

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Col. iii. 16.

"BEFORE THEY CALL, I WILL
ANSWER."

IF the truth of this portion of God's Word, we have, during the past week, received some remarkable proof.

A young man attending our meetings was led (at one of the noon meetings) to accept of God's offer of salvation. At once he felt drawn to write to his friends in Ireland, with whom he had not corresponded very regularly. He wrote by last week's mail, and his letter had only been posted a day or so when he received a letter from home, in which his brother spoke of anxiety on his behalf, and urged him to accept of Jesus. Thus the letters had crossed, and the news of answer to prayer was winging its way to the praying one while he was yet speaking.

Another young man, a brother to one of our Y. M. C. A. Sec's, in the United States, was led into the truth on Friday, 23rd. In conversation with him we learned facts which led to the conclusion that it would be wise for him to return to his home from which he had wandered. Arrangements were made to this end, and on Monday morning he left by train. At 10 o'clock the same morning the mail brought us a letter from his brother (from whom we had never before received any communication) asking us to try and reach and influence the wanderer. Here again the answer was "while they were yet speaking."

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All We come.



THE BROKEN BUCKLE.

YOU have read in history of that hero who, when an overwhelming force was in full pursuit, and all his armed followers were urging him to more rapid flight, very coolly dismounted in order to repair a flaw in his horse's harness.

Whilst busied with the broken buckle, the distant cloud swept down in nearer thunders, but just as the prancing hoofs and eager spears were ready to dash down upon him, the flaw was mended, the clasp was fastened, the steed was mounted, and like a swooping falcon he had vanished from their view. The broken buckle would have left him on the field a dismounted and inglorious prisoner. The timely delay sent him in safety back to his huzzain'g comrades.

There is in daily life the same precipitancy, and the same profitable delay. The man who, from his prayerless waking, bounces off into the business of the day, however good his talents, or great his diligence, is *only galloping on a steed harnessed with a broken buckle*, and must not marvel if, in his hottest haste, or most hazardous leap, he be left inglorious in the dust.

The Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation—2 Tim. iii. 15.