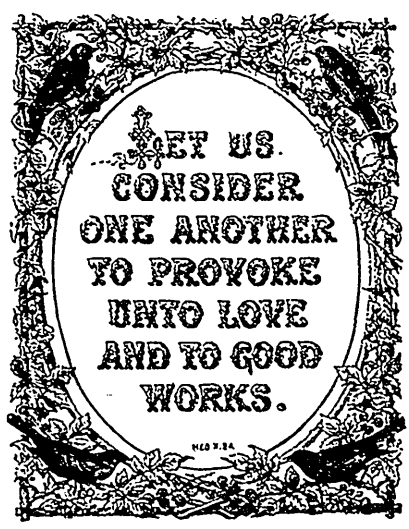




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Railroad men, whether members, or not, may always be sure of a welcome at Shattisbury Hall. Whenever they have a leisure hour during the afternoon or evening, they are invited to make use of the reading room.

REPORT FOR OCTOBER.

Visits to Engines	81
“ Caboose.....	79
“ Roundhouses.....	10
“ Switch Houses.....	16
“ Yards	6
“ Offices.....	15
“ Injured and Sick.....	7
“ R. R. Reading Rooms....	8
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	222
Meetings held. Attendance	
Union Depot..... 4	120
Papers and Books distributed.....	423
R. R. SPECIALS distributed.....	1000
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OUR NEW COMMITTEE.

W. Gooderham, Esq., Chairman; J Earls, J. J. Gartshore, J. O. Bennet, J. Harvie, R. Fountain, Chester D. Massey, with power to add to their number. The power given to the Committee will be exercised in adding the names of a number of *bona-fide* railway men who have been identified with the active work, or whose interest in the same will lead them to become active.

Whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord.
Proverbs viii. 35.

I am the Light of the World: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness.—John viii. 12.

ITEMS.

BRAKEMAN John Parker had his hand crushed while coupling cars at York. He will lose two fingers.

ENGINEMAN Alex. Stuart, one of the oldest drivers on the G. T. R., was killed at the collision between Montreal and Brockville.

FIREMAN J. McElray sprained his foot severely in jumping from engine 449, at the run off at Newtonville. He is almost fit for duty again.

CLEANER H. Enright had h's foot caught in the turn-table of the West Round-house, thereby being rendered unfit for duty for some days.

THE Library for the use of the G. T. R. employees will soon be opened for general use. A consignment of books is now on the way, and we sincerely wish the project all the success it merits.

A. GROSSART, an employee in the Mechanical Superintendent's Office, came to Toronto, on the 10th inst., on a one day's visit from Montreal, and left Toronto on the same evening at 7.30 p.m., on No. 3 train. When near the Kingston Crossing, between Don and York, he fell from the platform and was instantly killed. We regret to add that Mr. Grossart leaves a wife and family almost unprovided for.

DON'T FORGET

THE

GOSPEL SERVICE

For Railway Men,

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, IN THE

UNION STATION.

THE RAILWAY STATION.



HAVE but just returned from the railway station, where every one I saw seemed to have ardour in his heart, and hurry in his eye. If we were half as much in earnest in preparing for Heaven as we are for our jaunts of pleasure, and our journeys of business, it would be something! What a bustle pervaded the whole station! loading and unloading, running backwards and forwards, some going into the carriages, and others coming out, while the rattling vehicles set off and arrived by turns.

In the midst of all this bustle, I noticed a man walking coolly along with a bundle in his arms. He took no notice of the fine folk or the bustle; whoever and whatever the people might be, did not appear at all to trouble his head; whither they came or went, was no business of his; on he went minding his own business. He had his own work to do, and he meant to do it.

Thinks I to myself, "Here's a lesson for me. This man is but a picture of what I should be." Oh that I had humility and godly integrity enough in my heart to go straight on with my work! patiently and cheerfully occupying even the lowest station if it be assigned to me by duty, until it should be said unto me, "Friend, go up higher."

ROBBING THE RAILROAD.

COME, now, I really can't see why you should not take a trip out of town on Sunday by the railway. You can go to church in the country, if you are so mighty particular about it," said one neighbor to another.

"No," said Mr. Birt; "I like to have my Sunday, and I'm not going to commit robbery."

"Robbery! and who said you were? What do you mean?" asked the neigh-

I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and Morning Star.—Rev. xxii. 16.

I am He that Liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore.—Rev. i. 18.

bor, with not a little angry surprise in his voice.

"I mean this: the engineers, firemen, brakemen, and conductors on the railway have as good a right to their Lord's day as I have to mine; and if I travel on that day, I shall rob them of their Sabbath."

"I call myself as honest as anybody," said the other stammering. "Don't you think you talk a little too strong when you call it robbing?"

"No! it's robbing all ways," said Mr. Birt. "I rob God, and I rob my own soul when I rob a man of his chance to attend public worship; and, you see, it is not doing as I would be done by, and I call it robbery."

There is, alas! a great deal of this robbery committed in our land. It is true that it is a robbery not arraigned at our courts, but it is one we shall have to answer for at a higher bar.

WHY DO YOU SWEAR?

DOES it do you any good? Are you wiser, more brave, more of a gentleman, more to be believed or trusted? or are you more of a man because you swear?

Cowper writes:

"It chills my blood to hear the blest Supreme
Rudely appealed to on each trifling theme:
Maintain your rank: vulgarity despise;
To swear is neither brave, polite nor wise.
You would not swear upon the bed of death:
Reflect your maker now can stop your breath."

"Because of swearing the land mourneth." Jer. xxiii. 10. "Above all things, swear not." "The Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain."

When there is no profit, no honor, no comfort, no use, for any man to swear—*Why will you swear?*

A CALM hour with God is worth a whole lifetime with man.

THE HEN AS A TEACHER.



HAVE you ever watched a hen taking her food? Have you noticed that while she almost greedily devoured the grain, she was at the same time careful to avoid everything calculated to injure her? She did not refuse the grain because there was some grit mixed with it; but she refused to swallow the dirt. God has endowed her with instinct, and using it, she is able to distinguish between that which is good for food, and that which is injurious.

Friends, can you not learn a lesson from the hen? In your journey through life you will meet with both good and bad.

Then, against evil actions or books take great care;

The grain from the dirt and the gravel keep clear.

Thus feed on the food which the Lord both provide,

And cast all the rubbish and refuse aside.

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.—John x. 9.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.—Prov. iii. 13.

CAN A RAILROAD MAN BE A CHRISTIAN ?

THE question often comes home to a railroad man with a great deal of force, who desires to take this most important step in life, but fear because of the peculiarities of their position and the many temptations which surround them, it is next to impossible to become such. Still, looking at it in the light of God's truth, we are bound to answer in the affirmative. What constitutes a Christian may be asked? Personal belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as a Saviour. Surely railroad men have just as much power to exercise this faith as any other class. But perhaps the greatest objection raised is, that they cannot live it. An engineer recently said he was not a Christian, but admired Christianity, and would himself like to be a good one. Now, the promise that "My strength is sufficient for thee," "My strength is made perfect in weakness," is as much to one particular class as any other. God's love is rich enough. His arms are strong enough to keep securely that which we commit to His care, and enable us in daily life to reflect honor to His name.

In fact we have all seen this fact exemplified in the lives of many who have made this decision. They have been enabled to live lives which have not only reflected credit to themselves, but to the cause which they espoused. Of course there are some who do not come up to our ideal of Christian life, but it is a fact that railroad men, as a rule make better and sounder Christian men than any other class. There is no doubt about God's part. He is able to save and keep, and if we will but trust ourselves in His hands, we prove the promises to be verified in every case. Do we accept or positively reject? We do one or the other.

MANY Christians have to endure the solitude of unnoticed labor. They are serving God in a way which is exceedingly useful, but not at all noticeable. How very sweet to many workers are those little corners of the newspapers and magazines which describe their labors and successes; yet some who are doing what God will think a great deal more of at the last, never saw their names in print.—*Spurgeon*.

THE Christian must expect opposition from the world, because he is going just the contrary road from the multitude, and has to pass through them. Believer, if you and the world are upon good terms, it may be well to enquire,—do you live godly in Christ Jesus?

"WHAT is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul; or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul."—Matt. xvi. 26.

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS.

Sunday Gospel & Song Services.

Union Station.

AT 3 P.M.

- NOV. 2.—Jos. Greene and W. C. Jex.
" 9.—R. Connors and J. Gibb.
" 16.—J. Wood and P. A. Hertz.
" 23.—A. Saunders and R. Connors.
" 30.—W. Marks and J. Johnston.

Meetings at York discontinued until winter arrangements are made.

Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am.—John xvii. 24.