

The following subjects were also discussed on Friday and Saturday, viz.:

- (1.) "Responsibilities of young men," opened by A. H. Patterson of Amherst. We wish we had space to give a synopsis of Mr. Patterson's excellent essay.
- (2.) "The conversion of young men to Christ being the primary object of the Y. M. C. A., what work subordinate to this can be profitably undertaken by the Associations?"
- (3.) "Is a city life more conducive to advanced personal piety in young men than a life in the country?"
- (4.) "The social temptations of young men, and what can the Y. M. C. A. do to counteract them?"
- (5.) "The test of membership in the Y. M. C. A."
- (6.) "How can our christian homes be made most effective in bringing young men to Christ?"

In the discussion on (5) it was held that none should be full members of the Y. M. C. A. excepting those who are members in full communion of one of the Evangelical Churches. Some Associations require all their members to be pledged total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors. Intemperance being one of the crying evils of the day, Total Abstinence was strongly urged upon all, especially upon young men.

THE LORD'S DAY.

1. A Prayer Meeting was held at 7 o'clock.

2. A Praise Meeting at 9½ o'clock.

3. A Mass Meeting of all the Sunday Schools was held in the Presbyterian Church at 3 o'clock. Mr. Miller presided. We cannot undertake a description of the beautiful sight or the interesting addresses. Our thoughts were constantly rising to heaven, and inwardly we kept singing—

"Around the throne of God in heaven,
Ten thousand children stand,
Whose sins are all through Christ forgiven,
A holy happy band."

4. At 4½ o'clock a large meeting was held in Cobequid Hall, to interest the community in the erection of an Association building in Truro. The sum of \$3000 was subscribed, which has since been increased to over \$5000. It will thus be seen that the christianity of the Truro people is not merely a thing of the lip or the heart even, but reaches the pocket also. Religion is more than

praying, singing Hymns, &c. It means self-sacrifice, liberality, work.

5. On Sunday evening the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches were crowded. Farewell addresses were delivered by Sheriff Freeman, Rev. Mr. Shenton, J. F. Blanchard, W. Walsh, R. R. McBurnie and others. At the close of the meeting the delegates clasped each other's hands and sung "Blest be the tie that binds." We say no more of this Convention. Our prayer is that God may abundantly bless all who work for the salvation of young men! O, young men! come to Jesus, and go forth, a noble army, to do battle for Him, and to lay the world an offering at His feet!

Sabbath Observance Rewarded.

The great storm of August, 1873, will long be remembered, especially in Prince Edward Island, and on the Northern and Eastern coasts of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton. It is in connection with this storm that a fact worthy of being chronicled has come to our notice. One of our villages suffered even more than most. It was reported that barns, fish stores, unfinished houses and churches were blown down, wharves demolished, and all the boats, nets and seines of the place destroyed. This was told to a group of men about the wharf of a city not a hundred miles away, when one of the group spoke up, "Well, my brother John lives there, but I am sure that he's all right." "How so?" was asked.—"Because he never leaves his nets out over Sunday." A few days after, fuller intelligence came, and it proved to be as had been so confidently asserted. John lost neither net nor boat, nor—not a cent's worth of property. All the other fishermen lost everything. This is a fact. Make what you like of it. Of course, we have thought it unnecessary to explain that the storm was on Sunday.

But do you mean to argue, it may be asked, that fishermen should lift their nets every Saturday, take them home, stretch them on their flakes or grass plots, and set them again on Monday mornings? That, at any rate, is done in Scotland, and fishermen prosper there. Fourteen hundred boats, with an average of five men to each, go out from the town of Wick. Every Saturday, these sail in