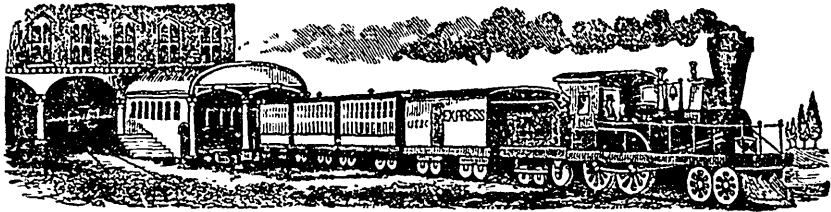


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Yea verily, and I count
all things to be loss for
the excellency of the
knowledge of Christ
Jesus my Lord.

Phil. iii. 8.

LORD'S DAY GOSPEL MEETINGS

WE have been encouraged by the attendance at the Union Station during the past month. Let all do what they can to sustain it, for it is worthy of your support and presence, and the truth preached, of your acceptance.

The attendance at the Nipissing has been very slim. Let all who have ever attended it, come again and bring their friends. No pains shall be spared to make the gatherings there alike pleasant and profitable.

Secretary's Report for January.

Gospel meetings held on Lord's Day	10
Total attendance	620
Cottage meetings held.....	11
Total attendance	120
Bulletins, tracts, invitations, &c., distributed.....	1706
Visits to the Homes.....	78
Injured and sick	14

Account has not been kept of visits to shops, roundhouses, offices, sheds, yards, &c.

Shaftesbury Hall Saturday Night Young Men's Meeting.

WE earnestly invite Railroad men to attend all the announced meetings of our Association; but more particularly the meeting in the parlor on Saturday night for young men. Come and see us just once, and we know you will gladly come again.

FINANCIAL.

PERHAPS there are some of our friends who do not yet know that "Our Special" is financed by the Secretary; or, if they do need reminding, wont some of the Railway men's club, and send us in the price of a trip, \$5. We acknowledge \$2 from H. L.

OUR COTTAGE MEETINGS.

DURING this year it is our intention to confine the teaching in our Cottage Meetings to "The doings and teachings of our Lord and Saviour, while here on earth," and Dr. Giekie, in his "Life and words of Christ," states the language of millions of hearts which have experienced the Saving power of His love when he says

"The life of Jesus Christ must ever remain the noblest and most fruitful study for all men, of every age."

Our Lord, Himself says in John xvii. 3, "This is life eternal that they should know Thee, the only true God, and Him whom thou did'st send, even Jesus Christ."

Nor is there any hesitation among the greatest men of every age, whatever their position towards Christianity, in paying the highest tribute to Jesus Christ, when once they have made a study of His life and teachings, which, according to the late Thomas Carlyle, is "Of quite perennial, infinite character, and its significance will ever demand to be anew inquired into, and anew made manifest." And no one will accuse the first Napoleon of being a weak minded man, in speaking of Jesus Christ he said, "Jesus Christ was more than

man. Alexander, Cæsar, Charlemagne and myself founded great empires, * * * upon force Jesus founded His empire upon love, and to this very day millions would die for Him."

Now the life of this God-man, our Saviour will form the subject of study at all our Cottage Meetings; and in order that you may all know all about *where* and *when* they will be held, we publish it on the last page of "Our Special," and also we will (D.V.) every issue announce our subjects for each month in advance.

Will you not come with us, bringing your Bibles, having read the passages before coming, thereby communicating to us the good you have yourself received, and in return have your own considerably augmented. Each household, wherein we hold our meetings, extends to you a hearty invitation, and should any one desire to have a cottage meeting in their home, or God's word read, praise song and prayer offered any evening in the week, we would be pleased to receive the information. Addressed W. E. Burford, Shaftesbury Hall.

"'Tis eternal life to know Him,
Oh, how He loves.
Think, oh think, how much we owe H.m.
Oh, how He loves,
With His precious blood He bought us,
In the wilderness He sought us,
To His fold He safely brought us,
Oh, how he loves"

HOSPITAL NOTES.

Brakeman Giles (T. G. & B.), is suffering considerably, and is very weak. Doherty's case is quite hopeful, as none of his bones are injured. Brakeman John Kehoe (G. T. R.), is in a bad state, suffering considerable pain.

R. R. Y. M. C. A., ST. THOMAS.



R. W. J. Orr, whose name occurred in connection with the St. Thomas Y. M. C. A., visited that point with a view of settlement, during the early part of last month. After a stay of about two weeks he accepted a call to the Secretaryship, and is now located there. We wish him God speed in his new sphere of labor.

He is our first associate in this particular branch of our Master's work in Ontario. We thank God and take courage, trusting that we shall have many others before long, if the Lord tarries.

We observe by the papers of St. Thomas that Mr. A. F. Howland, the Chairman of the Committee, has already secured above \$1,000 for the work. This is in addition to the \$600 annually by the Canada Southern Railway.

Rooms have been secured, meeting the requirements of the men who are located in different parts of the city.

There is good prospect of the Conference of Christian Railway men being held at an early date at St. Thomas. Let every Christian make it a matter of special, constant, fervent, sincere, expectant prayer.

PERSONALS.



IREMAN John Lea (G. T. R.), who was so badly scalded by the explosion of the boiler at Lambton, is nearly well. His recovery has been so rapid that it is a marvel to all. Engineer Printer (G. T. R.), who was driving when the explosion took place, is reported fit for duty. Brakeman Garvin (G. T. R.), is rapidly recovering. Brakeman Archibald McArthur is doing well, though *slowly*.

The following circular shows what is being done by about 60 Railway Corporations for

Railway Men's Free Reading Rooms.

L. & N. ROOMS,

912 Broadway, opposite Freight Depot.

L. C. & L. ROOM,

1939 Jefferson Street, below Wenzel.

LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.

OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 1, 1881.

To all Officers and Employees:

The Reading Rooms and other advantages provided by the Young Men's Christian Association of Louisville for Railway men, supply a long-felt need, and are deserving of patronage and cordial support from all attaches of this Company.

To aid in sustaining the Railway Branch of the Association work, this Company very cheerfully contributes seventy-five dollars per month.

JAMES F. HUBER, General Secretary, with the assistance of a young man in charge of the room, will direct the Short Line work until a suitable man may be secured to serve as Secretary.

WM. R. RAMSEY, recently Assistant Secretary at the Central Rooms, has been placed in charge of the L. & N. work.

*These gentlemen cordially invite all Railway men to visit the Rooms at their leisure, between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. They will also gladly visit and otherwise assist, as far as possible, any sick or injured men upon notification.

The officers of this Company will be pleased to know that these privileges are appreciated.

F. de FUNIAK,
General Manager.

Time, Places, Leaders and Subjects for Railway Men's Cottage Meetings during Feb., 1882.

EVERY TUESDAY, 8 p.m. - - 11 HIGH ST. - - Messrs. Harvie and Munro.
 " THURSDAY, at 8 p.m. - 80 STAFFORD ST. - " Squirrel and Rooney.
 " " " " 31 MERCER ST. - " McClure and Urquhart.
 " FRIDAY, 8 p.m. " 15 PORTLAND ST. - " Urquhart, Griffith & Glover.

The Secretary will attend each of these as far as possible. The followings objects being taken at each, during the week as indicated below.

For the week commencing January 30th.

CHRIST AND HIS DISCIPLES, &c. Mark iii.: 6-19. FOLLOWING JESUS.

What is Christ's test of Discipleship? Luke xiv.: 25-33; John xiii.: 35. What does it involve to follow Christ? Matt. x.: 32-39, John viii.: 30-32. What are some of its advantages? John xv.: 7, 8.; Romans viii.: 28, 31, 32; Matt. x.: 32, 33.

For week commencing February 6th. Mark iii.: 20-35.

CHRIST'S FOES AND FRIENDS; OR, NO THIRD POSITION.

What are the only two attitudes towards Christ. Matt. xii.: 30; vi.: 24; Rev. iii.: 15, 16. In this lesson there are two kinds of brethren mentioned. vs. 31-35. Which are you? Define the difference between them, and give the basis of each.

"Ye are my friends if you do whatsoever I command you." John xv.: 14.

For week commencing February 13th. Mark iv.: 1-20; Rev. ii.: 8.

PARABLE OF THE SOWER; OR, SEED-TIME AND HARVEST.

To which of the four heart descriptions does yours answer. "The wayside," "Stony ground," "Thorns," or the "Good ground?" See vs. 14-20.

What is your attitude to "cares," "deceits," "lusts." vs. 18, 19. Where will you stand when the reapers come? Matt. xiii.: 38-43.

For week commencing February 20th. Mark iv.: 31-34; Ps. lxxii.: 16.

THE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM

Vs. 21, 23. Are you translated out of darkness into light? Acts xxvi.: 18. Where have you your light located? vs. 21-22, Matt. v.: 16. Do you live in perpetual obedience to v. 24? Luke xii.: 47, 48. Consider how your opportunities increase your responsibility to obey the truth.

Please read up the lesson, "Search the scripture," references and answers to questions, and bear in mind that you and your friends will be as welcome to the meetings as the flowers in May. We make them as free and as social as family gatherings at Christmas.

COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

SUNDAY GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE.

3 P.M.

UNION DEPOT.

SUNDAY, Feb. 5.. Jos. Greene (N. & N. W. R'y.) Rev. H. Melville.
 " " 12.. S. Hyndman (G.W.R.)..... S. Caldecott.
 " " 19.. John Harvie (late of N. R'y.) Alf. Sandham.
 " " 26.. Wm. Gooderham,
 (Gen. Manager T. & N. R.) ... W. Blight.

NIPISSING STATION.

SUNDAY, Feb. 5.. Bible Reading R. R. Secretary.
 Address, Thomas Nobbs.
 " " 12.. A. Munro (G.W.R.)..... W. E. Burford.
 " " 19.. W. E. Burford (R. R. Sec.)... J. B. Griffith (G.W.R.)
 " " 26.. Jos. Greene (N. & N.W. R'y.) R. R. Secretary.