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## THE WORD OF GOD.

Dost thou believe on the Son of  
God? John ix. 35.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and thou shalt be saved. Acts xvi. 31.

He that believeth on the Son  
hath everlasting life. John iii. 36.

He that believeth not is con-  
demned already. John iii. 18.

## HOW "OUR SPECIAL," IS SUSTAINED.

**F**ROM the first our sole aim has been to glorify God, and convey some passengers to "New Jerusalem." To meet the running expenses we found that about \$50.00 would be needed each year. We therefore asked 10 or 12 friends to equally divide the burden, and we have found several willing to do so. It would relieve us from all anxiety to receive a few communications similar to the following :

DEAR BROTHER BURFORD.

Enclosed is a cheque for fifteen Dollars which may be applied to the Bulletin five Dollars; to the price of 200 copies of your Railway Poem, one Dollar; and the balance to meet the wants of the poor you may meet with in your sphere of labour for the Lord.

I am, yours in the Lord,

J. L.

We have also received \$5.00 for "Our SPECIAL" fund from Mr. Robt. Kilgour. Come on, friends.

**“Being justified by  
faith, we have Peace  
with God. through  
our Lord Jesus  
Christ.”—Rom. v. 1.**

**RAILWAY MEN—COME TO JESUS.**

There are but two requirements of any who desire to be saved.

**REPENTANCE** toward God and **FAITH** in our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 20: 21. If it be enquired **WHY** such is needed? The reply is

**ALL** have sinned and come short of the Glory of God. Rom. 3: 23, Therefore, a better thing you could not do than

**INCLINE YOUR** heart unto the Lord God. Josh. 24: 23, ears unto the words of his mouth. Ps. 78: 1.

The way of Salvation is so easy and simple. It is

**LOOK** unto me and be ye saved. Isa. 45:22. If you are not saved, it will be your own fault for

**WHOSOEVER** will, let him take the water of Life freely. Rev. 22: 17. But you may ask **WHEN** is the time to do so?

**ACQUAINT NOW** thyself with him and be at peace. Job 22: 21. Again **how** is it done?

**YIELD** yourselves unto the Lord and enter into the sanctuary. 2 Chron. 30: 8. You may ask **WHAT** will be the consequence if I do not comply with this? The mildest thing said is

**MANY** sorrows shall be to the wicked. Ps. 32: 10. For God renders to

**EVERY** one according to his work. Ps. 62: 12. Do not then put this off.

**NOW** is the accepted time. 2 Cor. 6: 21, As to your acceptance, no other fitness is needed than your consciousness of the need of Him, for he says]

**COME** ; for all things are now ready. Luke 14: 17. You may plead your inability to see this, then use this prayer,  
**OPEN** thou mine eyes. Ps. 119: 18, Be importunate and cry  
**MAKE** haste O God to deliver me, Ps. 70: 1, and bless me.  
**EVEN** me also O my Father, Gen. 27: 34, 38. Argue and reason with G. d. Plead that he has said “ behold now is

**THE** day of Salvation. 2 Cor. 6: 2, and use Jabez’ prayer,  
**O** THAT thou wouldst bless me indeed? 1 Chron. 4: 10. And coming you will find that the blood of

**JESUS CHRIST**...cleanseth from all sin. 1 John 1: 7. You will have to leave the way you are now in and

**ENTER** in at the straight gate. Matt. 7: 13. You may be sure that Satan will oppose, but

**STRIVE** to enter in, Luke 13: 24, you are assured of welcome, for Christ says “ Him that cometh

**UNTO** me I will in no wise cast out. John 6: 37, What more can you desire than the assurance that God

**So** loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3: 16.

**Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report ; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think of these things.**

Phil. iv. 8.

## ADVANTAGES & CONDITIONS

—OF—  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
—IN THE—

### RAILROAD BRANCH OF THE TORONTO Y. M. C. A.

**H**AVING made arrangements with the Board of Directors of the Toronto Y.M.C.A. to have a railway membership, we have much pleasure in calling your attention to the following facts:

All railroad men who subscribe \$2 or upwards, per year, to the R. R. Branch, may become members of the general Y. M. C. A. upon the following conditions. All men of good moral character may become associate members, and all members of evangelical churches may become active members. Both classes of membership are entitled to every privilege the association affords, but the active members only can vote or hold office.

During the season upon which we have entered we are enabled to offer unparalleled inducements to join our ranks, in proof of which we request you to examine the following list of lectures, entertainments, classes, etc.

### *Two Lecture Courses*

FREE TO MEMBERS.

ALSO  
**CLASSES IN  
PHONOGRAPHY,  
DRAWING, and  
BOOK-KEEPING.**

**Parlor Entertainments.**

**GYMNASIUM OPEN DAILY FROM 8 A.M. TILL 6 P.M.**

**LIBRARY OF 2000 VOLUMES.**

Also use of a Parlor, not surpassed for comfort by any Y.M.C.A. Room in America, and a Reading Room well supplied with Papers and Periodicals.

## LECTURES.

**T**WO courses, one of twelve and another of six lectures, and one evening of Readings will be given. To these courses every member holding a ticket for 1882 will be entitled to one reserved seat (free). The charge to non-members will be as usual. The gentlemen who have been secured as Lecturers are:

- Rev. Canon Carmichael, (Hamilton.)  
"Lessons from early forms of Life,"  
with Blackboard Illustrations.
- Rev. Principal Grant, D.D., (Kingston.)  
"Joseph Howe, a Canadian Politician  
and Man of Letters."
- Rev. Alex. Sutherland, D.D., (Toronto.)  
"A Summer in Prairie Land."
- Rev. Geo. H. Wells, (Montreal.) Subject  
yet to be chosen.
- Principal Dawson, LL.D., (Montreal.)
- Rev. Dr. Sullivan, Montreal.
- Mad. Eleanor Georgen, Evening of Readings.

*Arrangements have also been made with the celebrated American Historical Lecturer, DR. LORD, for a course of Twelve Lectures as follows —*

4. QUEEN ELIZABETH, . Woman as Sovereign  
*Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 3.30.*
5. MICHAEL ANGELO, . . . Revival of Art  
*Thursday, Nov. 3, at 8.*
6. MARTIN LUTHER, . . . The Reformation.  
*Monday, Nov. 7, at 8.*
7. MADAM DE MAINTENON, Woman in Society  
*Wednesday Nov. 9, at 3.30.*
8. CARDINAL RICHELIEU . . . Absolutism  
*Friday, Nov. 11, at 8.*
10. GALILEO, . . . Astronomical Discoveries  
*Monday, Nov. 14, at 8.*
10. MADAME DE STAEL, . . . Literary Women  
*Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 3.30.*
11. OLIVER CROMWELL, . . . The Puritans  
*Thursday, Nov. 17, at 8.*
12. NAPOLEON BONAPARTE. . . Imperialism  
*Friday, Nov. 18, at 8.*

Ye shall keep my Sabbath, and reverence my Sanctuary: I am the Lord.

Lev. xix. 30.

## SABBATH RIGHTS, AND THE RAILWAYS.

BY REV. G. G. PHIPPS.

**T**HE railroad was made for man, and not man for the railroad. So, too, was the Sabbath. But God's wise arrangement restricts man's advantage by rail to six days of the week, reserving for him intact his Sabbath advantage. One day in seven, the main-track clear for the Sabbath. It is the Divine regulation, as we believe. Every train liable to cause Sabbath desecration, that most terrible calamity, is to be shunted on a siding.

1. *Employés have Sabbath Rights.*—These are God-given, inalienable, as truly as any other right conferred by human birth. No power can take them away from any individual, without exercising an unrighteous tyranny; not even if that power emanates from a self-inflated railroad corporation.

Every Sabbath-moving train, too, violates those rights for somebody. It is probably only unthinking ignorance of the fact, and of their own degradation under its existence, that prevents revolt, immediate and revolutionary, on the part of those thus tyrannically treated by august corporations. There would be, in truth, far more sense in a "strike" for Sabbath rights than in any jealous endeavour we have yet seen put forth by our working population to maintain any other rights whatsoever.

Reduce the hours of labour, would you? God is on your side, tired labourer! He has reduced them already by eternal compensation—to six days in place of seven. If you clamour for anything, this first, that you be not robbed of your God-given rights

to have your every Sabbath entire. One day per week is none too much for you, for change, and rest, and pure refreshment of both body, mind, and soul. It is due to muscle; to every nerve and sinew by which you are able to work at all. Physical machinery needs time for resting, oiling, scouring up anew. You do enough more for stopping to do this. One day in every week, corporations or no corporations. *Insist upon Sabbath Rights*—all of you! That's reasonable.

But hasn't a brakeman or fireman mind and soul, beside a body? Shall he have no time to read, to pray, to attend God's house—to attend to heart-wheels and brakes as well as to the noisy goods waggon?

"Wicked, profane, are these brakemen, too many of them; they don't care for having Sunday."

Nor ever will so long as their rights to it are ignored and trampled upon.

(2). *The general Public have Sabbath Rights.*—Tyrannical again is it to rob the population at large of any benefits whatever which the day of rest might confer. A right have we, one day in seven, to be untormented by rush of steam and rolling wheels. We want to *live longer* than we can to be continuously whirled and dizzied, with never a day of absolute stillness, even at our firesides. We may not all care to be in church upon that day—may be sick, nervous, exhausted, wishing for just the benediction of *one quiet day*, at home.

My fireside rights need Sabbath protection. The branch of this beautiful rest-day should be allowed to cast its healing shadows over every home along the railroad track as refreshingly as over homes farther removed. What corporation can rob us of this extended bough above our heads, and be guiltless?

But we have rights in the railroad itself, which Sabbath violation tends to destroy. For the interest of the public is it that our railways be avenues of prosperity and safety, as they cannot long expect to be if crushing principles of sacred right beneath their wheels. The travelling public have a right to demand that road-beds be

not made of the gravel of broken commandments, and that bridges be of better material than Sunday-framed trestle-work. Sabbath rights to safety the public have — on the basis of well-kept principles and laws laid down by One who has always, thus far in human history, dishonoured the Sabbath-breaker.

Again, we possess Sabbath rights to a maintenance of morality in every community. Yet it would not be difficult to show that every Sabbath train breaking the peace of a village tends to demoralize public sentiment and corrupt consciences, We are wronged by everything that forces upon us a *habit*, at length, of *looking indifferently upon sin*. Yet what other effect is produced upon the child growing up and receiving its training within sight and hearing of the regular roll of goods-waggons (if not the passenger) upon the Sabbath? Its entire influence, in every other respect, we venture to say, is just this—demoralizing for the public.

(3.) *Railway Companies themselves have Sabbath Rights.*—To stainless incomes, for instances. Is it to be supposed that repair-shops and freight-trains can run more profitably on the Sabbath than cotton-factories or boot-shops? Do not the same principles of interest and duty apply to railroading as to the management of any individual or private business? or can railway companies afford to spoil their own consciences for the *£. s. d.* better than manufacturing companies generally can afford it? Better own no stock at all than invest in a Sabbath-running railroad, lest your conscience yet become hardened to perfect callousness, handling such income. Moral injury ought always to be set over against any apparent advantage or gain.

Self-interest itself favours your having all your Sabbath rights from any railroad that asks you to take stock in it. The stock may be good, but stock with *no peace of mind in it for Sundays* is not good enough for good men to hold.

(4.) *Christian Congregations have Sabbath Rights.*—Many churches along the line of our prominent railways stand not far away from junctions or stations. We

wish they stood nearer, sometimes—provided that every railroad stockholder and manager could be compelled to attend service in them regularly, to catch the frequent whistle-shriek, and enjoy, with exasperated nerves, the brakes that so often creak both goods-waggons and *devotion* alike to a stand-still! Perhaps they, too, would then begin seriously to question with us *whether railroads ought not to keep the Sabbath.*

Listen to the invocation, for instance: "We thank Thee for the return of this day of rest [toot! toot! in the distance]; for the quiet Nature itself, favouring ['Nature' lets off a rush of steam, and part of the preacher's idea fails to come to us]—for the sacred silence of the sanctuary [three whistles, prolonged, and a bell]." The people are seating themselves; probably the invocation is ended, or the train has started again—one hardly knows which.

(5.) *God Himself has Sabbath Rights.*—"Will a man rob God? But ye have robbed me." A right has He to His own honour, promoted by the quiet of well-kept Sabbaths; a right to a man's obedience; a right to the worship which the entire force of liberated workmen might pay to Him in the sanctuary; and a right *to be heard*, one day in every week, above the roll of train-wheels and shrieking locomotives, saying: "*Thou shalt keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord.*"

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There are at present in the Old World and in the New World more than 100,000 railway locomotives. Their total force is equal to 30,000,000 horse-power, and all the other steam engines on the globe are estimated at 46,000,000 horse-power. The technical "horse power," however, is really equal to three average horses, and each horse to about seven men; the aggregate power, therefore, of all the engines being vastly more than all the effective force of all the human workers living. Four-fifths of the steam engines now at work have been made within a quarter of a century or so.

## OUR TRUE AIM.



WHILE offering the advantages stated on page 3 to those who join with us, we desire to state that our aim is to introduce all to Christ and Christ to all.

To this end, Gospel Meetings are held every Lord's day, at 3 p.m., in the waiting rooms of the Union, and Nipissing stations, and are addressed by railway men, city clergymen and others.

Cottage meetings are also held weekly in the homes of railway employees.

All are invited to attend these meetings. Full information as to speakers, &c., will be found in "Our Special," published monthly; or, the Shaftesbury Hall Weekly Bulletin; or, a note addressed to the Railway Secretary; or ALF. SANDHAM, General Secretary, Shaftesbury Hall, will be promptly responded to.

Forms of application for Membership can also be secured by addressing either of the above named Secretaries.

### LECTURE COURSES. †



MEMBERS will please bear in mind that they are entitled to a Reserved seat ticket for the course of Lectures by Rev. Dr. Lord, also for the Regular Members Course of 6 lectures and an Evening of Readings. The latter course will be opened on Tuesday Nov. 8, by Rev. Canon Carmichael. Subject of lecture "Lessons from early forms of Life" with Black Board Illustrations. We anticipate a great treat in this lecture, and we have no doubt but that the audience will be large.

### Railway Committee and Membership.

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## OUR REPORT.

The Annual Report of the Y. M. C. A., which will appear in a few days, will contain a full account of the year's work among Railway men, and also of our finances. Suffice it to say that through the liberality of our friends we really have lacked no good thing, and to all we return our sincere thanks for their kindness. A copy of the Report will be placed as early as possible in the hand of each subscriber.

**"THERE IS BUT A STEP BETWEEN ME AND DEATH."**

1 SAMUEL XX. 3.

The last number of "Our Special" noticed the departure of Mr. James Holden, Managing Director of the Whitby and Port Perry R. R., on a health and pleasure tour to Manitoba. The hopes then expressed that he might safely return to his family and friends have not been realized, and it is with sadness that we now record his sudden death at Dominion City, Manitoba. Humanly speaking, his death will be a heavy loss to the Y. M. C. A. Railway and general work, and to the church with which he was identified, but we trust in Him who doeth "all things well," and who out of this seeming ill can work that which shall be the best for all concerned. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved family. May He who alone can comfort, be precious near to them, and may we who are still left in the field be up and doing, "for we know not what a day may bring forth."

**He that cometh to  
Me, shall never  
hunger.**

John vi. 35.

## Secretary's Report from Sept. 24 to Oct. 24.

**I**NSTEAD of giving the year's report we will present our readers with an outline of one month's work.

There has been held 10 Sunday Gospel Meetings, total attendance, 1110; 8 Cottage Gospel Meetings, total attendance, 96; 4 Noon Gospel Meetings, total attendance, 52; Meetings attended by Secretary, 20; Meetings addressed by Secretary, 17; attended Provincial Y.M.C.A. Convention at Cobourg. Prepared and distributed copies of "Our Special," 500; prepared and (partly) distributed 8 page folder, copies 500; visits to homes, shops, offices, sheds, roundhouses, etc. 83; visits to sick and injured at home, 15; letters written, 50.

## THE LIBRARY.

**A**T present the Library is closed for the purpose of re-arranging, cataloguing and covering the books, but very shortly it will be re-opened when all members will as stated on another page be entitled to the use of it.

## SUNDAY GOSPEL MEETINGS.

**I**N future the Meetings on the Lord's day will be conducted by a Railroad Man regularly, and by a City Clergyman or prominent layman. We hope all the R. R. Men will do their best to be present with their families and friends.

## PERSONAL.

**W**E are very sorry to have to intimate that Mr. W. R. Callaway is at present confined at home with Typhoid fever. We earnestly hope he may in due time be restored to family and business in perfect health.

**M**R. Cranston, Conductor N. and N. W. Ry. who has been sick for some weeks is cheerful, clear, and hopeful, and better than all, trusting the Lord Jesus who is "The Way the Truth and the Life."

