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I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand.

John x. 27, 28.

PERSONAL.

**W**E are sorry that circumstances have taken from our midst Mr. A. Munro, one of our best workers, but our loss will be some other place's gain, for he knows that in influence a Christian is a light, and wherever he is he will obey our Lord's command to let it shine.

**Q**UEN the 13th of Sept. we received a visit from Bro. Orr, the R'y Sec'y of St. Thomas. We returned the visit on the 18th, and are very glad to be able to state that the work at that point far exceeds all our expectations. The daily attendance at the rooms, and at the meetings is steadily on the increase, and the meetings are also being added to.

COTTAGE MEETINGS.

**A**S the evenings get cooler and longer, we hope that our friends will turn out to these means of grace regularly. The place and time of meeting will be found on the fourth page.

**M**R. W. H. Howland, at Union Station first Sunday in October, and Hon. S. H. Blake is expected the first Sunday in November. Bring your friends.



HE singing by the Union Station Choir is excellent, and during our visit recently to many places in the Dominion, and beyond it, we have heard it highly praised. We hope that our friends will rally to our meeting there at 3 p.m. every Sunday.

### ONLY A BRAKEMAN.

Only a brakeman! killed by the train;  
Only a brakeman! by accident slain.  
Onward, rush onward, no time for delay;  
Blow the shrill whistle and hasten away.

Only a brakeman! cries the wild throng;  
Only a brakeman! been called by death's gong.  
Why should the eye glisten? Why should the heart ache?

'Tis only a brakeman who's set his last brake.

Only a brakeman! is flashed through the air;  
Only a brakeman! for his body prepare;  
On the morrow 'tis shipped as poor common freight—

As only a brakeman who has gone to his fate.

Only a brakeman! the editors write;  
Only a brakeman! 'twas late in the night,  
He was doing his duty—the train broke in two,  
When down to his death, the brakeman fell through.

Only a brakeman! but the pride of some heart;  
Only a brakeman! but in some busy mart  
Are eyes that are weeping, and homes that are hushed,

Becare a poor brakeman was yesterday crushed.

Only a brakeman! but a true-hearted boy,  
Only a brakeman! but some mother's joy,  
For whom there's no muffle for the coarse iron wheel

That grinds on her heart as on the grooved steel.

—Everett A. Budd.

### HOW THE RAILROAD WORK BEGAN.



IN the *Y.M.C.A. Watchman* the following short sketch is given of the inception of the Railroad work, a bit of history that is of general interest now that this work has grown to be one of the most important branches of Association effort.

Christian work among railway men commenced at Cleveland, Ohio, in the year 1870. A prayer meeting was inaugurated in one of the offices in the Union Passenger Depot. Five or six employes, Christian men, met one night in the week after train hours. This was continued for a number of months during that year. One Sunday morning an accident occurred to one of the men. He was being carried on a stretcher through the depot. Two citizens who saw the man asked who he was. The answer came. "He is a railroad man." Other inquiries were made of these two citizens as to who the injured man was, they replied, "He is only a railroad man." This remark made in the presence of the injured man's comrades, caused one of the railroad boys to stop and think. He finally made up his mind that something should be done for railway men. Upon his own responsibility a city pastor was invited to preach to the railway men in the waiting room of the depot the following Sunday. Permission was granted, the boys notified, and Rev. Win. H. Goodrich, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, preached.

The attendance was large and the meeting interesting. For a number of Sabbaths the meeting was conducted either by delegations from the Cleveland Young Men's Christian Association or by one of the city pastors. Near the close of the year 1871, the chief train-despatcher of the Lake Shore Railway was converted in these meetings, and at once inquired, "Why cannot something be done for the railway men in our depot? Where three roads center and we have a large number of young men that are not reached, why cannot something be done?" Mr. Lang Sheaff, then Secretary of the Cleveland Association, with their President, H. A. Sherwin, called upon J. H. Dev-

eraux, then the General Manager of the Lake Shore Railway, and laid the matter before him. He was found to be in full sympathy with the movement. Other officials were visited, and all expressed themselves favorably on the matter. A meeting was then arranged between the Association and the railway officials, which resulted in the railway companies setting apart a room in the depot 38x48 to be fitted up for railway men at the expense of the railway companies. This room, the first Railroad Men's Reading Room under Christian influences in the country, was dedicated April 14th, 1872. A committee consisting of four railway men was appointed to have charge of the work. Soon after the room was opened, Geo. W. Cobb was placed in charge as General Secretary, the railway companies putting his name on their pay roll and paying \$50 a month towards his salary, the city Association paying the balance.

Mr. Cobb continued as Secretary till June, 1876, when Mr. Lang Sheaff was made railway Secretary and so continued until a few weeks ago.

The depot company has always paid for the water, gas, fuel, and furnished the needed supplies, including stationery and the services of a porter, the Association supplying papers and magazines which have been constantly kept on file. The success of the work at Cleveland and the noble example they set caused a similar work to be commenced at Erie, Pa., Chicago, Ill., and many other points, till it has grown and developed to its present condition.

**REMEMBER**

THE

**COTTAGE MEETINGS.**

**The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.**

Ps. xxiii. 1.

**I am the Good Shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.**

John x. 11.

**And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.**

1 Pet. v. 4.

The privileges which the sheep of Jesus enjoy are four:—

First. He knows *them*. If He knows us as His sheep, all goes well, however strange may be our guidance.

Secondly. He gives unto them eternal life. What a present! And by whom? It is not they that have merited it, but He bestows it; it is His gift, and He bestows it gratuitously.

Thirdly. They shall never perish; and though the contrary may seem to be the case, yet it never is so in reality, however great the danger, and however anxiously they cry, "We perish."

And fourthly. No man shall pluck them out of His hands. There are many that attempt it; not only flesh and blood, unbelief and evil desire, but even what is still worse,—principalities and powers. But Jesus says, "No one," whoever it may be. His hand is stronger than all. *Krummacher*.

Faithful Shepherd, let me rest  
In Thy arms and on Thy breast;  
Wolves are near and dragons are howl,  
Watching to devour my soul;  
Save me from each ravening foe,  
Guide all the desert through.  
In each trial let me find,  
Thou art faithful, true and kind;  
All Thy gracious words fulfil,  
And defend from every ill.

REMEMBER THE  
**RAILWAY**  
**Gospel Temperance Meeting**  
 AT THE UNION DEPOT,  
 ON  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF OCTOBER**

WILL BE ADDRESSED BY  
**W. H. HOWLAND, ESQ.**

**Good Singing.** . . . . **Come and bring all your Friends.**

**HON. S. H. BLAKE**

Will address the Meeting on the **FIRST SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER.**

**PROGRAMME FOR OCT.**  
**SUNDAY GOSPEL, SONG AND TEMPERANCE SERVICES**  
**AT 3 P.M.**

UNION DEPOT.

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| Sunday, October 1 | ..... | Gospel Temperance Meeting. Addresses by<br>W. H. HOWLAND and JOS. GREENE. |
| "                 | "     | 8.....REV. H. MELVILLE.   |
| "                 | "     | 15.....JOHN HARVIE and REV. JOHN SALMON.                                  |
| "                 | "     | 22.....JOHN GORDON and ALF. SANDHAM.                                      |
| "                 | "     | 29.....S. HYNDMAN. 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., 87 Esther Street.  
 " THURSDAY, " " 80 Stafford Street.

**RAILWAY COMMITTEE OF THE TORONTO Y.M.C.A.**

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