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IN ANSWER.

“Madam, we miss the train at B—”  
 “But can’t you make it, sir?” she gasped.  
 “Impossible; it leaves at three,  
 And we are due at a quarter past.”  
 “Is there no way? Oh, tell me, then,  
 Are you a Christian?” “I am not.”  
 “And are there none among the men  
 Who run the train?” “No. I forget—  
 I think this fellow over here  
 Oiling the engine claims to be.”  
 She threw upon the engineer  
 A fair face, white with agony.  
 “Are you a Christian?” “Yes, I am.”  
 “Then, O sir, won’t you pray with me  
 All the long way, that God will stay—  
 That God will hold the train at B—?”  
 “Twill do no good; it’s due at three,  
 And—” “Yes, but God *can* hold the  
 train;  
 My dying child is calling me,  
 And I *must* see her face again.  
 Oh, *won’t you pray?*” “I will,” a nod  
 Emphatic, as he takes his place.  
 When Christians grasp the arm of God,  
 They grasp the power that rules the rod.  
 Out from the station swept the train  
 On time, swept on past wood and lea;  
 The engineer with cheeks aflame,  
 Prayed, “O Lord, hold the train at B—,”  
 Then flung the throttle wide, and like  
 Some giant monster of the plain,  
 With panting sides and mighty strides,  
 Past hill and valley swept the train.  
 A half, a minute, two are gained;  
 Along those burnished lines of steel  
 His glances leap. Each nerve is strained,  
 And still he prays with fervent zeal.  
 Heart, head and brain, with one accord,  
 Work while his prayer ascends to heaven;  
 “Just hold the train eight minutes, Lord,  
 And I’ll make up the other seven.”

With rush and roar through meadow-lands,  
 Past cottage homes and green hillsides  
 The panting thing obeys his hands,  
 And speeds along with giant strides.  
 They say an accident delayed  
 The train a little while; but He  
 Who listened while His children prayed,  
 In answer held the train at B—.

—Rose Hartwick Thorpe.

ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.

The first of the conventions, arranged for at the Camp-Meeting, will be held in the Methodist Church at Niagara Falls South, commencing on the evening of Monday, the 24th of November next, and closing the following Thursday evening.

We hope to meet a large gathering of members of the Association and other friends, on that occasion. Ample provision is being made to accommodate all who come with homes. To facilitate this matter, all who possibly can should notify Bro. Woodsworth of their intention to be there, by the 17th of the month.

There will be no special reduction in railroad fares, so we will be confined to the ordinary return tickets.

Street cars run from the station to within a few steps of the church, hence strangers to the place will find no difficulty in reaching the convention if they should not meet friends at the station.

These are the arrangements from our standpoint of labor and observation. As to the order of battle, the programme of services, the manner of work to be done, all these things are