

ties must partake of the same general character.

The delegates at the late Convention comprised parties from other Y. M. Christian Associations, and from various churches to the number of about 200.

The preliminary meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon. All the meetings were held in St. Matthews Church, (Presbyterian); except the farewell one on the Sabbath, which was in Brunswick Street Church, (Wesleyan). Each of the sittings of the Convention was preceded by a short time spent in prayer. The organization was completed on Thursday afternoon.

The Welcome Meeting was held on Thursday evening. The Hon. Dr. Parker occupied the chair. After singing, reading of the scriptures, and prayer, he addressed the meeting on the great benefits derived by the church and the world from Y. M. Christian Associations. He shewed the claims such an organization had on churches and christians generally, for the good they have done as well as for what they are calculated to effect.

A highly appropriate motto was placed in front of the pulpit, "NOT I, BUT CHRIST," and this spirit appeared to be pretty generally preserved throughout all the meetings of the Convention.

The Rev. G. W. Hill was then called upon, and gave the "Address of Welcome," to the large number of delegates who had come from the country. He referred to the word "Welcome," as possessing no ordinary charms. It is formed of the two words "Well," and "come," and he might assure all present that it was well they had come. He proceeded to give a number of reasons why it was well they had come, and he, on behalf of the members of the city, bid the brethren and friends Welcome to our hearts and homes and christian sympathies.

A hymn was then sung. Matthew H. Ritchey, Esq., was then called upon to speak to the Delegates from Y. M. Christian Associations in the country. He spoke of the pleasant character of such Conventions, and the beneficial influences arising from them. They shewed that Christians could engage in Christian work without bringing in their differences of sentiment. Whilst each cherished his individual convictions, and every church was "as distinct as the waves," yet in their combined operations they were united into "one as the sea." Christians came together as one brotherhood in Christ, allowing none of the smaller jealousies to keep them apart, but all united under the one Great Captain. The address was a neat one and expressed in well chosen and chaste phraseology.

The Rev. George Grant was the next speaker. He offered a welcome on behalf of the St. Matthew's congregation to the use of their elegant and comfortable church edifice. He believed it could not be used for a better purpose than for young men under the influence of love to Christ to come together for conference and mutual counsel. The changes which are taking place in opinions on various subjects, were indications of still greater changes. A better state of things he believed was being inaugurated. Ancient prejudices and modes of thought are giving way to a more liberal and enlightened sentiment. He referred to the fact of the Queen giving such proofs of her Christian character, by the choice of persons of piety as her friends, as a cheering sign of the times, and one that calls for gratitude to Almighty God.

On Mr. G. resuming his seat a burst of applause followed, and all arose and sang a stanza of "God save the Queen."

After these addresses of Welcome the Chairman called on gentlemen present to respond to them.

The Rev. A. H. Munro, of Liverpool, was the first of these. He spoke warmly of the hospitality of Halifax, and expected to receive still better things in the counsel and christian intercourse, of the well organized Halifax Association. The good old English term "Welcome" had been well spoken of, and he would make use of another one, which would represent the feelings with which the members of the country districts had come to Halifax.—"How do you do?" He would say this in reference to their christian work, How do you do your work? We desire to work for Christ and would adopt the best mode. Tell us how to do it. Mr. M. described the work of a celebrated painter, in which the portrait of an innocent child occupied the centre, on one side was a series of pictures of the same boy advancing in a course of sin, profligacy and brutality, but on the other side another series representing the same face under moral, intellectual and religious training. From this he shewed that every man may look back on the past of his life, and endeavour to realize not only what his past life has been, but what that life might have been under more holy principles, and more genial influences. It also shewed

what good may be done by the moulding process of Christianity. The address of Mr. M. was full of choice thought, and was well appreciated by the large assembly present.

The chairman then introduced Moses W. Pond, Esq., of Boston, Mass.—a delegate from the Boston Young Men's Christian Association.

Mr. Pond said he came to bring the greetings of the President and Members of the Boston Y. M. Christian Association. He gave a number of highly interesting facts shewing the increase of Y. M. Christian Associations through the United States. When the Convention was held in Boston, six years ago, there was not so large a meeting as the present. There were then but 39 Associations. Now there were over 90 expected to send delegates. The membership of Associations in Massachusetts is now 18000. He felt that although living under a different political government, we were all under a far higher government than any of those on earth. He expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to meet with the christian people of the Maritime provinces of the new Dominion of Canada.

C. Primrose, Esq., of Pictou, then gave a very appropriate address, he said, what gave so much of pleasure to them all was that the only currency acknowledged was christian love. This always maintained its full value, and could not be depreciated by the alloy of selfishness and bigotry.

Mr. J. F. Blanchard of Truro, then spoke on the need of the co-operation of laymen with christian ministers in their labors of love to accomplish the great objects sought for.

The inspiring hymns sung between the addresses, combined with the lively remarks of the chairman, and the noble sentiments of the speakers, combined to make them "a feast of reason and flow of soul" of the highest character, and one not often enjoyed.

The Rev. Mr. Elliott closed the meeting, by pronouncing the benediction.

On Friday morning, half an hour—from 9 to 9½, was spent in prayer and devotional exercises.

On opening the business, the President John S. McLean, Esq., read a telegram just received from Thoms Miller, Esq., of Cincinnati, President of the Intercolonial Y. M. Convention regretting his inability to be present, and commended to the Convention,—Ephesians iii. 14-21.

Reports were called for from places in alphabetical order and were given in, mostly verbally, shewing the state of religion, especially amongst the young men, as follows:—

T. M. King, Antigonishe; Rev. Mr. Crane, Aylesford; Rev. Mr. Read, Berwick; J. A. Stramberg, Cape John; J. S. Wilson, Canning; Rev. S. B. Kempton, Kentville; Mr. Hume, Chester; Mr. Heard, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Rev. Mr. Brown, Digby; Rev. J. G. McKay, Economy; Rev. E. B. Pitblado, Glenelg; Rev. J. Parker, Cornwallis; Mr. Roche, jr., Esq., Halifax; Rev. Mr. Balcom, Hantsport; Mr. J. Johnston, Horton, (Wolfville); A. B. Fletcher, Londonderry Upper; K. McKay, Logan's Brook; Rev. A. H. Munro, Liverpool; Mr. Sprot, Musquodoboit; Rev. E. McCurdy, Musquodoboit Harbour; A. H. Patterson, New Glasgow; Rev. Mr. Keown and Mr. McQuarrie, Newport; J. N. Rudolf and Rev. G. M. Grant, Pictou; Rev. H. B. McKay, River John.

Five minutes were allowed to each speaker. This variety created great interest and gave all present a vivid idea of the state of the work of Christ through the country.

The afternoon meeting was commenced by ¼ of an hour's devotional exercises. Several delegates engaged in prayer. After which the subject was announced, What are the causes of apathy in young men towards religion?—In consequence of a funeral, the Rev. J. E. Goucher was unable to be present, but sent on his essay, which was read by Mr. D. Blackwood.

Addresses were then given on the subject by Rev. Messrs. Forrest, Boggs, Munro, Parker, McCurdy, McKay, Milligan, Pitblado, and by Messrs. P. C. Hill, D. McEwan, T. F. Knight, A. James, Matheson, Powell, Stramberg, James, Murray, Harrington, Blackwood Allen, Cummings, King, Patterson, Roche and Grierson.

At the commencement of these meetings, the President appointed some member present to prepare a resolution embodying the gist of what the speakers said. The subject was then discussed freely, and at the close the resolution was read and adopted or modified as might be deemed desirable.

The closing resolution on this subject was as follows:—

Moved by Rev. J. Forrest, seconded by Rev. C. B. Pitblado,—

Whereas, In the opinion of the members of this convention, the lack of sympathy among older Christians with the peculiar difficulties of young men, and the fact that the whole work of Christian Churches is too often left to the Ministers of the Gospel, so that the young are deprived of the great advantage of engaging in

some Department of Christian work are special causes of apathy among our young men towards the religion of Jesus;

And whereas, In their opinion, Young Men's Christian Associations are, under God, powerfully instrumental in removing these and other hindrances to the progress of Christ's cause;

Resolved, That we use our most earnest endeavours to establish a Young Men's Christian Association in every town and settlement in our land.

In the Evening a large congregation assembled. After singing

"Come thou fount of every blessing," the Rev. F. Pryor engaged in prayer.

The Rev. G. M. Grant then opened the subject for the evening, "How far am I my brother's Reeper?" Mr. G. treated it in a very practical, straightforward, manly style, shewing that men and women in every walk of life were to be the keepers of their fellow men in all other grades of society.

Charles Robson, Esq., presented the vast importance of looking at the subject under the aspect of temperance, and argued that all should use their endeavours by precept and example to rescue those who had fallen, and keep those who were yet free from the thralldom of intoxicating drink.

Messrs. J. B. Morrow, T. F. Knight of Halifax, Vaughan, of Charlottetown and Montgomery of Halifax, all spoke of the obligation resting on christians to regard the state of men as committed to them so far as lay in their power to render help in bringing them to Christ.

M. W. Pond, Esq., then came forward and gave his parting address. The President at the close took him by the hand and said that he could but feel that Britain and the United States were "Our Brothers keepers" to each other, and hoped that they might long remain so.

"Shall we gather by the river" was then sung with much fervor.

Mr. Heard of Charlottetown and Rev. Mr. Milligan then spoke on the subject,—and the Rev. Mr. Hunt engaged in prayer.

After Mr. Grierson and Mr. Blackwood of Halifax, Mr. Hume of Chester, Rev. Mr. Pitblado, of St. Mary's, and Mr. Roche of Halifax had spoken

Hon. S. L. Shannon moved the following

Resolved,—That this meeting feeling that all Christians are members of the body of Christ, and regretting that the sentiment, "Am I my brother's keeper?" has prevailed to too large an extent in His Church, pledges itself for the future to more brotherly love, as one of the most essential points of our common christianity, and as enabling us to follow practically the example of our blessed Lord.

which was adopted. On Saturday three meetings were held, at which the Convention with much animation discussed the several subjects brought forward.

On Lord's Day afternoon the "Farewell Meeting" took place in the Brunswick Street Wesleyan Church. P. C. Hill, Esq., presided. Eloquent, appropriate and earnest addresses were delivered by Rev. T. A. Rogers of Dartmouth, Rev. W. B. Boggs of Sydney, C. B., Rev. W. C. Brown of Digby, and Rev. C. B. Pitblado of St. Mary's.

The congregation was very large, probably near 2,000 persons were present.

#### French Mission.

The French Mission Board at their recent meeting, having the necessities of the mission before them, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the churches in this Province be requested through the *Christian Messenger* to take up collections in their several places of worship, on the first Sabbath in October next, for the Mission, and remit at their earliest convenience.

B. B. MOSES, Secretary.

#### Provincial Parliament.

The Local Parliament has brought its session to a close.

On TUESDAY, 15th inst., the Education Committee reported The only change that is to be made, is in the constitution of the Halifax Board of Commissioners—seven are to be appointed by the government and six by the City Council.

On WEDNESDAY the bill for giving Separate Schools to minorities was under discussion, and was lost by an amendment to defer the question and have the bill printed for the information of the people. This was carried by 15 to 13.

On THURSDAY the Crown Land Department and School matters were before the Assembly.

On FRIDAY a bill to enfranchise those who had received relief during the past winter, was under debate and passed.

In Committee of Supply Mr. Dickie moved that the government be authorized to borrow \$50,000, if required, for secret service. Mr. Townsend opposed the vote. A resolution

expressing the opinion that the Intercolonial Railway should go by the Folly Lake route was unanimously adopted.

On SATURDAY the House passed a resolution that the province is willing to assume the Province Notes as her own debt, instead of paying interest for that amount to the Dominion.

On MONDAY the House sat in the morning and were engaged in discussing overdrawn Road monies.

At 2 o'clock His Excellency General Doyle came in state to the Legislative Council Chamber to prorogue the Legislature. After assenting to all the bills passed, except one respecting the Militia going out of the province, he read the following

#### SPEECH:

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

It affords me much pleasure to release you from your legislative labors, and to congratulate you on the results of a session in which much important business has been despatched.

Under the many Acts of incorporation matured by your wisdom, and to which I have cheerfully given my assent, we may fairly anticipate that capital will flow into the country, and its mineral resources be more largely developed.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I thank you for the supplies voted for the public service, and you may be assured that they will be faithfully applied.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

Although the season has hardly closed, there is every reason to hope that the labors of the Husbandman and Fisherman will be blessed by a kind Providence, and that increased activity and thrift will prevent the recurrence of the distress which so recently prevailed around our shores. Let us hope also that, at the Provincial Exhibition, to be opened next month, it will be shewn that, in all branches of Provincial industry, and in all useful arts, Nova Scotia is making advances that may be fairly regarded as cheering and satisfactory.

Whatever causes of political excitement may unhappily exist in this country, I confidently anticipate their removal, and I feel assured that in returning to your homes, you will, by your example, endeavour to maintain those principles of loyalty and attachment to the parent State for which this Province has been so long and so honorably distinguished.

#### Notices, &c.

Sydney Shaw, Esq., of Waterville, will accept our thanks for a box of choice, delicious apples.

#### Bazaar.

The Ladies of the Baptist Church and Congregation of Windsor, intend (D. V.) holding a Bazaar, for the sale of Fancy Articles and Refreshments, on Wednesday, the 14th of October next, to open at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of raising funds to pay off a debt upon the Parsonage. The Bazaar will be held in the New Drill Shed, and no pains will be spared to make it attractive.

Contributions will be thankfully received by the following:

For Fancy Articles.—Mrs. P. Shand, Mrs. Dr. Read, Mrs. J. Harris.  
For Refreshments.—Mrs. J. Fuller, Mrs. Hoare, Miss S. Ellis.  
For Meats.—Mrs. T. McLatchy, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. J. Francis.

If the day should prove unfavorable, on the 14th, the Bazaar will open the first fine day after.

Windsor, Sept. 16th, 1868.

#### The Colchester Co. Baptist Sabbath School Convention

will be held at DeBert River, Londonderry, on Friday the 25th inst., at half-past 2 o'clock, P. M. As this is our Annual Session, it is hoped that every school will be represented.

T. B. LAYTON, Sec'y.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the Ministers of Queen's, Shelburne and Lunenburg Counties, will be held at Milton, commencing Thursday, Sept. 24th, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

R. D. PORTER, Secretary.

Locke's Island, Sept. 3rd., 1868.

The Central Sabbath School Convention will hold its Annual Session at Canning, on Thursday, the 24th of September, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M.

#### Letters Received.

Rev. W. G. Parker. Rev. S. W. deBlois—W. J. Gates. S. W. Dimock. T. M. Munro, 1 sub.—Sent Aug. 15th. H. C. Creed, J. Desbrisay, Esq., \$5 98½. C. F. Myers. Rev. W. H. Porter.—All right. Thanks. W. Aymar, Esq. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 1 sub. Rev. D. McKeen.—Yes. G. W. Freeman, Esq., \$12.50. I. Shaw. H. C. Messenger.

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GORDON & KETH. May 20.