

Go out, . . . and compel them to come in.—Luke xiv. 23.

## Canadian Evangelization Society's Railway Mission Work.



JACKFISH BAY, LAKE SUPERIOR,  
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Since forwarding my last account of the work on the C. P. R., I have visited 25 different camps, distributing a large amount of Gospel literature, and addressing the men as often as an opportunity occurred. I believe the giving away of the books to be the most important part of the work, and doubtless eternity alone will reveal the full result. As most of the camps are destitute of reading matter of a religious nature, the books were eagerly seized and read by the English speaking portion of the men, while the Italians, Swedes, Norwegians, Icelanders, and a host of other nationalities, seemed to be disappointed at having no books in their language.

Out of the twenty-five camps I visited, I saw but four Bibles and one religious book, but any amount of trashy material, such as the "New York Detective Library," "The Life of Jessie James," "The Robber of the Rhine," "The Boy Buccaneer," "Jack, the Player," Etc. Novels of the blood and thunder type in infinite variety, every line of which was red with blood and black with lies.

In giving away the books, I was everywhere asked for this class of papers, and had I had a thousand copies or more I might have sold them at fifty cents a copy without any trouble, as the men were badly off for something to read; but now, praise the Lord, religious books, purely evangelical, with the truths of the Bible put in such a way as to catch even the eye of the thoughtless, are being read by hundreds of men whose shadows have not darkened the doorway of a building set apart for the worship of God, for many a long year. I pray that God may wonderfully use and own these silent messengers.

Since I last wrote, the arm of the Lord has been made bare in the salvation of a few precious souls. Two Swedes, a Norwegian, and two English speaking men have taken God at His word, and have passed from death unto life, while one poor backslider has retraced his steps, I trust never to wander again.

As I do not stay long in each camp, and as the men are very reticent in giving their experience of divine things, I cannot fully estimate the good that is being accomplished, consequently I am thrown more than ever on the promise, "For as much as ye know your labour is not in vain;" and

as eternity alone will reveal the full result of the labours of man, I press forward, fully realizing that although man may "hurl the spear, God alone can direct the blow."

I commenced here, "Jackfish Bay," Saturday last, addressing about eighty men at night and on Sunday afternoon. Sunday evening I took a trip across the bay, and struck a camp of about seventy men, where I had a most blessed time. Conviction seemed to rest upon not a few. As I intend to have two more services, am expecting a glorious time. My text was Job xxxvi. 18.

I trust that the Christians of Toronto and elsewhere may be moved to support in every way this work, not only by their prayers, but by their practical sympathy in giving what is necessary for the continuance of the grand and glorious work of sending the word of eternal life to the hundreds who are now "Crushed by the tempter."

Asking for a continuance of the prayers of the people of God on behalf of this work,

I remain, yours in the Saviour,

G. H. MARSH.

## The Toronto Mission Union and its Needs.



THE Lord has blessed the work of the Mission Union, and there are tokens of still greater to follow. It must rejoice the heart of every true Christian to hear of souls being won, and of wanderers being reclaimed. Accompanying this feeling of joy will be a desire to lend a helping hand. But at this point the question often arises, "How can I help?" Let us in a few words tell how you can help the work of the Toronto Mission Union.

- 1st. By your prayers. All may help in this way.
- 2nd. With your means. There are claims pressing upon the Committee at the present moment, and any financial aid which the Lord may prompt his children to render, will be gratefully received.
- 3rd. If resident in Toronto you may help in some department of the Mission work. There is room for all who may be led into the field.
- 4th. The work requires the services of a Bible Woman. To provide for such an important helper, a sum of \$250 per annum is needed; towards this, one gentleman has promised \$50.
- 5th. At the meeting held in McBride's Hall, the workers feel very badly the need of an organ. Perhaps some of our readers may feel it to be their share to provide for this need, either by donating an organ, or by providing for the rent of one for the year.

Will our readers remember these five points, and act upon such as may appear in their line of duty or privilege.