

in an instant almost under my horse's feet, as if determined, at all hazards, to address me. He was quite sober, and said eagerly, "Do you remember me, sir?" "No," said I, "I have no particular recollection of you." "I am the man, sir, who abused you a time back so shamefully at the ——(mentioning the name of the public-house where the transaction occurred,) and I am very sorry for it, and I want to ask your pardon." "You have it, I am sure, but you should ask pardon from God for this and all your other sins." Indeed I do, sir, many times, and I ought. I have been very ill since that time, and then I read *the book* you gave me, and it did me a deal of good."

After a little more conversation, I bade him farewell, and rode on rejoicing at this fresh testimony to the power of God's Holy Word, where perhaps, there was the least possible ground for anticipating such effects, according to our own faithless and narrow views.

May these instances encourage many who may have to deal with any such characters as those of whom I have now spoken! May ministers, and Scripture readers, and visitors of the poor, and Christians in general, go into the streets and lanes, to the highways and hedges, to win such souls to the kingdom of Jesus Christ!

Just let it be proved to those among whom you go, that you have their interest at heart, by attention to some of their number in cases of sickness, in any circumstances where sympathy can be shown. Just let them be addressed in plain, heart, friendly, short, significant language, and not in a bold, essay-like style. Just let them be treated as if you knew somewhat of their temptations, their difficulties, and of their obstacles in the pursuit of a godly-life—and you will awaken their interest, you will gain their affections; and will, by God's blessing, be instrumental in turning them also, like any other class, from the error of their ways, and in leading them to serve God through Jesus Christ our one common Lord. At least you may expect that *some* will be thus impressed, and what is any ministry but the effectual conveyance of God's truth to *some* of those who outwardly hear it? When Paul himself "persuaded concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening," what was the result? That all believed? No! "*Some* believed the things that were spoken and some believed not." I well know the value of instances which one has met with oneself; and, I therefore have given now two distinct cases, where in my own humble, and, after all, but very scanty endeavours to advance the religious condition of the railroad men, I have personally experienced the truth of those Scriptural assurances—that the Word of God "shall prosper in the thing whereto He sends it," that His message of salvation can break the heart of stone "as with a hammer," that the seed of the Gospel shall not be sown in vain. It is written, that that Gospel is, "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth," and no tongue can adequately tell the effect of those truths being faithfully declared, viz.: the fall of man, his restoration through faith in Jesus, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the call of a life of true holiness and righteousness, in the strength of faith and love towards God our Saviour.—From "*The Navvies*:" by the Rev. E. Munro.