

## God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ.

Romans ii. 16.

is, the railway work was instituted by railway men themselves, and they had requested the Y. M. C. A. to take the work in charge. He endorsed the words, "that none can reach a *railroad man* better than a *railroad man*."

The following suggestions were elicited by questions:—

As a rule, new organizations result from the visits of Christian railway men to points where the work is in operation.

The work should be carried on with a view to the needs of *train men*. Employees stationed at any point, or mechanics in the employ of the companies, have, as a rule, regular hours, and can avail themselves of church privileges.

Wherever a Company has provided a reading room, an effort should be made to secure the privilege of holding stated religious meetings therein.

Cottage meetings in the homes of railway men are desirable, but should never be conducted as Bible Lectures. They should be as informal as possible, and be held where the greatest number of train hands are likely to be secured.

Mixed meetings are more allowable in this work, but believe that "men's meetings only" are the most satisfactory. Men will drop in in their working clothes if it be a men's meeting.

The men are best reached by personal work.

Sleeping rooms in connection with the work have not been a success, and the success of lunch rooms is doubtful.

Some Associations do make use of games, but these require a strong hand to keep in check, and might at best be looked upon as one of the lower steps in the work of reaching outsiders.

Topic—"Importance and claims of the Executive Committee on Associations," was taken up. Mr. Cole, Travelling Secretary, read the report of the Committee's work. [This report has been printed in pamphlet form, and may be procured by addressing Mr. Cole, 219 Spadina Avenue, Toronto.] The report is very satisfactory in every particular, save in finances, there being a balance of \$117.67 due the Treasurer.

Mr. R. Baldwin addressed the Conference upon the importance of the work entrusted to the Committee, and urged the members to use their efforts toward arousing greater interest among the members of their respective Associations.

Mr. Lonsdale, in response to a request, gave an account of the methods adopted in England for District Visitation, which had in that land proved a success.

Thursday morning was spent in the discussion of the different branches of work usually carried on by Associations.

In the afternoon, Mr. C. Edwards opened the subject of "Work among Boys." The discussion of this subject elicited much interest. Mr. Edwards dwelt specially upon the importance of making this work a religious work. He said that in Toronto, in the earlier stages of the work, efforts had been made to *entertain*, but the success had been very small. During latter years the work had been thoroughly religious, and as a result, fruit is being gathered; and at a recent meeting, five of the lads professed faith in Jesus Christ.

Messrs. Findlay (Toronto), Orr (St. Thomas), Lonsdale (Hamilton), and Cole, Travelling Secretary, took part in the discussion.

Perhaps the most practical session of the Conference was that held on Thursday afternoon, when the topic, "Work in Colleges," was opened by the Rev. G. M. Wrong, of Wycliffe Hall, ex-President of the University Y. M. C. A. He said: The students of to-day are to be leaders of men; it is therefore of the utmost importance that underlying all the studies should be the solid foundation of Christian principle. In his address he dwelt upon three points:

1st. The men to do the work. They must be *men*—true men. If there is anything a student dislikes, and readily detects, it is a sham. But they like a true man. So a true Christian man, one sincere, faithful, humble, will never fail to secure a hearing.

2nd. Men to work upon. These are thoughtful men, and when men are

The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness.

Romans i. 18.