

And as an illustration of the phrase, "They can have no homes," or if they have they cannot enjoy home privileges. I have held a cottage meeting weekly in a railway house for 3 months, and in this house are 6 train hands, and for 7 consecutive weeks not one of the six could make it possible to attend once, and only two have been able to attend at all, and that is no exceptional case. There are as many other illustrations as striking which could be given if necessary. I have received information that there were two engineers, one fireman and brakeman appointed as delegates to this Convention, only one of whom could make it possible to be present. *The trials, temptations and deprivations of railway men are as numerous as were the grass-hoppers in Egypt. But their privileges, social, mental, moral and spiritual, are, like the Queen's medals, received few and far between.* And under these circumstances, if they cannot come to the Gospel and all the many blessings which follow in its train, we are not free from their blood unless we who are "born again" take the Gospel of our salvation to them.

### ITS CHARACTER.

1st. Who has charge of it?

A committee appointed by the general "up town" association as largely as possible railway men, for the feature of our work which the representative of the International committee referred to at the welcome meeting, namely, that young men can only (or best) be reached by young men must be most carefully observed in the Railway Branch, for it must be a work *by* and *for* railway men.

(2.) What was this committee's duties?

1. Sunday Gospel meetings in the most convenient place for all concerned.
2. Cottage meetings in their homes night or day as the case may be.
3. Noon meetings in the shops.
4. Visitation of the sick and injured.
5. Visitation of the homes.
6. Visitation of the trains, shops, sheds, boxes, roundhouses, cabooses, etc.
7. Distribution of literature.
8. The publication of something to be locally the property of the men.

### ITS REQUIREMENTS.

All this requires constant and competent supervision, and so makes necessary the leadership of an experienced Secretary. He needs tact, enthusiasm and special training. He should not only know just what ought to be done and how to do it, but how to get other men to do it; multiplying his own ability many times by the voluntary effort he enlists.

A reading room is needed where men can spend leisure time pleasantly and profitably.

A conversation and amusement room is important, where men who are too tired, or who do not care to read, can talk or play innocent games without being tempted to drink.

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