

well to the friends who had so kindly received and hospitably entertained the members of the Convention. The singing of a number of Gospel Hymns added greatly to the interest and power of the meeting.

The overflow meeting in the Baptist Church was also crowded, and brief and earnest addresses of farewell were delivered by many of the delegates. At the conclusion of the meeting all the delegates assembled in St. Andrew's Church. Mr. McLean, the chairman, then made a brief address, and, calling upon all the members of the Convention to come to the platform, to join hands and sing "Shall we gather at the River?" and the old familiar Y. M. C. A. hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,"—the Second Dominion Convention, with all its blessed influences, was closed with all uniting, in an audible voice, in repeating the Lord's Prayer, and the pronouncing, by the Rev. Dr. McCullough, of the Benediction.

#### TRAVELLING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

It is with feelings of much joy that I rise to address the Second Dominion Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association. Convened as it is in the Maritime Provinces, and in the beautiful town of Truro, where I received not very long ago such a hearty and warm welcome.

I consider it a very great privilege indeed, not only to address the delegates from the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, where I have laboured for so many years, and where I have received so much kindness and consideration, but the much esteemed delegates of the Maritime Provinces; and I take this opportunity of thanking them publicly for the very kind Christian spirit which they so graciously manifested towards me when I had the privilege of visiting so many of their Associations in the early part of this year. With these few prefatory remarks I will now proceed to give an unvarnished story of my proceedings since the time I accepted the office of Travelling Secretary to the present period.

I was invited by the Executive Committee after the Provincial Convention in Cobourg in October last, to accept again the office of Travelling Secretary, and in accordance therewith I resumed duty on the 1st of December last, and since then have been actively engaged in prosecuting the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. I have had a varied experience. I have met with much encouragement and I have, I am sorry to say, met with discouragement also. I have been cheered by signs of an awakening and deepening interest, and I have been depressed and disappointed by the appearance of coldness and apathy where once existed warmth and activity.

In some places God graciously manifested His power where interest was immediately evidenced and souls quickened, and in