

eraux, then the General Manager of the Lake Shore Railway, and laid the matter before him. He was found to be in full sympathy with the movement. Other officials were visited, and all expressed themselves favorably on the matter. A meeting was then arranged between the Association and the railway officials, which resulted in the railway companies setting apart a room in the depot 38x48 to be fitted up for railway men at the expense of the railway companies. This room, the first Railroad Men's Reading Room under Christian influences in the country, was dedicated April 14th, 1872. A committee consisting of four railway men was appointed to have charge of the work. Soon after the room was opened, Geo. W. Cobb was placed in charge as General Secretary, the railway companies putting his name on their pay roll and paying \$50 a month towards his salary, the city Association paying the balance.

Mr. Cobb continued as Secretary till June, 1876, when Mr. Lang Sheaff was made railway Secretary and so continued until a few weeks ago.

The depot company has always paid for the water, gas, fuel, and furnished the needed supplies, including stationery and the services of a porter, the Association supplying papers and magazines which have been constantly kept on file. The success of the work at Cleveland and the noble example they set caused a similar work to be commenced at Erie, Pa., Chicago, Ill., and many other points, till it has grown and developed to its present condition.

**REMEMBER**

THE

**COTTAGE MEETINGS.**

**The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.**

Ps. xxiii. 1.

**I am the Good Shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.**

John x. 11.

**And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.**

1 Pet. v. 4.

The privileges which the sheep of Jesus enjoy are four:—

First. He knows *them*. If He knows us as His sheep, all goes well, however strange may be our guidance.

Secondly. He gives unto them eternal life. What a present! And by whom? It is not they that have merited it, but He bestows it; it is His gift, and He bestows it gratuitously.

Thirdly. They shall never perish; and though the contrary may seem to be the case, yet it never is so in reality, however great the danger, and however anxiously they cry, "We perish."

And fourthly. No man shall pluck them out of His hands. There are many that attempt it; not only flesh and blood, unbelief and evil desire, but even what is still worse,—principalities and powers. But Jesus says, "No one," whoever it may be. His hand is stronger than all. *Krummacher*.

Faithful Shepherd, let me rest  
In Thy arms and on Thy breast;  
Wolves are near and dragons are howl,  
Watching to devour my soul;  
Save me from each ravening foe,  
Guide all the desert through.  
In each trial let me find,  
Thou art faithful, true and kind;  
All Thy gracious words fulfil,  
And defend from every ill.