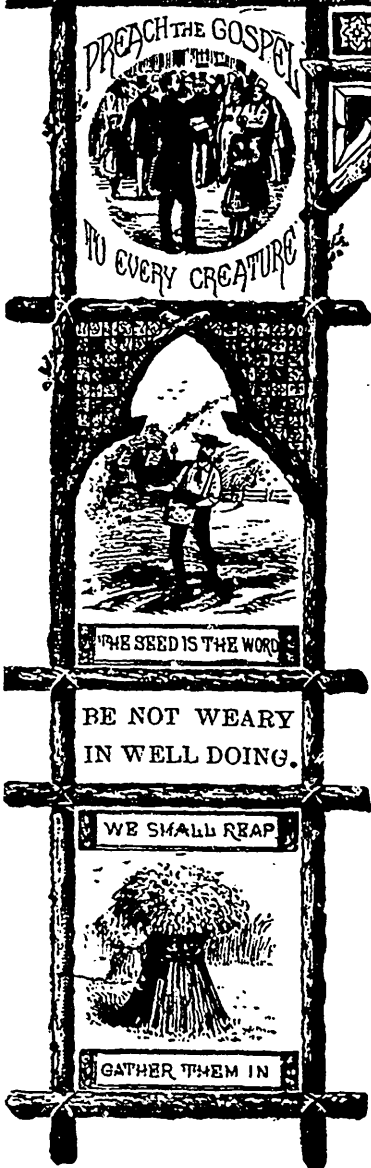




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### Wanted—A Helping Hand.

By the Editor.



ONE evening as I was on my way home, I saw a little boy trying to lift a hand cart on to the side walk, but the load was too heavy for him. As I drew near, he accosted me with the words, "Please mister, give me a lift?" I stopped, and taking the back of his little cart, lifted it on to the path, and at once he started off without uttering even a word of thanks. But what cared I for that? Had I not given him a lift? Had I not helped him on

his way rejoicing? As I turned to pursue my journey, there flashed across my mind this thought:—Is this not designed to teach me a lesson? Are there not in the world hundreds of persons in a position similar to that occupied by the lad. They are waiting for a lift. They can make no headway where they are. They want a lift on to a smoother road. How easy it was for me to stoop and lift that little cart; but the lad could never have accomplished it alone. And how easy it would be for you, my brother—for you my sister, to give a helping hand toward lifting some poor, helpless, burdened soul on to the homeward path. It is true you may not receive any thanks. Remember, if you work for thanks, your pay will likely be small; but if you work for Jesus' sake, the reward will be large.

Let us ever bear in mind, as we go through the world, that there are around us many who need a helping hand, but who may not ask that aid. We should therefore be seeking for such. In other words, let us live up to the injunction of the Scriptures, to "Improve the time," literally, "Buy up opportunities." We know there are many among our readers who are thus acting day by day. By God's grace they are "giving a lift" to helpless ones. They are bearing the burdens of others, and "so fulfil the law of Christ." And above all, He whom they serve is keeping record, and in the glory to which He will lift them, they shall hear the plaudit, "Well done."

Friends, help each other, and seek opportunities for so doing.