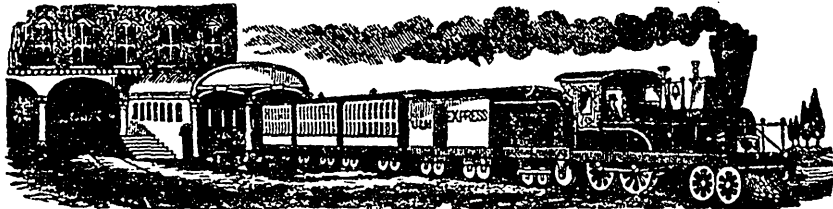


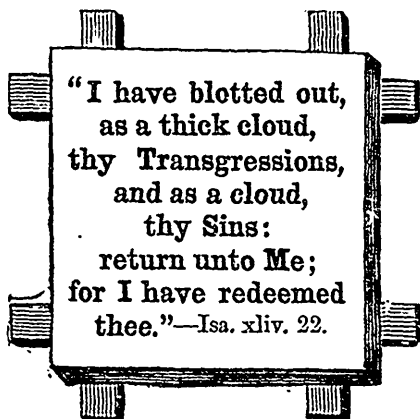
# OUR "SPECIAL."



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**TORONTO YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.**

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## ALL RAILWAY MEN

Are invited to attend

### The Sabbath Afternoon Meetings

At Three o'clock, in the

GENERAL WAITING ROOM

*UNION STATION,*

And at the NIPISSING STATION.

## STATISTICAL REPORT FROM MARCH 15 TO APRIL 15.

Gospel Meetings held on Lord's	
Day - - - - -	8
Total attendance - - - - -	560
Cottage Meetings held - - - - -	22
Total attendance - - - - -	270
Noon Meetings held - - - - -	5
Total attendance - - - - -	123
Bulletins, Tracts, Invitations, &c. distributed - - - - -	3000
Home visits - - - - -	70
Sick " - - - - -	30

Besides numerous visits to shops, trains, roundhouses, offices, sheds, yards, boxes, &c.

## RAILROAD LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

"**A**CCIDENTS will happen," is a very old saying, yet very true. Our railroad men are exposed to very great dangers, and it is sad sometimes to witness how speedily the "Home" has suffered in consequence of the bread-winner being laid aside by an accident or sickness. Every one

knows that at such times more is really required, and perhaps the savings of a careful wife are swept away in a very few days. We have before us a card containing the "objects" of a "Railroad Ladies' Aid Society." We give them *verbatim*, feeling convinced that such a worthy plan could and should be adopted in Toronto. Who will help us?

#### ITS OBJECT.

We, the lady members of the railroad men's families of Toledo, Ohio, desirous of rendering more efficient service in carrying forward the objects and work of the Railway Young Men's Christian Association, do hereby organize for that purpose.

The name of this organization shall be the Ladies' Aid Society, auxiliary to the Railway Young Men's Christian Association.

The object of this Society shall be to supplement the work of the Railway Young Men's Christian Association, by rendering such assistance as may be in our power in cases of sickness, accident or death among the families of railroad men, and if need be, to provide garments and do sewing in such cases; also, to look to the comforts and wants of widows and orphans of railroad men.

The object shall further be to hold socials and other entertainments, with the aid and counsel of the Railway Young Men's Christian Association, whenever they may be deemed advisable; also, to give attention to the decorating of the reading rooms, by offering suggestions to the room committee and adding such features as will make the place attractive and home-like.

**MEMBERS.** — Any mother, wife, daughter or sister of a man who is connected with the railway service in any department, may become a mem-

ber by the payment of fifty cents per annum.

Any member may present the names of persons for membership.

The Society will adopt such Constitution and By-Laws as generally govern similar organizations.

A Society with such laudable objects should commend itself at once to all ladies interested in the homes of our railroad men. We can mention many Associations having such a Society in connection with the Railroad Young Men's Christian Associations; even the St. Thomas Association has organized one. Let us be up and doing. Any information or particulars may be obtained from W. E. Burford, R. R. Sec'y, Toronto.

#### "LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN"



**F**REQUENTLY I have heard men say, "I dare not, or, I cannot confess my Christianity in the workshop among my fellow employees or officials:" "My men would not care a straw for my commands:" another, "My fellow-officials would not care to have dealings with me," or some such assertions would cover their temerity. Now let us see if such is really so. Is a man less a man by being a Christian? Is he less honourable? Is he less respected by those under his charge? We say emphatically, No! A man is more truly a man when he becomes a follower of Christ, his word is relied upon, therefore more honourable; and those under him, whether in the office, or workshop, or elsewhere, hold him in respect: in proof of our statement, please note the following:

Mr. John Gillet, Foreman Car Department T. G. & B. Railway, was this week presented with a handsome

gold watch and chain, accompanied by an illuminated address, from those in his charge.

A short time since, Mr. John Gordon, Road Master T. G. & B. Railway, and President of the Reading Room, was also presented with a similar mark of esteem. What we have said of Mr. Gillett applies also to Mr. John Gordon.


Mr. John Harvie, late Traffic Master of N. & N. W. Railway, has been made the recipient of a splendid testimonial from his fellow-officers and employees. Mr. John Harvie now enjoys his well-earned repose and rest, and the testimonial will bear evidence of the respect and esteem of those with whom he had to do.

These three brethren are decided Christians, thorough earnest workers, and true friends of our R. R. Y. M. C. A. work.

Thus our friends will see verified the fact that the Christian is none the less a man by being such, and the more he shows his colours, and bears the name of Christ throughout his duty with Christian humility, so much the more will he be blessed.

These three brethren are named "John." They have been presented with testimonials of esteem and regard, and it is acknowledged they each merited this mark of respect. To have been meritorious has cost each many years of hard and difficult work. Each of these "Johns" have an *unmerited* gift—"Eternal Life" through Christ, a crown of glory that fadeth not away; and there will yet be the blessedness of our Lord confessing those who have confessed Him before men. John, the beloved disciple, was often with Jesus; he lovingly leaned upon the Master's breast. It is the blessed privilege of every Christian, whether a "John" in name or no, to be found often with Jesus.


## BRIEFS.

 R. S. Hyndman, Station Agent G.W.R., one of our earnest Christian workers, accompanied by his wife, is away on a holiday trip to New York. We heartily wish them a pleasant and enjoyable holiday and a safe return; and that he may be blessed with renewed health of mind and body.

The attendance and interest in the noon meeting every Wednesday at the T. G. & B. shops has been larger since re-opening.

We hope before long to hold a Sunday Railway Gospel Meeting, at Parkdale.


## ST. THOMAS ITEMS.

 HE attendance at the Rooms has been most encouraging since their opening, averaging 90 per day.

The child has already outgrown the parent, for a Railroad Ladies' Christian Association has been formed there, while Toronto is behind. "These things should not be so," not that there is anything wrong about the one at St. Thomas, the wrong is that we have not one here.

Mr. Wm. Nicol, an active worker in the St. Thomas Association received a painful accident while working in the C.S.R. shops, by having a sharp knife thrust into his breast, passing very near his heart. We are glad to know he is speedily recovering.

## MONTREAL.

 RAILROAD Men's Gospel Meeting is held every Lord's Day at Point St. Charles. Two cottage meetings are also held every week.

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIAN RAILWAY MEN.**



BEFORE the next issue of "OUR SPECIAL," the third International Conference of Christian Railway Men will (D.V.) have been held at St. Thomas, and promises to be one of the most profitable yet held. The date has been definitely fixed for May 18th to 21st.

Railway men are not called together to be preached to, or to preach, but to confer about the best way to further their interests in every particular.

We sincerely hope that the Canadian delegation to this Conference will be as many hundreds as there were units at the last. We believe we are right in saying that there has been a growing—a rapidly growing interest in the work, and whereas only one delegate represented *Canada* at the last "International Conference," now it is to be held in Canada, and we believe the Lord will send a host of workers.

Circulars and all information will be on hand shortly, and any information may be had from the R. R. Sec., Toronto.

**PROGRAMME FOR MAY.**

**SUNDAY GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICES. 3 P. M.**

**UNION DEPOT.**

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| Lord's Day, May 7..... | JOS. GREENE (N. & N. W. Ry.,) AND REV. H. MELVILLE.                           |
| " " " 14.....          | S. HYNDMAN (G. W. Ry.,) AND JAS. NOBBS (Evangelist).                          |
| " " " 21.....          | JOHN GILLESPIE AND REV. A. MOORE.   |
| " " " 28.....          | JOHN HARVIE (late of N. R.,) Report of International Conference by delegates. |

**NIPISSING STATION. 3 P. M.**

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| Lord's Day, May 7... .. | J. B. GRIFFITH AND A. MUNRO (G. W. R.)               |
| " " " 14.....           | BIBLE READING, W. E. BURFORD.                        |
| " " " 21.....           | MR. GLOVER AND F. S. HARVEY.                         |
| " " " 28.....           | JOS. GREENE (N. & N. W. Ry.,) Reports of Conference. |

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

*Announcements for Cottage Meetings this month cannot now be made.*

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