

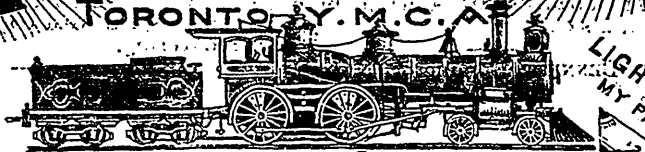


# OUR SPECIAL



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MY FEET.



G. SANDMAN, DEL. SC.

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## RAILWAY SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The following is the report of the Railway Secretary for the month of June, 1885:—

Visits to Engines.....	180
“ Caboose.....	83
“ Round-houses and Shops.....	16
“ Switch-houses.....	25
“ Offices.....	30
“ Injured and Sick.....	16
“ Bunk Rooms.....	12
	362
Meetings held..... 10 .....	Atten. 310
Papers distributed.....	722
R. R. SPECIALS distributed.....	1000
	1722

DON'T forget the Cottage meeting held alternately at the houses of Engineer Lee and Fireman Alex. Shields on Thursday evenings at 7-30 for one hour only. All are invited.

WHILE Sir Henry Tyler was on his tour of inspection through York he paid a visit to the homes of some of his employees. Among those whom he called upon was Mr. Allman, who was so severely injured just the day before. Such acts of friendship and kindness from the President of the G. T. R. is worthy of notice.

WE welcome to our city ——— Wagner, Esq., the newly appointed United States Consul. Mr. Wagner has been for many years an active worker in the Y. M. C. A. railway work in the United States, and was Treasurer of the Committee for the State of Kansas. He has consented to act on our Railway Committee, and we have reason to hope that his long experience will prove helpful to us.

Thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy Saviour.  
Isaiah ix. 16.

That they might know Thee, the only true God.

John xvii. 3.

### ITEMS.

WE are pleased to see Baggage-man Donovan, G. T. R., on duty again after his late illness.

ROBT. JONES, Engineer, G. T. R., City, had his foot badly sprained while jumping from his engine.

ROBT. BENNETT, Conductor, N. & N. W. R., City, had the misfortune to lose two of his fingers while coupling cars.

F. DEVERAUX, N. & N. W. Ry. shop, City, was severely injured while lifting a heavy piece of machinery. He is recovering.

JOHN LEROE, N. & N. W. Ry. shop, City, had his foot severely injured, but we are pleased to say he has almost recovered.

MR. O'GRADY, Conductor, G. T. R., York, who has been laid up for the past two weeks with an injured ankle, is slowly recovering.

WE are pleased to know that many of our railway men are taking an active part in the Temperance Lodge that has been organized at York.

MR. THOS. MUMMS Engineer, Mid. Div., G. T. R., has been laid up for some days suffering with a severe attack of Quincy. He is slowly recovering.

MR. B. YAPP, passenger fireman G. T. R., has gone to the Old Country on a visit to his friends. We wish him a pleasant time and safe journey.

MR. J. ALLMAN, Yardmaster G. T. R., York, while jumping on an engine, slipped, and his right foot was run over by the tender wheels, but we are pleased to say that under the skilful treatment of Dr. McKenzie the foot will be saved.

MR. M. CHRISTIE, who was so severely injured a few weeks ago is able to be about again, but it will be some time before he will have full use of his arm.

MR. T. GUMMERSON, N. & N. W. Ry., shop, has been confined to his home for some weeks suffering with an attack of Bronchitis, but we are glad to know he is recovering.

THE other day the G. T. R. Fire Department at York turned out and had water playing over the Roundhouse in one minute and a half from the time the alarm sounded.

THE many friends of Mr. J. Lunan were pleased the other day to see him about once again, but sad to see that he has met the fate of many a noble railroad boy, viz., the loss of a limb.

MR. J. STEVENSON and J. Forsyth of G. T. R., shop, York, have sent in their resignation to the company and have left for the old country. We wish them success in their new field of labor.

WE are very much encouraged to see so many of our railway friends attending the Song Service in the reading room, York, but we still miss some of our friends, and we again give you a very cordial invitation to come every Sabbath at 3.15 p.m.

MR. JOHN MALLOY, Passenger Brake-man, G. T. R., City, while out boating the other day, his shell capsized and had it not been that Mr. Malloy was equally as good a swimmer as he is a railroader, it is possible he might have found a watery grave.

MR. and MRS. MODELAND, York, have been called to mourn the loss of their baby boy. We deeply sympathize with the bereaved parents.

Another little lamb is gone  
To dwell with him above;  
Another little darling child  
Is sheltered in the grave.

The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord.

Isaiah xi. 9.

All shall know Me, from the least to the greatest.

Hebrews viii. 11.

THE annual Excursion and Picnic of the employees of the G. T. R., in this City, will be held at Niagara Falls on July 25th, the committee are sparing no pains to make this the most pleasant excursion they have ever had, and under the able management of Mr. P. McKeown and Jas. Harriot, a grand time may be expected.

SIR HENRY TYLER and Gen. Manager HICKSON visited our Rooms at York. They were shewn around by Local Manager Wragge and R. Luttrell, Esq., Freight Manager, York. They expressed their pleasure at the work, and promised their support. The site on which it is proposed to build our new Reading Room was also visited.

PATRICK CORBETT, who for many years has been in the employ of the N. & N. W. Railway, was presented by his fellow employees of the Mechanical Department with a gold watch guard, on the eve of his departure for Old Ireland. Patrick, may you be well "guarded" through the storms and temptations of this life.

IN the June number of "OUR SPECIAL" there was an item in reference to the uncertainty of this life. and the question was asked, "Who'll be next? shall I?" This great question has been answered in the affirmative so far as one of our dear fellow railroaders is concerned. One who was among us in health and strength this time last month and perhaps read the article we have alluded to, but his last trip has been run, and today his body is in the cold grave. We refer to Edward Cade, Brakeman G. T. R., who met with such a sad and untimely end by being run over by his train in London. We deeply sympathize with the widow and children, who have been left to mourn the sad loss of a true husband and kind father. May the God of all comfort bind up the broken hearts.

Reader are you ready when the Messenger Death comes for you.

COME:

WHERE? To the Railway reading room at York.

WHEN? Sunday afternoon at 3.15.

WHAT FOR? To hear the singing and addresses.

HOW LONG? Only an hour.

Well, come.

### SWEET WORDS OF COMFORT.

HERE is a great consolation and comfort for bereaved hearts in the thought so well expressed by the *Sunday-school Times*: "Partings are minor deaths. When the train of cars has rolled away, or the great steamship faded from our sight, our loved ones are, in regard to personal presence, as far removed from us as if the churchyard clay had already rattled on their coffin-lids. Yet, we are strong and hopeful, believing that all goes well with them—a month—a year—will bring them back to us, perhaps with a fuller life than ever before. Why should we not be as strong and hopeful in bearing that other separation, when our loved ones depart to be with Christ, in that major parting we call death! We know that, separated from us by the river of death, they live a fuller and happier life than if they were separated from us only by a continent or an ocean. And no railway or steamship company's schedule is, to the Christian, so sure a promise of reunion as these words of Holy Writ: 'Them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him.'"

MAX every railway man give his heart to the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave so much for them, and then he will be placed in proper position, and the Church and Association will be helped on so much better to their destination.

My people shall know My name.

Isaiah lii. 6.

## A WORD FOR OUR RAIL- WAY MEN.

A WORD with you, my brother,  
'Mid the ceaseless din and strife,  
And all the rush and hurry  
Of your ever-busy life ;  
Oh, you are swiftly passing  
Down life's too steep incline,  
Then, oh, take care, my brother,  
That you go not off the line.

Soon, very soon, my brother,  
Your train will run no more,  
Another man will take your place,  
And your life's work be o'er.  
The signal will be given  
By another voice than thine,  
And you shall lie disabled  
Like an engine off the line.

In that hour of dying anguish  
Oh, what shall be your stay ;  
For railway men, like others,  
Must surely pass away ?  
Seek now the gracious Saviour,  
Then shall His love be thine,  
And he in life and death shall save  
From going off the line.

Or in some sharp collision,  
'Mid the rush of smoke and flame,  
You may die without the power to call  
On God's most holy name.  
Say what shall be thy anguish  
Before the bar Divine,  
To know your bitter folly  
Has thrown you off the line.

We all have sinned, my brother,  
And the soul that sins must die,  
For sin can never enter  
That home of bliss on high,  
But sinks to woe unending  
Where God's love ne'er may shine,  
And lost souls are for ever,  
For ever off the line.

But heaven awaits thee, brother,  
For the Son of God has died,  
To ope that heaven for you,  
The Lord was crucified ;  
Then come to Him for pardon,  
Taste of His love divine,  
And looking unto Jesus,  
Keep for ever on the line.

EDITH MAILING.

## WHAT THEY SAY.

“ FEW things about railroad affairs afford more satisfactory returns than these reading rooms.”—Mr. C. Vanderbilt, 1st. V. P. of N. Y. C. & H. R. R.

“The Young Men's Christian Association is an institution, the very mention of whose name should cause the breast of every American citizen to thrill with pride and emotion.”—*Harper's Weekly*.

“I have taken a deep interest in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association among railway men and believe that leaving all other questions it is a paying investment.”—Mr. H. B. Leyard, Pres. M. C. R. R.

“This Company takes an active interest in all the prosperity of the Association, and will cheerfully co-operate in all the proper methods for the extension of its usefulness.”—Mr. Thos. Dickson, Pres. D. & H. C. Co.

## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS.

### UNION STATION.

Every Sunday, 3 p.m.

- JULY 5.—P. A. Hertz and Jos. Greene.
- “ 12.—W. C. Jex and J. Gibb.
- “ 19.—H. F. Thomas and W. Marks.
- “ 28.—Robt. Johnston and J. Wood.

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### COTTAGE MEETINGS AT YORK

Every Thursday Evening, at 7.30, for one hour.

- JULY 2.—At John Lee's; address by  
by C. Hastings.
- “ 9.—At Alex. Shields'; address  
J. Bcusfield.
- “ 16.—At John Lee's; address by J.  
Wood.
- “ 23.—At Alex. Shields'; address by  
Robt. Hall.
- “ 30.—At John Lee's; address by J.  
Gibb.