

Mr. A. Hendershot, of Welland, spoke of the formation of an Association in that town under very favourable auspices; they were just organized and could not report much work as yet done, but hoped to be able to give a good account at next Convention.

Rev. Dr. Burns, of Chicago, said, that in reading Christian biographies he was often impressed with the idea that incipient Christians tried to copy too much, and were distressed because their experiences were not like those of other religious people. It was so to some extent with Associations. Newly formed bodies were too solicitously endeavouring to copy older Associations at the danger of losing their own individuality. He would say to them, don't copy too much, but push things your own way. The natives of the Lagoon Islands, when the missionaries arrived to preach the doctrines of salvation, were conscious of their need of instruction, and said, "We are all in the dark, and waiting for you to teach us." In something of the same spirit the country Associations looked to the city organizations for guidance, and perhaps expected rather too much from them, and under-estimated their own powers. They needed to cultivate their own resources. The Associations in the country kept a little too quiet. They should stir the people up and announce their times and places of meeting, so that everyone would know it. It was, perhaps, not advisable to blow your own trumpet too much, but it might not be amiss if some Associations in the small towns and villages were to take a lesson from the *Globe* and its juvenile trumpeters, and begin to make a little noise in the world. (Laughter and applause.)

Professor Wilson, of Toronto, spoke briefly upon the subject of "Reformatories for Boys," to which reference had been made in a resolution. He said, he wished to throw out a suggestion. This Association of Ontario and Quebec would eventually become one of the Dominion. Well, he wished to remind the young men that there is a large class of youths who are growing up in the cities and large towns who, if not looked after, would fall into the road to ruin. It should be one of the special duties of the Young Men's Christian Association to look after these youths. He was in correspondence with friends in England, who asked him if he could get homes for some of their redeemed youths. This summer he had two fine little fellows sent to him, and he had provided homes for them in religious families. He had applications at present for some twelve youths, but he could not assure his friends in England that he could place the youths that might be sent to him in religious families. If the Associations could let him know from time to time of religious families where youths could find suitable homes, he would feel obliged, and he would endeavour to obtain the boys. The Young Men's Chris-