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**CHRISTIAN EFFORT BY RAILROAD MEN
FOR RAILROAD MEN!!**

THE OUTLOOK.

CERTAINLY the outlook is brighter than it appeared a short time ago. When the last Railroad Conference of Y. M. C. Association was held at Altoona, Pa., but *one* Delegate was present to represent our large and fair Dominion. Note the change! At the Conference just held at St. Thomas, Delegates attended from all parts of the Dominion, numbering about *one hundred*, thus our hopes expressed in last month's "Special" have been fully realized.

The Conference met on Canadian soil; this is encouraging, and proves the fact that great interest is taken in this very important work among and by our Railroad men.

Three men, at present, devote their whole time to the work.

Delegates from every important Railway Centre west of Montreal, were present. Montreal itself being well represented.

A most important feature in the results of the Conference is that at several important points where already no R. R. Association exists, action has been commenced, a Dominion Committee formed to undertake the opening up of new branches, and correspondents appointed at unrepresented points, who will call meetings of their fellow

railroad men, and supply information to the new Dominion Committee, stationed at Toronto. Already a communication has been received from Hamilton, where a meeting has been held to promote the interest of Railroad men in commencing a branch at that point.

It has already been suggested that a purely religious Railroad Conference be held at Toronto, or east thereof. We hope it will be arranged at no very distant date.

FOR our work there is at present over \$50,000 per annum contributed by Railway Companies, over against \$3,000 three years ago. Not only is there no dissatisfaction about it, but universal approval, and means are coming in faster than men are forthcoming for the work, where the work is best known. The two following letters of testimony from officials are selected from 50 others.

The Railroad Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association at Columbus, Ohio, was organized in 1875. Railroad officials write as follows:

**COLUMBUS, HOCKING VALLEY AND
TOLEDO RAILWAY Co.**

**ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT,
COLUMBUS, OHIO, Jan. 17th, 1882.**

Dear Sir: The railroad centering here pay \$264 towards the salary of a Secretary, also furnish rooms, water, light and heat, worth at least \$1,000 more; total \$1,864 per annum.

The work is a grand success in every respect. Reading room, socials and entertainments, visitation of the sick and injured employes, cottage and Sunday meetings, all are profitably carried on.

Truly yours,

T. J. JANNEY, Auditor.