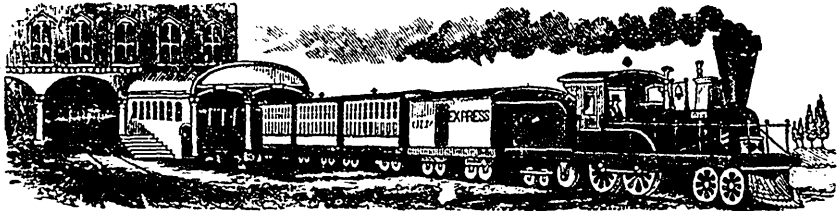
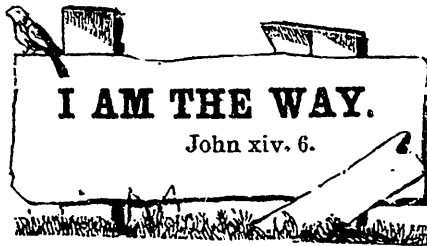


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THE Railway Committee of the Toronto Young Men's Christian Association seeks to unite and aid Christian Railroad men, in efforts to promote the spiritual, moral, mental, and social welfare of their fellows. To accomplish this, the Committee employs a Secretary, who devotes his entire time in visiting and caring for the sick and injured, and in looking after the interests of the men, their families, and the work in general. He arranges also, for brief religious services at the depots on Sunday afternoons, and week day evenings at the homes of the men.

While much has been done in the past, still the Committee feels deeply the need which exists for attractive rooms at each depot, in which the men may enjoy good companionship, access to first-class literature, and where may

also be held social and other meetings.

Without these appliances much must remain undone, and many unreached. As a general rule Railway Employees are not in a position to attend meetings, or visit the Reading Rooms of the Central Association. Their duties require that they should be at all times ready to respond at a moment's notice. This is especially the case with men employed in running the trains. To such, the privileges of a recreation and Reading Room on the Railway premises would be a boon of incalculable value.

The Committee and its Secretary have labored thus far without these much to be desired appliances, but they express the hope that ere long the several railway Companies, and the Christian public may unite to place the work on a much more solid basis. At the same time there is much to call forth gratitude. Many of the Railway officials are entering into the spirit of the work, and are helping by contributions and by personal effort; and the Christian friends have heartily responded to appeals for financial aid. To all these the Committee tenders thanks, and calls attention to the following synopsis of the Secretary's last report:—

Gospel meetings are held every Lord's day afternoon at the Union, and Nipissing Stations. The combined average attendance is 125, though we have had double that number present at once