

Q.—Have you had a good education?
A.—What you might call a good public school education.

Q.—Do you enjoy literary work?

A.—Yes, I am very fond of reading.
Q.—You might enjoy the literary work of the League?

A.—I think I would.

Q.—But you have never been asked to join?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—Why have you not sought the League yourself, without being looked after?

A.—Oh, I don't know. I have a good time as it is, and—well, I think there is plenty of time to get at church work when I get a little older. You see, I am quite young yet, and a fellow must sow his wild oats.

Q.—You think so? Still, if you had been definitely asked to join the League, do you think you would have considered it favorably?

A.—I think I would.

Q.—And if you had been visited and looked after you would probably be in church work now?

A.—Yes.

Q.—That will do.

Cross-examination by Junior Counsel for Defence:

Q.—You say you go to church. Did you ever take any real interest in church work?

A.—Well, I am interested, though I have not done any special work.

Q.—Don't you know that the League or Sunday School would be glad to have your assistance?

A.—Yes, I suppose so.

Q.—Well, then, why find fault and expect them to run about after you? Why not go of your own free will?

A.—You see, human nature is so constituted that one likes to be invited to do even those things which he feels he ought to do.

Counsel for the Prosecution — Call Archibald Card Toofast.

Officer—Archibald Card Toofast.

WITNESS NO. 2.

Examined by Counsel for the Prosecution:

Q.—Your name, please?

A.—Archibald Card Toofast.

Q.—Your address?

A.—Toronto.

Q.—Have you always lived in Toronto?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—Where was your home?

A.—In Hamilton.

Q.—Have you been long in Toronto?

A.—Three years.

Q.—In your own town did you engage in any kind of church work?

A.—Yes, sir. I was associated with the Epworth League.

Q.—Were you an officer or just a private member?

A.—Well, I held a minor office.

Q.—Were you faithful in attendance?

A.—Yes, sir; pretty regularly.

Q.—When you came to Toronto did you attend church?

A.—Yes, sir, regularly.

Q.—Did you attend the same church all the time?

A.—Well, not exactly. I was always present in the morning and probably 75 per cent. of the evenings.

Q.—Did you attend Sunday School?

A.—Yes, sir, fairly well.

Q.—League?

A.—A few times.

Q.—Why did you not continue?

A.—Well, partly my own fault. I did not attend regularly, and when I did I felt strange.

Q.—Did the prisoner not seek to make you at home?

A.—He may have thought he was doing so, but it did not strike me that way.

Q.—But you say it was partly your own fault. What do you mean by that?

A.—Well, I got in with a crowd of fellows, and I learned to play cards, and got out of touch with League work and such things, as I was never given anything to do.

Q.—And the prisoner never sought you out in your boarding house?

A.—No, sir. No one from any League has ever been to my boarding house to see me or to lead me to join the church or League, or any other religious organization.

Q.—Would you have been disposed to join the League if you had been approached?

A.—Well, that would probably have depended on the one who approached me.

Q.—But you were inclined to be influenced by religious surroundings and teachings?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—And would, if met in the right way, have joined the League?

A.—When I came here first I am sure I would.

Q.—But now?

A.—Well, I believe it would be more difficult.

Q.—Why is that?

A.—You see, I have formed other associations, and they are good fellows, but have taste for these things, and I can't break with them very well.

Q.—You mean you won't break with them?

A.—Well, that is probably the better way to put it.

Q.—And you have been three years here, you say?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—And still drifting?

A.—Yes, if you call it that. I don't consider myself an abandoned wreck, you must not think.

Q.—But you do not distinctive church work, and certainly no League work?

A.—That is true.

Q.—But you believe you have been neglected?

A.—Yes, I do.

Q.—Do you believe you might have been kept from forming bad companionship and habits if the League had stood faithfully by you?

A.—I feel sure of it.

Q.—That will do.

WITNESS NO. 3

AMBITIOUS FARMERSON.

Examined by Junior Counsel for Prosecution:

Q.—What is your name?

A.—Ambitious Farmerston.

Q.—How long have you been in Toronto?

A.—About six years.

Q.—Where did you live before that?

A.—In Quietville.

Q.—Were you engaged—

(Counsel (objects and says) —I don't see what difference it makes whether this man was engaged or not.

Crown Counsel—If my learned friend will permit me to finish my question we will get on faster. To the witness—Were you ever engaged in church work before coming to Toronto?

A.—Yes, I was an active worker in one Epworth League and also taught a Sunday School class.

Q.—Did you ever move from one town to another before coming to Toronto.

A.—Yes, I moved from Quietville to Slacktown.

Q.—Did your Church League or Sunday School notify the church in the town to which you were going?

A.—No; I had to write for my church membership by card, and the League and Sunday School didn't bother, you see. They are not required to do that by the constitution.

Q.—When you came to the city did your home League notify your city church that you were coming?

A.—They didn't know what church I

would go to, and they would not have known to whom to send a notice anyway; and, besides, they never thought of it at all.

Q.—Did you attend League and Sunday School in Toronto?

A.—Yes, I went to Sunday School in one of the Methodist Churches and joined a Bible class. I also went to League.

Q.—How did you get along?

A.—Well, I wanted to work very badly, but was afraid that I could not do good enough work for the city, their methods being different.

Q.—Were you given any work to do?

A.—Practically none. No person asked me to do anything, and I did not care to force myself in, as I had so little city experience.

Q.—Are you in the same church yet?

A.—No. As I could not get work at the first church I went to a smaller church, where, after attending about six months, I succeeded in getting on one of the League committees.

Q.—Did you like the committee work?

A.—Very well, but the committee was seldom called together except for a few minutes at the close of the League meeting.

Q.—How about Sunday School work?

A.—I attended the young men's Bible class for about six months, and I volunteered to teach a class when volunteers were asked for by the superintendent.

Q.—Are you attending that church yet?

A.—No; that church was sold to pay the mortgage, and I made a search of the various churches in the neighborhood, and finally decided on the church in which I am now working.

Q.—What made you decide?

A.—The president of this League was a Sunday School teacher, and the first time I came to Sunday School he asked me to take his class next Sunday, as he would be away. The following Sunday I was given a permanent class.

Q.—Now, going back to the time when you went to the first Toronto church did you attend Bible class regularly?

A.—For a while, but during the winter, I stopped for several months, and went to Massey Hall instead.

Q.—Did the members of the class hunt you up?

A.—No. I never was called on by anyone as to the reason of my absence.

Q.—Do you believe that it would have been of great good to you if your home League had dropped a line about you to the League where you went, or if they had even given you a personal letter of introduction.

A.—It would have helped me greatly.

Q.—That will do.

Cross-examination by Junior Counsel for Defence:

Q.—You say you belonged to an Epworth League in Quietville. Had you been on any special committee there?

A.—Yes—on the Missionary Committee.

Q.—Now, you say you wrote for a letter of transfer. Was it not stated on what committee you had worked?

A.—No; I do not think it was.

Q.—Then, in joining the League here did you tell the president or anyone of your previous work?

A.—No. You see, I didn't care to appear forward.

Q.—But if you had spoken to the prisoner here, he would probably have found you a place in the work, would he not?

A.—Well, that's possible.

WITNESS NO. 4.

BURWASH FALCONER, B.A.

Examined by Counsel for Prosecution:

Q.—Name?

A.—Burwash Falconer, B.A.

Q.—Where do you live?

A.—Toronto.