

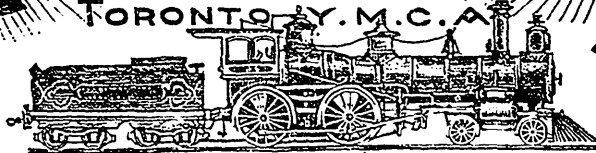


# OUR SPECION



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“God hath given  
to us;  
**ETERNAL LIFE,**  
and this  
life is in His Son.”

1 John v. 11.

### NOTES.

**L**ET all who are interested in our West End and Railway Branch work, endeavor to meet (and *meet*) with us on Thursday evening, November 1st., at our Monthly Worker's Social, when the Ladies' Auxiliary will provide tea at 6.30, and the remainder of the evening will be spent in open conference about the work, and the meeting of all the committees excepting the devotional committee, which meets on first and third Tuesday of each month.

It has been decided to make the nominal charge of 15cts for tea.

“It is better to provide than prohibit amusement.”—*Spurgeon.*



**A** COURSE of Lectures has been arranged by the Management at Shaftesbury Hall (free to our members), twelve in number. The names on the list and subjects chosen cannot fail to command attention.

All particulars may be obtained at 1,020 Queen West, or at Shaftesbury Hall.

Come to the Saturday Evening Meeting, 1,020 Queen West, at Eight p.m.

The Rooms are being more appreciated and better used every day.

We stand in need of a small Book Case. Who will be the donor?

A Room has been furnished for Boys at our West End Branch.

The Ladies met and re-organized for the year on October 4.

The Workers' Re-Union on October 4 was a success.

The Fee for 1884 is now due.

A Bath, furnished with hot and cold water, free to members, at 1,020 Queen Street, West.

May we not hope that many of our friends will take hold, and show themselves lovers of good knowledge and sound wisdom.

## IN MEMORIAM.

**N**O thinking railroad man will fail to recognise the lesson which the sad and sudden accident resulting in the death of G. T. R. yardsman Johnson, is calculated to teach, and we sincerely hope that all will have it laid to heart, and turn to God. It is most gratifying to know that for some years Johnson had exercised faith in Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God who took away *Johnson's* sins. And why should not every employee no matter *where, at what or when* he is engaged, look to Jesus Christ and live? Live a life of happiness and usefulness here, and of eternal joy and glory hereafter.

And to that bereaved and devoted widow, what can we say? That she has our sympathy? Who can say so? Who has been placed in a similar condition? And who that has not been similarly afflicted is capable of saying I sympathise with you? We are thankful, Mrs Johnson, to your father and our father, that God has not so dealt with us. But you have all the sympathy of Jesus Christ our Elder Brother and High Priest, to Him we commend you in your severe affliction. When we were severely tried He helped us, He sustained us, He made us *glory in tribulation, He gave us songs in the darkest night, and He is able and willing also to make all grace abound towards you.* You have our condolence, you have our sympathy, and you have the sympathy of Him of whom it was said at the grave of Lazarus "Jesus wept." And to those sons who are engaged in the same business in which their father had been engaged in all his life. You have felt the blow, have you applied the lesson? Are you *prepared* should the Lord Jesus now come, or be you thus suddenly hurled into eternity, are you in Christ Jesus? Made nigh to God by His blood? or are you described in the words of God as "Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God—without Christ—in the world?" Oh miserable men if such is the case, but thrice happy those who can say,

I am thine oh Lord I've heard thy voice,  
And it told thy love to me.

## THE WEST END RAILWAY BRANCH.

**I**T is now one year since work in this vicinity was commenced, in the little waiting room of the Credit Valley Railway, in Parkdale. On Sunday, October 20th, 1882, the first Railway Gospel Meeting was held, the speakers being our old reliable friends and co-workers, Messrs. Gooderham and Blight. The right spirit characterized the first meeting; there was nothing known or spoken of *save Jesus Christ and Him crucified.* One of our warmest and best friends, present that day in the flesh, is now in glory, viz., Mr. Slater, late of the Northern Railway. As long as he lived, he worked hard for the progress of our west end branch. Much of the success, so evident now, is due to his earnest effort and ardent faith, manifested on different occasions.

In a short time (less than three months) fidelity was rewarded, for more came than could enter the little room.

The spirit of saving inquiry, of grace and supplication, was constantly realized. Brother Slater said this waiting room is too strait, the audience said AMEN. And we told Father about it, and to our hearts He said, *Go ahead, trust in Me,* and I will *supply* your needs.

We reported these facts to the Railway Committee of last year. The wise shook their heads, and said, that will not last long—'twill wear off—be contented, *we* have more than *we* can finance now, and the parent association has a gigantic scheme on hand, which will take some time (3 years) to mature; so *keep quiet*, when that is done, then we will *think* of something. *But,* the sound in the *top of the mulberry trees* continued, and God, in our very inmost soul, said *more,* and how could we *be contented or keep quiet?* So, in our distress we *prayed to the God of Heaven* for weeks. At last came the *little cloud* and the *sound of abundance of rain.* What is the result? A beautiful set of rooms, and, instead of a Sunday meeting of about thirty-five (for no more could get in the little waiting room) we have one which for months has averaged seventy-five or eighty. But the

number is not *the* feature of this meeting, for God has blessed the testimony to the salvation, restoration and edification of many. To Him be the glory forever, amen. Is that all? *Nay, nay.* Like Solomon's glory, and the grace and love of God through Jesus Christ, the half has not been told. Everything would fail one to tell of the meeting for Bible study each Tuesday evening, (averaging more than the little waiting room would hold,) of our Sunday prayer meeting at 7:30 a.m., the prayer and enquirer's meeting at close of Sunday Gospel meeting, of our Saturday evening Gospel, prayer and service of song, of the interest taken in the rooms by all who visit them, of about twenty-five or thirty Christian men devoted to the work, of the formation of different classes, the work and fidelity of various committees, of our ladies' auxiliary, their exemplary zeal, and their love of the Lord Jesus, expressed in their "good works," and of the great good we have ourselves received. Now, with these facts, and many more before you, *have we done wrong?* God furnished the means, and in His grace will continue to do so, will touch the hearts of His own to support the life He Himself has given. Truly the Lord has crowned the year with His goodness, and devoted effort with success. We hereby tender every friend who has rendered us assistance our heartfelt thanks, and assure them that the seed sown has already yielded abundant fruit, and assure them and others that we still need their prayers and practical sympathy.

W. E. BURFORD, Secretary.

1020 Queen St. West.

## THE CHAUTAUQUA LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC CIRCLE.

### TORONTO WEST END CIRCLE.

1st. *What is it?* An institution to promote habits of reading and study in every branch of useful knowledge, in connection with the routine of daily life. *Such is the character* of the work that every minute of spare time *may* be utilized to improve the mind and develop the habit of close, connected, persistent thinking.

2nd. Nearly 37,000 (before this year) have undertaken it and this number will be increased to about 55,000 or 60,000 on this continent this season.

3rd. We have organized a circle in our west end Railway Y. M. C. A. numbering 23, and there is no reason why this number should not be increased to 50 this month.

4th. Every railroad man should take it up for 7 reasons.

(a). Because he has so few home advantages.

(b). Because he has so few society advantages.

(c) Because this work can be done anywhere and at any time wherever a few moments hang heavy on his hands, when waiting at the other end of the division, when detained for a *crossing*, or for *orders*, or in a *block*, or whatever may give a few minutes, such are dimensions of the books that in the majority of cases they may be carried as easily as a plug of tobacco (and about the same price), could be taken out and read, and the result is that in a few minutes you are transported from the scene of annoyance, into some most interesting scene of nature, art, history, science, or some fascinating piece of secular or sacred literature. And the devil is disappointed of that time of yours which otherwise he would have turned to his account.

(d). Useful knowledge is good capital, and one small bit of it is not in possession long before it yields good *interest*.

(e). It furnishes matter for the best of conversation and is of great service to associates at home or abroad.

(f). And draws the student to God, for to study the book of God's works, nature, and THE BOOK of God's word, the Bible, is in obedience to God's command. "In all thy getting GET understanding."

(g). Reading, thinking about, and talking upon these worthy themes, during one's secular toil, will lighten labor, brighten life and develop power.

5th. Complete sets of the books and papers are to be found in our Parlor at 1020 Queen St., West, for use of our patrons.

6th. All necessary information will be most readily furnished by the President of the West End Circle, W. E. Burford, Railway Secretary, Y. M. C. A., at the above rooms. Forms of application papers, containing full statements concerning the aim, methods, course of study, arrangement of classes, course of reading, time required etc., etc. are kept on hand for any enquirers concerning the affair.

# PROGRAMME for NOVEMBER.

## MEETINGS

### IN ROOMS 1020 QUEEN STREET WEST.

SUNDAY 7.30 A.M. WORKERS PRAYER MEETING. Chairman for November, Mr. Abel Squirrel.

### GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE.

SUNDAY, Nov.... 4.... at 3 P.M.... W. H. BERESFORD, and REV. E. CLEMENTS.  
" " 11.... " .... M. E. HEYWOOD, and REV. E. C. MCINTYRE.  
" " 18.... " .... WM. GOODERHAM, DANIEL MCLEAN, and WM. BLIGHT.  
" " 25.... " .... J. T. RICHARDSON, and JOHN RONEY.

Prayer and Inquirers Meeting for 10 minutes in Parlor at close of this service.

EVERY TUESDAY, in Parlor at 8 P.M., SECRETARY'S BIBLE CLASS, *Subject* International Sunday School Lesson for following Sunday.

*First* and *third* Tuesday of each month, Devotional Committee meets for prayer and conference at *close of Bible Class*.

EVERY SATURDAY 8 P.M., YOUNG MEN'S MEETING,

CHAIRMAN, November 3... J. S. HUNTER.  
" " 10.... E. V. BATSTONE.  
" " 17.... A. WILLS.  
" " 24.... A. S. SHELLEY.

THURSDAY November 1st, 4.30 P.M. Ladies' Auxiliary Society Meeting. Tea at 6.30. At 8 P.M. Workers Meeting, for friendly conference, and meetings of the several committees.

## MEETINGS AT OTHER PLACES.

### UNION STATION GOSPEL MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, November 4.... 3 P.M.... JOS. GREENE, and REV. H. MELVILLE.  
" " 11.... " .... A. HINES, and REV. THOS. CULLEN.  
" " 18.... " .... ALF. SANDHAM, and S. CALDECOTT.  
" " 25.... " .... WM. MCCLURE, and R. FIELDING.

### G. T. RY. (LOCO. DEPT.) READING ROOM.

Every Tuesday, 12.25, BIBLE READING.

TUESDAY, November 7.... J. EARLS, and REV. H. M. PARSONS.  
" " 14... J. J. GARTSHORE.  
" " 21.... W. E. BURFORD.  
" " 28.... J. EARLS.

### TORONTO GREY AND BRUCE WORK-SHOPS.

Every Wednesday at 12.30, BIBLE READING.

### COTTAGE MEETING 8 P.M.

Every Thursday, 32 Gladstone Avenue.