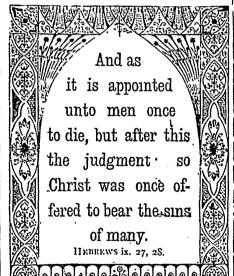


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WE return our sincere thanks to Messrs. Thos. Bengough, C. D. Massey and James Leslie, for the large amount of reading matter so kindly donated for the use of our work.

UR heartfelt prayers and sympathies are with our Railway Secretary Bro. Jex, in the affliction which has befallen him in the death of his beloved Mother. She has been ill for several months of an incurable disease, (Cancer), and during the time of illness suffered very much. She passed away on Saturday 17th inst., at her residence Cobourg.

We have felt deeply for Bro J., during the past few months. Knowing as we did, that he was laboring earnestly among the Railway men and at the same time was carrying the weight of thought concerning his sick mother at whose side he fain would have been, to cheer her.

May the Lord comfort the bereaved ones.

N our next issue (D.V.) we shall give some interesting particulars concerning the first Railway passenger train in Ontario, with illustrations of tickets issued, and first schedule of rates, etc.

He will swallow up death in victory.

Isaiah xxv. 8.

Made nigh by the blood of Christ. Ephesians ii. 13.

RAILWAY SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The following is the Railway Secretary's Report for the month of Jan :-11 Round Houses Switch Houses 25 Yards Offices
Injured and Sick R. R. Reading Rooms and Bunk Rooms Total 307 MEETINGS HELD. ATTENDANCE. Papers and Tracts distributed 1,042 R. R. Specials distributed 1,000 Total 2 042

ITEMS.

SAMUEL LOCKHART, switchman, G. T. R., while attending to his switch light, slipped and fell from the ladder, injuring himself severely, but we are pleased to say that he is almost recovered.

W. J. Offin, brakeman, G. T. R., had his hard severely injured while coupling cars in the York yard. We deeply sympathize with Mr. Offin, as this is the third time he has been injured during the past year.

ROBERT AND JAMES JONES, engineers, G. T.R., who have been laid up for the last two weeks, the one suffering from an injury to his knee cap, and the other with a lame back, we are pleased to say both have fully recovered, and returned to duty.

It is our pleasant duty to record the marriage of two of our railway men at York,—Wm. Shields, fireman, and Robt. McDonald, switchman. We wish each each of them and their brides all the pleasure that this world can bestow upon them.

JOSEPH SMITH, brakeman, G. T. R., is lying in his boarding house at York, suffering from a low fever. We hope he will soon recover.

G. T. R. LIBRARY.

HE Library in connection with the Reading Room of the Locomotive Department, G. T. R., was formally opened January 10th, 1885, with a membership roll of 40 men bers. This membership has increased to date to over 100 contributing members, and the interest manifested by the employees is extremely gratifying to the higher officials, who have forwarded this scheme for the benefit of the men with praiseworthy aid. The Company very liberally contributed a handsome bookcase, in addition to the paraphernalia already given for the use of the Reading Room, Any employee of the G. T. R. may become a member of the Association by paying \$1 per year. The Library starts with 214 volumes, which will be increased by 150 within two weeks, and the selection reflects credit upon the Library Committee entrusted with this important duty.

The following named employees comprise the Board of Directors and Library Committee:—Percy Newton, Chairman; P. McKeown, Treasurer; Philip A. Hertz, Secretary-Librarian; J. Walker, J. Dunn, J. Jewell, J. Cousins, Library Committee.

RATI WAYS.

like 270,000 miles of steam railway, and of this total nearly one half is in the United States, certainly more than half is on the continent of America. The number of miles of railway in the United States at the close of last year was 125,462 miles, the construction of new road during the year having been 3,870 miles. The mileage added during last year is less than in any of the last ten years.

Choose you this day whom ye will serve. Joshua xxiv. 15.

ARE THE SIGNALS ALL RIGHT?

Welcome, band of true toilers!
Who by hundreds are found
In each Company's service,
On the railways around;
There's a question that concerns
Ev'ry soul in God's sight:
Are you happy in Jesus?
'Are the "Signals all Right"?

Cho.—With a clear shining light,
Is your lamp burning bright?
Are you happy in Jesus.
And the "Signals all Right"?

By the red lights of danger,
Have you left the down line?
By the green lights of caution,
Have you knowledge divine?
Can you say when on duty,
Either day-time or night,
"I am happy in Jesus?
And the 'Signals all Right'"?
With a clear shining light, etc.

With a love for Christ's service,
And your soul well supplied
With inspired directions,
Fully tested and tried;
With the switch set for Heaven,
With the rails all right,—
Are you happy in Jesus,
With the "Signals all Right?"
With a clear shining light, etc.

And when your last trip
On the road shall be run,
And Life's train shall in triumph
To the terminus come,
Will you sing, as you're nearing
Heaven's shores of delight,—
Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!
All the "Signals are Right"

With a clear shining light, etc.

THE world is out of tune, and our hearts are out of tune, and the more our souls vibrate to the music of heaven, the more must they feel the discords of earth.

among the dead ones, and Christ shall give thee light." "Whited sepulchres, full of dead men's bones" (Matt. xxiii. the more must they feel the discords of earth.

THE ROTTEN SLEEPER.



LINK-CLANK! Clink Clank!
Thud!!" were the sounds
which roused me from my
sleep one night, It was the
night gang of the platelayers
busy with their most useful

work. I therefore began to comfort my wakeful self with the thought that, perhaps, many lives and limbs were being preserved, and even took unto myself the cheap credit of a sort of fel-

lowship in the good work!

Thus, as I lay now broad awake, I had leisure to note what was passing with my friends outside. The noise of the pick and shovel continued almost without cessation, as one by one chairs were sounded, ballast put in position, line gauged—when suddenly the foreman cried out, "Stop a bit, lads, let's have a look at that. the lantern." Scrape, scrape. with it, it's rotten. How did it pass before?" A very few strokes, and the rotten wood gave way; two of the gang were sent to the trolley, and a new one was brought and dropped with a resounding noise that had no rottenness in it. More scraping, wrenching, shovelling, and hammering, and the line was soon intact again, with a sound sleeper where the unsound one had been such a source of danger.

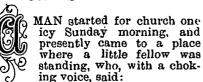
"Only fit to burn," mused I, as the men passed on out of sound. The words "rotten" and "sleeper" formed strange connections in my still waking thoughts. I remembered the Lord's Parable of the Virgins; all slept, it is true, but half of them had no oil; Jonah, in his disobedience, and the shipmen's cry, "What meanest thou, O sleeper!" The counter passage in Eph. v. 14, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from among the dead ones, and Christ shall give thee light." "Whited sepulchres, full of dead men's bones" (Matt. xxiii. 27). All alike indicating your state and my state by nature, as in Romans iii.

"Scarce fit to burn," and yet we may solidly endure in the Permanent Way, if only washed in the precious blood of Christ. No amount of preparation could avail to make the rotten railway sleeper sound again; but it is just my foul, dead, useless, state which commends me to the effectual work of the Great Physician.

Ah! who would not be aroused from the sleep of sin, even though it does need some hard knocks with the pick, to be plucked as a "brand from the burning," and seated whole and sound in heavenly places in Christ Jesus!

(Eph. ii. 1-6)

"DON'T STEP THERE."



"Please don't step there."

"Why not?"

"Because I stepped there and fell down," sobbed the little fellow, who had thus taken upon himself to warn the unwary passers by of the danger into

which he had fallen.

There are many men in the world who have good reason for giving such a warning as this. The man who has trod the dark and slippery paths of intemperance, as he sees the young learn. ing to take the first glass, or sipping at wine or beer or cider, has good reason to say to them "Don't step there, for I stepped there and fell down." The man who has indulged in gambling and lotteries till he is despised by others and abhorred by himself, has good reason to say to the young when they are entering on the same course, whether in saloons, church fairs, raffles, or similar devices of Satan, "Don't step there, for I stepped there and fell down."

How many there are, to day, in prisons and jails, with reputations ruined and lives blasted, who could say to the young men, tempted to enter the paths of dishonesty and wrong doing, "Don't step there, for I stepped there and fell

down."

It is well for us to be warned by the sad experiences of others, and it is sometimes the duty for those who havefallen

by these temptations to lift a warning voice. There are slippery places all around us, and thousands are passing heedlessly along. Let us entreat them to beware; and, as we remember the bitter experiences of our sinful lives, let us say to those who are just yielding to such temptations, "Don't step there, for I stepped there and fell down."

THE HEAD LIGHT.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."—Psalm exix., 105.

A head light reveals dangers, and shows how to avoid them. The Bible is

such a head light.

The head light is always in front of the engine, and is never concealed. Do not be ashamed of your Bible; take it with you; keep it in sight, use it, and let it help you.

THOLUCK says: There is not a more repulsive spectacle than an old man who will not forsake the world, which has already forsaken him.

"You will observe this," says Josh. Billings, "the devil never offers to go into partnership with a bizzy man, but you will often see him offer to jine the lazy, and furnish all the capital "besides."

In American railway stations the the traveller is confronted with the sign: "Entrance" and "Exit." If he travels in England he finds: "The Way In" and "The Way Out." If in Germany he sees: "Ausgang" and "Ingang," and in France he encounters: "Entree" and "Sortie."

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS.

Sunday Gospel & Song Services.

Union Station.

AT 3 P.M.

FEB. 1.-Jos. Greene and P. A. Hertz.

- " 8.—Jno. Johnston and Jno. Wood.
- " 15.—J. Gibb and R. Connors.
- " 22.-W.C. Jex and W. Marks.