

poration a Convention comprising a number of young men who, if true to their principles, will deprive that corporation of a large source of their income.

The spreading of Young Men's Christian Associations means the shutting up of saloons and billiard halls, and while we wish the corporation well, we hope and trust that the young men will effectually cut off their income from such sources. There is, however, this reflection, that while they might suffer loss in this way, they would gain immensely from the diminished cost of jails, prisons and reformatories.

A council does well to foster and encourage such an Association like this, and money had better far be expended in that way than in maintaining police and providing prisons.

Like you, sir, I love the old land, and I love our own institutions here; but there are many things in Christian effort in which we might imitate our American friends with great advantage. Why are they so whole-souled in all their great Christian undertakings. Is it because they are abler men than we are? Is it because their advantages are greater than ours? In reply we find the answer in God's word,—they honour God, and it is there written "Them that honour me I will honour."

MR. W. LEEMING, of Montreal, next spoke. The present age he said, was emphatically one of conflict. In these Associations the Christian young men formed themselves into an army, and were acting under the orders of the great Captain of their salvation. He returned thanks for the warm reception which had been extended to the delegates, and referred to the efforts that were being made by these Associations to advance the work of Christ among the young men of the country, and trusted that these efforts would be abundantly blessed. On behalf of the delegates he again expressed his thanks for the hearty welcome that had been given by their friends in Toronto.

Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was then sung by the choir and audience with much spirit.

MR. D. L. MOODY, of Chicago, was next called upon to address the meeting. He said

"I am pleased to see so many here to-night belonging to different denominations. If there was no other reason for forming Young Men's Christian Associations the one fact that they are necessary in order to break down the barriers that sever the different branches of the Church of Christ would be a sufficient reason for their formation. Without some such softener of prejudices we are apt to grow up with the conviction that all the Christianity of the world is compressed in our denomination. I remember the time myself when I used to think that our church contained all the piety of the earth. Before the war a traveller in the South stopped at the door of a slaveholder and asked him if he was a Christian. The old man appeared to be deaf for he gave no answer, so the traveller turned to his slave and asked him, "Is