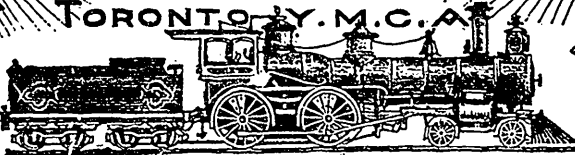




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"The Lord will not suffer
the soul of the righteous to
fornish: but he casteth away
the substance of the wicked."

—Prov. x. 3.

"OUR SPECIAL."

NEARLY a year ago "OUR SPECIAL" was announced as being supported by the subscriptions of our friends. We take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of \$37.00 for this purpose for last year. We have not yet received anything for the current year, which commenced with July last. Each issue costs \$5.00, and our expenses for the year will be \$60.00. We hope that our old friends will repeat, and some new ones commence at once. Our issue is 1,000,—900 of which are placed in railway men's hands, and have been productive of much good. Also 1,300 are joined with Shaftesbury Hall Weekly Bulletin each month, which makes the total issue 2,300 copies monthly. Shall we have to cancel it for lack of funds?

ADVANTAGES AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE RAILWAY Y.M.C.A.

HAVING made arrangements with the Board of Directors of the Toronto Y.M.C.A. to have a railway membership, we have much pleasure in calling your attention to the following facts:

All railway men who subscribe \$2 or upwards, per year, to this Branch, may become members of the general Y.M.C.A., upon the following conditions. All men of good moral character may become associate members, and all members of evangelical churches may become active members. Both classes of membership are entitled to every privilege the association affords, but the active members only can vote or hold office.

During the season upon which we have entered, many special advantages will be afforded to our members. Among these are Educational Classes, Parlor Entertainments. Library of 2,000 volumes. Also use of a Parlor, not surpassed for comfort by any Y.M.C.A. in America, and a Reading Room well supplied with Papers and Periodicals.

OUR RAILWAY COMMITTEE FOR 1882-83.

RECENT changes in Railway circles have deprived us of the valuable services of two warm friends, and active workers—Messrs. A. Munro, and S. Hyndman. That which is our loss, we trust may prove a gain to some other Association in its work among railway men.

The Committee for the ensuing year has been increased in numbers—those added being tried friends, and we believe will prove valuable acquisitions to the Committee. The Committee now consists of fourteen members, as follows:

W. H. HOWLAND, Chairman.
J. O. BENNETT, Treasurer.
WM. GOODERHAM, Vice-President M. R. Canada.
JOHN HARVIE, Ex-Supt. N. R. Canada.
J. EARLS, Asst. Genl. Ft. Agt. G.T.R.
J. B. GRIFFITH, Ticket Agt. G. W. R. Div. G.T.R.
J. MURRAY, Despatcher G.T.R.
W. J. MCCLURE, Conductor G.T.R.
WM. WHYTE, Asst. Supt. G.T.R.
H. E. SUCKLING, Sec. & Treas. C. V. R.
JOHN GORDON, Roadmaster T. G. & B.
WM. THOMSON, Chief Clerk Genl. Manager's office, T. G. & B.
JOHN KELLY, Despatcher G.T.R.

NOTES.

HON S. H. Blake at the Union Station, Sunday, Nov. 5th, 3 p.m. Subject: Gospel Temperance. The attendance has been most encouraging for the last month. Keep it up.

You may ascertain who will speak each Sunday, at Union Depot and Parkdale, by referring to 4th page. Also, *where* and *when* the Cottage Meetings are held.

An abstract of the annual report of our local work will be found on page three.

Forms of application for Membership can also be secured by addressing either of the above named Secretaries.

PARKDALE

THROUGH the kindness of Mr. Jas. Ross, Superintendent of the C. V. R., we have used their waiting room at Parkdale for three Sundays of last month for Gospel meetings, and everything has proved most encouraging. We sincerely hope that the interest will prove so great that the waiting room will be too small for our purpose. It is to be continued at 3 p.m. every Sunday in the future. All in the district are cordially invited. We have been fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Slater as organist.

DUES.

OUR railway members will kindly bear in mind that their annual fees are now due. Remittances may be made to Mr. John O. Bennett, or may be paid at the Hall. Please state that it is for Railway Membership.

OUR TRUE AIM.

WHILE offering these advantages to those who join with us, we desire to state that our aim is to introduce all to Christ, and Christ to all.

To this end, Gospel Meetings are held every Sunday, at 3 p.m., in the waiting rooms of the Union, and Parkdale stations, and are addressed by railway men, city clergymen, and others.

Cottage meetings are also held weekly in the homes of railway employees.

All are invited to attend these meetings. Full information as to speakers, &c., will be found in "Our Special," published monthly; or, the Shaftesbury Hall Weekly Bulletin; or, a note addressed to the Railway Secretary; or ALF. SANDHAM, General Secretary, Shaftesbury Hall, will be promptly responded to.

LIGHT.

We have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1 John i. 5.

SYNOPSIS OF RAILWAY COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR 1881-82.

This work, which is rapidly growing in favor with the officials of the several roads centreing in Toronto, has been carried on with a zeal equal to that of former years, and its influence has not only been felt in Toronto but has extended to outlying railway centres. Much might be said on this extended general effort, in which the local committee has had no small share of the work, but this report must deal solely with that work entrusted to it in this city.

The meeting at Union Station is still held at three o'clock, every Sunday with a good average attendance. The meeting formerly held in the Toronto and Nipissing Station has been closed. This was deemed advisable owing to the removal of many of the men on account of the changes made in the Road. It was with regret this step was taken, as much good has resulted from the meeting. The committee has, however, arranged to hold a meeting hereafter at the Credit Valley waiting room, Parkdale. A Noonday meeting is held every Wednesday in the workshops of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce R.R., and Cottage meetings are held weekly in houses of the railway men.

The following are statistics as to the local work:—

Gospel and Song Services held	-	91
Attendance	-	5,730
Cottage Meetings held	-	171
Attendance ranging from	-	5 to 30
Average attendance	-	13
Total attendance (above)	-	2,000
Noon Meetings held	-	36
Total attendance (about)	-	500
Visits to Homes, average 2 per day	-	730
" Hospital	-	30
" Sick and Injured	-	150
Copies of "Our Special" published	8,000	
" " " distributed	8,000	
Tracts, books, papers, slips, invitations-	-	12,000
Portions of God's word	-	150
Parlor Conference held	-	1
Public Meetings & Entertainments	1	

Account could not be kept of the visits made to shops, sheds, round-houses, offices, depots, trains, yards, boxes, &c., or of the hundreds of interviews held at different times, with officers and men regarding the work.

RAILWAY TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year\$	2 80
Railway Subs., per Lt.-Col. Gzowski	50 00
W. H. Howland, John Macdonald		
W. Gooderham, J. K. Kerr;	\$50.00 each	200 00
R. Kilgour, Jas. Leslie;	\$30.00 each	60 00
Jas. Michie, H. O'Brien, Hon. S. H. Blake;	\$25.00 each	75 00
D. McLean, B. H. Dixon, C. S. Gzowski, Jr.;	\$20.00 each	60 00
James Ross, W. B. McMurrich;	\$15.00 each	30 00
A. Munro, J. B. Griffith, John Murray, J. O. Bennett;	\$12.00 each	48 00
W. Elliott, J. Harvie, J. Earls, J. Porteous, W. R. Callaway;	\$10.00 each	50 00
J. W. Leonard, W. A. Wilson, J. A. Carlow, W. Whyte, Hon. J. McMurrich, J. D. Nasmith, R. Baldwin, J. J. Gartshore, John Kelly, Simcoe Street, S. Caldecott, W. Bain;	\$5.00 each	60 00
H. E. Suckling, W. J. McClure;	\$4.00 each	8 00
W. V. Lankenau, J. O. Anderson;	\$3.00 each	6 00
S. Hyndman, J. Reynolds, Jas. Wilson, Thos. Hodgins, H. Henderson, R. B. Hay, a Friend, A. Irving, W. M. Taylor, E. Stone, H. C. Holt, R. Duffy, A. Leadley, J. M. Taylor, E. Leadley, J. G. Blackstock, Kent Bros., J. J. Findlay, A. McDonald, J. H. Duthie, J. Leeming, W. A. Bartley;	\$2.00 each	44 00
R. J. McNabb, J. Londe, J. C. Hayard;	\$1.00 each	3 00
Collections at Shaftesbury Hall,	\$8.50 and \$13.00	21 50
		\$718 30

EXPENSES.

Salary	\$600 00
Postage, Tracts, &c.....	19 10
Travelling expenses	13 50
Sundries	11 90
Printing.....	72 25
Bal. on hand	2 45
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	\$718 30

J. O. BENNETT.

Received by Railway Secretary for charitable objects: J. M., \$20.00; J. L., \$35.00; J. M., \$2.50; Unknown, \$10.00: Total, \$67.50.

For "OUR SPECIAL" fund: W. B. McM., W. E. B., R. K., W. H. H., W. C. H., A. M., J. L., \$5.00 each; H. L., \$2.00: Total, \$37.50.

HON. S. H. BLAKE

UNION DEPOT,

Sunday, Nov. 5

3 P.M.

ALL ARE INVITED!

PROGRAMME FOR NOV.

**SUNDAY GOSPEL, SONG AND TEMPERANCE SERVICES
AT 3 P.M.**

UNION DEPOT.

- Sunday, November 5Gospel Temperance Meeting. Addresses by
HON. S. H. BLAKE and others.
- " " 12..... W. E. BURFORD and REV. THOS. CULLEN.
- " " 19..... J. O'BRIEN and REV. ELMORE HARRIS.
- " " 26... .. WM. GOODERHAM and WM. BLIGHT.

PARKDALE, C.V.R. DEPOT.

- Sunday, November 5..... W. E. BURFORD and REV. — HOLMES.
- " " 12..... JOHN RONEY and REV. — JOLLIFFE.
- " " 19..... WM. GOODERHAM and WM. BLIGHT.
- " " 26.... ..JOHN HARVIE and A. SANDHAM.

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

COTTAGE MEETINGS.

- EVERY MONDAY, at 8 p.m., 72 Shaw Street.
- " TUESDAY, " 87 Esther Street.
- " THURSDAY, " 80 Stafford Street.