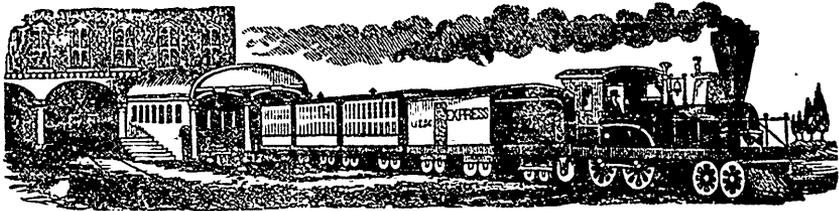


OUR "SPECIAL."



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TORONTO YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

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RAILROAD MEN

Are specially invited to the

Meetings on Sunday Afternoon, May 28th.

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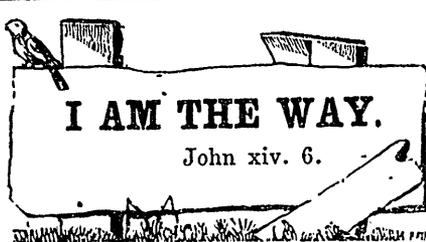
REPORTS OF THE CONFERENCE

Of R. R. Y. M. C. A., held at St. Thomas, will be given.

UNION STATION, at	3
NIPISSING " "	3

Do not let this opportunity pass; you will be glad to hear what the Lord is doing among Railroad men.

Come! bring others with you!



I AM THE WAY.

John xiv. 6.

**CHRISTIAN EFFORT BY RAILROAD MEN
FOR RAILROAD MEN!!**

THE OUTLOOK.

CERTAINLY the outlook is brighter than it appeared a short time ago. When the last Railroad Conference of Y. M. C. Association was held at Altoona, Pa., but *one* Delegate was present to represent our large and fair Dominion. Note the change! At the Conference just held at St. Thomas, Delegates attended from all parts of the Dominion, numbering about *one hundred*, thus our hopes expressed in last month's "Special" have been fully realized.

The Conference met on Canadian soil; this is encouraging, and proves the fact that great interest is taken in this very important work among and by our Railroad men.

Three men, at present, devote their whole time to the work.

Delegates from every important Railway Centre west of Montreal, were present. Montreal itself being well represented.

A most important feature in the results of the Conference is that at several important points where already no R. R. Association exists, action has been commenced, a Dominion Committee formed to undertake the opening up of new branches, and correspondents appointed at unrepresented points, who will call meetings of their fellow

railroad men, and supply information to the new Dominion Committee, stationed at Toronto. Already a communication has been received from Hamilton, where a meeting has been held to promote the interest of Railroad men in commencing a branch at that point.

It has already been suggested that a purely religious Railroad Conference be held at Toronto, or east thereof. We hope it will be arranged at no very distant date.

FOR our work there is at present over \$50,000 per annum contributed by Railway Companies, over against \$3,000 three years ago. Not only is there no dissatisfaction about it, but universal approval, and means are coming in faster than men are forthcoming for the work, where the work is best known. The two following letters of testimony from officials are selected from 50 others.

The Railroad Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association at Columbus, Ohio, was organized in 1875. Railroad officials write as follows:

**COLUMBUS, HOCKING VALLEY AND
TOLEDO RAILWAY Co.**

**ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT,
COLUMBUS, OHIO, Jan. 17th, 1882.**

Dear Sir: The railroad centering here pay \$264 towards the salary of a Secretary, also furnish rooms, water, light and heat, worth at least \$1,000 more; total \$1,864 per annum.

The work is a grand success in every respect. Reading room, socials and entertainments, visitation of the sick and injured employes, cottage and Sunday meetings, all are profitably carried on.

Truly yours,
T. J. JANNEY, *Auditor.*

COLUMBUS, HOOKING VALLEY AND
TOLEDO RAILWAY COMPANY,
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
COLUMBUS, OHIO, Jan. 12th, 1882.

Dear Sir: This Company is paying \$20 per month to the Railroad Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association of Columbus, and \$8.33 per month to the Branch at Toledo.

I regard it as a good investment on the part of the Company, yielding for all time a good return in the improvement of the men who are intrusted with the lives of its passengers and the property of the Company.

Yours truly,
M. M. GREENE, *President.*

ST. Thomas Conference which lasted from 18th to 20th May (three days) will live in the memory of those present for a long time; and its actual results will be unmeasured by time as its influence will spread throughout Canada and the United States. Eternity alone will reveal the real results.

The mental labour and the traveling required to be done to ensure success, necessitated our R.R. Secretary's absence from Toronto, consequently the "home" work has been somewhat neglected; now that he is about to settle down again, work will be resumed, and we trust with the hearty co-operation of all who are interested in this Branch of the R.R.Y.M.C.A.

WHAT good is coming out of the Conference? this question has been asked!

We believe great good will result.

First: By stimulating to further zeal and effort existing branches of the R.R.Y.M.C.A.

Secondly: In the Conference we were brought into contact with fellow-laborers, and the interchange of plans of work, suggests fresh ideas how we may best promote the welfare of the R. R. Associations, and win souls for Christ.

Thirdly: We became more convinced than ever that the work is being owned by God, delegates testifying that their conversion was through the efforts of brethren in connection with the Association.

Fourthly: We were made aware that many fields of labour are waiting, and delegates earnestly asked that the R.R. Association would seriously consider the want and promote the formation of such a work at the places they represented.

VALUE of R.R. Ladies' Aid Societies cannot be overestimated; we stated in last "Special" the objects of such societies. we merely state here what is being done. Several Delegates at the Conference gave very interesting and encouraging reports of Work in this direction. The sick were visited; wounds were dressed; the injured carefully attended; Members of the Committee are ready and willing to go on duty at any time; staying beside the sick and injured during the night, and assisting in the home-work among their wives and children (when necessary). One delegate stated that the Ladies' Aid Society had provided two conveyances for cases of emergency, fitted with medical bandages, &c., so that immediate attention is received by the Railroad Men when an accident happens. May the influence of such noble hearted women spread far and wide, and may many be led to the "Great Physician" through their efforts.

ALL RAILWAY MEN

Are invited to attend

The Sabbath Afternoon Meetings

At Three o'clock, in the
G.T.R. GENERAL WAITING ROOM,
UNION STATION,

Railway Men, their Families and
Friends cordially invited.



PROGRAMME FOR JUNE.

SUNDAY GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICES. 3 P. M.

UNION DEPOT.

Lord's Day, June 4	.....	JOS. GREENE AND REV. H. MELVILLE.
" " " 11	.....	S. CALDECOTT AND A. MUNRO.
" " " 18	.....	JOHN GILLESPIE AND JAS. NOBBS.
" " " 25	.....	JOHN GORDON AND W. E. BURFORD.

NIPISSING STATION. 3 P. M.

Lord's Day, June 4	.....	W. E. BURFORD AND A. MUNRO.
" " " 11	.....	J. L. POWELL AND MR. GLOVER.
" " " 18	.....	J. B. GRIFFITH AND W. E. BURFORD.
" " " 28	.....	JOS. GREENE AND F. S. HARVEY.

Noon Meetings every Wednesday from 12.30 to 12.55, in Toronto, Grey and Bruce Workshops.

COTTAGE MEETINGS.

EVERY TUESDAY, at 8 p.m. 11 High Street.
FRIDAY, " " " " 123 Portland Street.

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