

OFFER UNTO GOD

THANKSGIVING.

Psalm 50 : 14.

PROGRESS.



A BRIGHT ray of hope has cheered us in our efforts to promote the physical, social, mental, moral and spiritual welfare of our fellow railway men.

Through the efforts of Mr. E. D. Ingersoll, an appropriation of \$50 per month has been secured from the C. S. Ry. to aid in the support of a Railway Christian Association at St. Thomas, where the largest body of their men are located.

Our Committee was invited to aid in its organization, and sent their Secretary, who spent the week commencing Dec. 19 in co-operation with Mr. Ingersoll. The visit resulted in a conference of prominent Christian railway men and citizens on 21st ult., in the C. S. Ry. Depot, when the situation was discussed, and the almost universal sentiment concurred in, "That a Railway Men's Association without 'Christ, the Corner Stone,' would not meet the case or merit their support, for without 'the Life' all must eventually wither and die."

The following Committee (of railway men and citizens) was appointed, each evangelical denomination being represented thereon.

A. F. Howland, (Purchasing Agent, C. S. Ry.,) Chairman.

Jas. McCrone, C. S. Ry., Secretary.
Dr. W. E. Smith, (Surgeon,) C. S. Ry.
Wm. A. May, " "
A. A. Drake, " "
Jos. Lea, " "
John Bailey, " "
—Butcher " "
Wm. Nichol, " "
A. McLachlin, City Registrar.
Jos. Mickleborough, Merchant.
T. W. Rawlinson " "
Walter Roberts, " "
Judge Hughes.
C. O. Ermetinger, Barrister.
J. A. Glen, " "

Wherever this work has been a success, a competent Secretary or Superintendent of the work has been an essential part. This being recognized, Mr. W. J. Orr, now of Amsterdam, New York State, who possesses all the needed qualifications for this work, has been invited to come and examine the field, with a view to settlement thereon.

St. Thomas has been suggested as the point for the next Christian Railway Men's Convention. We have had, and ever will have great reason to thank God for the privilege of attending the one held at Altoona, Pa., two years ago, which gave the work such an impetus that there has not been men enough to place in the work as fast as the demand.

There was one exceedingly unfortunate feature about the Altoona Convention, namely, that only one very small vessel went from Canada, which accounts for this country not having received as large a blessing as our neighbors, but we want to have it on our side this time, and by the grace of God have such a fire kindled that will never be extinguished.

The Secretary was authorized to urge this upon our Committee, and go to work to make arrangements. The St. Thomas people will entertain all who come, and no doubt the Railways convey them free to St. Thomas.