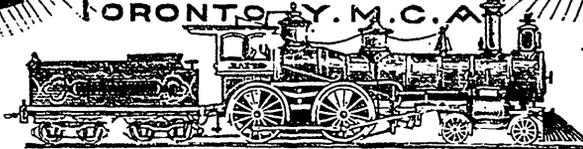




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experience of them has shewn them to be a class of men who read more readily than most persons, the intentions of those who approach them, and have always a word of welcome for those whom they believe to be right. We have no doubt but that our new Railway Secretary will speedily win his way into their confidence.

The reception accorded him has been most pleasing. Everywhere he has met with the greatest kindness. One qualification likely to win for him the confidence of the men, lies in the fact, that having been a *bona fide* railway man he can enter more readily into an appreciation of the temptations and trials of the men.

RAILWAY WORK.

WE are looking for much blessing in this department. Mr. Jex, the Railway Secretary, has entered the field with this one object in view, the spiritual welfare of the railway friends. We have no sympathy with the idea that railway men need to be amused before we can approach them on spiritual affairs; in fact, our

RAILWAY MEN'S RE-UNION.

OUR Railway Committee is busily engaged in completing arrangements for the Railway Men's Re-Union to be held (D.V.) in Shaftesbury Hall on the evening of Thursday Feb. 21st. A very attractive programme is being prepared, and no effort will be spared to make the gathering one of profit as well as pleasure. A cordial invitation

Justified freely by His grace.
Romans iii. 24.

Our God, for He will abundantly pardon.
Isaiâh lv. 7.

is extended to *all Railway men, their wives and friends.* There will be no charge for admission. Please remember the date and circulate the information.

WEST END ROOMS.



SINCERELY desiring to benefit Railway Men in all parts of the city, we ask each to remember that a hearty invitation is extended to Railway men to visit and make themselves perfectly at home in the rooms 1020 Queen St. West. This invitation is not addressed to *members* but to ALL RAILWAY MEN. The rooms are open daily from 8 a.m. till 10 p. m., and the Sunday afternoon service is specially under the control of the Railway Committee of the Toronto Y. M. C. A., and so far as practicable, arrangements will be made to secure the services of Railway Men to help in the meetings.

It is a "white" flag we hold out. Things are all right on the line. You need not hesitate for a moment.

Mr. Pope, the West End Secretary, will cordially welcome you.

OUR NEW "WEST END" SECRETARY.



REALIZING the need of some *recognized* authority in connection with the care of the work in the West End, the Board of Managers has called to the position of West End Secretary, Mr. G. F. Pope, of Gobourg. Mr. Pope enters upon his duties at once, and will give his undivided attention to the West End of the city.

JESUS, "MIGHTY TO SAVE."

PLEASE NOTE:



THE Railway Secretary (Mr. W. Jex) will feel obliged to friends if they will notify him of Railway men who may be ill, especially where the sick one is living in a boarding house, and away from relatives.

THE GIFT OF GOD

John iii. 16.

1. IT IS A GIFT TO THE UNDESERVING.
"IN THAT, WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US."
2. IT IS A FREE GIFT.
"THE FREE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS." (R. V.)
3. IT CANNOT BE PURCHASED.
"TRY MONEY PERISH WITH THEE, BECAUSE THOU HAST THOUGHT THAT THE GIFT OF GOD MAY BE PURCHASED WITH MONEY."
4. IT SHOULD BE RECEIVED THANKFULLY.
"WHAT SHALL I RENDER UNTO THE LORD FOR ALL HIS BENEFITS? I WILL TAKE THE CUP OF SALVATION."

THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT.

A REAL HELPER.

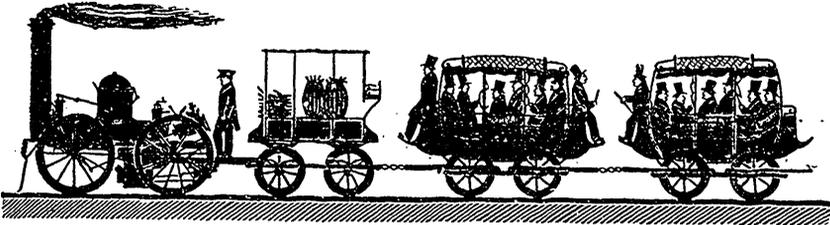


MISSIONARY in China once heard a group of Chinamen discussing the various religions with which China is afflicted. At last one of the group said. "It is just as if a Chinaman was in a deep pit and wanted help to get out." Confucius came along and said: "If you had only kept my precepts you would not have fallen into this pit." Buddha also came to the mouth of the pit, saying: "Ah, poor Chinaman! if you were only up where I am, I would make all right." The Chinaman replied, "If I were up where you are I would not want your help." But then there came along Jesus Christ, with tears in His eyes, and He jumped right into the pit and lifted the poor man right out of it.

Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.
Romans v. 20.

God is able to make all grace abound toward you.
2 Corinthians ix. 8.

PRIMITIVE RAILWAY TRAIN.



IN 1826 a charter was granted to the Mohawk and Hudson River Railway Co. for a railroad to run from Albany to Schenectady, N. Y., a distance of 16 miles. The land was either given to the company, or sold for a trifling consideration, and in 1830 the work was commenced. The train ran along the open streets, and travelled across fields, up hill and down. The road was finished in 1831. Both engines and horses were used, and of course the trains proceeded at a very slow rate. Stationary engines were placed at the top of hills, and the train was hauled up and let down by strong ropes. Hand levers were used by the brakemen to check the trains. The tickets were sold at stores, or by the conductor.

The first steam passenger excursion train was run on this road in 1831. The weight of the engine was 4 tons; it was imported from England, and was named the John Bull. The engineer was John Hampson, an Englishman. There were fifteen passengers on the train of two coaches, among whom were the following:—

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| 1. John Hampson, Engineer. | 10. Unknown. |
| 2. Billy Marshall, Conductor. | 11. Major Meigs, Sheriff. |
| 3. Unknown. | 12. Jacob Hayes, High Constable. |
| 4. Ex-Gov. Jos. C. Yates. | 13. Chas. E. Dudley, Dudley Observatory. |
| 5. Josiah Snow, Ed. Southbridge Register. | 14. Jas. Alexander, Pres. Com. Bank. |
| 6. Thurlow Weed. | 15. Lewis Benedict. |
| 7-8. Unknown. | 16. Unknown. |
| 9. Billy Winne, Penny Postman. | |

RAILWAY FACTS.

IN New South Wales in 1881 there were 996 miles of railway opened; the area of the colony is 309,175 square miles. In Victoria, there were 1,247 miles; the area of the colony is 87,884 square miles. In South Australia, there were 832 miles: the area of the colony is 903,425 square miles. In West Australia, there were 72 miles; the area of the colony is 975,920

square miles. In Queensland there were 801 miles; the area of the colony is 667,615 square miles. In Tasmania, there were 160 miles; the area of the colony 26,375 square miles. In New Zealand, there were 1,333 miles; the area of the colony is 105,342 square miles. Western Australia has thus the largest area and the smallest railway system. New Zealand has the most railways, but comes fifth in area, and is the third in population.

The grace of our God was exceeding abundant with faith.
1 Timothy i. 14.

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

SUNDAY GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE

UNION STATION.

SUNDAY, February, 3....3 P.M....JOS. GREENE and REV. H. MELVILLE.
" " 10.... "A. HINES and F. J. FRENCH.
" " 17.... "R FAIRBAIRN and W. C. JEX.
" " 24.... "W. MARKS and ALF. SANDHAM.

IN WEST END BRANCH ROOMS,

1020 QUEEN ST. WEST.

AT 4 P.M.

SUNDAY, February 3... S. R. BRIGGS and W. C. JEX.
" " 10....H. J. BRINE and G. F. POPE.
" " 17....W. GOODERHAM and W. BLIGHT.
" " 24. .S. HYNDMAN and F. J. FRENCH.

G. T. TRY. (LOCO. DEPT.) READING ROOM.

Every Tuesday, 12.25, BIBLE READING.

TUESDAY, February 5....REV. JOHN BURTON, B.D.
" " 12....REV. ED. ROBERTS.
" " 19....REV. THOS. CULLEN.
" " 26....REV. H. M. PARSONS.