

Y. M. C. A.

Twentieth Annual Convention.

The Convention met at Summerside at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. About a hundred and twenty delegates are present, including such men as E. D. Ingersoll, Railway Secretary of the General Executive, Dr. Kelly, of Montreal, Principal Forrest, of Halifax, Rev. Dr. Bruce, of St. John, Judge Hensley, of Chatham, Rev. Mr. Cumming, of Westville, besides a number of other prominent men. Universal regret is expressed at the absence of such well-known Association men as J. S. MacLean and W. B. McNeill, of Halifax, C. Primrose, of Pictou, and other veterans in the work.

ORGANIZATION.

The Convention met in the Methodist Church, and after spending half an hour in devotional exercises, presided over by McWilliams, of Moncton, was, in the absence of the President of the last Convention, called to order by Dr. Morrison, of St. John, N. B., one of the Vice Presidents. After joining in singing the hymn, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," Rev. E. Cumming, of Westville, N. S., read Rom. 12, after which Rev. Dr. Bruce, of St. John, N. B., engaged in prayer for God's blessing on the Convention. Dr. Morrison then gave a short practical address upon the duty of the hour, and proceeded to nominate a Committee on Organization, a Temporary Business Committee, and a Devotional Committee, as follows:

NOMINATION COMMITTEE—T. C. James, of Charlottetown; W. R. McCurdy, Halifax; A. W. McKee, St. John; D. McDonald, Pictou; Turner, Truro; Dennis, Sackville; A. McWilliams, Moncton; J. Fisher Grant, New Glasgow; D. Stewart, Summerside.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE—W. H. Wiswell, Halifax; J. D. Seaman, Charlottetown; A. N. Sells, St. John.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE—S. E. Whiston, Halifax; H. C. Turner, Charlottetown; G. D. McDonald, New Glasgow.

The Organization Committee, after brief deliberation, presented the following list of officers for the Convention, which was enthusiastically adopted by a rising vote:— President—J. E. Irvine, St. John, N. B.

Vice Presidents—S. E. Whiston, Halifax, N. S.; Dr. McLeod, Sydney, C. B.; John Ball, Charlottetown; D. McDonald, Pictou, N. S.; Dr. McKay, Summerside.

Secretary—H. H. Dixon, St. John. Assistant Sec'y—D. Stewart, Summerside.

The President was then escorted to the Chair by E. D. Ingersoll, Railway Secretary of the General Executive Committee of the United States and Maritime Provinces, and Rev. Principal Forrest, Dalhousie College, Halifax. He thanked the convention for the honor conferred upon him, spoke of the object of the meeting, of the blessings which had rested upon it in the past, and urged the members to make the meetings thoroughly practical. After saying prayers the Convention adjourned to meet again at 8 p. m., in the Presbyterian Church.

THE WELCOME MEETING.

The welcome meeting was held in the spacious Presbyterian Church of the town. The church was crowded and exercises were hearty. After a short prayer meeting, which was conducted by Mr. Isaiah Smith, Daniel Stewart, Esq., of Summerside, took the chair, backed by a choir of excellent voices. The singing of that grand old hymn of praise beginning, "All hail the power of Jesus name" was productive of the sympathetic interest without which the most eloquent speaking falls cold and lifeless upon the ear of the audience. Mr. Stewart then addressed a few warm words of welcome to the delegates, mentioning the fact that the Convention was representative not only of the Maritime Provinces only, but of the Upper Provinces and the United States; and setting forth the aim of the Y. M. C. A., as being to elevate and save the young man—to assure to young men in towns and large cities the saving blessing of good company and wholesome recreation, and, regardless of sects, to improve their moral life and bring them to the Saviour. He invoked a blessing upon the work of the Convention and upon the labors of all who were willing to spend and be spent in the work of the Association. After singing the hymn,—

There shall be showers of blessing, This is the promise of love, There shall be seasons refreshing, Sent from the Saviour above.

CHO.—Showers, showers of blessing, Showers of blessing we need; Mercy drops round us are falling, But for the showers we plead!

There shall be showers of blessing, Precious reviving again; Over the hills and the valleys, Sound of abundance of rain.—CHO.

There shall be showers of blessing; Send them upon us, O Lord! Grant to us now a refreshing; Come now and honor thy word.

DEPUTY SHERIFF CLAY came forward and on behalf of the people of Summerside extended a cordial welcome to the visiting delegates. On account of the marked success of their work they were, he said, welcome. They were welcome also on account of the nature of their work. Young men are the hope of the world. The old will soon pass away; but the young will remain to make and mould society and to sway the councils of the world. Therefore their moral elevation and their protection from the evils of the enemy of souls is a matter of the utmost importance. The good which the visit of the delegates was sure to produce in Summerside was another cause of the warmth of their welcome. Summerside, though a small town, is not without means of leading young men to destruction. Among the evils which beset Summerside are Sabbath desecration and intemperance. He hoped the Godly efforts of the convention would result in the abatement of these evils. But the interests of the people of Summerside is not confined to Summerside alone. They are glad to welcome the delegates on account of what is being done by the Association for the moral uplifting of young men throughout the world, particularly those beyond the restraints of home, congregated in the large cities, and subject to the allurements of vice. In view of these and many other considerations, said Mr. Clay, "we feel like addressing to you the words of good old Abraham: "My lord, if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray

thee; and like Abraham also we trust we may be entertaining angels unawares.

MR. J. E. IRVINE, of St. John, President-elect of the Association, responded in a felicitous address expressive of the pleasure of the delegates in accepting the hospitality of the people of Summerside, and his assurance that, as a result of the Convention to be held, the delegates would be better able to carry on their work. He was reminded during the exercises of the words of our Lord: "Without Me ye can do nothing." This great truth should never be forgotten. Without Christ nothing that we do can result in any real good. It was the work of the association to promote the formation of Christ-like character in men and women,—Christ-like in walk and conversation, Christ-like in business and social relations. He prayed for a blessing on this work. He spoke of the results of forty years experience, pressed upon the delegates and others the indispensable necessity of reliance upon Christ, and urged upon all, the duty of accepting him, solemnly exhorting those who profess the name of Christ, to live in accordance with the life of the Divine Master. He commended the Association throughout the world, to the sympathy and prayers of the Christian parents of Summerside, and urged them to commend the Association to their sons. The following hymn was then sung:

To the work! to the work! we are servants of God, Let us follow the path that our Master has trod; With the helm of His counsel our strength to renew; Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.

CHO.—Tolling on, (tolling on), tolling on, (tolling on), tolling on, (tolling on), tolling on, (tolling on), Let us hope, (and trust), let us watch, (and pray), And labor till the Master comes.

To the work! to the work! let the hungry be fed; To the fountain of life let the weary be led; In the cross and its banner our glory shall be; While we heard the tidings, "Salvation is free."

REV. BENJAMIN CHAFFELL then rose and, on behalf of the evangelical clergymen of the town, extended a hearty welcome to the delegates. He said they had brought a blessing with them, and he felt sure they would leave a blessing behind. In his opinion, George Williams, when he founded the Y. M. C. A., "budded better than he knew." The benefits afforded by the Association are now felt in all parts of the world. Several practical illustrations of this fact had come within his own knowledge and experience, and were portrayed by the reversed gentleman. The Association acted through the physical, intellectual and social needs of man, and in this way led him to the higher spiritual life.

REV. DR. BRUCE, of St. John, responded. He felt it not only a pleasure, but an honor, to address such an audience, and to respond to the warm welcome which had been accorded the delegates. Prince Edward Island seemed to him a result of the conflict between the Atlantic and the great river St. Lawrence. As a result of the opposing forces of tide and current, it had, perhaps, been built up and now lies peaceful and beautiful on the bosom of the sea. In this view it represents to some degree the Y. M. C. A., which is contributed to by all the sects, and is yet undisturbed by their differences, carrying on the work of the common master of all. After singing the hymn,—

Oh, where are the reapers that garner in The sheaves of the good from the fields of sin; With sickles of truth must the work be done, And no one may rest till the 'harvest home'.

Oh, who will help us to garner in The sheaves of good from the fields of sin?

Go out in the by-ways and search them all; The wheat may be there though the weeds are tall; Then search in the highway and pass none by, But gather from all for the home on high.

So come with your sickles ye sons of men, And gather together the golden grain; Toil on till the Lord of the harvest come, Then share ye His joy in the 'harvest home'.

DR. MCKAY, of Summerside, as a representative of the Summerside Association, welcomed the delegates and delivered a short but very happy worded address. He said that, although the last to extend the hand of welcome, it must not be understood that the welcome of the Association for whom he spoke was any the less hearty. In extending an invitation to the Convention, the Summerside Association had acted with singular unanimity, and now that the delegates are here the same unanimity shows itself in extending to them a Christian welcome. He could not, however, say that the motive of the Summerside Association was altogether unselfish. Young and inexperienced as we are, we expect to learn much and to gain strength and encouragement from contact with leading men full of experience, such as those of which the Convention is composed. Above all, it is hoped by the Summerside Association that the visit of the delegates to this Province may be profitable for the advancement of the cause so dear to all; and if irregularities or difficulties occur on account of the shortcomings of the Summerside Association, he hoped they would be accounted errors of the head and not of the heart. The Summerside Association welcomed the delegates, thankful that they saw fit to accept the invitation and grace the town by their presence, thankful for the spirit that has enabled the citizens of Summerside to throw their hearts and homes open to the delegates and made this meeting possible, thankful to God who has guarded and brought so many here. The Summerside Association welcomed the delegates to their town, praying that the Master Himself might be with all, and guide and direct all to the end.

DR. KELLY, of Montreal, responded with a lengthy and pleasing speech. He spoke of the pleasure of meeting old friends and of making new friends among consecrated young men. He referred to the missionary spirit of the Lower Provinces, and to the distinguished place which the sons of the Lower Provinces held in every department of life. When they wanted a head for their university up west, they sent to Pictou County. He referred to the rapid increase of associations, and of the rapidity with

which they were covering the land. He alleged the special aim of the Y. M. C. A. was to get hold of energetic young men—laboring men—fellows who were not afraid to do good honest work for Christ. He spoke feelingly of the deep interest manifested by the people of Summerside in the meeting; of the misunderstanding which existed in some places as to Y. M. C. A. work, and referred to the necessity of recognizing the importance of physical recreation for our Christian young men. He spoke of the interest which the Christian people of Montreal were taking in this department of Christian work, not only in the physical, but in the intellectual recreation of young men,—to the ladies work in providing musical and other attractions, and to the magnificent results which had followed these efforts. He also referred to the importance and difficulty of work among the boys as to holding them in our churches, lamenting the number to be found in the saloons while there were so few in our churches. He touched in glowing terms upon the grand work of the last three years among the students of our colleges, resulting in 2,000 devoting themselves to foreign mission work. He urged the importance of training workers and giving every man something to do—emphasizing bible study, and closed with an earnest appeal for dependence upon God and consecrated energy.

The meeting closed by singing the doxology, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Carr, of Alberton.

SATISFACTION. The hospitality of the citizens of Summerside, the delightful weather and the beauty of the scenery, all tend to the general feeling of satisfaction which pervades the Convention.

The Island and its Ways Once More.

"O, wad some power the giftie gie us, To see ourselves as ithers see us!"

AFTER a few years' absence, I was much impressed by the beauty of Charlottetown as seen from the water, to which reference has been made in a former letter. The delight of the sail up the harbor was enhanced by the familiarity of the landscape; the bright, blue sky, verdant fields, and waters dancing in the sunlight seemed to extend a warm welcome to the returning wanderer. The sense of familiarity increases as one lands. The plankways are as bad (or worse), the houses as dingy, the streets as dusty as ever. When Queen Square is reached, however, the eyes are gladdened by the first indication of progress, the new Post Office being not only massive and dignified, but with some considerable pretension to architectural correctness; and then—the closely clipped lawns diversified by the brilliant and beautiful beds of flowers whose bloom and perfume refresh and inspire every beholder. May I not be forgiven the feeling that in some slight degree this great and wonderful change and improvement may be due to my suggestions, though I dared not believe such an attempt at "anything in the way of landscape gardening" to be obtainable here? All honor to him to whose indefatigable labors and increasing care the citizens are so greatly indebted. Would that I might be able to note the same advance in all respects; but alas! "This true, 'tis pity; pity 'tis 'tis true," that some of the worst 'Island trails still remain unimproved and obtrude themselves in the most objectionable manner and in the most public places. Would it not be supposed that crowded houses would welcome the Listemann-Kellogg Concert Company? But what was the fact? Monday evening a fair audience, and in the main an appreciative one, also, greeted the company, but, with the true insular conceit, there were those present who thought to prove themselves superior by an affectation of supercilious contempt, and who rendered themselves so conspicuous as to attract the attention not only of persons in the audience, but also of members of the company, who have stated that such ill-breeding was something entirely new and unique in their experience, and who endeavored by pointed looks to restrain the senseless laughter whereby the audience was disturbed, and these persons stamped their own value on themselves. It was very evident that both parties who so grossly outraged every principle of good breeding, were quite old enough to know better. Giddy girls may sometimes be excused, but there is an age at which a dignified, womanly bearing is more desirable than an affectation of youthfulness. It would be well to remember that, to one accustomed to tread the boards, every person in an audience is distinctly visible, and that these persons may be regarded by strangers as fair representatives of Charlottetown society. Is it not deplorable that the many must suffer for the few?

There were those present on Monday who have been much in the large cities of Canada, the States, and England, and these were loud in their praises, and fully appreciated every number. The smallness of the audience on Tuesday was a stigma on our good taste and public spirit, but, with the exception of a few and annoying rustle of programmes, and the noisy entrance of several persons during Listemann's first number, and Ronconi's flute solo, the utmost decorum prevailed, and those present were richly repaid for their attendance. Abby Clark Ford won all hearts by her simple and unaffected manner of performing her double role of accompanist and soloist. Miss Kellogg deepened the favorable impression made on Monday, and kindly acceded to the request to sing again Gounod's exquisite Ave Maria. Listemann was simply Listemann the incomparable, to whom one can only listen, admire, and wonder! "Last but not least," one must speak of Ronconi, the much gifted. One would think a voice of such magnificent compass as his quite enough for one man, but to this must be added his thorough mastery of the flute, and his talent as an actor. Each number of his left one in the condition of Oliver Twist, with a decided desire for "more." The quartette, "The Sea hath its pearls," sung without accompaniment, gave an opportunity to hear at their best these finely blended voices, and was a finale long to be remembered.

Let our Islanders remember that while our approval or disapproval cannot affect, in the least, the reputation of well-known artists from abroad, their opinion, favorable or unfavorable, has the power to influence many to whom we are personally unknown. STEPHEN CLEYDON.

Sweet potatoes at Beer & Goff's. au4 2

Death of Father Perry.

On Wednesday morning, August 2nd, the spirit of the Rev. S. E. Perry passed away. The deceased clergyman had been ailing for many years. He retired from active duty in 1875, and the closing period of his life was spent among friends in his former parish of Egmont Bay.

The Reverend Sylvanus Ephraim Poirier was born at Tignish, Prince Edward Island, on the 15th July, 1801. His father, Pierre Poirier, (commonly called Perry) and his mother, Marie Chiasson, were natives of St. Peter's Bay, and children of the first Acadian settlers who came to this Island. In 1819 Father Poirier entered the Canadian College of Nicolet, remaining there for seven years, and after a year passed at the Grand Seminary of Quebec, he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop McEachern, in St. Andrew's Church, on the Feast of S.S. Peter and Paul, 1827, being the first native priest ordained in the diocese. After his ordination Father Poirier was put in charge of the missions of Miscouche, Mount Carmel, Egmont Bay, Cascumpec and Tignish, which he served until 1843, when he was relieved of the two latter. In 1860, he left Miscouche to make his home at Egmont Bay, where he remained until 1869. He then removed to Fifteen Point, where he was in charge of the mission of Our Lady of Mount Carmel until 1875, when he became blind and retired from active duty. Father Poirier built the pioneer churches and parochial houses of Tignish and Cascumpec, and the existing churches of Egmont Bay and Fifteen Point.

On the 3rd July, 1878, Father Poirier celebrated his golden jubilee in the chapel of St. Joseph's Convent, Charlottetown. The remains of the venerable clergyman were this morning interred in the Cemetery of St. Jacques, Egmont Bay. The obsequies were conducted by the Bishop and a large number of the clergy of the diocese. After sixty years of priesthood he has gone to his reward. May he rest in peace.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Bishopric.

SIR,—I beg to offer a few remarks in regard to the filling of the vacant bishopric in the diocese of Nova Scotia. If the Venerable Archdeacon Gilpin, D. D., would accept the office his election would be a graceful act on the part of his brethren. The Archdeacon, by virtue of his office, has the first claim to the position in order of promotion. But in addition to this it must be conceded that no man has served the church and the public more efficiently for a long course of years than Archdeacon Gilpin. His scholarship, his marked success as an educator of youth and as a preacher, his sterling common sense and urbanity of manners, his rare culture and high christian character, all point to him as a gentleman well qualified to be a faithful and successful bishop. It is true the Archdeacon is not a young man, but he is possessed of a good constitution and great intellectual vigor. "Honor to whom honor is due."

Yours, etc., JUNIOR.

Aug. 5, 1887.

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Provincial Rifle Association.

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TUESDAY, 9th Day of August.

The S. S. ST. LAWRENCE will leave Steam Navigation Co.'s Wharf, at 7 a. m., proceeding to Georgetown, Souris (and East Point—time permitting); returning to Charlottetown about 10.30 p. m.

Tickets, including two meals, \$1.00. There will be a first-class Refreshment Booth on board, under the direct management of the Committee, where everything necessary will be sold at City prices.

This is a splendid opportunity for those wishing to obtain a grand view of the Southern and Eastern Shores of Prince Edward Island.

Music by the Military Bands and Piper Major McDonald, with his Highland Pipes. All members of the Active Militia are requested to attend in uniform.

Parties wishing staterooms will please apply to the Secretary. No intoxicating liquor will be permitted. Any person misbehaving will be put on shore at first port of call.

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F. DOGHERTY, Lt.-Col., Chairman. GEO. D. DAVIDSON, Captain, Q. M., Secretary.

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