

On motion of Rev. Dr. Steele, seconded by Rev. Dr. Baugs, it was unanimously

**Resolved**—That this Convention express gratitude to Almighty God for the harmony and brotherly love which have prevailed during all our session, and for the unanimity which has characterized our decisions, and we view it as an indication of the approach of that glorious period, when we shall all see eye to eye, and most unreservedly dedicate ourselves to the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

We have placed the resolutions together with our regard to the day on which they severally came up for discussion. On Friday, just before the adjournment, Mr. Stuart of Philadelphia, moved that the Hon. Luther Bradish vacate the chair, and that it be temporarily filled by John A. Brown, Esq., of Philadelphia. This having been adopted, Mr. Brown assumed the duties of the chair, and Mr. Stuart offered a vote of thanks to Mr. Bradish for the very able and dignified manner in which the duties of the presiding officer had been performed, which unanimously adopted. Mr. Bradish made a suitable acknowledgment, and the meeting was then closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Dean, a Baptist missionary."—*Presbyterian*.

## YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

### THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

In our last we noticed the intention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of America to hold a National Convention in the city of Buffalo. It is now an accomplished fact—the representatives of the North and South, of California and Canada, have grasped the hand of Christian fellowship, and have demonstrated that the spirit of Christ pervades these institutions in an eminent degree. Those who were privileged to witness the demonstration will probably never forget the impression produced by this display of the piety, and we may say also the talent of the young men of our adopted land. The various resolutions adopted breathe a spirit of earnest devotion to the cause of the Divine Redeemer, and deal boldly with all the prevailing errors of the day, save one, and that though affecting the spiritual freedom of millions in a boasted land of liberty, was avoided with a species of terror. Mr. Holland, the representative of the Toronto Association was commissioned to introduce the following resolution, as an exemplification of the feeling entertained by a British Association.

"That the associations represented in this Convention recognize the Christian sentiment, that in Christ Jesus there is neither bond nor free, and therefore cordially invite all Christian young men, of whatever state or condition of life, to an equal participation in the advantages these associations are calculated to confer."

This resolution was presented, but every one seemed afraid to discuss it. It was quietly referred to the Business Committee, and though nothing could be more scriptural in sentiment, more mild in tone, or more moderate in demand, it was never heard of again.

On examination the resolution will be found to contain no attack on the peculiar domestic institution of the South; on the contrary, it implies a temporal inequality; it asserts only one of the most beautiful and fundamental doctrines laid down by the great apostle, that there is a spiritual equality amongst all evangelical Christians. This principle is fundamental in

Young Men's Christian Associations; they are professedly and emphatically a union of Christians, of whatever degree or condition in life, and it was proper for a British association to know whether the American associations were prepared to admit Christian Indians and Christian negroes, Christian bondmen and Christian freemen, to sit with Christian white men at their public lectures, or to use the means of instruction these institutions provide. The resolution was rejected.

Mr. Kempshall of Rochester, submitted a resolution on the growing want of candidates for the gospel ministry.

Mr. Marshall of Cincinnati, moved a resolution on the spiritual destitution of cities, and referred to the adaptation of these associations to meet the evil.

Mr. Cobb of Buffalo, moved a resolution, declaring the Bible to be the vital and only imperishable basis of civilization, literature and science.

The Convention agreed to recommend to the respective associations the establishment of mission Sabbath schools and adult classes; and also, that the second Sabbath morning, between the hours of 6 and 9 o'clock of each month, should be set apart by each association as a time for special and united prayer.

The following resolutions were adopted as the basis of a national confederation of the associations:

"**Resolved**. That this Convention recommend to the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and British Provinces, the formation of a voluntary confederation for their mutual encouragement, co-operation and usefulness, and that they recommend when twenty-two Associations shall concur in the plan hereinafter suggested, the said confederation shall go into operation."

"**Resolved**. That a Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and British Provinces, be held annually at such time and place as may be determined."

"**Resolved**. That while it would oftentimes be judicious to discuss in Convention, principles of organization, this body shall have no authority or control over the local affairs of any Association."

"**Resolved**. That a Central Committee be appointed, to consist of eleven members, five of whom shall be residents of the city where the Committee shall, for the time being, be located, and shall be members of different religious denominations—the remaining six to be selected from the Association generally, not more than one member from any one association."

"**Resolved**. That the Central Committee shall maintain correspondence with American and foreign kindred bodies, promote the formation of new Associations, collect and diffuse appropriate information, and from time to time recommend to the local Associations such measures as may seem calculated to promote the general object; but it shall not have authority to commit any local Associations to any proposed plan of action, until approved by such Association, nor to assess any pecuniary rate upon them without their consent."

"**Resolved**. That the Central Committee be appointed by this Convention, and continue in office until their successors shall be appointed by a subsequent Convention."

"**Resolved**. That the Central Committee shall ascertain the wishes of the several Associations, in regard to the time and place of holding an annual Con-