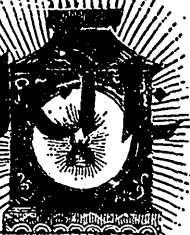




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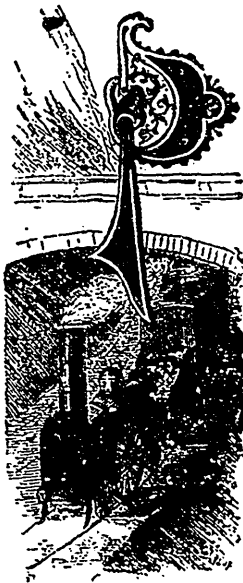
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IS A
LAMP UNTO
MY FEET.

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AY thy vows
unto the most
High: and call
upon Me in the
day of trouble:
I will deliver
thee, and thou
shalt glorify
Me.— Psalm 1.
14, 15.

We again remind our railway friends at York of the Gospel and Song Service in the reading room. Now that the weather is fine, and walking good we hope to see a large attendance every Sunday at 3.15 p.m.

RAILWAY SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The following is the report of the Railway Secretary for the months of March and April, 1885:—

Visits to Engines.....	215
“ Caboose.....	156
“ Round-houses and shops...	25
“ Switch-houses.....	30
“ Offices.....	31
“ Sick and Injured.....	17
“ R. R. Reading Rooms and Bunk Rooms.....	20
“ Yards.....	2
	476
Meetings held. Attendance.	
Union Station..... 8.....	143
Non Meetings at G. T. R. Roundhouse. 8... ..	134
Cottage meetings at York..... 8.....	93
Sunday meetings at York..... 8.....	167
Total..... 32.....	537
Papers and books distributed.	1190
R. R. SPECIALS distributed.	2000
Total... ..	3190
Average daily attendance at Read- ing Room, York.....	25

Thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.
Proverbs xxvii. 1.

Ye know not what shall be on the morrow.

James iv. 14

OUR WORK.

THE outlook is brighter than it has been for many months past. Our Meetings are being largely attended, and the men are taking a deep interest in us and in the work. Our Committee is also in good working order, and now that the debt with which we found ourselves burdened at the time of change of Secretaries, has been removed, we feel lighter and better prepared to press forward. Our Committee has been strengthened by the addition of two members, Mr. Richard Luttrell, Manager of Freight Department York, and Mr. Douglass of the Store Department Don

OUR Railway Concert held at York on the evening of April 2nd, was a grand success, even in spite of the heavy rain storm. Our railway friends came in crowds, and the hall was packed to the door. The Railway Secretary opened the meeting with prayer, then Mr. John Earls, asst. general freight agent, G.T.R., took the chair, and with him on the platform was Mr. John Harvie, late of the Northern Railway, and Mr. Charles Pickering, locomotive foreman, G.T.R. We return our sincere thanks to the members of the Queen street Methodist Choir, and also the members of the Massey Band, for their kindness in providing the programme, and also to Mr. Morton, for the free use of his hall.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING—Railway people are asked to remember that a standing and cordial invitation is extended to them to attend these social gatherings for prayer and conference every Thursday evening for one hour, commencing at 7.30. Come.

WHAT is eternity? A day without yesterday or to-morrow: a line that has no end.

DIED, at his residence, "The Willows," Eglinton, on the 19th instant, MR. JAMES LESSLIE, aged 83 years.

By the death of Mr. Lesslie, our railway branch has lost a true and faithful friend. Mr. Lesslie was a financial supporter of our railway work for many years and those beautiful books and papers that have been distributed among our railway friends from time to time were donated by him.

DOING WELL.

It is our pleasant duty to report the marriage of another of our railway men at York. This time it is Mr. Robt. Howard, engineer at the pump house. We wish him and his bride all the pleasure that this world can bestow upon him.

CONVALESCENT.

It gives us great pleasure to inform the friends of Mr. Chas. Story, of the N. & N. W. Railway, that he is recovering from the serious illness that has confined him to his home for the past month.

JOSEPH BENSON of the Store Department, N. & N. W. R., who has been ill for some weeks has returned to his work. Mr. Benson is the oldest employee on the Northern Railway, he having been in their service for 32 years.

ACCIDENTS.

P. GARRY, Brakeman G.T.R, fell from his train at Belleville and sprained his arm, we are pleased to state that he has almost recovered.

JOHN DAWSON, brass moulder N. & N. W. R., had the sad misfortune to lose one of his fingers. He has recovered sufficiently to resume work.

Choose you this day whom ye will serve.

Joshua xxiv. 15.

Behold now is the accepted time.

2 Cor. vi. 2.

WE are much pleased to inform our readers that fireman Jas. Lunan who lost his leg by being run over some weeks ago, is rapidly recovering, and we expect to see him about again in a short time.

ELI HABEL who has been in the employ of the G.T.R., at York Station until within the past two months had the sad misfortune to lose his left foot by being run over while stepping from a train at Scarboro. Mr. Habel is at the hospital and getting along as well as can be expected.

DEATHS.

In each number for the past two or three months it has been our painful duty to record the death of a fellow-railroader or some member of their family. Oh, unsaved one we would ask you with all the love of a brother to pause and consider as you glance at the name of the departed, and ask yourself the question, am I ready? It may be our sad duty some day to announce your death in "OUR SPECIAL," will you be ready for that last call?

It is our painful duty to announce the death of Mr. Wm. Sherman, fitter in the N. & N. W. Railway shop. He was a great favorite among his mates.

It is with sorrow that we announce the death of Mrs. McCormack, the beloved wife of Mr. Jas. McCormack, conductor, G.T.R. Mrs. McCormack had been ill for some time, but her husband little thought as he bid her good bye last Thursday morning and started off with his train, that it was the last good bye in this world. It is needless for us to say that all of our workers tender to Mr. McCormack and little ones that are left, our very deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

THE past month brought with it sorrow and affliction into the home of Mr.

John Little, passenger brakeman G.T.R. First his dear wife was taken ill and died, and the month had scarcely passed when his daughter took sick and quietly fell asleep in Jesus. Mr. Little has our heartfelt sympathy in the sad loss he has met with.

God needed two more Saints
Amidst His shining band,
And so he bent with loving smile
And clasped our darling's hand.

GENERAL.

MR. P. NEWTON, locomotive foreman G.T.R. of this city was called upon to report for active service in the North West. Mr. Newton was a member of the Body Guards. We trust he may be spared to come back to us in health and strength. Mr. McKeown is acting as foreman in the mean time.

WE wish to call the attention of the men who arrive in York with their trains on Sunday afternoon, and who cannot get to their homes in the city before the 4 p.m. suburban, that if they would come to our Song Service just as they leave their train, they could spend a very profitable time with us, and then get aboard the train which always stops at the reading room before proceeding to the city.

MAKE it a point to so arrange your affairs that there shall be no unseemly hurry on the Sabbath. It is a day of rest, and haste and bustle mar its sweet quiet.

THE bondage of sin—will you break it?

Choose ye to-day:

The Water of Life—will you take it?

Choose ye to-day:

Come to the arms that are open for you,
Hide in the wounds that by faith you may view:

Death ere the morrow your steps may pursue:

Choose ye to-day.

Behold now is the day of salvation.

2 Cor. vi. 2.

THE MAIN LINE.

JOHN xiv. 3.

THERE is a railway leads to God—

One grand main line, the price of blood;
'Twas built by love and sovereign grace,
To save a fallen human race.

Will you go to the beautiful land with me?

The station's near, the Conductor's kind,
And no one need be left behind;
The Pilot, too, will clear the way,
And trains are running night and day

Will you go?

Passengers may book for Heaven;
By faith in Christ all sin forgiven,
The Lord Himself doth pay the fare,
And takes the travellers safely there.

Will you go?

The Bible, if you wish to go,
Will teach you all you need to know—
Of laws, and rules, and covenant rights,
Of danger and of signal lights.

Will you go?

With warnings, too, its pages shine,
Regarding every other line
Of forms, and creeds, and godless strife,
Destroying many a precious life.

Will you go?

All who go by main line train,
The Heavenly land are sure to gain;
Myriads there in glory sing
The praise of Christ, the railway King.

Will you go?

No luggage can be taken there,
No sin nor sorrow, cash nor care;
And sinners will rejoice to learn
Tickets are single, and no return.

Will you go?

AN OPEN DOOR.

THE other day an official of the G. T. R., in speaking to one of the conductors in reference to having freight cars securely fastened, remarked:—

"There is one door that is never shut, the door to Heaven."

O, how unspeakably true: it is not only an open, but it is an inviting door. Hear the words of the Lord Jesus—"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. John x. 9.

Why deny yourself the joy that may be yours, and run perilous risk by neglecting the greatest of all matters. The salvation of your immortal soul?

How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation. Heb. ii. 3.

WHAT is it my fellow rail-roader that has hindered you, from becoming a Christian? Is it not that you have been either looking to your *feeling*, or some *effort* of your own to save yourself, instead of surrendering yourself, without any *doing* or *feeling* on your part, into the hands of Him who said, "It is finished," when He died on the cross? Just trust Him, rest in Him, believe on Him; and then *be lieving* on Him you have everlasting life.

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS.

UNION STATION.

Every Sunday, 3 p.m.

- MAY 3.—W. C. Jex and Jos. Greene.
" 10.—Wm. White and J. Wood.
" 17.—Robt. Johnston and J. Wood.
" 24.—R. Connor and W. Marks.
" 31.—A. Saunders and J. Bousfield.

RAILWAY READING ROOM AT YORK.

Every Sunday, 3.15 p.m.

- MAY 3.—J. Gibb and W. Marks.
" 10.—W. C. Jex and Chas. Hastings.
" 17.—P. A. Hertz and J. MacGregor.
" 24.—John Wood and J. P. Muir.
" 31.—H. Thomas and W. McCulloch.

COTTAGE MEETINGS AT YORK

Every Thursday Evening, at 7.30, for one hour.

- MAY 7.—At John Lee's; address by C. Hastings.
" 14.—At Alex. Shields'; address by J. Bousfield.
" 21.—At John Lee's; address by J. Gibb.
" 28.—At Alex. Shields'; address by W. Marks.

BIBLE READINGS AT G. T. R. ROUND-HOUSE, CITY,

Every Friday from 12.35 to 12.55 p.m.

- MAY 8.—W. Marks.
" 15.—Rev. J. Salmon.
" 22.—Robert Hall.
" 29.—J. J. Gartshore.

Railway Committees meet for business in Shaftesbury Hall, May 4th and 18th, at 9.30 a.m.