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THY WORD  
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LAMP UNTO  
MY FEET.

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**MY STRENGTH  
IS MADE PER-  
FECT IN  
WEAKNESS.**

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## RAILWAY SECRETARY'S RE- PORT FOR AUG. & SEPT.

Visits to Engines.....	142
“ Caboose.....	97
“ Round-houses and Shops.....	10
“ Switch-houses.....	24
“ Offices.....	32
“ Sick and injured.....	11
“ Bunk Rooms.....	7
“ Yards.....	1
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Meetings held.. 18 ..Total attend. 588	
Papers, books, &c., distributed.....	400
RAILWAY SPECIALS distributed.....	2000
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	2400

## ITEMS.

C. MITCHELL, Asst. Boiler Washer, G. T. R., has gone to visit his friends in Vivior.

Several items have been crowded out this month. They will appear in our next issue.

M. WRIGHT, Fitter, G. T. R., York, we are pleased to say has returned to duty after his late illness.

S. LANDRY, Brakesman, G. T. R., City, had the misfortune to lose the first joint of his fore finger.

J. DOYLE, Call Boy, G. T. R., City, is suffering from a severe illness. We hope you will soon be better Joe.

J. GRANT, Night Yardmaster, G. T. R., City, is enjoying a rest among his friends in the West. J. Wood is relieving him.

EDWARD WALSH, Yardman, G. T. R., City, while coupling cars had his right arm caught and so severely mangled that it had to be amputated at the elbow. He is at the hospital and doing as well as can be expected.

For Thy name's sake, lead me and guide me.  
Psalm xxxi. 3.

I will guide thee with Mine eye.

Psalm xxxii. 8.

H. FENTON, Fireman, G. T. R., City, has been on the sick list for the past five weeks. We are pleased to say he is recovering.

J. LEE and W.M. MEEK, Fireman, G. T. R., who have been on the sick list for some time has recovered and returned to duty.

ROBT. HOWERTH, G. T. R., York, met with a painful accident by falling from a scaffold in the round house, but we are pleased to state that he is recovering.

GEO. MARSHALL, Engineer, G. T. R., York, while jumping on a train slipped and fell. He was slightly injured, but we are happy to say he has recovered.

ROBT. JONES, Engineer, G. T. R., City, has fully recovered from the accident which he met with some time ago. We are pleased to see him on the foot board once more.

MARTIN O'GRADY, Conductor, G. T. R., York, who has been laid up with an injured ankle since last June, has returned to duty. Glad to see you among us again, Martin.

DON'T forget the Cottage meeting held alternately at the houses of Engineer Lee and Fireman Alex. Shields on Thursday evenings at 7.30 for one hour only. All are invited.

PATRICK CORBETT, of the N & N W. Ry., City, has returned from his visit to old Ireland. He did not forget the boys in the shop (who "guarded" him so well on the eve of his departure some months ago) for he brought them some samples of the real Irish turf ("not Irish stuff"). Patrick we are glad you did not bring them anything stronger. We are pleased to see you back with them whom you have spent so many happy years in the service of the Northern Railway.

The employees of the N & N W. Ry., City, held their Annual Picnic and excursion to the Falls last month. It was a grand success, the weather was all that could be desired, and all were pleased with their days outing.

JAMES MOGAM, Conductor, G. T. R., Belleville, has had to pass through deep affliction this past month. The messenger of death entered his home and took his beloved wife. She had been sick for some time, but it was thought she would recover. We deeply sympathize with those who have been left to mourn the loss of a dear wife and kind mother.

JAMES McCORMACK, Yardman, G. T. R., City, who buried his dear wife only a short time ago has again been called to mourn the loss of his baby girl. We sympathize with you James.

W. WILSON TUBE, Cleaner, G. T. R., City, and ROBT. McDONALD, Yardman, G. T. R., York, are each mourning the loss of a baby girl.

Jesus says, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God.

Dear fellows, remember that your little ones have gone home to be with Jesus. They can never come back to you, but it is possible for you to go to them. Will you go?

## MORTALITY AMONG BRAKEMAN.

It is estimated that of the number of people who meet their deaths from railway accidents, sixteen per cent are killed by falling off trains in motion. Forty per cent of those injured by railways are hurt in coupling cars, and seven per cent of the killed, are killed from the same cause. The average life of a brakeman is only ten years.

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Psalm xxiii. 2.

He calleth His own sheep by name; and leadeth them.

John x. 3.

It is our very pleasant duty to announce to our many railway friends the marriage of Mr. Charles Nettleton, Engineer, G. T. R., City. The happy event took place in this City on Sept. 23rd. Charles, we do not know that we can convey to you our thoughts for your future happiness and joy in a better way than to dot down "Our Wish" for you and your bride:

"May the blessing of God rest upon thee;  
May the sun of Glory shine around thee;  
May the gates of plenty and happiness  
always be open

To thee and thine, and when length of  
year. make thee tired of earth,

May the curtain of death gently close  
the scene of thine existence;

And the angels of God attend thy bed  
And take care that the expiring lamp of  
life

Receive not one rude blast to hasten its  
extinction;

And finally may the Saviour's blood  
wash thee from all impurities,

And at last usher thee and thine into a  
land of everlasting felicities.

### MY CONVERSION.



VER three years ago, coming home from work in the evening, my attention was drawn to a placard announcing a "Revival Meeting." I went, and being asked to remain to the enquiry meeting. I there and then believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. Dear Reader, if you have not been converted, decide now, the accepted time, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."—Selected.

An analysis of railroad accidents compared with the amount of travel tends to show that if a person were to travel ten hours a day at a speed of ten miles an hour during every day in the year he would probably be killed at the end of 1,835 years.

### ONLY A BRAKEMAN.

The night was dark and dreary,  
And the track was wet with rain;  
The engine struggled bravely  
With the long and heavy train.  
Two brakemen were on duty;  
With their dangerous work at hand;  
They were helping one another,  
As only brother's can.

And when the trip was ended,  
While butting away the train,  
One of the men was injured,  
Altho' no one was to blame.  
He spoke but once, they told me,  
Then his lips were sealed in death;  
We'll mourn our departed friend,  
But God knows what is best.

We took him to his mother,  
Who was mourning her lost boy;  
The Comforter was with her,  
And proved her only joy.  
The boy, he was a Christian,  
And though at a dangerous task,  
He showed the kind of training  
Of his parents to the last.

He was laid to rest with honors,  
By his parents and his friends,  
In the little village graveyard:  
May he rest in peace, Amen.

GEO. A. BULLOCK,  
Oneonta.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company have made an appropriation of \$40 00 per month for aid of the North LaCrosse Y. M. C. A., provided they will put in bath rooms and do a work for the many railway men who are there.

On the return from New York; I rode to Round Brook on a Baldwin engine, No. 165, having a remarkable record, viz. that of having run 119,360 miles consecutively, without any general repairs, her weight having not once been lifted from her drivers in that period.  
—Scientific American.

I, being in the way, the Lord led me.

Genesis xxiv. 25.

## COMFORT FOR ALL RAIL- WAYMEN

**W**E all need comfort at some time or other in our lives; but if there is one class of people that need it more than another, it is the Railway-men. Some may say there is not much comfort for us, who have to work such long hours, and out in all weather.

God who made us knows what we Railway-men need, and is as ready to rain down comfort upon our souls as He is to give the kindly dews of Heaven that water the earth, and refresh it, making it bring fruit for the body. In the first place, there is comfort in knowing that our Father, who is perfectly good and just, rules over all, and that all things, if we love Him, will work together for our good. Do not forget we must love Him. He loves us, and He gave His only Son to die for us.

There is the comfort, too, of the Book, which tells of our blessed Lord's life, of His wonderful words and works, of His death, and of His resurrection. Then there is His promise to send the Comforter to us, and in due time to come Himself and take us home to the mansion which He is preparing for us above.

We have His assurance also that He looks down even now with tender sympathy on all our trials and temptations, which are many on a Railway. Then what comfort to think and to know He is ever ready to help us; more ready than we are to ask him. What need we more? Only to take hold of it all by faith, to believe it, and to live here as His children, try to do His will in real earnest, and to give up every faculty of our souls and bodies to His service. If we do this, life will be a pleasure to us; and I had almost said suffering would be a pleasure to us for His dear sake

"As the shadow follows the body in the splendor of the fairest sunlight, so will wrong done to another pursue the soul in the hours of prosperity."

THERE are a thousand things we love more than God, without being sensible of it. He whom we love is he whom we are most concerned to please, and are most afraid to offend. Let us try our love by this rule.—*Bishop P. Wilson.*

Circumstances are no excuse for not serving God faithfully.—*Newman Hall.*

He who seldom thinks of heaven is not likely to get there, as the way to hit a mark is to keep the eye fixed upon it.—*Bishop Horne.*

Railway men, did you ever hear of railroad officials going into saloons looking for men to put in responsible positions? You say no. Very well, then, don't go there if you ever expect to be put into such positions.

GOOD men have tried the Bible, in youth and in old age; in sickness and in health; in business and at home; in life and in death. Lawyers have tried it; statesmen have tried it; society has tried it in its charities, its education and its laws. But it is not worn out; it is not affected; it is ever young and never old; it is the Lord's book; we need no other. The longer it is tried the more satisfactory it is proved the word of the Lord, which abideth forever.—*Dr. John Hall.*

## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS.

### UNION STATION.

Every Sunday, 3 p.m.

- OCT. 4.—Jos. Greene and W. C. Jex.
- " 11.—Mr. Clayson and J. Gibb.
- " 18.—Alex. Saunders and J. Wood.
- " 25.—R. Connor and Wm. Marks.

### RAILWAY READING ROOM AT YORK. Every Sunday, 3.15 p.m.

- OCT. 4.—Chas. Hastings and J. Gibb.
- " 11.—W. C. Jex and W. Marks.
- " 18.—Robt. Hall and R. Johnston.
- " 25.—Alex. Saunders and J. Wood.

### COTTAGE MEETINGS AT YORK

Every Thursday Evening, at 7.30, for one hour.

- OCT. 8.—At John Lee's; address by J. J. Gibb.
- " 15.—At Alex. Shields'; address by Wm. Marks.
- " 22.—At John Lee's; address by C. Hastings.
- " 29.—At Alex. Shields'; address by W. C. Jex.