, we held our Annual Meeting recently. After meeting liabilities and helping more liberally than any year before the Missionary operations of our church, we had a surplus of \$400.00. We expect to build a stone church next summer, hence we need hardly expect a surplus for a few years.

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