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MY FEET.

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Hear thou, my son, and be wise,
and guide thine heart in the way.

Be not among winebibbers:
among riotous eaters of flesh:

For the drunkard and the glut-
ton shall come to poverty: and
drowsiness shall clothe a man
with rags.

Prov. xxiii. 19-21.

GOD has given us his word, not to speculate upon it, not to sit in judgment over it, not to discuss it; but that we may OBEY it

AN EXPLANATION.

IN reference to *what* Mr. Conductor McClure said at the Union Station Gospel meeting on Lord's day April 15th, he now admits that it would far better have been unsaid. Whoever his informant was, he was altogether astray in his interpretation of statements made at the meeting held in Richmond Street Church, and by misrepresenting the same led Mr. McC. to take a wrong position, as he himself now acknowledges.

PERSONAL.

MR. Wm. Whyte, has our congratulations upon his appointment to the General Superintendency of the Credit Valley Railway. We are confident that he will fill the position with *Credit*.

Our old friend Mr. A. Munro has received a call to the Secretaryship of the Railway Young Men's Christian Association at Troy, N.Y. He paid us one visit during the last month, and owes another to several here.

Mr. J. F. Holden of Whitby has been appointed to the freight agency of the Midland Railway in this city. Mr. H. is a Brother beloved in the Lord and knows something of Railway Christian Association work. Being a good singer, he is welcomed to our midst. We shall hear his voice (D.V.) in song and testimony at the Union Station. Don't absent yourself Bro. Holden.

Mr. S. Hyndman, Canadian agent for the Blue line, has with his family got settled in the city. His name is on the list for Union Station during May.

We have also received another helper in our work in Mr. Cross who sang for two years at the Railway Gospel meetings at Point St. Charles, Montreal. He is now employed in the Freight Dept. of G. T. R.

IN MEMORIAM.

MR. JOHN KELLY.



OR the first time death has taken one of our committee. Very recently the Board of Directors of the parent association has been called upon to mourn the departure of one of its number—Mr. Wm. Anderson, a decided friend also of our branch, for while he was able, hardly a month passed, but that he addressed either the meeting at the (now changed) Nipissing Station or the Union Depot, but he has departed to be with Christ which is far better. Now we are called upon to mourn the departure of our Brother in Christ, and our fellow helper Mr. John Kelly, in the prime of manhood. To know him was to love and respect him. Quiet genial, courteous, civil, pleasant, it always did one good to meet him, but in the present age we shall do so no more, for now he is absent from the body and present with the Lord who shed his blood to redeem his soul and *will come again* to redeem that body of his laid in the earth on April the 15th. Mrs. Kelly and all the friends who mourn his departure have our warmest sympathy and prayers for their comfort and support.

We were pleased to observe that among the pall bearers were three of our own committee.

The first Gospel Meeting held especially for Railway Men in this city—seven years ago—was when and where he was converted to God, and like Philip and Andrew of Bethsaida (John i. 40-45), he early sought to interest others in that for which he had so much reason to bless God. And he sought, found and brought to our Union Meeting, Brother Mr. John O. Bennett, our present Treasurer and earnest co-operator in this labor for God.

Mr. Edward Smith, G. T. R. Shopman at the Don has our warmest sympathy in the heavy loss he has sustained in the death of his excellent wife. That which we have many times done already we do again with him, the infant boy, and little girl, lay them all before God who alone is able to sustain—and whom personally we have proved willing so to do—under such trying conditions.

Mr. O'Brien, Master of Carshop of C. V. R. at Parkdale—(from whom we have received no little kindness)—has our warmest sympathy in his heavy grief at the death of his wife which took place so suddenly on Monday, April 16th.

Thus the extreme east—west—and centre of our circle of friends has been visited by—"The last enemy" death—Had he taken thee *reader* instead of those, wouldst thou have been with Jesus now, or where hope can never dawn?

"It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the Judgment." Heb. ix. 27.

RAILWAY AND WEST END BRANCH OF Y.M.C.A.



BEFORE this comes into the hands of our friends in the West end they will be aware of the fact that the premises 1020 Queen Street west have been leased for Rooms for our work. We have not space to tell of all we intend to do with them, but as soon as quite ready, all will be invited to come, and see, and make use thereof. Conveniences and comforts of all kinds will be provided. We shall have a formal opening and reception very soon, particulars of which will be made known in time for all to attend.

We held our first Gospel Meeting on the ground floor on Sunday 22nd ult., when it was well filled, about double the number being present than could get into the Credit Valley waiting room (which has been so readily and heartily put at our services by the officers of that Company and for which we now return our hearty thanks.)

We want every Christian man in the west end to turn in and help in this combat with sin and of labor for the Lord. We want all to become members. Every (man) member of an evangelical church may become an active member, and all men of good moral character may become associate members. Both classes of membership are entitled to every privilege the association affords, but the active alone are entitled to hold office, or vote at its business meetings. The

annual fee is \$2.00 in advance, but inasmuch as half the year is now expired, but one Dollar will be collected at present. Arrangements are made with the Board of Directors of the General Y. M. C. A. by which members of the Branch are entitled to all the privileges of the Central Association.

Forms of application for membership may be obtained at the Rooms 1020 Queen West, from Mr. R. Brown 874 Queen West, Mr. Richey 824 Queen West, Mr. Widmer, Fenning St. and at Shaftesbury Hall. We hope that a large number will come forward and join, thereby give us a chance of becoming acquainted with each other, and helping on in the work. Please return all applications to caretaker at rooms addressed to Mr. R. Brown.

For the present, meetings will be held on the ground floor on Sunday at 3 P.M. and Saturday at 8 P.M., to which all are invited.

Mrs. Slater our Organist is very anxious that all who can, and desire to help with music and singing will meet at the new Rooms at 8 P.M. each Thursday. Let all rally and give help.

READING ROOMS AT G.T.R. ROUND-HOUSES.

WE purpose furnishing these rooms with first class reading matter at once. We know they will prove a boon to the men, being so conveniently located and also furnished as they will be. Thanks to those who have given them.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR MAY.

- Sunday May 6th, Peter preaching to the Gentiles, Acts x. 30-44.
 " " 13th, The Spread of the Gospel, Acts xi. 19-30.
 " " 20th, Herod and Peter, Acts xii. 1-17.
 " " 27th, Paul and Barnabas at Cyprus, Acts xiii. 1-12.



ALARG proportion of the accidents, misfortunes, and unpleasantnesses on the Railways, are the result of some one (or more) failing to observe the rules of the company, but ALL the slips, transgressions, and errors of the Christian arise from ignorance of or disobedience to God's word. In Psalm xxxvii. 31, we have statements about the best of *rules to work by—The law of God.* And these rules in *the best place.* In the righteous man's heart, with the *very best results.* "NONE of his steps shall slide." Let us all now see to it—that we get the *best thing—The word of God—in the best place—in our heart—and the best results* will as surely follow, as a properly coupled train will follow the moving engine "none of our steps shall slide."

"Let our whole being—all our ransomed powers adore the matchless grace . . . that has given us *His own perfect and most precious revelation, the divine light of His word to guide our feet into the path of certainty and peace: to enlighten our understandings and comfort our hearts, to preserve us from every form of doctrinal error . . . and finally to conduct us into the rest, blessedness and glory of His own heavenly kingdom.*"—*Selected.*

The word of God is not to be kept in the Bible but in the midst of our heart that we may rightly understand the same, admire, observe and do it. "Let the word of Christ DWELL IN YOU richly." Col. iii. 16.

The soul makes a bad bargain when it gives itself up for the pleasures of the world.

Thousands are making bad bargains by gaining the pleasures of sin for a season, and losing all hopes of future happiness.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY

Temperance Meeting!

AT THE

UNION DEPOT,

Sunday, May 6

3 P.M.

GOSPEL MEETING!

FOR

Railway Men

AND OTHERS,

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

AT 3 O'CLOCK,

IN THE

PARKDALE NEW ROOMS,

1020 QUEEN STREET WEST.

EVERY BODY CORDIALLY INVITED.

COME.

PROGRAMME FOR MAY.

SUNDAY GOSPEL, SONG, AND TEMPERANCE SERVICES

AT 3 P.M.

UNION DEPOT.

Lord's Day May	6	Gospel Temperance Meeting. Addresses by JOS. GREENE, JAS. JOHNSON.
" "	13	S. HYNDMAN and REV. THOS. CULLEN.
" "	20	SERVICE OF SONG.
" "	27	WM. GOODERHAN and WM. BLIGHT.

PARKDALE, 1020 QUEEN STREET, WEST.

Lord's Day May	6	GEO. ROBINSON, REV. H. MELVILLE.
" "	13	MR. WIDMER, REV. E. M. C. BOTTERILL.
" "	20	F. SLATER, and REV. G. C. MCINTYRE.
" "	27	PRAISE AND SONG SERVICE.

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

COTTAGE MEETINGS.

EVERY TUESDAY,

at 8 p.m., 32 Gladstone Ave. (6 Louise Terrace.

" THURSDAY,
" FRIDAY,

" 87 Esther Street.
" 46 Bathurst Street.