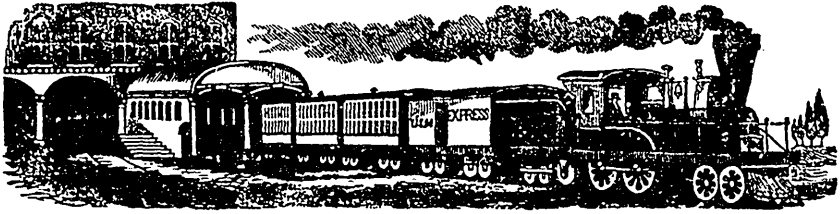


# OUR "SPECIAL."



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**YE MUST  
BE  
BORN AGAIN.**

## BRIEFS.

**M**R. A. Munro G. W. R. has returned from his trip to the Pacific Coast, with determination to help us in our work still more. He says "he feels like telling of Jesus Christ and the Gospel the whole time." May many others be quickened and brought to the same healthy spiritual condition.

Mr. James Nobbs, who has for several weeks taken a deep interest in our Sunday meetings at both the Nipissing and Union Stations, has been appointed city colporteur to the U. C. Tract Society. He will call on you some day, and he should meet with a hearty welcome. We bid him God speed in his work.

## ST. THOMAS.

**T**was our privilege last month to attend the opening of the beautiful rooms which have been prepared for the railway men at St. Thomas. They consist of reading, amusement, washing and sleeping rooms, and library. There seems to be nothing left to be desired to make all during their leisure time comfortable and happy, with every opportunity for personal improvement.

The Railway Committee of the Y. M. C. A. in that city, are to be congratulated upon their success, not only in these appliances, but also in the chairman of their committee, their Secretary, and also in their ability to appoint and secure an assistant for him at so early a date in their history. That the God of all grace may bless them in their work, not only in keeping many from evil but in bringing hundreds to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, is our prayer.

## HAVE FAITH IN GOD.



HAVING seen, when at the Railway Reception given at St. Thomas, that it would be of very great service to all R. R. men in Toronto to have a place of the kind here, and having also become acquainted with the fact that a large number of men who detest the liquor dens, and all their associations, and would gladly utilize a place where none of these moral evils are tolerated, have many hours of leisure time every day in Toronto, we asked ourselves can we not have it? Is not the work we are engaged in the Lord's work? If it is can we not make application to Him for the means to carry it on just as any employee goes to the store of his corporation for whatever material he needs to carry on the work which has been given him to do? And coming to the conclusion that it is the Lord's work, we prayed Him earnestly to reveal His will to us on the matter. After praying to Him for several days, on Friday 10th of March in the morning we asked the Lord that day to signify His will in the matter, and on that afternoon we received the following letter, from which we could only conclude that it is the Lord's will for us to have these means to carry on His work.

*My Dear Brother in Christ Jesus,—*

I received your note of the 7th inst., and the printed document relating to Railroad Y. M. Christian Association. I read it with much interest, especially the address of Mr. Devereaux of Cleveland at Boston in 1877. His narrative exhibits a grand truth that the Gospel is in truth the gospel of peace, as well as the power of God unto salvation to every one who truly believes the Divine testimony.

To aid in the good work to provide a similar class of means for the benefit of Railroad men, and others engaged in large manufacturing establishments, put me down

on your list as a subscriber for One Hundred Dollars; and I pray that the Lord will bless you in this, and all other labors to do good in the name of Jesus.

I am, yours fraternally,

JAMES LESSLIE.

Since receiving this we have not been without other indications of the Lord's favor on this project. The rooms are needed very much, and would prove a temporal boon to a large number if erected as they will be, in the most suitable locality for all purposes.

We doubt not but that many friends will be ready to help us in this matter, and those desiring to do so, may send their subscriptions or names to any member of our Railway Committee or to W. H. Howland, Esq., Chairman, J. O. Bennett, Treasurer, 322 Adelaide St. W., W. E. Burford, R. R. Sec., Shaftesbury Hall.

Any amount will be thankfully received, no matter how large or how small. It is the Lord's work and must be done, and we hope soon to be able to make an announcement similar to the following clipped from the Bulletin of the Buffalo R. R. Y.M.C.A.:

"We are also glad to see that our rooms are being more appreciated by the railroad men as a place where they may profitably and pleasantly spend any leisure time they may have. And here we would like to correct an impression in the minds of some that these rooms are intended solely for the use of any one road. The different roads centering in this city *all* contribute monthly for the support of these rooms, and *all* railroad employees are cordially welcome."

P.S.—Any person desiring printed matter referred to in this work may have it on application.

## A RAILROAD REVIVAL.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVIVAL OF RELIGION AMONG RAILROAD MEN AT PORT MORRIS, NEW JERSEY.



SUNDAY, October 12th, was a day of great interest at Port Morris, situated on the line of Morris and Essex Division of the Delaware, Lackawana and Western Railroad, forty-five miles west of New York, now a great coal depot and railroad centre, round-houses having been erected for housing twenty to twenty-five engines and a large number of men employed, making quite an important settlement. Four years ago it was the scene of a wonderful revival. At that time a small Sabbath-school was the only meeting held there. On Sunday, the 10th of October, 1875, several railroad men from different places on the line of the road after the Sabbath-school exercises were over, assembled for prayer. In the evening, the prayer meeting was continued, several asked for prayers, the interest increased, and meetings were held every night for weeks. A large number professed conversion, and we trust were hopefully converted.

The anniversary meeting on the 12th instant, was to commemorate the memorable occasion. Railroad men came together from Port Morris and other places, a goodly number of whom were converts of that great revival, to give in their testimony of God's dealings with them during the four years of service for the Master.

The prayer meeting at half-past nine o'clock Sabbath morning, was well attended; the testimonies given by so many in a short, terse and humble manner, made it unusually interesting. Said one: "My house has been battered, but God has helped me to stand the storm." Said another: "I have lived, as it were, only four years; twenty-one years of my life

have been without God, but these four the happiest of my life." Said another young man: "I have travelled 65,000 miles over the country, and was brought to these mountains to find the Saviour and obtain religion, I find it a delightful service." After this meeting, the morning service commenced, and a sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached to a full house by the Rev. J. M. Tuttle, of Newark.

In the afternoon a general meeting was held, crowds coming in for miles around, and several short addresses were delivered. One who has been there from the commencement of this work stated that when the first meeting was held, four years ago, not a professing Christian lived in the place. They met in the machine shop, which was rudely seated and fitted up for the occasion, and sometimes four and five hundred would gather there for prayer, exhortation, and hear the gospel preached when they could get a preacher. Since then the Delaware, Lackawana and Western Railroad Company have built a neat church and school house, finished complete, with a bell in the steeple to call them together. The building is said to have cost \$6,000, a good investment and a credit to the company. It was stated by one who was present at the first meeting, and most of the meetings subsequently, and resides there now—the Superintendent of the company—that, as far as he has been able to learn, nearly or quite all of those converted in that revival remained firm and steadfast in the faith. The fruits of the work are seen in a well-ordered Christian community, stated preaching, quite a large church membership, a flourishing Sunday-school of nearly one hundred scholars, a large Bible class for engineers, firemen, brakemen and others, and weekly

meetings for prayer. A large number of the engineers and their helpers are God-fearing men, many of them dating their conversion from that work of grace four years ago.

The anniversary meeting of the 12th instant, will long be remembered by those who were present as one of the "garden spots" of life, where God was with his people to bless them. The result of this meeting has been a re-consecration of these railroad men to God, a quickening in Christian graces, a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit, conversion of souls to Christ, and new resolutions for better work for

the Master in future.—*New York Observer.*

### DINING AND READING ROOMS AT THE SHOPS.



WE hope soon to have accommodation of this kind at the G. T. R. shops east and west. It is much needed. The

Massey Reaper and Mower manufacturing Company have resolved at once to provide them for their men. One day of the six will be used at noon for religious purposes, and the rooms will be open every day for all who chose to use them.

## PROGRAMME FOR APRIL.

### SUNDAY GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICES. 3 P. M.

#### UNION DEPOT.

Lord's Day, April	2	.....	JOS. GREENE AND JAS. NOBBS.
"	"	"	9 ..... JOHN HARVIE AND A. MUNRO.
"	"	"	16..... WM. GOODERHAM ESQ. AND WM. BLIGHT.
"	"	"	23... .. JOHN HARVIE AND REV. JOHN E. TROTTER.

#### NIPISSING STATION. 3 P. M.

Lord's Day, April	2	.....	J. B. GRIFFITH AND A. MUNRO.
"	"	"	9 ..... W. E. BURFORD AND JAS. NOBBS.
"	"	"	16..... J. G. POWELL AND JAS. HARVEY.
"	"	"	23..... JOS. GREENE AND JAS. NOBBS.

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

## OUR COTTAGE MEETINGS FOR APRIL.

WHEN HELD.		WHERE HELD.
EVERY MONDAY,	8 P. M.....	24 Leonard Avenue.
" TUESDAY,	" .....	11 High Street.
" THURSDAY,	" .....	80 Stafford Street.
"	" .....	30 Mercer Street.
" FRIDAY,	" .....	123 Portland Street.

### WHY HELD.

*To have a conversation and pray upon*

For week commencing	March 26.—	The dangers and duties of the Christian Life. Mark 6: 1-13.
"	"	April 3.—One result of faithful service. Mark 6: 14-29.
"	"	" 10.—Loaves and fishes. Mark, 6: 30-44.
"	"	" 17.—Labor in vain. Mark 6: 40-56.