

Mr. T. P. Handy, President of the Merchants' National Bank of Cleveland, who has long been interested in railroads, and who paid a large share of the salary of the Secretary first employed to extend this work, says:

"I think I have never given with more cheerfulness than I gave to help this work forward, and I think it is paying me better dividends to day than anything else."

Detroit.

The Railroad Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association of Detroit, Mich., was organized in 1875.

Two extracts from letters from officials there show the estimated value of its work to which four railroad companies contribute annually \$1,520.

*Michigan Central Railroad Co'y,
Detroit, Mich., March 10th, 1882.*

My Dear Sir,—After a personal association with railway employees for thirty years, I have no hesitation to declare my belief that an honest and earnest work with these men for the elevation of their spiritual life and morals is invaluable. The record of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association among them for the past few years shows hundreds of cases of men thoroughly reformed, and now most valuable employees, who speak for the work more than volumes from pen or press. Every Christian railroad man in America should lend his personal influence to further this good work. It pays spiritually, morally and financially.

Respectfully yours,

D. A. WATERMAN, *Auditor.*

*Michigan Central Railroad Co'y,
General Manager's Office,
Detroit, Mich., March 6th, 1882.*

Dear Sir.—I have taken a deep interest in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association among railroad men, and believe that, leaving out all other questions, it is a paying investment for a railroad company.

Yours truly,

H. B. LEDYARD, *Gen. Man.*

"When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

Gal. iv. 4, 5.

R. R. Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE.

IMMEDIATELY after the R. R. Conference, held in May, at St. Thomas, one was held at Springfield, Mass., well attended and full of interest.

We clip the following from an exchange:

The Railroad Conference, held at Springfield, Mass., May 25-28, was certainly one of the most interesting meetings ever held in this section of the country. We wish many more railroad men could have been there and heard the reports which were given of the great work being done, under God, through these railroad branches of the Y. M. C. A. The papers read were very practical, bearing upon the various methods of work, new suggestions, etc. Besides all this, the magnitude of the work was so brought out that it seems almost impossible that any person hearing could refrain from entering into this line of work at once with heart and soul, doing what they can to bring the gospel of Christ to this class of noble-hearted men, now numbering nearly one million, and who, by means of their calling, their character and work, wield so great a power, either for good or for evil, and who are deprived of the privilege of attending places where the gospel is preached, because of the devotion to their calling. We appeal to every Christian railroad man to put forth renewed effort in the cause of the Master. These dear fellows are the men for whom Christ died; having wandered far from the fold it is your duty to bring them back. Will you not consider this a privilege and glory