

The Son of man is come to . . . save that which was lost.—Luke xix 10.

[For OUR MISSION]

Pleasant and Profitable.

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THESE words may be truly used while recording a recent visit paid to the city of Rochester, N. Y. At the request of our brother, Mr. Wm. Gooderham, we accompanied him on a visit to that city. It was to him a hallowed place, for there he was "born of God" over 45 years ago. While on our way we were detained a few hours at Niagara, and drove up to see the great Falls. As we stood beside the mighty waters, we could not but feel, "lo, God is here!"

Leaving Niagara, we sped on our way, reaching Rochester in due time. After considerable inquiry and search, we found that the old church, the birth-place of our good brother, was a thing of the past—almost forgotten. We met Father Osborne (now over 80 years of age). He remembered the old church, the minister, and the special services in connection with which Mr. G. started for Heaven. This exceedingly pleasing interview to these brethren set us thinking of the interviews we shall have when we meet the old fathers of Israel in the City of God. How we shall look back and talk over the old scenes, and join in praise to the Lord Jesus, who hath redeemed us to God by His own most precious blood.

We shall not soon—if ever—forget our visit to the "WESTERN HOUSE OF REFUGE." This is an institution that no Christian, visiting Rochester, should miss seeing. It is a *model reformatory* in every particular. Through the kindness of the superintendent, Mr. Levi S. Fulton—"a living epistle" indeed—and his assistant, Mr. S. P. Moulthrop, we were shown through the four very large buildings, school rooms, workshops, farm yard, &c., &c. Our readers may form some idea as to the extent of the buildings, when we say that it took us full three long hours passing through from one apartment to another. The following extract from the last (thirty-sixth) annual report will, we are assured, interest many of our readers:—

"There are at present in the institution 424 boys and 90 girls—total, 514.

"The larger boys, 172 in number, are at work manufacturing shoes; and the smaller boys, 140 in number, are employed in cane-seating chairs. The remainder work, as occasion requires, in the various departments of the institution—upon the farm and grounds, at carpentering, painting, glazing, cooking, baking, washing, ironing, making and mending clothing, cleaning, etc.

"The girls in the reformatory provided for them, which is entirely separate and distinct from that of the boys, are employed in cooking, baking, washing, ironing, cleaning, dress-making, making and mending their own clothing and bedding; in making and mending shirts, sheets, spreads, pillow-cases, towels, etc., for the male department; and in making hosiery.

"All are without intermission under the exclusive care and direction of officers of the House appointed by the managers.

"The schools for the education of delinquents are conducted by a corps of fourteen teachers—a male principal and female assistants in each of the two divisions of the boys' reformatory, and three female teachers in the girls' reformatory. The schools are capably and successfully conducted, and the progress of the pupils all that can be expected.

"Moral and religious instruction is imparted to the delinquents by two chaplains, who hold chapel and school services on Sunday and make visits during the week days. These officers are devoted to their work and faithful in its performance, and the good results of their ministries are clearly perceptible."

We would strongly advise those interested in any proposed Industrial School to visit the "Western House of Refuge." We know that they will find a warm Christian welcome from our good friend, Mr. Fulton, who will not spare in giving them the benefit of his many years' experience in this work.

We had the pleasure of preaching the Gospel to a number gathered in the Y. M. C. A. Rooms. It was a most impressive service. The Lord was with us. One young man professed faith in Christ.

We returned home, all much refreshed and, we trust, grateful to the Lord for His preserving care and for the privilege of enjoying so pleasant a change.

Go in at one "ALL," come out at the other "ALL."

A MAN whose heart had been touched by the preaching of the word, asked the preacher what he must do. "Go home, read Isaiah liii. 6, then go in at one 'All' and go out at the other 'All.'"

The man went home, opened his Bible, and read:—

"ALL we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us ALL."

He said to himself as he read, "I see! I see! I am like a sheep that went astray. I go in at that ALL—that's me, a sinner; then I go out at the other ALL. ALL my iniquity is laid on the Lord Jesus, my sin borne by Him. I believe the first, I believe the last." Thus the man lost his burden of sin and found salvation.

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