

RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT

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Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

The Y.M.C.A.'s of the Canadian Northwest opened their Tenth Annual Convention in the Association Rooms, Portage la Prairie, on Friday afternoon, 3rd February, 1899. Eight Associations were represented. Friday afternoon was spent in organization, presentation of reports, election of officers, etc. On Friday evening a public meeting was held in the Baptist Church when, after the opening exercises, Mayor Garland delivered an address of welcome, to which Mr. W. H. Pulford, of the Winnipeg Association, appropriately replied. The address of the evening was given by Mr. Burton St. John, an official representative of the Students' Volunteer Movement. He showed very clearly that the Y.M.C.A. is the world-wide movement for young men.

Saturday morning's session was made interesting by the paper given by Mr. R. D. Richardson, of Winnipeg, on the Necessary Conditions to Organizing in Small Towns. In the afternoon a series of papers were read as follows :

"Relation of the College Association to the Country Young Men," by Mr. John Valens, Brandon.

"Relation of the Country Young Men to the College Association," by Professor Riddell, Winnipeg.

"Relation of the College Association to the City Association," by Jas. Reid, Manitoba College.

These formed a very interesting and instructive whole. The evening session was held in the Methodist Church, when Mr. St. John spoke very effectively on the Educational Work in the Y.M.C.A.

On Sunday afternoon three meetings were held, for women, men, and boys ; in the Methodist, Presbyterian and Disciples' Churches respectively ; also a mass meeting in the Methodist Church in the evening, conducted by Mr. St. John.

Monday was a day long to be remembered. The morning session