

Smith, Truro; Rev. E. F. Mallory, Quebec; W. E. Burford, Toronto; Geo. Younger, St. Johns; Henry Morton, Montreal; Isaiah Smith, Halifax.

The President, after being escorted to the platform and chair, expressed his regret that he should be elected to fill a position of so much importance. He knew, however, from long experience in association work, that it would be useless for him to resist, and he bowed in humble submission to their wishes. All he could say was to express his trust in God and rely on His Spirit alone to make the meetings of the Convention successful. He humbly trusted that God would enable him to act and speak as He would have him do. He trusted also that all the delegates would be filled with the same blessed spirit, and would fully realise His presence and hopefully depend upon Him for success in their deliberations.

After the appointment of these Committees and the announcements for the evening and morning sessions, it was suggested by D. A. Budge, of Montreal, that the President request the delegates to rise in their places and announce their names and places of residence, in order that the members of the Association might know each other, and this practical suggestion was carried out in a very pleasant and social way, after which they all joined in singing "Take the name of Jesus with you." Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, then pronounced the benediction and the convention adjourned.

#### THE "WELCOME MEETING."

The "welcome meeting" was held in the evening, in St. Andrew's Church, J. F. Blanchard, Esq., of Truro, occupying the chair. The meeting, which was largely attended, was opened at half past seven with devotional exercises led by Rev. W. H. Porter of St. Catharines. After a well rendered anthem by the choir the chairman delivered a brief address, at the close of which the choir sang a hymn. The chairman then called upon the Rev. Dr. McCullough, of Truro, to speak, who delivered an excellent address of welcome on behalf of the churches. In the course of his remarks he said, "The hopes of the Church, the happiness of families, blanks in the books of God's remembrance, and rooms in the house of many mansions, were to be filled by the efforts of the Association and of the Church fighting side by side." The reverend doctor referred to the lamentable lack of home discipline and training, and urged parents not to delegate their God-given work of home instruction to societies or associations however good. He referred to the visible prevalence of opinions of an infidel character, the destroying influence of strong drink, and the necessity of combatting these evils by example and godly precept.

The Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, replied in behalf of the Convention. In the course of an eloquent address he said, "The Eddy-stone Lighthouse had engraved on its base the words 'To give light and to save life,' and he conceived the association to be like that famous lighthouse, set up for the purpose of saving life and giving light; and he rejoiced that there were eight hundred such