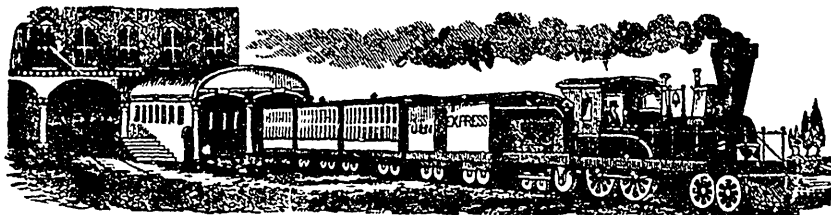


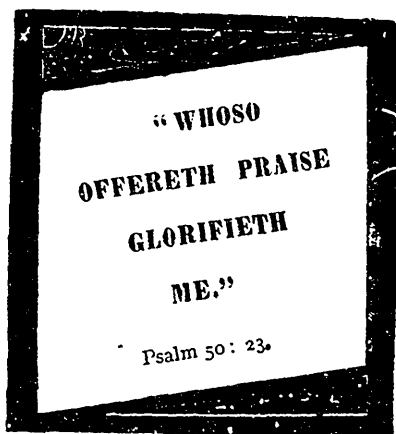
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NEW YEAR'S DAY.

A SONG SERVICE

Will be given by the

RAILWAY CHOIR,

IN THE UNION DEPOT

AT 3 P.M.

NEW YEAR'S WISHES.

What shall I wish thee,
Treasures of earth,
Songs in the spring time,
Pleasure and mirth?
Flowers on thy pathway,
Skies ever clear?
Would these ensure thee
A happy new year?

What shall I wish thee?
What can be found,
Bringing thee sunshine
All the year round?
Where is the treasure,
Lasting and dear,
That shall ensure thee
A happy new year?

Faith that increaseth,
Walking in light;
Hope that aboundeth,
Happy and bright;
Love that is perfect,
Casting out fear;
These shall ensure thee
A happy new year.

Peace in the Saviour.
Rest at His feet,
Smile of His countenance,
Radiant and sweet!
Joy in His presence!
Christ ever near!
These will ensure thee
A happy new year!

—Francis Ridley Havergal.

OFFER UNTO GOD

THANKSGIVING.

Psalm 50 : 14.

PROGRESS.



A BRIGHT ray of hope has cheered us in our efforts to promote the physical, social, mental, moral and spiritual welfare of our fellow railway men.

Through the efforts of Mr. E. D. Ingersoll, an appropriation of \$50 per month has been secured from the C. S. Ry. to aid in the support of a Railway Christian Association at St. Thomas, where the largest body of their men are located.

Our Committee was invited to aid in its organization, and sent their Secretary, who spent the week commencing Dec. 19 in co-operation with Mr. Ingersoll. The visit resulted in a conference of prominent Christian railway men and citizens on 21st ult., in the C. S. Ry. Depot, when the situation was discussed, and the almost universal sentiment concurred in, "That a Railway Men's Association without 'Christ, the Corner Stone,' would not meet the case or merit their support, for without 'the Life' all must eventually wither and die."

The following Committee (of railway men and citizens) was appointed, each evangelical denomination being represented thereon.

A. F. Howland, (Purchasing Agent, C. S. Ry.,) Chairman.

Jas. McCrone, C. S. Ry., Secretary.
Dr. W. E. Smith, (Surgeon,) C. S. Ry.
Wm. A. May, " "
A. A. Drake, " "
Jos. Lea, " "
John Bailey, " "
—Butcher " "
Wm. Nichol, " "
A. McLachlin, City Registrar.
Jos. Mickleborough, Merchant.
T. W. Rawlinson " "
Walter Roberts, " "
Judge Hughes.
C. O. Ermetinger, Barrister.
J. A. Glen, " "

Wherever this work has been a success, a competent Secretary or Superintendent of the work has been an essential part. This being recognized, Mr. W. J. Orr, now of Amsterdam, New York State, who possesses all the needed qualifications for this work, has been invited to come and examine the field, with a view to settlement thereon.

St. Thomas has been suggested as the point for the next Christian Railway Men's Convention. We have had, and ever will have great reason to thank God for the privilege of attending the one held at Altoona, Pa., two years ago, which gave the work such an impetus that there has not been men enough to place in the work as fast as the demand.

There was one exceedingly unfortunate feature about the Altoona Convention, namely, that only one very small vessel went from Canada, which accounts for this country not having received as large a blessing as our neighbors, but we want to have it on our side this time, and by the grace of God have such a fire kindled that will never be extinguished.

The Secretary was authorized to urge this upon our Committee, and go to work to make arrangements. The St. Thomas people will entertain all who come, and no doubt the Railways convey them free to St. Thomas.

ANOTHER YEAR.

Another year is dawning !

Dear Master let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.

Another year of progress,
Another year of praise;
Another year of proving
Thy presence "all the days."

Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee !

RAILWAY CHRISTIAN WORK.



HARPER'S NEW MONTHLY MAGAZINE for this month in an excellent illustrated article on Young Men's Christian Associations, in speaking of the work done among Railway men says :

"The service given to Railway men has the advantage of the support of the great Railway corporations."

It may be asked *what* is the *character* and *amount* of the support rendered? As to the *character* it is financial, and the amount *forty thousand dollars* (40,000) annually, and constantly increasing, this support commenced only 3 years ago, and Chicago alone furnishes about \$5,000 of this and the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad supports 9 men exclusively for the promotion of Christianity among its employees.

Next the question arises "*why* do they give all this money for this purpose?"

Because there is no money they lay out that yields such good returns; and "*Harper's*" gives the essence of all testimony in answer to this enquiry when it adds, "sobriety and moral principle contribute their quota toward the production of dividends, and a good workman, who is also a good man counts for something in financial estimates. . . It is important that the hand on the throttle-valve, be

not guided by a brain muddled by strong drink. No position, not even leadership in battle, calls more imperatively for firm nerve, well poised faculties, and entire self command." Now be it understood that the direct object of these appropriations is not the salvation of the men's souls; but the conservation of the corporation's property and the public interests. For as the manager of one of our greatest roads says,

"In regard to the Railroad corporation and its relationship to and interest in Christian work among the employes it must be borne in mind at the outset the Railroad corporation is not called into existence for the promotion of morality and religion but only to perform the functions of a common carrier. But morals cannot, therefore by any means be ignored in the conduct of its business. . . . It becomes therefore, incidentally, essential to the welfare of the corporation to promote good morals among all grades of employes. Intelligent railroad management throughout the country recognizes this, and is putting forth efforts in various ways to this end."

But when the promotion of Morality and Religion, "contribute their quota toward the production of dividends," then the force of *Harper's* further remarks is recognized.

"Railway corporations have souls enough to know what affects their purses, but we should fail to do justice to many of the managers of the great lines, if we did not concede to them a sincere interest in the welfare of their men."

PURSE-AN-ALL.



OUR "Personals" are crowded out this month, but our Treasurer's address is J. O. Bennett, 322 Adelaide St. W. or Shaftesbury Hall.

We acknowledge \$5.00 from W. B. McMurrich for our "Special fund" which is still in need.

TO RAILWAY MEN.

REMEMBER

THE

Cottage Meetings

HELD IN THE

Homes of Your Fellow Workmen.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

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.



PROGRAMME FOR JAN.



COTTAGE MEETINGS.

Every Friday, at 8 p.m. 15 Portland Street.

SUNDAY GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE.

3 P.M.

UNION DEPOT.

- SUNDAY, Jan. 1.....SONG SERVICE.
 " " 8.....S. Hyndman (G. W. R'y).....Rev. Dr. McVicar.
 " " 15.....W. E. Burford (R. R. Sec'y.) ... Rev. D. J. McDonnell
 " " 22.....Wm. Gooderham,.....Rev. Prin. Castle.
 (Gen. Manager T. & N. R.)
 " " 29.....John Harvie (Late of N. R'y.)....Rev. J. Johnston.

NIPISSING STATION.

- SUNDAY, Jan. 1....J. L. Powell.....Wm. Anderson.
 " " 8....A. Munro (G. W. R.).....W. E. Burford.
 " " 15....J. B. Griffith (G. W. R.).....A. D. St. Dalmas.
 " " 22....Bible Reading.....R. R. Secretary.
 " " 29....Jos. Greene (N. & N. W. R.).....W. Garside.

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