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## YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

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THE recent assembly, in the city of Toronto, of the International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association has very strikingly called public attention to this admirable organization. There were assembled in that convention over four hundred delegates from over forty States of the Union and Provinces of the Dominion, as well as several from Great Britain. They represented eight hundred and twenty-one branch associations, possessing property to the amount of over two millions of dollars. From all parts of the continent, from Nova Scotia to Louisiana, from Maine to Oregon, as well as from over the sea, were gathered active, earnest Christian men, to consult as to the best methods of seeking the salvation of young men, and organizing them for Christian work. A movement of such magnitude and importance as this is worthy of our careful study. An examination of its origin and progress may be both of interest and profit.

The peculiar temptations to which young men are exposed in cities make these associations especially desirable. In the great emporia of toil and traffic, the manufacturing and commercial centres of the country, are gathered together a vast number of young men, many of whom are from the country. Cities will