

In America there are 242 railroad Associations to which railroad corporations gave \$385,000.00 last year for maintenance. The membership reaches nearly ninety thousand. In Canada in twelve years the Railroad Associations have increased from zero to fourteen with every promise of a rapid multiplication in the future.

We have an Association on wheels which represents a new type of work. The building of a bridge over the Missouri River in Montana by the C.M. and St. P. Ry. called together five hundred men in a single camp. The engineer in charge said that Missouri floods were bad enough, but nothing compared



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with the bad whiskey which the men got at Mobridge, three miles away. He was glad to welcome any kind of help. This car was equipped and a resourceful man put in charge. He provided entertainment with stereoptican and talking machine, he took charge of the incoming mail and provided writing material, and mailed letters twice a day. He got a bank to send a cashier to the camp every pay day. He put on his