

served my time in the old Northern shops, starting my apprenticeship in 1872. I remember having to go up to the Y.M.C.A. to pass an examination to see whether I was a fit subject to learn my apprenticeship. I remember that building which seemed to me, at that time, like the present Traders' Bank building. When I was serving my time we had fifteen apprentices. To show you the difference from that time and now. At that time we would not find any other amusement than destructiveness. On days like this—stormy—we made snow balls and fired them from one end of the shop to the other. We had a sham battle, one-half got at one end of the shop and the other half at the other end, and pelted each other with snowballs. Some of the older ones squealed on us and we lost two days' pay.

This Association has certainly done a great deal for the apprentices and for older railroad men. I am very much surprised to find that the Association has such fine buildings. It is sometime since I left railroad service. I was bound for nine years and while I served my time and used to know how to build a locomotive, yet I have been away from it so long now, that I have forgotten a lot about it.

I am very pleased to know that the Young Men's Christian Association is doing so much good.

Chairman—Mr. Dudley, I think you should feel very proud on hearing the praises showered upon you to-night. I am sure if I ever live to occupy a similar position and sit on a throne as you do at present, I should be very vain. In looking over some of those old, old faces with us to-night, it makes me think that we might have sent flowers to them two years ago if it were not for your good work. But apart from joking, Mr. Dudley has a record which he may be proud of. All this has been news to me, and I am glad to know that I was associated with the Y.M.C.A. years ago myself.

In closing my remarks I sincerely trust Mr. Dudley will continue his good work.

Mr. Dudley—I appreciate very deeply indeed the kind things you men have said. It is gratifying indeed to know that this movement has the good will of the railroad men. We have not been in doubt about this. It is true we have had some difficulties in the early days but I began to feel that the ice was breaking when Mr. Heriot came and said that he was willing to turn over the library to our Association.

Mr. Chairman, concerning the remarks you made about my vanity, let me remind you that these same railroad men can bring you down to a place of humility. None of them will show you much mercy.