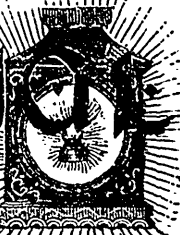




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GOD IS LOVE.

“OUR SPECIAL.”

THIS issue is the first of the second year. We have received orders to continue its publication; and now return thanks to all who have subscribed to its publishing fund during the past year, and still solicit the same for the coming year. As will be seen, the old-time cut which was on its front page has been replaced by a more artistic and instructive one, for which we are indebted to Mr. Chas. Sandham, son of our General Secretary.

We hope, during the year, to furnish 8 pages every month, as the *Shaftesbury Hall Weekly Bulletin* will be issued with the “SPECIAL,” so that you will be furnished with general as well as R. R. matter.

On our pages nothing shall ever appear which will be dishonouring to the Lord Jesus, whose we are and whom we serve, our motto being still to *introduce all to Christ and Christ to all.*

I AM THE WAY.

John xiv. 6.

FACTS CONCERNING THE RAILROAD DEPARTMENT OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

MR. Dan P. Eells, of Cleveland, President of the Ohio Central, Vice-President of the L. E. & W. and N. Y., C. & St. L. Railroads, says:

“Within less than ten years this great work has secured the endorsement of many of the best railroad men at the head of our great systems of railroads, and now in many of our cities wise provision is made for railroad men in the depots.”

Mr. Amasa Stone, late Managing Director of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, writes:

“This work has been tried long enough on some of the most important roads in the country to prove that its influences have been in every particular favorable.”

Mr. T. P. Handy, President of the Merchants' National Bank of Cleveland, who has long been interested in railroads, and who paid a large share of the salary of the Secretary first employed to extend this work, says:

"I think I have never given with more cheerfulness than I gave to help this work forward, and I think it is paying me better dividends to day than anything else."

Detroit.

The Railroad Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association of Detroit, Mich., was organized in 1875.

Two extracts from letters from officials there show the estimated value of its work to which four railroad companies contribute annually \$1,520.

*Michigan Central Railroad Co'y,
Detroit, Mich., March 10th, 1882.*

My Dear Sir,—After a personal association with railway employees for thirty years, I have no hesitation to declare my belief that an honest and earnest work with these men for the elevation of their spiritual life and morals is invaluable. The record of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association among them for the past few years shows hundreds of cases of men thoroughly reformed, and now most valuable employees, who speak for the work more than volumes from pen or press. Every Christian railroad man in America should lend his personal influence to further this good work. It pays spiritually, morally and financially.

Respectfully yours,

D. A. WATERMAN, *Auditor.*

*Michigan Central Railroad Co'y,
General Manager's Office,
Detroit, Mich., March 6th, 1882.*

Dear Sir.—I have taken a deep interest in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association among railroad men, and believe that, leaving out all other questions, it is a paying investment for a railroad company.

Yours truly,

H. B. LEDYARD, *Gen. Man.*

"When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

Gal. iv. 4, 5.

R. R. Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE.

IMMEDIATELY after the R. R. Conference, held in May, at St. Thomas, one was held at Springfield, Mass., well attended and full of interest.

We clip the following from an exchange:

The Railroad Conference, held at Springfield, Mass., May 25-28, was certainly one of the most interesting meetings ever held in this section of the country. We wish many more railroad men could have been there and heard the reports which were given of the great work being done, under God, through these railroad branches of the Y. M. C. A. The papers read were very practical, bearing upon the various methods of work, new suggestions, etc. Besides all this, the magnitude of the work was so brought out that it seems almost impossible that any person hearing could refrain from entering into this line of work at once with heart and soul, doing what they can to bring the gospel of Christ to this class of noble-hearted men, now numbering nearly one million, and who, by means of their calling, their character and work, wield so great a power, either for good or for evil, and who are deprived of the privilege of attending places where the gospel is preached, because of the devotion to their calling. We appeal to every Christian railroad man to put forth renewed effort in the cause of the Master. These dear fellows are the men for whom Christ died; having wandered far from the fold it is your duty to bring them back. Will you not consider this a privilege and glory

your Lord and Master by winning souls for his kingdom.

PROGRESS OF OUR R. R.

Y. M. C. A.'s.

London.



CONFERENCE of Christian Ry. men has been held here, and a Committee appointed to carry on the work. Engineer Geo. Martindale is Chairman, and he is the right kind, for he is an "out and out" for Jesus. Go ahead, brethren!

Hamilton.

A Conference has also been held here, and a Committee appointed. The work has many friends in Hamilton, and it has also foes, which is another good feature, or else there would be nothing for the friends to do.

Port Hope.

We clip the following from a Port Hope local paper, which speaks for itself:

"At the railroad meeting, on Sunday afternoon last, in the hall of the Y. M. C. A., there was a large representation of engineers, conductors, firemen, brakemen, and mechanics, with a goodly number of the ladies interested in the proposed work, as well as some of the leading citizens of this place. The object of coming together was, to hear reports from those who had attended the railway branch of the Y. M. C. A., lately held in St. Thomas, and to consider the advisability of establishing a branch in Port Hope. The chairman, Mr. E. Douglass, Mr. Jex, of Cobourg, Messrs. Holden, Morris, and Brundrett, of Peterboro', gave gratifying statistics of the benefit of the work among railroad employees,—80,000 of whom, in America are members of the different Associations,—and made effective speeches in favor of starting a branch institution, in connection with the Y. M. C. A., here. After the meeting a committee of eight was formed to further the object. The work, if carried on, can but be of great advantage to those especially interested.

Montreal.

Work is being done here also. A Sunday Gospel meeting is held, well attended, besides several cottage meetings each week.

St. Thomas.

Several conversions are reported, of parties belonging to St. Thomas, as a result of the Conference, besides all their other work there. They are holding 5 weekly cottage meetings, well attended, and a power for good.

Stratford.

We have not had much news as yet, but we are informed that cottage meetings are being held.

Belleville.

Requests have been made for us to visit Belleville to commence work there. At all these points there are enough Christians to undertake the work by the grace of God.

A MAMMOTH ENGLISH RAILROAD.



THE following from a Liverpool paper regarding the celebrated London and Northwestern Railway, will no doubt surprise many American readers. At any rate, the figures are interesting and valuable in the way of news. "We believe we are correct in stating that, including the extra lines laid down over a large portion of their system, and the vast number of sidings, the London and Northwestern Company maintain the astonishing amount of about 10,000 miles of railway. The capital embarked in this aggregate amounts to no less than \$500,000,000, while its average weekly receipts fall little short of \$1,000,000. The Company annually carry nearly 50,000,000 passengers, and between 30,000,000 and 40,000,000 tons of merchandise, and minerals, in the conveyance of which their trains run 25,000,000 of miles, while there are employed upwards of 2,000 engines, 3,000 carriages and nearly 50,000 goods-wagons and other vehicles of various descriptions, to say nothing of a magnificent fleet of steamers, a stud of between 2,000 and 3,000 horses, and last, though not least, an army of 50,000 men.

CANCELLED.



OR some time the attendance on the Lord's Day has been so very small at the Toronto and Nipissing (now Midland Ry.,) Station, that we have deemed it wise to cancel that meeting. For years it has been a means of grace to many a saint and sinner. Weak saints have been led to confess the Lord Jesus there with their lips, and sinners believe in Him with their hearts unto salvation. We are assured that when the Lord comes, there will be many who were born again there, who will immediately when the trumpet shall sound respond and meet the descending Lord in the air, and "so shall we ever be with the Lord." We hope that every believer in the Lord, interested in our work, will

never sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for what has been done in that Waiting-Room which has proved a Bethel to many a weary soul.

PLAYING RAILROAD.

Charlie with Katie, his sister, played; The game was "Railroad," and so he said, "I'm engine, and I'm conductor, too," As he rattled away, "A-choo! A-choo!" He'd stop or go on, and call and shout, "All aboard!" or, "passengers out!" And the names of the places he knew about: "New York!" "Chicago!" "Washington Street!" But still his passenger kept her seat. His knowledge of places grew scant and few, And he certainly didn't know what to do; So he sang out "Heaven!" just like a station. Little Katie sprang up with an exclamation Sweet and joyful, glad and clear: "Top! Top! I dess I will det out here!"
 —Children's Hour.

PROGRAMME FOR JULY.

SUNDAY GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICES. 3 P. M.

UNION DEPOT.

Lord's Day, July 2	.....	JOS. GREENE AND W. E. BURFORD.
" " " 9	.....	JOHN HARVIE AND A. SANDHAM.
" " " 16	.....	BIBLE READING, <i>God's Household.</i>
" " " 23	.....	RICHARD FLINT AND REV. J. SALMON.
" " " 30	.....	SAMUEL HYNDMAN AND REV. A. MOORE.

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

COTTAGE MEETINGS.

EVERY TUESDAY, at 8 p.m.	87 Esther Street.
" THURSDAY, "	80 Stafford Street.

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