men, thrown by circumstances outside of sympathy produced upon the hearts of the influences of home restraint and those engaged in Christian work. He example, and who might, otherwise, be led said the Capuchins never preached on the John's Presbyterian Church at 9.30 with into evil ways, entailing sorrow upon merits of any saint, without having with themselves and their families at home, them some relic, such as hair, clothes or were sought out by the Young Men's blood of the subject, which they would Christian Associations and provided with display before their hearers and thereby the Convention. surroundings calculated to lead the mind away from evil. Surely, this was a laudable work and one for which every parent | the hymn just sung he felt drawn towards would invoke upon the Associations the blessings of God

The speaker enlarged, to some extent, upon other features of the organization. and after referring to the respect which the people of Chatham were accustomed to pay to all organizations and efforts for the furtherance of Christian principles and teaching, closed with words of welcome to so many Christian workers.

Tell me the old, old story." was then sung and J. B. Morrow, Esq., Chairman of the Convention, was called upon to respond to the welcome extended on the part of the citizens, which he did in a few well-chosen words. Referring to the reception of the delegates he said that although he did not arrive with them (having preceded them) he was very much pleased with the order and methowhich characterised the arrangements for their reception and the promptness with which they were furnished with the addresses of those with whom they were to stay. In fact, everything had been well done by the local committee. People, he said, might wonder what all these delegates were about and some might think they represented an organization which, to some extent, entered upon the legitimate field of the Church, but although that had once been said, even the clergy had long since learned that the Associations were but helpers in a necessary Christian work and valuable aids to the Churches. In dealing with young to righteousness. men it was a part of the policy of the organization to recognise that they had associations furnished food for the mind, better influences and by that means, if possible, save some.

after the first false steps are taken, and urged the people of Chatham to continued and increased interest in the local Associa- sympathy of those whom he addressed to tion, so that it might be useful in exerting the end that the work of the Convention an influence for good over the many young | might thus be blessed. men in the town whose numbers and interests must offer a good field for Christian Christian home. He returned thanks for were especially desirious of greeting their the welcome extended, solicited prayers | brethren. Among these he referred to ercises. for the success of the delegates' and Asso- and dwelt upon the common sympathy be-

ciations' work, and would leave the results | tween them as living exponents of the with God. gospel of Christ. They had left their What shall the harvest be." was sung, after which Rev. Wm. Wilson was called upon to welcome the Conven-Great Master. The fields to which they tion on the part of the Clergy of Chatham. In doing so, he said it represented a large and very important organization, whose ramifications spread over nearly the entire sented itself. The speaker presented a picworld-an institution important and beneture of the earth in its grandeur as a crownficent in its aims, and the results of its labors. It might have its drawbacks, for master-piece of creative power-standing what institution had not? yet on the alone as uniting the material and the spiritwhole it was a power for good in the land. ual-the gardener of the land, the keeper Its origin might have been obscure, -- its of the vineyard-alone impressed with the beginnings small, but it had met with a image of his God and alone promised imsucess that was characteristic of the times in which it existed. There never was a desire for something to do for God and to time in the history of mankind in which forward his work, and it was because the Christianity was such a power as at Convention recognised the higher aspirapresent. Christian character was larger, more symmetrical, sweeter, truer than ever it was before. Single, individual saintly character was wont to stand out proto Miramichi minently once, but there never were such bodies of men wearing the Christian name, never such churches, never such congregations, never such organizations as at being sung, F. W. Hales Esq. of Charlottethe present time, with so high a moral town responded to the address of Mr. development. It is being recognized now Paterson. He said the delegates woul be more than ever, that Christianity is that either more or less than men if the kindly which human nature needs and without words and acts of welcome which had which mankind would die. The central, greeted their coming to Chatham, did not distinctive feature of the system is the move their hearts. After expressing the wisdom of God and the power of God, as pride he felt in his membership in the manifested in Jesus and him crucified. Association, he proceeded to refer to its There never was so much thought about it earlier history and successes. Its mem as now-never was there so much force bers claimed no special righteousness but in it. Although some are falling away desired to assist their fellow creatures to a by new-fangled ideas, yet Christ is be- knowledge of what they themselves had coming more and more a universal power experienced. The organization was a coin the world. He is preached better than operative one, each member desiring to help ever before; He is studied more and the other in the path of right--its object thought about more to-day than ever was mutual support and benefit. The before. The secret of this power is the speaker expressed faith in the blessing of element of sympathy, benevolence and God tollowing the assembling of this Conphilanthrophy which lies at the founda- vention as it had done others. He hoped tion of the system of Christianity; God, the Chatham Association would receive a manifest ir. Christ Jesus takes away the beneficial impulse from the Convention sin of the world-God so loving the world and while invoking the aid of the young as to give his Son to die for it-God men in the work of building it up and administering the affairs of the universe carrying it on, he invited the co-

for the sake of saving the lost, rescuing operation of the young women also. He

the perishing, restoring the fallen. The said the meetings of the Convention were

Young Men's Christain Association free and open to all and he expected the

away from the better influences of home Mr. T. K. Cree of New York, Repre-

and keeps them from the paths of sin and sentative of the International Executive

remptation. It takes those who may have Committee, was the next speaker. He

wandered from the ways of truth and referred to the pleasure he derived from

purity and brings them back again to the meeting so large a number of Christian

better path and in that work it is a workers, a good many of whom he had

Christian institution of the times and, as met before. It made him feel at home

such, deserves our warm support. There even in a country not his own. He dwelt

never was a time when so much literature on the importance of the visit of the dele-

was employed in diffusing the Christian gates to Chatham and believed the effects

idea of sympathy for the poor and needy must be productive of great good .--

the Christian idea that the strong must which they were engaged was one of the

help the weak, the rich the poor, the most worthy that could be conceived.

learned the ignorant—that the great law He hoped they would prove themselves

spreads itself wide over the land. It Sunday night meeting would be one

takes hold of our young men who are the largest ever held in the town.

of love, with its attendant self-sacrifice is | worthy of the warm welcome they had rethe true principle that should animate the ceived and that God would give them a hearts of all. Denominations are beginning to lay aside | moved about either in the homes or in the streets of Chatham they would bear upon their bristling antagonisms-they are them and about them the evidences that ous sects are beginning to understand that tian worker had said that the members of true Christianity is more liberal than creeds and articles-more universal than Christian Association's were "Many as port of the Business Committee on prodogmas and degrees. There is beginning the billows but one as the sea." He en- ceedings. to permeate all denominations the idea larged upon this idea and proceeded to give a motto which had been his ever since that the spirit of love and loyalty to Jesus Christ unites them and is the true spirit his own conversion. When he was first to reign and rule in all the congregations brought to a true knowledge of his depend- prayer was offered by several members of -the spirit which is being developed the opened it at the 20th Psalm where he read more readily by the agency of Young Men's Christian Associations for which he anticipated a glorious future.

The organization was not opposed to the Church but was its handmaid and, thereby himself and others and earnestly imfore, in the name of the Clergy of Chatham, he had pleasure in bidding them welcome to the town, its homes, its churches, to the best it had, its prayers, its sympathy and its love. The hymn

"Jesus, Lover of my soul." was introduced. In replying to the ad- Dismission Hymn, which was sung. The ed at evening meeting. dwelt upon the effect which Christian Mr. McKeown and the Meeting closed. reported.

attract their attention the more. They found in it the charm of success. In the Saviour, as he was there presented, and he would wish never to leave his side, but to revel in the sympathy which seemed to be evoked. He referred to former meetings of Convention and the memories called up, the interest of the clergy, which increased from year to year and the hearty welcome just extended by one of their number in the name of the rest. The address of Mr. Wilson had the true ring about it, bringing out prominently, as it did, the great principle of Christianity. In the Palace of Justice at Paris the

man, and spoke briefly. After a hymn had been sung and Prayer offered by the Rev. Dr. Burns, the Business Committee reported relative to the order of proceedings in the Convention. The Devotional Committee reported relative to open air meetings in the evening. frescoed ceiling, walls panels and floors Mr. T. K. Cree of New, York gave an were of a pattern which presented to the ordinary beholder nothing but a bewilderinteresting account of the labors and progress of the International Association. ing maze of figures thrown in in an apparently confused mass, in looking at them the States and Provinces there were one would be led to think they were the now 800,000 members belonging to Y. M. C. Associations. conception of some confused and unartistic Mr. C. Primrose of Pictou and Dr. Burns mind, but when viewed from one point. of Halifax, briefly replied. After a hymn had been sung the Credential Committee took the names of

FRIDAY.

dentials, Resolutions, and Business.

were then made by Delegates.

members present

with devotional exercises.

The President announced that a quanity

of tracts for destribution had been presen-

The Reports of Associations were con-

tinued, after which the session closed

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional exercises and the read-

open air services were announced and the

Reports from Associtions were then con-

The 4th topic of discussion was then

taken up, - Prayer Meetings. Sunday

ted by Mr. Needham the Evangelist.

The morning session opened in St.

they stood out in one gorgeous and magnificent scene, perfect in its harmony of form and color; so when we look upon the world, unaided by grace we do not understand it, but when we take our position beneath the Cross, then all nature seems gorgeous in its unity of design and perfection of execution. So, he would say to the men and women and clergy of Chatham that the Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association came here desiring to stand with them near the ing of the minutes, the Credential Com Saviour, to show their love for the souls mittee reported forty credentials, and of the young and if possible to win souls

He had visited one of the great milling establishments of the Miramichi and seen bodies as well as souls. So, while the city the giant force of steam employed in making the monster trees of the forest inthey did not forget to provide gymnasiums to well-shaped beams and other timber Schools, Bible classes, and Cottage meetand other wholesome means of developing and these were being rapidly put into the ings as fields of usefulness open to the Y. the body, so as to retain their members as great ships which are such an important M. C. A. much as possible within the circle of the element in the trade of the port. As he studied this he asked himself if those who were engaged in the work of the Conven-Mr. Morrow dwelt upon the tempta- tion and of the Associations could not, by tions which beset young men in cities and | the Great Master's power, be the means of the ease with which they sink into vice | moulding and shaping some souls for the Master's Kingdom. He believed they could and he asked for the prayers and

" I hear the Saviour say

The Report of the Executive Committee 1876-1877. was read by Mr. Wiswell of Halifax. It referred to the last Convention held at Amherst, and the International Convention held last summer at Louisville, U. S. In the Maritime Provinces there were 60 Associations with After the hymn :--"Lord, I hear of Showers of Blessings" 3,500 members, in which there was a effort in their behalf. The associations, he was sung Mr. A. W. Paterson, President slight falling off during the past year. said, aimed not to cram religion down of the Chatham Young Men's Christian The annual expenditure was \$8,863. their members' throats and make it dis- Association, welcomed the Convention in Earnest invitations had been issued to Astasteful to them, but to afford them ra- the name of that body. After bidding sociation to attend the coming Conventional entertainment and means of spend- the delegates welcome, in well-chosen tion in Quebec. ing their spare hours in parlors, libraries language, he dwelt upon the reasons why The report was referred to a special etc; such as would be proper in any the members of the Chatham Association Committee.

The session closed with devotional ex-FRIDAY-EVENING SESSION.

evening in St. Andrew's Church was largeoffices shops, farms and other usual avocav attended tions and come with a desire to serve the Mr. J. Burrill of Yarmouth presided at the half hour devotional exercises, and J. had come needed reaping and all that was S. McLean Esq., of Halifax, Rev. John required was example, such as theirs, to stir Reed of Yarmouth, and R. McConnell. up our own people to the work which pre-Esq., of Halifax addressed the meeting.

The meeting of the Convention in the

The President then called the Convention to order and the Rev. Dr. Burns of ing work of the Creator, and man as the Halifax conducted devotional exercises. J. S. McLean Esq., of Halifax gave notice of a motion relative to the advisability of bi-ennial Conventions. He had great pleasure in welcoming Mr. Cree, of mortality. Society seemed to heave with

The Chairman then introduced to the Convention, the Hon. A. Vidal of Sarnia, tions of man, that he felt especial delight and W. B. Crombie, Esq., of Toronto, in speaking words of welcome and wishing who had just returned from England. it God speed in the work which brought it | Both these gentlemen briefly addressed the meeting, expressing their pleasure at being present and gave interesting accounts of their experience in Association work. Hon. Mr. Vidal said that at a Conven-

> tion in London last year, it was recommended that Associations of the Upper and Maritime Provinces should meet in Con-J. S. McLean Esq., said representative men would go up to the Quebec Convention from these provinces and the matter

might be decided next year. The Report from the Fredericton Y. M. Association was then read and was fol-

lowed by that of Halifax, St. John

The 1st topic was then taken up-The need of realization on the part of Christian laymen of their individual responsibility, and the imperative necessity that they should labor for Christ.

F. W. Hales, Esq. opened the subject with an interesting paper, pointing out the necessity of feeling responsibility in order to labor for Christ and the need of a clear realization of this responsibility. Intellectual assent and realization were different things; but obedience was claimed under the gospel as under the law; it was therefore an imperative necessity to work for Christ. The further discussion of the subject was postponed till the following evening and the Business Committee, having reported, the meeting was brought to a close with devotional

SATURDAY. A prayer meeting was held in Methodist Church at 7 o'clock, a. m. MORNING SESSION.

The members of the Convention assembled at 9.30, for devotional exercises, and him that hath no helper. Novelists, They were young men who were the life during which several requests for prayer essayists, philosophers, write, inculcating of their churches at home and the work in were read.

At 10 o'clock, the President called the Read of Yarmouth engaged in prayer .-Mr. C. Primrose of Pictou, read a rebaptism of the Holy Spirit, so that as they | solution of welcome to Mr. Cree-the representative of the International Committee

-which was passed unanamously. A telegram was read from C. H. B. Thomas, a well known and earnest Chris- ability to be present. Mr. Wiswell, of Halifax, read the re-

The Reports from Associations were

In answer to a letter from Spring Hill ence on God he went to his Bible and the Convention for that locality.

Mr. R. Davidson reported from New-"In the name of our God will we set up our castle that the Y. M. C. A. there had 15 banner." He related some of his expe- members, and shortly expected to have a riences, when this motto had been acted room in the town. They hoped for better upon in different parts of the United States | progress in future. The Chairman delivered a short address

pressed the lessons thus acquired upon his on Y. M. C. A. work. A hymn having been sung, prayer was The Chairman then announced the ap- offered for Y. M. C. Associations in gener- sive of the gratification of the Convention | Monday, though a number still remained | be better served by the sale of liquors pointments of the Convention and after ex- | al and that of Newcastle in particular. pressing his gratification with so large a Rev. Mr. Read, of Yarmouth, gave no- W. B. Crombie, representing the Western tend the Quebec Convention. was sung and Rev. Mr. Reed of Yarmouth | meeting, so well sustained, gave out the | tice of a temperance resolution to be mov- | Associations, was also passed.

The Roll of the Associations was called. Some discussion arose as to the time and manner of publishing the Report, and the devotional exercises for half an hour. advisability of omitting the speeches.

after which the chair was taken by James SUBSCRIPTIONS. B. Morrow Esq., of Halifax, President of Subscriptions to the Executive Committee were called for. About \$150 were After a portion of Scripture had been subscribed and 140 reports taken by variread, with singing and prayer, the Chairous associations, but a number of deleman nominated the four standing Comgates offered further sums, should some permittees-on Devotional exercises, Creson be appointed to visit the Associations. THE NEXT CONVENTION.

A number of Reports from Associations discussed. Invitations were received from Mr. T. K. Cree, from New York, the Liverpool and New Glasgow; the latter representative of the International Associawas finally accepted. The question as to tion was then introduced by the Chairthe union of the Associations of the Maritime Provinces in Convention with those of Quebec and Ontario, was also brought up, but left for future consideration. After the Business committee had reported the session closed with devotional

> AFTERNOON SESSION. After the usual devotional half-hour the Convention was called to order by the President. The Rev. Mr. Anderson of Newcastle read a portion of Scripture and engaged in prayer.

The minutes were read and the Business Committee reported.

Committee's Report, recommended it be | be prayed for were requested to hold the 2nd of November as a day of prayer: gestion of holding district meetings in the vice was over. large towns had not been carried out. They dwelt on the duty of Associations | McKeown and a number remained after reporting fully to the Executive, the necessity of financial reports, and urged the importance of the temperance cause. The report was adopted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Executive Committee for the coming year was reported. Halifax. - J. B. Morrow, J. S. Maclean,

W. Roche, W. H. Wiswell, W. C. Delany, St. John, -J. E. Irvine, H. B. White Yarmouth. - Freeman Dennis, J. Burrill. Charlottetown .- J. K. Blair, F. W.

An interesting discussion followed which occupied the greater portion of the Other Places. J. Eckersley, Richmond afternoon, and a resolution was ordered J. N. Freeman, Liverpool; J. E. Burto be prepared embodying the views of chill, Sydney; C. Primrose, Pictou. Thos. Logan, Fredericton; T. S. Whitgow; R. Luttrell, Moncton CREDENTIALS.

> The Committee on Credentials reported the delegates present. The 3rd topic was then taken up-'How shall I study the Bible"--1st., For after.

myself; 2nd., For others. The first part of the subject was opened by the Rev. W. Wilson of Chatham, and the second by the Rev. Mr. Herdman of Pictou. Both papers were very able and afforded the Convention much plea-

Discussion followed by different memto five minutes.

THE QUESTION BOX. Quite a number of questions were taken from the question box relative to the work of the Y. M. C. A., and other subjects. To the question "how shall we use the press most efficiently?" the laconic answas " pay them." The session was closed with devotional

EVENING SESSION On Saturday evening the Convention again met in St. Andrew's Church at 7

o'clock, the attendance being large. The half-hour devotional meeting was presided over by Mr. T. C. James of Charlottetown. Several requests for New York as a reprensentative from the prayer were read and special prayers Executive Committee of the International made by members of the Convention, short Addresses were delivered by Messrs. J. E. Irvine of St. John and R. McConnell of Halifax.

The Convention was called to order and devotional exercise were conducted by the Rev. W. Wilson.

Mr. J. K. Blair offered a resolution, to the effect that while there were special departments of labor adopted by different religious bodies, all Christian men might take part in them. Adopted.

and Railroad Companies. DISCUSSION.

The discussion was resumed on the 1st topic. The need of realization on the dual responsibility, and the imperative there must be something in religion to necessity that they should labor for Christ. Mr. T. K. Cree, of New York, opened the discussion, and was followed by other members who were limited to 5 minutes each, and there was also sing-

The feeling of the Convention on the above subject, was summed up in a reso. lution offered by the Rev. Dr. Burns of Halifax, to the effect, -That in consequence of the demands of God and the claims of Christ, it is the duty of Christians to labor for Christ, and this Convention desires to impress the sense of produce the model of primitive Christian- here, what would it be, to be there?

The sense of the Convention on the 3rd topic-The study of the Bible-was expressed in a resolution by J. L. George, of Pictou, asserting the importance of hard study and earnest prayer as regards ourselves, and others, the end to be kept in view being our own and their salvation ;

CHATHAM REPORT. A short report of the Y. M. C. A. o Chatham was made by Mr. Paterson. He said the Association was founded in 1858 and for the last seven years with one short interval, had made slow progress, From 22 members they had increased to 30 and they had 5 or 6 converted men who were making their influence felt.

Mr. Burrill of Yarmouth gave an interesting account of the great temperance work carried on lately in Yarmouth by Mr. Dutcher. They had now 2,500 who they had been with their Saviour. Sheriff Fisher. of Fredericton, regreting his in- had signed the pledge in their town and 500 more in two villages, and wealthy merchants who had hitherto failed to recognize the, Y. M. C. A. now took a leading part in the work.

The second topic-"Association work in its peculiar adaptation to the wants and temptations of young men" was taken up, and continued in 3 minute addresses by members of the Convention.

Mr. R. McConnell of Halifax summed up the debate in a resolution to the effect adapted to its purpose, as young men were hands with those of the Convention. impressed with its disinterestedness and thus led to Christ. Carried unanimously. at the visit of the Hon. A. Vidal and Mr, in town. Many of the delegates will at- being placed in hands which would not

SUNDAY. A prayer meeting was held at 7 a. m. n the Methodist Church and another at

9.30, both of which were well attended. MASS MEETING IN THE R. E. CHURCH. On Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, a It was presided over by Mr. R. Crombie mass meeting of the young men of Chatham was held in the R. E. Church, which was completely filled.

J. S. Maclean, Esq., of Halifax, presid- Amherst then engaged in prayer. ed and read from the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel, briefly observing that he felt the The place of the next Convention was responsibility of the occasion very greatly. as so many young men were present. He then read from the 18th chapter of Ro-

> ed, interspersed with singing and prayer. Mr. Maclean briefly explained the objects of the Young Men's Christian Association—the members of which, in the Dominion, numbered 100,000—which was to look after young men and remind them that this life was not the only one.

During the meeting several young men -members of the Convention-related the circumstances of their conversion in a simple and natural manner which greatly impressed the audience.

It was announced that some 15 requests for the prayers of the Convention had been The special Committee on the Executive | received, and those who wished others to received, regretted the slight falling off in | their hands, and afterwards those who the number of members of Y. M. C. As- 'desired to be prayed for, themselves. In sociations; endorsed the appointment of all some forty or fifty hands were raised. Mr. McLean then announced that a hymn recommended systematic visitation of As- would be sung and those who wished to sociations, and regretted that the sug- do so could remain after the public ser-

Prayer was then offered by Rev. Mr.

SUNDAY EVENING MEETING. On Sunday evening a large farewell public meeting was held at 8 o'clock in St. Andrew's Church, presided over by J. B. Morrow, Esq., President of the Conven-

by Rev. W. Wilson, Mr. Morrow announced that a number of requests for the prayers of the Convention had been handed in Rev. Mr. Herdman, of Pictou, being

called on, said it was good for every minister to be present, and though dry doctrines might be preached from the pulpit, much was to be learned from the man, Annapolis; D. McKay, New Glas- Methods of the Y. M. C. A. This society, in uniting all in one common cause, had shown that the reproach of division in Christianity was untrue. He bade them God speed and hoped to meet them here-

Mr. J. E. Irvine of St. John, said although he disliked to say farewell, he hoped they would meet again "beyond able to bear their responsibilities aright. and that the business men of Chatham would alike realize their responsibilities to God and to the young men of their town. bers of the Convention, each being limited | He thanked the friends of Chatham and asked God's blessing upon them.

Rev. Mr. McKeown of Chatham spoke of the pleasure which he had experienced the business-like way in which its affairs largely circulated in Yarmouth. There was another thought-he remembered with what wer from a gentleman in the Convention | asperity the different churches used to look at each other, but the lines of demarcation were being obliterated and he believed that God had provided this Association for that very purpose. He had also been particularly struck with the penitential results of the afternoon meeting, and after having enjoyed the Delegates' fellowship and seen their zeal he felt better, and could bid them work on and hoped to meet them in a better world-the paradise of God.

Mr. T. C. James of Charlottetown spoke briefly of the good which the members of the Convention had done during their stay, and warned the people of Chatham against the love of the world and urged the unconverted to be recon-

called upon, said it gave him great plea- a minute. One of these machines built sure to thank the members of the Con- for the Paris Exhibition is to be exhibited vention for their visit. He was asked at the Cold Brook rolling mills near St. to thank them, but it was out of his John. power to thank them for the Christian Mr. Wiswell, of Halifax, offered a re- zeal, which had induced them to declare solution of thanks of the Convention to what the Lord had done for their souls. had a demonstration near that City, in the Y. M. C. A. of Chatham and the He would like to do his duty, but he was which the addresses were of the most fero friends and pastors; also to the trustees not used to speaking from the platform. cious character—Canada was to be struck their regime will ever be remembered of the churches, the Choir who sang at The Christian community, including with "fire, sword and dynamite." The by a very large, important and industhe welcome meeting, and the Steamboat | doubtless the whole of the Miramichi, | hat went round, but the old enthusiasm | trious class of our people as one desired to tender their thanks. It had done him good to see and hear the young men of the Convention declare what the Lord had done for them, thereby encourpart of Christian layman of their indivi- aging others to do the same; he felt give them strength to thus come foward. United States, and indirectly inflicted He thanked them on behalf of the town the Alabama treaty on England, and Canof Chatham, and hoped that the members | ada. of the Young Men's Christian Associations would be increased by hundreds and

see the result of their labors. quent speech, said he, as well as others, on the roof of the house, but the spout was unable to express the sense of obligation which he felt. He urged the people to the ground and was taken up insensi- ed to the Department -- and truthfully, too of Chatham to go forward. He trusted ble. She has recovered from the effects -- that by the regulation which permitted they had got a live coal from the altar, and if the meetings of the Convention personal Christian responsibility and re- had made them feel it was good to be

"Hold the Fort." being sung, Mr. Cree, of New York, said the which are ships built in England, while would suggest itself to a capable fishery enquiry of David was not of the battle, but "Is the young man Absalom safe"? He would ask the members of the Chatham were safe to-night? For unless they stood on the Rock of Ages they were in danger. In conclusion he urged the importance of the Young Men's Christian Association to the town of Chatham, and hoped that on their return, the Association would have a building of its own. He would plead with the new converts to bear fruit for others, and trusted they would all meet again!in the "Beautiful City"

J. B. Morrow Esq., President of the Convention, thanked the ladies of Chatham for their hospitality and hoped they. like Mary, would choose the better part. He thanked the people of Chatham, and particularly Mr. Snowball, for kind words. He warned the undecided and spoke of their temptations and left a solemn charge to the Association in Chatham, since they had seen how many prayers for young men had been requested that afternoon and evening. The members of the Convention would go back to work with renewed energy, and he would say to all "be every man in his place and under his population was 24,746; it is now 19,380. own standard."

The meeting was finally brought to a close with singing and prayer, the memthat the Y. M. C. A. was peculiarly bers of the Chatham Association clasping

Some of the delegates took their depar-A resolution by Rev. Dr. Burns expres- ture on Sunday evening, and others on think the interests of temperance would

DEVOTIONAL MEETING. The closing minutes were then read and At noon a devotional meeting, which debt of Bangor was \$128,000 and that now to learn the requirements of the interests to aid it, will oblige by ordering thus saving us Agents' commission. dress just delivered by Mr. Wilson he Benediction was then pronounced by Rev. The Devotional and Business committees the meeting ended by devotional exer. was largely attended, was held in the it amounts to \$800,000, with a railroad which, for a snug salary, he is willing Methodist Church, Mr. Cree, of New liability of \$2,000,000.

York, presiding, at which short addresses were made, with singing and prayer. GOSPEL MEETING.

In the evening a Gospel Meeting was held at 8 o'clock in St. Andrew's Church. of Ontario. After singing a hymn, a large number of requests for prayer were read. The Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe of

During the evening addresses, with singing and prayer at intervals, were made by Messrs. Cree of New York, R. McConnell of Halifax. Revds. H. Mc Keown, T. L. Smith and W. Wilson, of Chatham, and others. A large number Brief and pointed addresses were deliver. rose for prayer, for themselves and others, during the service, and after it was over about 300 remained for the Enquiry meet-

ENTERTAINMENT OF THE DELEGATES. The following are the names of those who entertained members of the Convention of the Y. M. C. A. during their stay

Rev. Mr. McKeown, Mrs. Geo. Kerr, Miss Vondy, Mrs. Bowser, Hon. Wm. Muirhead, Messrs. J. B. Snowball. Wm. Muirhead Jun., Jas. Kerr, Duncan Davidon, John Shirreff, John Sinclair, E. A. Strang, H. Marquis, D. Martin, Alex. John Haviland, James Firth, Capt. Brown, A. W. Paterson, A. R. Ramsay, Mrs. McCurdy, Caleb McCulley, L. J. Tweedie, John Ellis, Donald, Me Lachlan, William Murray, Thos. Fleiger, W. S. Loggie, (delegate at the Canada House) John Lobban. MEETINGS AT NEWCASTLE.

the Convention, held a devotional meeting in the Methodist Church, Newcastle, On Sunday afternoon the Rev. Mr. Cruikshank, Hon. Mr. Vidal, and Messrs. Crombie and Primrose, members of the Convention, held a devotional meeting in the Presbyterian Church. OPEN AIR MEETINGS.

On Friday evening Messrs. C. Primrose

J. K. Blair, and J. E. Irvine, members of

On each evening during their stay, open air meetings were held by members of the Convention at different points in Chatham.

SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES. A number of the clerical members of the Convention held services in the different churches during Sunday.

In St. John's, (Presbyterian,) Rev. John Read of Yarmouth, preached in the morning, and the Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax in the evening. In the Methodist Church, Rev. J. C. Herdman of Pictou, preached in the morning, and Rev John Read of Yarmouth in the evening In St. Andrew's (Presbyterian.) Rev. Dr. Burns of Halifax, preached in the

Picton, in the evening. In the Reformed Episcopal Church, the morning, F. W. Hales Esq., of Charlottetown, read the service, and Mr. T. K. Cree of New York, and J. S. Mc-Lean Esq., made short addresses. SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Addresses were delivered by different

members of the Convention, the Miramichi Sunday Schools. CONVEYANCE OF DELEGATES. Messrs. Johnstone, Ullock, and Marshall kindly provided teams to convey the

Delegates to and from the Railway Sta-AN ANTI-TOBACCO PLEDGE is being

HALIFAX Dogs, -- Scarcely a week passes, but there is an item in the Halifax papers recording that somebody has been bitten, or worried by a dog. The Halifax dogs | a lasting one. must be peculiar. THE FAMINE IN INDIA-Madras advices

state that 24,000.000 in Southern India

are affected by famine, and that at least one sixth of the people must die. In Madras there are thirty deaths each morning to every 3000 people. THE AMERICAN MEAT TRADE. - The great increase in the American dead-meat and live-stock trade is shown by statistics is also talked of, but, apparently,

just issued. The value of the exports in without sufficient warrant. Importhe first six months of 1876 amounted to \$1,755,191, while for the first half of the present year it was \$5,585,675. A REMARKABLE NAIL MACHINE.—The celebrated Wickersham Nail Machine pro-

J. B. Snowball Esq., of Chatham being duces nails at the rate of from 2000 to 3000 THE FENIANS. -The Fenians of Chicago

and the great North West have lately Thursday 23rd, ult., Admiral Semmes

died in Alabama. He was the commander of the famous Confederate cruiser Alabama which caused so much damage to the STRANGE CURE FOR INSANITY. -The wife of a respectable man in Halifax who thousands, and that they might return to has been deranged for some time was

lately confined in an upper room, from Rev Dr. Burns of Halifax, in an elo- the window of which she managed to get giving way, she fell a distance of 25 feet FRENCH DUTIES ON CANADIAN SHIPS. The French Government levies a duty of forty francs a ton on all foreign built ships.

except those exempted by treaty, among those built in her colonies are excluded. A new Commercial treaty between Eng- be the adoption of means to prevent the tion, but it is feared it will contain no clause exempting Canadian built ships | be the avoiding, if possible, of interferfrom duty when sold in France.

late have recorded several cases of serious injury resulting from encounters with bulls in different parts of the country. Very great carelessness often exists in regard to these animals on the part of owners who seem to think because a young animal never did any mischief he never will do any. These animals are moody and treacherous in disposition, and owners themselves often become victims of misplaced confidence. bull ought to be allowed at large without | pect that the present Minister would proper safeguards, as it is impossible to say at what moment he may shew his sons whose interests he had already

PROHIBITION IN BANGOR, ME.—Since 1852 whiskey has only been procurable in Bangor at one or two places for medi-In 1851 there were 170 licensed taverns for drunkenness has increased to 770. The Mayor, who was a staunch prohibionist, has changed his opinion, and seems to

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The Late Convention,

We give a large portion of our

pace this week to our Report of the

Young Men's Christian Associations' Convention, which is commenced on the first page. The general impression of the community is that much good has been produced by the presence and influence of so many practical, earnest Christian workers. The disinterested labors of such men -many of them identified with and holding advanced position in our best commercial circles-cannot fail to impress others with a sense of what moral interests of the communities in which they live. When we see what may be termed abnormal enterprise in the shape of attempts to discharge those obligations which are required of all Christian men and women, attending and following the work of the morning, and Rev. J. C. Herdman of Convention, it suggests the idea that a great many very good people have long stood in need of being roused to duty. There is ample room in Chat which is best exemplified in love to our neighbor, an attribute which seems to embrace all that can be observed, outwardly, as evidence that professed adherence to any Church means anything beyond mere profession. We sincerely hope that the

## The War.

apon those who attended its meetings.

War news is contradictory, as usual, this week. It is reported that the Turks have been badly beaten at Plevna, but the news lacks confirtant events in the conflict now being waged in Eastern Europe and Asia must take place within a fortnight.

# The Outside Bass Fisheries.

The manner in which the Minister of Marine and Fisheries continues to allow affairs under his control to be mismanaged in this County ought to awaken his colleagues in the Administration to an appreciation of the fact that, however good their general policy may be, damaging to their local interests than DEATH OF ADMIRAL SEMMES. -On they ever deserved or had reason to expect. Why a policy of prohibition of fish-catching, and the use of lawful means for taking fish, should be forced upon our fishermen, as it has been during the past year, can only be explained on the ground of the well known malice of the Provincial Inspector against Miramichi fishermen and the suicidal apathy of the gentleman who, unfortunately, is Minister at the present time, and has shown himself incapable of preventing his predecessor's servants from becoming his masters. It was report-

bass fishing after the 1st August, old salmon nets were set in watersfrequenttaken and shipped to the American market as Bass. The first idea that officer, in view of such a report, would capture of salmon under such circumstances. The next consideration would No. 3-Purse \$90. For horses that have never trotence with persons engaged in legitimate GORED BY BULLS.—Our exchanges of Bass fishery. If it were found that only a few fishermen (as was the case taking Salmon, out of season, under pretence of fishing for Bass, while the great majority of the Bass fishermen were pursuing their work with every desire to evade no law, an intelligent administrator would have sought to regulate locally, rather than prohibit generally. But it was too much to extake the trouble to avoid injuring perdamaged his by bungling Orders in Council, and orders out of Council, more than he can ever repair, so, instead of instructing local Overseers to issue no cinal purposes, and the prohibitory law licenses for Bass nets to be set in water is pretty strictly enforced. In 1852 the frequented by Salmon-a discrimination very easy to exercise—he simply prohibited bass net fishing until 1st and the arrests for drunkenness that year October. This, together with the proamounted to 222. Since that time with a hibition of Bass fishing in the lower part decreased population the number of arrests of the County in the Spring, means that the people of those districts shall not be allowed to catch bass at all. the Minister would only word his prohibitions in that way his courage might | Each edition contains the latest news obtainable be admired, even if his policy were exabuse it. The Mayor concludes his report ecrated, but little can be expected of a for 1877 by saying that 27 years ago the gentleman who neither knows, nor cares to mismanage and ruin. Even those Moneton, N. B., Aug 24, 1877.

who use him to further their designs,as well as the hard-working men he seeks The "MIRAMICHI ADVANCE' is published at to impoverish-must entertain for him feelings in which the most complimer try element is-pity.

#### Shippegan Breakwater.

We are glad to observe that the Public Works Department has determined to complete the Breakwater at Shippegan Gully. The work already done there has been found very beneficial, and the Breakwater, when finished, will be one of the most useful in Canada. The approaching winter season will afford opportunity for the contractors to collect material and place it on the ground ready for work in the Spring.

## Smelt Regulations.

We sincerely hope that the Miramichi smelt fishery will be properly regulated during the coming season. The finding of the valuable fisheries in the main river late last season will, no doubt, cause a rush in that direction. In order that the fishery may be prosecuted in as satisfactory a manner as possible, common sense regulations are necessary. First of all, due regard ought to be had to the registration of nets, which should be done by the local Overseers. The distance nets are to be set apart should also be arranged and known beforehand; if nets are transferred from the tribitary streams to the main river it should only be done under direction of the local Overseers; provisions should be made for bushing or fencing the holes, to secure public safety, because there is a good deal of traffic on the rivers, and if holes are not guarded both horses and travellers will be endangered. The matter has been brought to the notice of the Minister. but we fear his natural love of ease and disposition to let the business of his Department be conducted so as to injure himself and the Government, will prethey owe, in the way of labor, to the vent such action as the importance of the matter demands.

#### Our Salmon Fisheries.

Salmon were very plentiful in the vicinity of Portage Island a week or two They remained in that locality for about a week, moving about everywhere, waiting for the freshet which recently raised the rivers so far above summer level. On this the "fall run" went up to the spawning grounds, which are so poorly protected from the spear ham-as well as in other communi- and net fishermen, who carry on their ties-for that practical Christianity work with as near an approach to impunity as is possible. The facts developed by years of observation and well authenticated reports seem to have no effect upon the stupid policy which has left our natural salmon nurseries to the mercy of poachers. The Minister of Fisheries, although he knows what a gigantic fraud the Northwest Hatching impression left by the Convention House is-how he has been misled in regard to its operations and induced to and the community generally, will be deceive the public in reference to it-

still persists in ignoring the importance of protecting the natural salmon beds of the Miramichi and its tributaries, in order that his Inspector and a few other corrupt officials may absorb the funds which should legitimately be expended where the work of reproduction may, with absolute certainty, be relied upon. If our valuable salmon fisheries fail we mation. A general European War shall have the policy inaugurated soon after Confederation to thank for it. That the present Minister should continue it is not so much a matter of wonder as he is one of those public men who have outlived their usefulness and are content to rust out rather than wear

out in the service of their country. STATUTES. - The Statutes of Canada, 40 Vic. 1877 Vols. 1 and 2 are received

They are out in very good time. MAIL CONTRACTS. - Enquiries are made as to why tenders for mail-carrying are not now publicly advertised, so that the public may have a fair chance for competition in matters involving public patronage. We think the enquiry is a proper one, worthy of the

ention of our Post-Office Inspector. HON. MR. MITCHELL recently gave some of the folks in the lower part of the County to understand that it was henot the Hon. A. J. Smith-who directed fishery administration in Northumberland. It, certainly, looks as if there was some truth in that phase of the matter. Whether it is the ex-Minister or the Minister who is really responsible. we have only to say the result is "a pretty kettle of fish."

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\$54.00; \$24.00; \$12.00. No. 4-Same day-Purse \$170.00. Open to all trot-THE above races will be mile heats, best three in THE ENTRANCE FEE will be 10 per cent of the nation. If nomination is made by telegraph, Draft payable to Secretary must follow by first mail or IN ALL RACES, four or more to enter, and three A HORSE PISTANCING the Field, or any part ENTRIES close Tuesday, 11th September, at 11 m., and must be addressed to the Secretary HORSES WILL BE CALLED at 1.30 p. m. and started at 2 o'clock precisely.

### A. J. GIRVAN, Sec'y. Kingston, Kent Co., 16th Aug. 1877. The Daily Times.

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