

Railroad Department of the Young Men's Christian Association exists.

It is a great privilege to present this work before the Central Railway and Engineering Club.

The first Young Men's Christian Association organized on this continent was in Montreal in 1851. This Association with its Secretary, Mr. D. A. Budge, has become known the world round. The building stands on Dominion Square, Montreal, and represents a work far in advance of the thoughts of the Association's founder, whose purpose was to help young men mentally and spiritually. While not less aggressive in its



Picture of the Collingwood, O., Building, cost \$32,000.

religious efforts than in the early days, this splendid building is designed to minister to the whole life of young men. The first impression on entering the building is its cheerful social atmosphere. The gymnasium is so popular that two trained physical directors are employed. The evening class work for young men who are employed during the day, has become so large, that a man is required to devote his time to its supervision. Bowling alleys, debating clubs, and social meetings help to draw young men from occupations which might be less helpful, if not positively detrimental. It is quite natural that an organization like this should have been noted by the quick eyed railroad men, and adapted to the needs of the great army