

united, and acknowledge lasting results in large accession to their membership. The Association shared largely in the blessing, sixty new members have since joined. *Minissing*, two days, good meetings, small country Association formed. *Orillia*, fourteen days, souls saved, church membership increased, but not much benefit to the Association. *Ottawa*, eleven days, good meetings, churches not united, the Association revived and strengthened. At the request of the International Executive Committee, Mr. Crombie attended the Pennsylvania Convention at Danville, and we believe these interchanges to be productive of much good. Thirty days were occupied in attending five Conventions in London, Danville, Chatham and Quebec. He also accompanied Mr. Cree on his tour of visitation to twenty different Associations, which lasted thirty-six days, and resulted in great and permanent good to the places visited. It will thus be seen that he has spent in actual visitations one hundred and seventy-three days, besides keeping up a large correspondence with the new converts and others in places visited. Owing, however, to the heavy strain on the nervous system of our brother, and his intense anxiety for the salvation of souls, his health gave way, and rest had to be taken several times during the year, and finally, upon the urgent advice of his physician to take a sea voyage. He was absent for two months on a trip to England, from which we trust he will reap much benefit. Immediately upon his return from England, Mr. Crombie was sent in company with the esteemed President of the last Convention, the Hon. Mr. Vidal, to bear the greetings of our Associations to our brethren of the Maritime Provinces, assembled in Convention at Chatham, N.B. They will doubtless express to you the pleasure they have experienced in acting as your mouth-piece on such a happy occasion, and they will also tell some of the lessons which they have learned from our fellow Canadians on the seashore.

Your Committee feel that the very hearty thanks of this Convention are due to Mr. T. K. Cree for his valuable services, and to the International Executive at New York for so readily sending him.

We append Mr. Cree's report of his tour among some of our Associations, and commend it to the most careful consideration of all interested in Young Men's Christian Associations of our land. We cannot be too often reminded that our special work is among young men. We feel that it is a great advantage to us to have Mr. Cree present with us at this Convention and we trust that he will not hesitate to speak very plainly to us all of our shortcomings.

Thirteen other brethren, nearly all of them members of this Committee, have spent (93) ninety-three days in visiting Associations and holding Gospel and other meetings under their auspices. And we believe many others have done similar work of which we have no report.

During the latter half of the year the Committee has sorely missed the presence and wise counsel of Mr. Hague, who has for several years acted as Chairman, and given much time, care and attention to the interests of our Associations. His removal to Montreal, where so many experienced Association workers reside, has suggested to us that it might be better to have that city as the centre of the Executive work, and we trust that the Convention will elect a new Committee largely composed of these brethren. And is there not something in our present united gathering suggestive of having some thorough organized plan of fostering the work throughout the Dominion with the Executive at Montreal? Could we not have a good live business Travelling Secretary, who should divide existing Associations into districts, and work a strong Association for a centre where a General Secretary is employed, who would be responsible for their care, and report any languishing ones to the Travelling Secretary, who would arrange to visit them? In this