

broken Swedish that he felt like kicking himself every time he tried to speak in English, but he was determined to speak for God. "I am willing to be a fool for Christ's sake," was the speaker's exclamation. "I was rescued as a brand from the burning" continued the speaker; "I was saved and I thank God for it. I was the most wicked man on earth. I hated my father and would have murdered him if God had not saved me from it. Now I am all changed and I am so happy. I shall do all I can to convert others. Over in Sweden where I was born there were Methodists who preached and my father went to hear them. He used to whip us children in every corner and was cross and ugly to us. But he got converted and then he was good to us. We had a church over there with seventy members and every one of them went to church every Sunday and also went to prayer meeting. I tell you we had hot times then. Some people say I am crazy," exclaimed the speaker with a vicious blow at the table near him, "but I am not; I am converted and I want all of you sinners to come up and be converted too!" and with this the air was filled with amens, hallelujahs and glory to Gods from the soldiers on the platform. Before he had reached his seat the audience was singing a hymn to a popular air and every one was swaying back and forth in excitement. Some were clapping their hands to keep time with the music.

The man who had presided over the meeting again took the floor and exhorted the people to flee from the wrath to come. He depicted the horrors of hell yawning before them and cried out that there was a through train to heaven and tickets could be obtained there by all who wanted to go. He called upon all those present to "testify" and one man got up to talk. He said he was not a Christian but wanted to be. He said he was a gambler and had been for seven years. He wanted the prayers of those present to aid him in breaking away from his evil habits. This called forth volleys of amens and bless the Lords, and he sat down as a hero might, the center of attraction for the rest of the evening.

Others related their experiences. Some were "on the way," some had been "backsliding" and all wanted to go to heaven. The leader prayed again that "the dumb Christians might have their mouths opened," and one of the sisters interposed "yes Lord, let them get their long clothes off and get to work." There was more singing and then the meeting broke up.

The miserable audience straggled out into the wintry night. There were a few curses heard about the door; titters from girls as they heard the harsh words and then there was silence. One of the soldiers remaining behind, closed the stove, turned out the gas and locked the door, and the meeting was over.

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