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From the Christian Herald.

"I owe my first start in life," said Superintendent Swift, of the Union Pacific Railroad, "to a little circumstance. I had been an operator on the New York Central. I was not a vicious boy, but bad company led me to drinking and gambling, and I lost my place. But I had obtained a new situation on the Union Pacific, at Omaha. On the train going there I happened to get into the coach with a very pleasant gentleman, who amused me with several interesting stories. At Burlington, Iowa, the stranger looked me in the eye, and said gently: 'You are a young man, just starting in life. Where are you going?'

'To Omaha' I said.

'Do you know any one there?'

'No; not a living soul.'

'Now, that,s good said the gentleman, whom I afterward found was Ely Perkins; 'you will now have the best chance in the world to start life right and make a success in your new field. I advise you, my dear boy, as soon as you get to Omaha, to go right to the Young Men's Christian Association and join it.'

'But I am not a good Christian,' I said.

'Never mind that. They will perhaps, make you one. There you meet clean young men, and bright fellows, too. You will find baths and a splendid library, and companions who will help you socially.'

"Well continued the superintendent, "I followed Perkins' advice. As soon as I joined the Young Men,s Christian Association, and got away from old companions, I felt like a different man. I felt a new dignity; and felt I had as much manhood as any one. The other operators knew I belonged to the Young Men's Christian Association, and I felt that I had an example to set. The boys began paying a deference to me. There was no swearing in the office. This made me feel proud for I felt that I, too, was doing good.

"Well I grew in the office, and I grew in the Young Men's Christian Association. I lived in a new social world. When I wrote home to my mother, who is a praying Christian, that I had joined the Young Mens Christian Association she sent me a letter stained with tears of joy. Then I was happy. Finally, I became a church member.

"You ask me if I am still an operator? Oh, no. My belonging to the Young Men's Christian Association made the officials have confidence in me. I was promoted to assistant to the president, and now I am superintendent of the Valley Branch, and a little good business advice from Eli Perkins caused it all. The advice gave me the first boost, and the Young Men's Christian Association drew me up and held me there."

The Word of Salvation.

A young man in America was once at work upon his farm. He was careless about religion, indeed nobody had ever said a word to him about it. He had no Bible, and only worldly friends; there seemed little chance of his ever hearing of Christ and salvation, and of heaven and hell. On this particular day, it was a bright morning in early summer, he had to take his cart, drawn by oxen, along the high road. He was doing of nothing except daily work and daily bread.

A gentle breeze was blowing, and as he went along it stirred a little piece of paper lying by the roadside, so that it fluttered in front of him. But on went the young man, the oxen and the cart, all the same. When he had gone a short way farther, however, a thought came over him, "I wonder what that bit of paper cost? I'm a great mind to go back and see." And stopping his team, he did go back. He picked it up—and read it as he walked along. It was a leaf out of the Bible.

The summer passed away with its flowers and sunshine, and the corn grew ripe, and was gathered into the garner; there was another harvest too, standing ready for the sickle. The young man who had found the leaf lay upon his bed, sick and dying. A sore disease had smitten him, and his parents knew there was no hope of his life. They were stricken with grief, but he—O he was rejoicing!

And now his lips were open to tell them what he had never told before. The leaf out of the Bible had brought to him first the sense of sin and then the knowledge of a Saviour. He sought for a whole Bible, and ever since it had been his constant companion, and now, though called almost suddenly away from life with all its happiness, he knew whom he had believed, and he was ready. He had an anchor, sure and steadfast, for the Lamb that was slain to take away sin had taken away his sin. Without a doubt or a fear he entered into rest.—*The Worker.*

His Secret.

There is much of truth and philosophy for us all in this story from the Chicago *Evening Journal.* If we would follow the example of the good bishop and turn our eyes toward heaven in our affliction, remembering that life is too short to be spent in repining or complaining, and that whatever ills betide us are but the common lot of humanity, we should at least have taken a long step toward the courage and cheerfulness which become the followers of One who was "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief."

The story is told of an Italian bishop who went through many difficulties without repining. A friend one day asked him if he could impart to him the secret of his being able to take all things so easily.

"Yes," he replied; "I can teach you my secret very easily. It consists of nothing more than making a right use of my eyes."

His friend begged him to explain.

"Most willingly," replied the bishop.

"In whatever state I am, I first look up to heaven, and remember that my principal business is to reach those blessed regions. I then look down upon the earth, and call to mind what a small place I shall occupy when I come to be interred in it. I then look abroad in the world, and observe what multitudes there are in all respects more unhappy than myself. Thus I learn where true happiness is placed, where all our cares are placed, and how very little reason I have to repine or to complain."—*Set.*

What Is a Fool?

BY J. D. GOLD.

The man who tries to please everybody.

The church that allows a disorganized member to run off its session.

The church that tries to live on its record.

The preacher who discards the old fashioned gospel.

The man who gets mad at the truth.

The preacher who is afraid to preach it.

The man who thinks the gospel is antiquated.

The man who thinks all the hypocrites are in the church.

The woman who works while the man sits on the fence.

Old Silas who says there are too many collections.

The man who thinks he is too poor to help.

The skeptic who says missions are a failure.

The fraud who thinks he will not be discovered.

The preacher who says there is water in hell.

The man who thinks the Bible is doomed.

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