

A SNOW STORM AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

SOME years ago five young men employed in different mercantile establishments in London had arranged between themselves to pass the Sunday at Richmond, and to dine together at a noted hotel in the place.

Sunday came, and the afternoon being beautiful December weather, they decided to go on foot. On the way, one of the young men remembered that he had an important message to deliver at a house which was not on their route; so he asked his friends to go on without him, and to wait at a certain tavern where he could rejoin them.

He hastened to the house where he executed his commission, which did not take more than a few minutes, and then started again to rejoin his companions. In the meantime there had been a change of weather, and it had begun to snow, and the young man had to pursue his way, struggling with difficulty against a violent wind and the blinding snow, so that he was obliged to take shelter under the porch of a chapel near where he was passing.

He soon discovered that a gospel service was being held in the chapel that afternoon. The door-keeper, hearing some one outside, opened the door and pressed the young man to enter. At first he refused, but being strongly urged by the door-keeper to come in, at least out of

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