

handed to the Secretary the names of nine young men met with in two visits. Some of these were Christians, who hailed with delight the invitation extended them to come to our Rooms, and have since accepted of it. In every instance they were total strangers to Toronto and its people. We look for much practical good resulting from the work of this committee.

### GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE.

**L**AST Sunday Evening we had the largest audience assembled this season. One very encouraging feature of the meeting was the very large proportion of Young Men present. In fact we think it would be a safe estimate to say that nearly two-thirds were belonging to that class. The attention was all that could be desired, that is so far as outward evidence could be accepted. We trust that the Spirit of God was at work causing heart attention to be given by many.

### RAILROAD WORK.

**M**R. E. D. Ingersoll, Railway Secretary of the International Committee has secured from the Canada Southern Railway a grant of \$50 per month towards the salary of a Railway Secretary at St. Thomas. The company has also given the use of premises for a reading room etc. Mr. Ingersoll is now at St. Thomas, and our Railway Secretary is co-operating with him in opening up the work. An experienced Secretary is to be placed in the field at once.

### USEFUL EMPLOYMENT.

**W**ORKING as an ordinary hand in a Philadelphia ship yard was a man whose peculiarity was, that, while others of his class were indulging in jollification, he was incessantly engaged in studying upon mechanical combinations. One of his companions secured a poodle dog, and spent six months in teaching the quadruped to

execute a jig upon its hind legs. Knowlton spent the same period in discovering some method by which he could saw ship timber in a bevelled form. The first man taught his dog to dance; Knowlton, in the same time, discovered a mechanical combination that enabled him to do, in two hours, the work that would occupy a dozen men, by slow and laborious process, an entire day. The result was, Knowlton rose to be a successful inventor, made a fortune, and illustrated the folly of useless employment. Let us improve our time. What we will be, depends much upon what we now do; better spend the leisure hours in gaining knowledge that will not alone benefit ourselves, but be of benefit to our fellowman, than to spend it in teaching either poodle dogs or ourselves to dance.—*Exchange.*

### HOW TO DO IT.

**O**NE night the large and splendid Sailors' Home in Liverpool was on fire, and a vast multitude of people gathered to witness the conflagration. The fury of the flames could not be checked. It was supposed that all the inmates had left the burning building. Presently, however, two poor fellows were seen stretching their arms from an upper window, and were shouting for help. What could be done to save them?

A stout mariner from a man-of-war lying in the river said, "Give me a long ladder, and I will try it."

He mounted the ladder. "Pass me up a small ladder!" he shouted.

It was done. Even that did not reach to the arms stretched frantically out of the window. The brave mariner was not to be balked. He lifted the short ladder upon his own shoulders, and holding on by a casement, he brought the upper rounds within reach of the two men, who were already scorched by the flames.

Out of the window they clambered, and creeping down over the short ladder, and then over the sturdy mariner, they reached the pavement amid the loud hurrahs of the multitude.