

“Representing Christ in Times of Sickness and Sorrow”

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The best time in the world to reach human souls and Impress them for good, is when they- are suffering affliction, undergoing some peculiar trial, or for any reason sorrow stricken. It may be the hand of death has visited the family; it may be that some member of the household has been overtaken by an accident or other disaster. It is at such times as these that we have a special opportunity to represent the Lord Jesus, and to engage in effectual soul-saving work. At such times the human heart is especially susceptible to receiving favorable impressions for truth and righteousness. Efforts which would be spurned at other times, find a ready response at a time when sorrow has overtaken the soul. The self satisfied one of yesterday is often made hungry for sympathy by suffering and affliction. The bouquet of flowers carried into the sick chamber will often open the way for even a comparative stranger to drop many precious words of truth into the heart of the sufferer; and even the friendly visit or an inquiry concerning the welfare of those who are dangerously ill will be the entering wedge which may be subsequently followed by effective soul-saving effort. Let us not be slow to recognize our opportunities to minister to the sick, and thus by physical ministry pre- pare the way for spiritual work to benefit both the soul and body by our disinterested effort. A sick person will often read or hear read interesting religious reading when otherwise they would spurn it. *The Life Boat* has been used for this purpose and is greatly appreciated by the sick.