

"Scarce fit to burn," and yet we may *solidly endure* in the Permanent Way, if only washed in the precious blood of Christ. No amount of preparation could avail to make the rotten railway sleeper sound again; but it is just my foul, dead, useless, state which commends me to the effectual work of the Great Physician.

Ah! who would not be aroused from the sleep of sin, even though it does need some hard knocks with the pick, to be plucked as a "brand from the burning," and seated whole and sound in heavenly places in Christ Jesus! (Eph. ii. 1-6)

"DON'T STEP THERE."

GMAN started for church one icy Sunday morning, and presently came to a place where a little fellow was standing, who, with a choking voice, said:

"Please don't step there."

"Why not?"

"Because I stepped there and fell down," sobbed the little fellow, who had thus taken upon himself to warn the unwary passers-by of the danger into which he had fallen.

There are many men in the world who have good reason for giving such a warning as this. The man who has trod the dark and slippery paths of intemperance, as he sees the young learning to take the first glass, or sipping at wine or beer or cider, has good reason to say to them "Don't step there, for I stepped there and fell down." The man who has indulged in gambling and lotteries till he is despised by others and abhorred by himself, has good reason to say to the young when they are entering on the same course, whether in saloons, church fairs, raffles, or similar devices of Satan, "Don't step there, for I stepped there and fell down."

How many there are, to-day, in prisons and jails, with reputations ruined and lives blasted, who could say to the young man, tempted to enter the paths of dishonesty and wrong-doing, "Don't step there, for I stepped there and fell down."

It is well for us to be warned by the sad experiences of others, and it is sometimes the duty for those who have fallen

by these temptations to lift a warning voice. There are slippery places all around us, and thousands are passing heedlessly along. Let us entreat them to beware; and, as we remember the bitter experiences of our sinful lives, let us say to those who are just yielding to such temptations, "Don't step there, for I stepped there and fell down."

THE HEAD LIGHT.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."—Psalm cxix., 105.

A head light reveals dangers, and shows how to avoid them. The Bible is such a head light.

The head light is always in front of the engine, and is never concealed. Do not be ashamed of your Bible; take it with you; keep it in sight, use it, and let it help you.

THOLUCK says: There is not a more repulsive spectacle than an old man who will not forsake the world, which has already forsaken him.

"You will observe this," says Josh. Billings, "the devil never offers to go into partnership with a bizzzy man, but you will often see him offer to jine the lazy, and furnish all the capital "besides."

In American railway stations the traveller is confronted with the sign: "Entrance" and "Exit." If he travels in England he finds: "The Way In" and "The Way Out." If in Germany he sees: "Ausgang" and "Ingang," and in France he encounters: "Entree" and "Sortie."

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS.

Sunday Gospel & Song Services.

Union Station.

AT 3 P.M.

- FEB. 1.—Jos. Greene and P. A. Hertz.
- " 8.—Jno. Johnston and Jno. Wood.
- " 15.—J. Gibb and R. Connors.
- " 22.—W. C. Jex and W. Marks.