

The objects of it are to obtain, as far as possible, the use of Railroad Trains and Stations, and other public conveyances; to provide a suitable secular, moral and religious literature for the same, *which shall be neither sectarian nor sectional*; and to employ the requisite agency for executing and superintending the work.

The Executive Committee for the furtherance of these objects, has been constituted as follows:

J. V. Z. Blaney, Professor in N. W. University; W. R. Arthur, General Superintendent of the Illinois Central R. R.; J. C. Fargo, Superintendent of the West Division American Express Company; D. J. Lake, Secretary of Committee; Rev. K. J. Stewart, Secretary of Illinois Pastors' Aid Society, Chairman of Committee; Rev. Yates Hickey, Superintendent of the American Tract Society, Northwest; Rev. Amasa Lord, General Agent of the American Bible Society, Illinois.

The Chicago *Presbyterian Recorder* cordially endorses this movement. It says: "We are assured that there is no intention or desire to make this a *Chicago* institution, but to make it *general* as fast as possible, and to give to the whole country the benefit of the '*Moral Power of Railroads*,' as thus developed."

We have learned, that the leading companies in this city are prepared to join in the movement, and only wait the expiration of the present contracts to do so. Judging from the following extract from the London *Times* we are far behind England in this matter.

"At the Northwestern terminus," says the writer, "we searched in vain for trash. We asked for something 'highly colored.' The bookseller politely presented us with the '*Hand-book of Painting*.' We shook our heads and demanded a volume more intimately concerned with life and the world. We were offered '*Cosmos*.' 'Something less universal,' said we. We were answered by '*Pescott's Mexico*,' '*Modern Travel*,' etc. *We could not get rubbish, whatever price we might offer to pay for it.* There were no '*Eugene Sues*' for love or money—no cheap translations of any kind—no bribes to ignorance, or unholy temptations to folly. 'Can you sell such books as these?' we asked. '*Constantly; we can sell nothing else.*' 'What, have you nothing for the million?' 'Certainly; here is '*Logic for the Million*,' price 6s.; will you buy it?' 'Thank you; but surely books of a more chatty character—' 'Chatty? oh, yes. '*Coleridge's Table Talk*' is a standard dish here, and never wants purchasers.'"—*American Presbyterian*.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

An account of the present revival of religion in some parts of the Cape Colony was delivered by the Rev. Professor Hofmeyr, at the annual meeting of the South African Evangelical Alliance, held in Cape Town on the 26th October. It has been published by request of the meeting. We subjoin a few extracts. Of Calvinia, Professor Hofmeyr says:—

"I laboured there in the work of the ministry for upwards of six years. Often did I endeavour to prevail upon the people to form meetings for social prayer and religious intercourse. I considered such meetings exceedingly desirable, because most of my parishioners could not, on account of the great distance at which they live from the village, attend the house of public worship more than three or four times during the year. But all my arguments proved ineffectual. You may imagine how much I was struck, when, two months ago, I was informed of the extent to which suddenly the spirit of prayer was diffused among the people. Within a few days three or four prayer meetings were started in the small village, and four or five in some other parts of the parish. This extraordinary movement is still increasing, and is apparently becoming prevalent. They had no minister whose influence and efforts could co-operate in producing this striking change. Living on widely-scattered farms, they had no opportunity by frequent meetings and daily conversations mutually to excite these feelings. Few of them ever read a periodical, so that the great majority knew little or nothing of the revivals now occurring in several parts of the world. How then can we account for this