

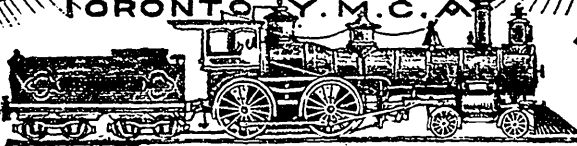


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“Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.”

1 Peter ii. 21, 22.

OUR SPECIAL

IS published on the first of every month, its object being to keep all Railway men posted on every thing which is going on for their well being, to which they are entitled, also to carry the “Gospel of the Grace of God” to every one into whose hands it falls, and also to be the medium of conveying local Railway news items of interest to city men. 1000 copies are distributed every month, the cost amounting to \$60 or \$70 in the year comes from God to support it. It has to our knowledge been a means of blessing to many already, and believe it will be to many more.

THE WORK IN TORONTO.

Space will not permit a report, but a brief outline may be given.

TWO Gospel Meetings every Lord's day in passenger depots. Three Cottage meetings weekly, in Railway homes, and one weekly noon meeting in the shops. Everything and place in connection with each Railway is regularly visited, and a great amount of good literature is distributed. The sick and injured at home and in the hospital are visited and cared for. Arrangements are made with the general Y. M. C. A. by which the railway men may participate in its many advantages.

Our expenses last year amounted to \$718.00 raised entirely by special subscriptions from our city friends.

NOTICE.

THE Railway Secretary will be pleased to visit any railway man, or family in any part of the city, upon notification, and should any become aware of sickness or injury please let him know at once, stating name and address in full.—Address W. E. BURFORD, Shaftesbury Hall, or 46 Oxford Street.

"REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS"

Acts 20: 35.

HOW HE SAID"

1ST. TO SINNERS.

The son of man is come to **SEEK** and to **SAVE** the **LOST**. Lk. xix. 10.

Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Matt. xi. 28. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but **HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE**. John iii. 16.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever **BELIEVETH** in him should not perish but have everlasting life. John iii. 14, 15.

He that believeth on him is **NOT CONDEMNED**: but he that believeth not is **CONDEMNED ALREADY**, because he hath **NOT BELIEVED** in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John iii. 18.

He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark xvi. 16.

And him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out. John vi. 37.

2ND. TO BELIEVERS.

(a) *When Troubled.* "It is I, be not afraid." Matt. xiv. 27. Let not your heart be troubled. ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my father's house are many mansions. if it were not so I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you, and if I GO. . . I will **COME AGAIN** and receive you unto myself, that **WHERE** I am, **THERE** ye may be also. John xiv. 1-3.

(b) *When fearful.* Have faith in God. Mk. xi. 40. They shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand My father which gave them Me is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of my father's hand. John x 28, 29.

Consider the lilies, how they grow; they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

If then God so clothe the grass which is to-day in the field, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith. And

seek not ye, what ye shall eat. or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. Luke xii. 27-29.

(c) *When in need.* Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Lk. vi. 21.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you ye shall ask what ye will and **IT shall** be done unto you. John xv. 7.

And whatsoever ye shall ask the father in My Name, that will I do. John xiv. 13.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name he will give it you. John xvi. 23.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION WORK AMONG RAILWAY MEN.



NE question oftener propounded than any other to us is,—

What is the **NEED** of this work you are doing, seeing there are so many churches wherever you go? Why not *let* the Railway Men take the same out of the churches as others? Now it is our turn to ask the question,—why not **LET** them have their chance to go to church? and all the same advantages that other folk have? Now what are the facts of the case? *They have not* such advantages.

A large proportion are young men that are here to-day and there to-morrow. From the nature of their occupation they can have no homes. They eat at three or four different places in the course of twenty four hours, night or day, just as it happens. They sleep two, three, or four hours at a time, night or day, just as it happens. They eat three times out of four, or nine times out of ten, where there is a smell of liquor. They are obliged to work on Sundays. The trials, temptations and deprivations of railway men are as numerous as were the grasshoppers in Egypt. But their privileges, social, mental, moral and spiritual, are, like the Queen's medals, received few and far between. And under these circumstances, if they cannot come to the Gospel and all the many blessings which follow in its train, we are not free from their blood unless we who are "*born again*" take the Gospel of our salvation to them. We have held a cottage meeting weekly in a railway house for 3 months, and in this house are 6 train hands, and for 7

consecutive weeks not one of the 6 could make it possible to attend once, and only two have been able to attend at all, and this is no exceptional case.

There are train hands by the dozen in this city who for months together have been unable to attend a religious service in a Church, either on a Sabbath day, or week night.

THE CHARACTER OF THE WORK.

1st. Who has charge of it?

A committee appointed by the general "up town" association as largely as possible railway men, for it must be a work *by* and *for* railway men.

(2.) What are this committee's duties?

1. Sunday Gospel meetings in the most convenient place for all concerned.
2. Cottage meetings in their homes night or day as the case may be
3. Noon meetings in the shops.
4. Visitation of the sick and injured.
5. Visitation of the homes.
6. Visitation of the trains, shops, sheds, boxes, roundhouses, cabooses, etc.
7. Distribution of literature.
8. The publication of something to be locally the property of the men.

THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE WORK.

All this requires constant and competent supervision, and so makes necessary the leadership of an experienced Secretary. He needs tact, enthusiasm, and special training. He should not only know just what ought to be done and how to do it, but how to get other men to do it; multiplying his own ability many times by the voluntary effort he enlists.

A reading room is needed where men can spend leisure time pleasantly and profitably.

A conversation and amusement room is important, where men who are too tired, or who do not care to read, can talk and play innocent games without being tempted to drink.

A library is needed in a room that can be used for evening classes.

Bath rooms are very desirable.

The rooms need not be expensively fitted or furnished, and it is better that the men contribute something toward current expenses, as they feel more interest in what has cost them something.

These rooms should be so arranged as to be easily thrown together for meetings of a social, entertaining, literary, or religious character.

In the rooms, men when away from home should be able to obtain whatever is needed by them to eat—furnished as well as in any hotel—but away from the baneful, blighting curse of liquor. There should also be sleeping accommodation, while waiting for their call to duty again. A place of the kind would be of as great value to the Railway Companies as to the Railway Men.

What conveniences have we as a Y. M. C. A. Railway Committee in Toronto to carry on this work among the very large and constantly increasing Railway population?

Not so much as a *stool* for a man to sit on, not to speak of rooms to retire to when off duty, and we maintain that for the benefit of these men a building is a great necessity; and to go on—or try to—without these conveniences seems as vain as to try to run a Railway without a track or having a track to run a train without a locomotive, or the locomotive without steam.

Is this practicable? Has it been proved? Yes. We gather from the latest (May 1882) official statistics (and there are many others now) that there are 81 points at which work of this kind is being done, and that 41 Secretaries and several assistants devote themselves to the work, 45 have the needed accommodation—in the shape of rooms etc.—for the work, and such are the recognised advantages that the railway corporations contributed more than \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) last year towards the support of this work, beside furnishing in many instances, rooms, furniture and other facilities for its prosecution, and their unanimous testimony is that no monies they expend yield such large dividends. But to give any idea of the history, magnitude, importance, and character of this work it would be necessary to write a book.

No point stands in greater need of the conveniences named than does Toronto. It is now a positive necessity for Railway Men—(against their desires)—to get their meals etc. in liquor dens, and it is impossible to estimate the damage done.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY
Temperance Meeting!

AT THE
 UNION DEPOT,

Sunday, Mar. 4
 3 P.M.

REV. E. M. C. BOTTERILL.

GOSPEL MEETING!
 FOR

Railway Men
 AND OTHERS,
 EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,
 AT 3 O'CLOCK,
 IN THE

CREDIT VALLEY
 Waiting Room,
 PARKDALE.
COME.

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

UNION DEPOT.

Sunday, March	4	.....	Gospel Temperance Meeting. Addresses by Jos. GREENE and REV. E. M. C. BOTTERILL.
"	"	11	..... WM. BROWN and REV. THOS. CULLEN.
"	"	18	..... W. J. McCLURE and REV. H. MELVILLE.
"	"	25	..... WM. GOODERHAM and WM. BLIGHT.

PARKDALE, C.V.R. DEPOT.

Sunday, March	4	.....	GEO. ROBINSON and GEO LAWRENCE.
"	"	11	..... GEO. WARD and MR. F. ASTON.
"	"	18	..... W. E. BURFORD. Open meeting.
"	"	25	..... CHAS. CLARKE and REV. E. C. McINTYRE.

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

COTTAGE MEETINGS.

EVERY MONDAY,	at 3 p.m., 72 Shaw Street.
" THURSDAY,	" 24 Clifford Street.
" FRIDAY,	" 3 Douro Street.