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IS A
LAMP UNTO
MY FEET

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LIGHT UNTO
MY PATH.

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Ye are my friends if YE do whatsoever I command you.

Without Me ye can DO nothing.

Know ye not that the FRIENDSHIP of the world is ENMITY to God?

Whosoever therefore will be a FRIEND of the world, is the ENEMY of God.

John xv. 14, 5; Jas. iv. 4.



WHAT a happiness it is to have Jesus for our friend! What can we want beside? The greater the distress in which we are plunged--the more zealous will he be for our rescue. All power is his, in heaven and on earth; what therefore, have his friends to fear! His love is unparalleled; and he has given the greatest possible proof of it, by laying down his life for his enemies. Greater love hath no one. What a friend must he be, who though so highly exalted,

can weep with us! Who would not trust him, love him, and seek his friendship? Oh, gracious Saviour, thou suest for our friendship, first and most of all, and sayest, "Give me, my son, thy heart." "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden; I will give you rest." "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." "I am come to seek and save that which is lost." He even entreats--for Christ beseeches you through us--"Be ye reconciled unto God." What does this mean but, "Become his friends; for he is already ours?" If there be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth--there can be no greater joy than that of the shepherd himself, who calls upon all to rejoice with him, on finding the sheep which was lost. Oh how wisely do those act, who cause the Saviour this joy!

What friend can be compared with thee,
My Saviour who such love hath shown,
All other confidants I flee,
And choose thee for my friend alone.
My life, my all to thee resign,
That I may be entirely thine.

FRUIT.




SEVERAL have recently professed faith in the Lord Jesus, in our west end meetings, and others are earnestly enquiring the way of LIFE. John 14: 6.

Our Saturday night meetings in the West End Rooms have been well attended, but still there is room. Come along one and all. One most gratifying feature is the presence of so many *young men*.

EXCURSION AND PIC-NIC TO NIAGARA FALLS

OF G. T. R. EMPLOYEES AND THEIR
FAMILIES.

Proceeds to be utilized for the establishment of a Library in the Reading Rooms at the Round-house and Shops.

N Saturday, July 21st, twenty-four carloads of railroaders and friends left the Union Station in two trains for Niagara Falls, and all were in due time thoroughly settled in Bender Park, their destination, after a most enjoyable ride through the country, the rich variety of wild flowers which lined the way, as witnessed by the excursionists, was sufficient alone to pay for the trip. To attempt description of all the day's pleasures and enjoyments would be still vain, for they were so numerous and varied that no one could keep track, but enquire of whom one would, the reply was, "Could not have desired anything better or have had a better day's enjoyment." We fully agree with the notice given by the *Mail*. "Everything passed off pleasantly and harmoniously, and, to the credit of the railway men it may be said, that no unseemly language was used, nor was there the faintest indication of intemperance in any shape." "A more thoroughly enjoyable picnic probably never left the Queen City or visited the Falls, and the weather was everything that could be desired. The committee deserved and received the thanks of the excursionists for the perfection of the arrangements." We are informed that a handsome sum was realized for the Library, and also are glad to learn that arrangements are completed by which friends in the Don shops will be enabled to participate in the advantages of the Library. Well done, round-house men, well done!

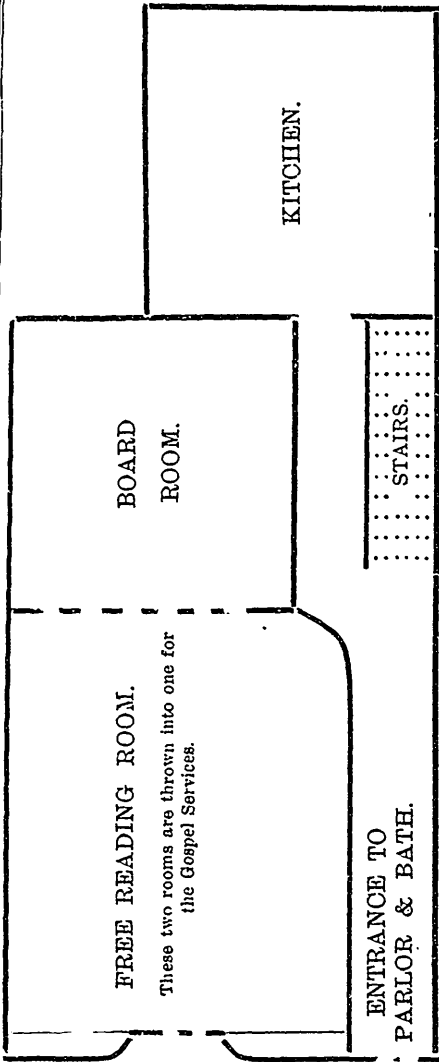
FORMAL OPENING OF THE West End Railway Branch Rooms.



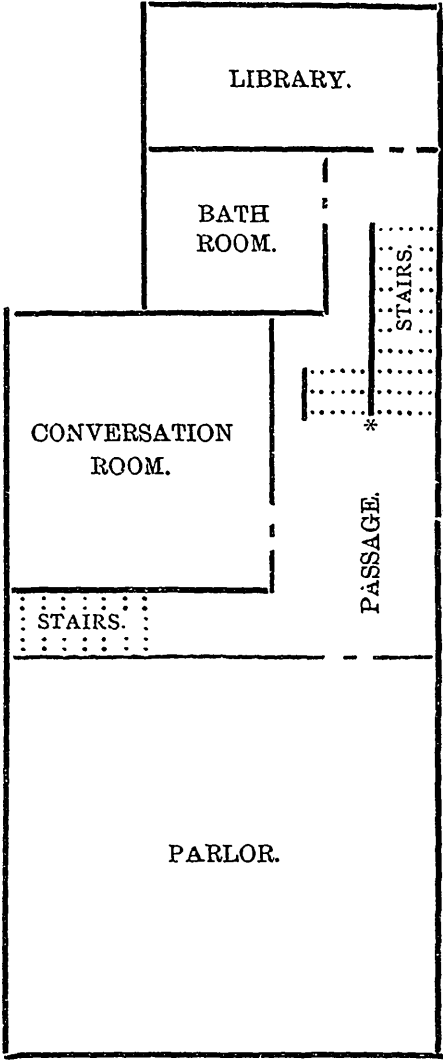
AS announced in our last issue the formal opening of the West End Branch rooms took place on the evening of July 19th, and in all particulars exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine. At 7 the doors were opened, and our friends assembled so rapidly that in a very short time it was so crowded that it was with difficulty any one could enter, and at 8 a large crowd was assembled at the door and across the street, while hundreds left without even securing a glance inside. Nothing but expressions of delight and approval were heard on every hand, and as far as possible the many advantages were made use of by those present. Too much praise could not be given to the ladies who so tastefully decorated the rooms and did so much to make them more attractive, and homelike.

At 8 ex-Mayor W. B. McMurrich took the chair, and, after devotional exercises conducted by Rev. P. F. McLeod, stated how he came to be present, and the deep interest he had learned to take in Railway Y. M. C. A. work, remarking that for some time he had not failed to take every opportunity of becoming acquainted with the working of these organizations, and their effect upon all concerned, and that those Railway corporations who knew the most about them, did the most to sustain them, having learned that money expended for this object yielded for all time a good return in the improvement of the men who are intrusted with the lives of the passengers, and the property of the Company, and that it is both good for the men and the road they serve. He expressed his pleasure in the progress in this direction made in Toronto, and his hopes, that it would meet with all the help and practical sympathy it deserved. After singing by the choir, good practical addresses were delivered by the Rev. P. F. McLeod, T. W. Jeffery, and J. Earls, Esq., Asst. Frt. Agt. G. T. Ry. the rooms were declared open and free to all men who desired to use them. Our choir furnished good music. After the benediction all were invited up stairs to be regaled

Plan of ground floor.



Plan of first floor.



QUEEN STREET.

The room on ground floor is 15 x 32 ft. Parlor, 21 x 18 ft. Conversation and Amusement Room, 14 x 14 ft. Room for Library, 14 x 13 ft.

with ice cream and cake, and many accepted the invitation. The meeting which was a great success was not broken up till quite a late hour. Above will be found a diagram and description of the rooms.

We hope the railway men when they need anything in the watch line will call and see Kent Bro.'s stock, at 168 Yonge St., before purchasing elsewhere; they made us a present of the clock in West End Reading Room.

REMEMBER THE
RAILWAY
Gospel Temperance Meeting
AT THE UNION DEPOT,
AND
IN THE RAILWAY MEN'S ROOMS, 1020 QUEEN ST. WEST,
ON
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF AUGUST.

THE FIRST WILL BE ADDRESSED BY

Rev. H. MELVILLE,

THE LATTER BY

JAMES JOHNSON, Esq.

Good Singing. Come and bring all your Friends.

EXTRACT FROM A RAILROAD
MAN'S LETTER TO
A FRIEND.

TWENTY-ONE years railroad life! How many dangers have preceded me by just one train, or followed me on the next! Oh! how many, many times have I gone out from my home, bearing the kisses of my loved ones on my lips, with the question coming unbidden into my mind, "Shall I return again? or, if returning, will I find those lips sealed with the seal of silence—the seal of death?" If anything will impress a man with the *certainty* of divine protection, it is to give the best years of his life to train service. But we know—

"He watches while we're sleeping,

His care is over all,

A constant vigil keeping

He marks the sparrow's fall."

—Troy, N. Y., Y. M. C. A. Bulletin.

NOTES.

Now that our rooms are opened it is earnestly hoped that all will make free use of them. Members only allowed free use of the bath. Non-members may use it on payment of 15cts.

All who have seen the rooms declare them to be excellent, there is everything in them to amuse, benefit and instruct.

Mr. A. Munro General Secretary of the Troy Railroad Y. M. C. A. is attending the Bible Conference at Niagara.

There are three cottage meetings held in the west end each week. Monday, at 8 P.M., 1 Hunter's Terrace, Dufferin St., Parkdale; Thursday, 8 P.M., 118 Lisgar St.; Friday, P.M., 232 Dundas St. We hope many will turn in to encourage and aid our workers.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Society of the Railway Branch of the "Toronto Young Men's Christian Association."



AS announced in the July number of OUR SPECIAL, the ladies interested in our work met on the evening of the 3rd ult., and conferred as to the best means for supplementing the work in which we are engaged, and after conference, decided to organize upon a basis similar to that of the Ladies' Auxiliary at St. Thomas, and other points, a committee was appointed to draft a constitution, which was done, and submitted to a meeting held on the 9th, and with few corrections, adopted. The following is a copy of the constitution.

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

We, the Lady Members of the Railway Men's, and other families in Toronto and Parkdale—recognizing the importance of the work inaugurated by the Railway Committee of the Toronto Young Men's Christian Association for the benefit of Railway and other Young Men—desirous of rendering more efficient service in carrying forward the objects and work of said Committee, do hereby organize for that purpose.

ART. I.—NAME.

The Name of this Society shall be:—The Ladies' Auxiliary Society of the Railway Branch of the "Toronto Young Men's Christian Association."

ART. II.—OBJECT.

The Object of this Society shall be to supplement the Work of the Railway Committee of the Toronto Young Men's Christian Association, by rendering such assistance as lies in our power, in case of sickness, absence, or death among the families of those whose welfare is sought; and, if need be, to provide garments and do sewing in such cases; also, to look to the comforts and wants of widows and orphans.

The Object shall further be to hold Social and other Entertainments, with the aid and counsel of the Committee, whenever they may be deemed advisable; also, to give attention to the

furnishing and decoration of the various rooms of the Institution, by offering suggestions to the Railway Secretary or the Room and Supply Committee, and by adding and locating such articles of furniture, &c., in the Building as will make the place more attractive, beneficial, and homelike.

ART. III.—MEMBERS.

The Membership of this Society shall consist of two kinds, viz :

ACTIVE AND ASSOCIATE.

(a) ACTIVE MEMBERS.—Any Lady, being a Communicant in an Evangelical Church, may become an Active Member by payment of Fifty Cents per Annum in advance.

Active Members only are eligible to vote and hold office.

(b) ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.—Any Lady desiring to co-operate in the Work of this Auxiliary Society may become an Associate Member upon the payment of Fifty Cents per Annum in advance.

ART IV.

Any member may present the names of persons for membership.

ART. V.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this society shall consist of a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, to be chosen annually by the members from their own number, at their first regular meeting in each year.

ART. VII.—QUORUM.

Five members of the society present at any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum. Ten active members at a call meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ART VIII.—MEETINGS.

This society shall hold a monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month, at 3 p.m., and an annual meeting the first Thursday of October in each year, at 3 p.m. Occasional meetings may be called by the President as business may require. All meetings of this society shall be opened with devotional exercises.

ART IX.—PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The President shall preside at all the meetings of the society, or in case of her absence, one of the Vice-Presidents shall take her place. In case they are all absent, a Chairman shall be appointed.

ART. X.—SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings, conduct correspondence of the society, notify members of meetings and present the annual report at the annual meeting; also, keep a correct list of members, receive membership dues, and pay over the same to the Treasurer, taking her receipt therefor.

ART. XI.—TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive all the moneys of the society resulting from membership dues, socials, suppers, entertainments, or donations, and pay out the same only upon order of the society (all bills to be audited by the President). She shall have official charge of all financial papers. She shall also make an annual report of all the moneys received and disbursed.

ART. XII.—CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION.

Art. III. of this constitution shall never be changed. Any other changes may be made by a two-third vote of the members present at any regular meeting, providing the change desired has been read at a regular meeting one month previous.

ART. III.—COMMITTEES.

Immediately following the election of officers, they shall enter upon their official duties. The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer shall at once proceed to appoint the following standing committees for the year: Executive Committee, Visitation Committee, Entertainment Committee, Flower and Decoration Committee, Membership Committee, and care of Rooms Committee. Sub-Committees may be added as the work may require.

After its adoption, several ladies signed the roll, and at once proceeded to elect officers as per Act 5 of the constitution, which resulted in the election

of Mrs. McFarlane, as President; Mrs. Roney, Secretary; Mrs. McClure, Vice-President; Mrs. Whitmer, Treasurer. Those who were present at the formal opening needs no information as to how the committee acted in the ten days' interval between organization and the formal opening. We hope every lady into whose hands this may fall, and in whose heart there is a desire to help in this direction, will present herself at 1020 Queen street west, at 3 p. m. the first Thursday of each month.

He that believeth not is
CONDEMNED ALREADY,
because he hath not believed in the name of the
only begotten Son of God.

—John iii. 18.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

"In everything give thanks."

JUST too late to call attention in our last number we received twice seven volumes of excellent new books from "a Brother." Seven for G. T. R. Round-house Rooms, and seven for our West End Library; also to a brother for several (13) volumes toward our Reference Library in the West End. We can endure a great deal of treatment of this kind. Come along friends, come. For donations of flowers and for many unmentioned kindnesses, we tender our thanks.

OUR

BIBLE CLASS

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

At Parlor, 1020 Queen St. West.

ALL INVITED.

SAM. HOBART.

He was an engineer on the Boston and Worcester Railroad, and one of the right stamp. Dr. Fulton, of New York, has written a Biography of him, a narrative as fascinating as a novel. All who have seen and read it give it unqualified praise. Our advice is—and it is given from experience—buy it and read it, it contains so much valuable information, especially to ALL Railway men, from a president, to the lowest employed in any establishment, that you cannot afford to do without it.

Dr. Sheraton, of Wycliffe College, remarked to us that "It is as good a book of its kind as ever he read. All should read it."

Mr. Wm. Blight who often addresses us acceptably on Sundays, enquired, "Can you not do something to induce the men, one and all, to read *this excellent little book*."

Dr. Geikie, Senr., remarked to us that "It is a very, very, VERY good book."

It is only 25c. If any one to whom it is inconvenient to get into the book stores in business hours desires to possess it, the Secretary will gladly secure it for them.

ALL RAILWAY MEN

Are invited to attend the

Sabbath Afternoon Meeting

At Three o'clock in the

G. T. R.

GENERAL WAITING ROOM

UNION STATION.

Railway Men, their Families and Friends cordially invited.

THE SIGNAL'S ALL RIGHT.

I'm only an Engine-driver,
That works on the line of rails,
Without e'en a mother or sister
Or wife my lot to bewail.
I've nought very lively to think of,
But I have a sensitive mind—
At least, that is, for a Driver,
A thing that you don't often find.

It's not very pleasant to fancy
Each day you may drive to death,
And yet that's the case with us Drivers,
Safe neither in limb nor breath.
I've had friends on many an Engine
Who died in red blood on the line
Crushed like a dog :—and I'm thinking
One day that same end may be mine.

Did I ever have a fond mother ?
Well, stranger, I just think I had,
But 'twas years ago in the far off,
When I was a roving young lad.
Don't laugh—I loved my good mother :
No, no, it wasn't a tear
I dropped from my smoky eyelids.
Do you want to hear me swear ?

I used to, and that in earnest,
But that's some time ago ;
I've got to be somewhat religious,
A respectable Driver now ;
It's praying, I 'spose, for our parson
Says that it's right to pray ;
There's room for us Drivers in heaven
Last Sunday I heard him say.

'Tain't often I go to the church,
For us chaps ain't got no time,
From morning to night we're driving
Along this old smoky line ;
But I went, and felt very funny,
A dreadful sinner, I guess,
And I've prayed that I might be religious,
Though I wear but a Driver's dress.

Well, there, I must turn on the steam ;
A Driver's no time to lose ;
The whistle's the word to us chaps,
And 'tain't for ourselves to choose.
So push on, my hearty : I'm longing
To hear her shriek in her flight ;
It's only the signal that stops us,
And now the signal's "All Right."

AN ENGINE DRIVER.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

EVERY SUNDAY,

AT 3 P.M.

GOOD SINGING,

SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES

COME.

REMEMBER

THE

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

Held

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

BULLETIN FOR AUGUST.

Meetings in Railway Men's Rooms, 1020 Queen St. West.

LORD'S DAY, . . . WORKERS' PRAYER MEETING 7.30 A.M.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE, AT 3 P.M.

1020 QUEEN ST. WEST.

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| Lord's Day, Aug. | 5 | GEO. ROBINSON and JAS. JOHNSON. |
| " " | 12 | D. McFARLANE and REV. E. M. C. BOTTERELL. |
| " " | 19 | F. NEWBURY and OWEN DAVIDSON. |
| " " | 26 | SONG AND TESTIMONY MEETING. |

UNION STATION.

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| " " | 12 | F. NEWBURY and ALF. SANDHAM. |
| " " | 19 | WM. GOODERHAM and WM. BLIGHT. |
| " " | 26 | W. E. BURFORD and REV. WM. BROOKMAN. |

Every Tuesday 8 p.m. in Parlor; SECRETARY'S BIBLE CLASS,
" Saturday " " Reading Room, YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

G. T. R., reading Rooms, LOCO. DEPT. every Tuesday, 12.25 to 1 P.M.,
BIBLE READING.

Toronto. Grey and Bruce Shops, every Wednesday, 12.30 to 1 P.M.,
BIBLE READING.

COTTAGE MEETINGS.

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| EVERY MONDAY, | 8 P.M., | 2 Hunter's Terrace, Dufferin St. |
| " THURSDAY | " | 118 Lisgar Street. |
| " FRIDAY, | " | 232 Dundas Street. |