

vention, and shall issue the call as nearly as possible, in accordance therewith."

The President then announced the following gentlemen as the Central Committee:

Washington, D. C.—Rev. Byron Sunderland, Presbyterian; Mr. Richards, Baptist; Rev. J. G. Butler, Lutheran; T. J. Magruder, Methodist; Wm. Chauncy Langdon, Episcopalian.

St. Louis, Mo.—H. Hitchcock.

New-York City.—C. A. Davidson.

Boston, Mass.—Rev. W. T. Smithett.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—W. H. Neff.

New Orleans, La.—George W. Holme.

Toronto, C. W.—C. R. Brooke.

The Convention held public meetings in the various churches of Buffalo during the session, at which each representative gave an account of the operations of his association. And at the close of the session the delegates were invited by the Young Men's Association of Buffalo to visit Niagara Falls at their expense, which was cordially accepted; and thus closed in a most agreeable manner, the first great National Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of North America.

Our limits forbid a more detailed account of the proceedings, but the above summary will be found to embrace all that is calculated to interest the general reader.

#### CONGREGATIONAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

On Monday evening the 12th, a soirée was held according to announcement, in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, James Street, for the benefit of the Sabbath School.

Very appropriate addresses were delivered on temperance and other subjects, by the Rev. D. Scott, of Rochester, Rev. Samuel Bowden, of York, N. Y., and Mr. William Milroy, student of philosophy.

Mr. Johnson, the pastor of the congregation, was called to the chair, and after briefly addressing the meeting, submitted several resolutions for the organization and management of a *Congregational Abstinence Society*, which were passed unanimously. Upon this, he and upwards of fifty of his congregation, gave in their adherence to the principles of the Society by enrolling their names.

#### Political and General Miscellany.

##### "HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR."

On the 24th of May last, Victoria, the worthy Queen of the British Empire, completed the 35th year of her age, and on the 20th day of the present month she enters upon the 18th year of her reign—a reign in which, from its commencement, her bearing in all the relations of life has been so characterised by wisdom and discretion, as to have secured to Her Majesty the constant and still increasing affection of all classes of the people, which leads all the millions of the realm to join in the emulation of doing her honor; as was abundantly demonstrated on the last memorable 24th. In witnessing, with approbation, all the demonstrations of the day, so far as they were true and appropriate, it was judged to be neither unwise nor out of place to

ask several parties in the midst of their enthusiasm, if such zeal be necessary in doing just honor to the Queen of England, what must be the character of the zeal demanded at the hands of every human being in doing honor, as it should be done, to the Everlasting and Supreme Ruler of the universe? Surely the proceedings of the 24th were eminently suggestive of this inquiry; especially in view of the fact, that it is now 2390 years since our Creator propounded the question to the inhabitants of the earth—"If I be a father *where is mine honour?*" The King of Heaven having considered the inquiry appropriate, it cannot be wrong to press it upon the attention of men under circumstances so well calculated to give it force. Let all interested ponder it well, that henceforth they fail not in rendering to God the things that are God's.

Dr. DUFF, it is reported, had presented to him during his visit to America, the sum of \$20,000, in behalf of the schemes of his mission in India. That sum, however, large as it is, constitutes but a feeble representation of the good his visit has conferred upon the churches of this Continent.

THE NEBRASKA ADVOCATES thought their work done when they had secured a Congressional majority of 13 in favor of their inhuman extension of the legalized privileges of slavery. No doubt they trusted to the well known cupidity of the wicked, to spread the influence of the South over immense tracts of new territory, under the auspices of the revolting Nebraska bill. They may live, however, to see their ignoble scheme recoil upon the citadel of slavery itself, with a power and impetuosity that will sweep the blackening, polluting scourge, with all its infamous appendages, forever from America. The indications are clear, that the free States will not much longer endure the reproach of the system, much less allow their soil to continue to be desecrated, and all their human sympathies trampled down and ruthlessly mocked by such scenes as Boston lately witnessed. The free States are becoming earnest in their protestations—thousands already say, if nothing else will do, let us cut loose from the South that she may be made to bear the whole weight of her iniquitous connection with slavery, till she sinks under its curse or for ever cleanses her soil from its dark and deep abominations.

THE NORWALK RAILROAD DISASTER of May 7th, 1853, in which *fifty-four* persons were killed, and about the same number badly injured, has cost the New York and New Haven Railway Company, in money paid for damages, in consideration of injuries inflicted on surviving parties, the round sum of \$300,000. So far, this is just, and will doubtless operate as a check upon the criminal carelessness so often evinced by parties, on whose conduct depend the well-being and life of thousands.

CHICAGO, a city of about 50,000 souls, has, for its oldest inhabitant, a young lad of *twenty-two*.

RAILWAY CARS commenced running from Cobourg to Rice Lake, on the 22d of last month. The passenger cars manufactured for this road, at the town of Niagara, are pronounced by the *Mail* to be, in build and finish, equal to the best that ever ran on any railway.