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### Y. M. C. A. Convention.

The Fourth Annual Maritime Inter-collegiate Y. M. C. A. Convention was held at Acadia College on the 24th, 25th and 26th inst. The colleges were well represented, ten coming from Dalhousie six from Mt. Allison University, two from the University of N. B., two from Prince of Wales College, P. E. I., and two from St. Martin's Seminary. Mr. Fraser Marshall, Sec. of the Maritime Y. M. C. A., and W. A. Sallmon, representing the International committee, were also present.

The first meeting was held on the 24th inst. at 7.45 p. m. in College Hall. W. C. Vincent, president of Acadia Y. M. C. A., was in the chair and extended to the visiting delegates a hearty welcome to Wolfville.

After the delegates from the different colleges had responded, Rev. D. J. Fraser, M. A., B. D., pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Wolfville, gave a stirring address on "Christian Manliness." Ideal manliness by some was thought to lie in physical prowess and therefore such sought to distinguish themselves in athletic sports. To others mental power was considered to be the great essential to true manhood. The blatant skeptic publishes his doubts in order to be thought strong in intellect. With others moral power is considered the essential to true manliness. Christianity combines all these and alone produces the ideal man.

An informal reception was then held and the meeting adjourned.

There were three business sessions on Saturday, each one opening with devotional exercises. In the meetings the different means of bringing more of our college men to Christ were earnestly discussed. Great importance was placed on Bible study and a necessity of a spiritual awakening among Christians.

In the evening session Rev. Dr. Sawyer spoke for about an hour on "Christ as a Pattern for Christian Workers to-day." The address was one to awaken a greater earnestness of life and work among Y. M. C. A. members. Of those characteristics in the life of Christ which could be imitated and which, in order that one should succeed as a Christian worker, must be imitated, the speaker dwelt on the following: The successful Christian worker must be filled with the Spirit; he must be familiar with the Scriptures; he must be diligent and inoperative in prayer; he must be fully conscious of the personal call extended to him to a personal work; he must be sympathetic as Christ was; he must be characterized by unwavering fidelity to his Master, to his work.

The sermon of the Convention was preached on Sunday morning by Rev. E. M. Keintend, of the College. The theme was "Sympathy as an Element in the life of the Successful Christian Worker." There must be sympathy with God who sends the message—not a hard loyalty merely, but within the mind a detestation of Him. There must be sympathy with the message to mankind. We must appreciate it if we would be faithful in extending it to others. Besides this there must be sympathy with our fellowmen. We can not have sympathy with one unless with all. We may gain strength by considering the relation which the country holds to the college. The college is a world in miniature. From it the light of the world radiates. The University is allied to the national life of our country. In our colleges are the moulders of public opinion of the future. But our sympathies should not be confined to our own country. While cherishing our own nation let us not forget others. The sympathy of the Christian worker should be broad enough to take in the whole world.

A mass meeting of the students was held Sunday afternoon. This meeting was conducted by Rev. W. W. Anderson, M. A., of Mt. Allison University. The necessity of accepting Christ was urged upon the students. No one live, alone. Bless yourselves and you bless others; curse yourselves and you curse others. The work of the Association is to develop Christians. This comes through inspiration and practice. To gain inspiration we must come in contact with a personal Christ and meditate upon the thought of a personal Christ. Impressed with this idea we must act accordingly.

The farewell services were held in the Baptist church at 7.30 in the evening. Mr. Sallmon, President of Yale Y. M. C. A., gave an address on "The Study of the Word of God for Our Personal Spiritual Power." The Bible is read, said the speaker, in three ways: from an intellectual standpoint; from a devotional standpoint; and from a practical standpoint. In this last method the subject was discussed by him; the method of which knowledge and skill may be acquired in leading men to Christ. The address was full of practical suggestions.

Speaking of the manner of Bible study he said: Be alone. Have a resolute determination of mind; don't be sidetracked. As to record results, be progressive. Do not do the spirit in which study is to be done, he said. Be intense. The Holy Spirit will be dependent upon the time for Bible reading. Study there be a regular study; he urged that which must not be done in each day's chosen hour of the day. He said that the Bible study, not that time should be given mind was wasted and the result when the At the close of the address he showed ear-

nest testimonies were given by the different delegates to the helpfulness of the Convention. Joining hands in a circle which extended quite around the church the students joined with the congregation in singing "Blest be the tie that binds," after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Sawyer and the fourth annual Maritime Inter-collegiate Convention was brought to an end.

The next Convention will meet with the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, on Thanksgiving week of next year.

### Interesting Letter to Fruit Growers.

MR. EDITOR,—I have of late read with pleasure in the ACADIAN many references to the superiority of Nova Scotia fruit, as exhibited at the World's Fair at Chicago, over fruit from other countries. Is this true: true that our apples are finer in flavor and richer in color than the apples of other countries? Those who have lived long enough in the United States to test the quality of apples grown there know that it cannot be compared to the quality and flavor of apples produced in Nova Scotia. This valley commonly called the Annapolis valley has great resources for fruit growing. I do not young men realize it if they do, or the more they realize the less desire will they manifest to seek new fields, to leave their farms and go to foreign lands.

Two years ago boomers of western lands appeared in this country and expatriated on the great facilities for growing fruit in the state of Colorado. The soil was said to be magnificent, the product would be nearer the New England market by three days travel by rail than fruit produced in California. The writer took a trip to that land and saw enough to convince him while taking everything into consideration that Nova Scotia had advantages for fruit cultivation that Colorado did not possess. In looking for fruit grown in the state one had to look in vain. The apples, the plums, the peaches and grapes exhibited for sale were all grown in California. A few miles to the west of Pueblo a few persons had commenced to plant fruit trees on the great plain. In one place a thousand trees had been planted the previous spring and every fourth tree had died. Water to irrigate the soil had to be brought at a great expense from some small stream. The high winds and baked the land almost as soon as it was irrigated, and the consequences were that the young trees had died. Think of an orchard of plums, pears and peaches away out in a sandy plain, where and storms come up without warning and so severe that to be out in one is dangerous to life. Not only the fruit is in danger of being destroyed but the trees also.

Our lot is cast in a land where we do not have to cut great ditches for the purpose of conveying water to irrigate the soil—where we do not have sand storms that carry destruction in their wake—and in a land where the soil and climate is so well adapted to fruit growing that the horticulturist can save in planting ninety-nine out of a hundred trees.

The community of Wolfville and the whole province at large is to be benefited by the establishment of a School of Horticulture.

Many farmers already know that something more is needed than muscle or the outlay of physical energy to successfully conduct a farm in any of its details. One of the greatest privileges and advantages ever conferred on the yeomanry of the country by the government is the grant of \$2,000.00 per annum for the support of a school of horticulture, affording tuition free to those who will accept its advantages. I trust that because a fee is not charged to pupils in attendance at the school that none will look upon it as of little worth on that account; but as the government see it, and as the president and all the members of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association see it, that a thorough knowledge of horticulture, embracing as it does a complete knowledge of the cultivation and growing of fruit in all its branches, is an urgent necessity in this epoch of fruit growing in this country. The man who in the future will compete favorably with his successful neighbors in fruit raising must know all he can about horticulture. He must be a student.

Some of the learned professors, as law and medicine, I believe, are becoming over-crowded. I do not say this to deter any who may be planning to enter these professions, "There is always room at the top." Agriculture has been made distasteful to many farmers' sons on account of its ceaseless drudgery; also on account of attempting to cultivate too much land, wearing out the farmers and farmers' wives. Many of the farmers' boys saw this as they grew into manhood and bade good-bye to the farm.

Farming with its improved implements is not the drudgery it used to be and the farmer is realizing that five acres of land well and scientifically cultivated is of more value than twenty acres would be with the same amount of labor expended upon it. We believe that the farmers are becoming cognizant of the fact that there is much to learn in fruit growing as well as all the branches of farming, and we also trust that the School of Horticulture so soon to be opened in our midst will have the hearty support and patronage of those who are determined to become familiar with its art, as well as to put it to practical use.

Yours truly,  
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"A Romantic Romance" is the titled title of the book before us. Its author is Miss Carrie J. Harris, of Wolfville, who, it will be remembered, published a few months ago a story called "Mr. Perkins of Nova Scotia," which showed considerable talent in its way. But before proceeding to make further remarks upon the authorship we will present to our readers an outline of the plot of "A Romantic Romance." The opening scene is Grand Pre by moonlight. The hero, Charlie Smith, is all prepared to start to seek his fortune in New York, and the last evening of his stay at home he is bidding a much-kissed and hugging farewell to his affianced, Eva Parker. After swearing by the ebb and flow of the tides of Minas Basin, to be true forever, the hero takes his leave, and the next morning departs for New York, where he takes a situation in the office of his uncle. In a short time he gets a note from Eva and immediately afterwards he proposes to and is accepted by a New York heiress, and marries her. Eva hears of her lover's perfidy and bravely resolves to get such an education as would make her the superior of any of Charlie's New York friends. For this she goes to school in Boston and there, after graduating, marries a young professor altogether an ideal man. At the end of two years both Eva's husband and Charlie's wife die, an exceedingly accommodating circumstance, and a few months afterwards Eva's life having been saved by her old lover, her early affection revives and hero and heroine are at last united by hymen. Before this they had discovered that the letter purporting to come from Eva and containing a rejection of Charlie, was written by Charlie's amiable sister.

The book is doubtless a great improvement on "Mr. Perkins of Nova Scotia." It displays more breadth and much less crudeness of invention; but still there is one great fault in both equally, and that is that the various events instead of naturally growing out of one another, are narrated in a way that suggests a mere catalogue. The author tells us that certain things happen, instead of bringing the happenings themselves before our mental vision. She tells us that this or that person is filled with love or sorrow, but does not exhibit that love or sorrow, which is thus credited to him. As the poet says:

"'Tis not enough to say that such things are,  
But you must show them in the forms they bear,  
If we would sympathize with smile or tear."

Some less important defects might be pointed out, such as the statement that birds twitter by moonlight; the owl only gives voice by moonlight and he verily does nothing but twitter.

The book, however, contains many things deserving of praise. The following passage is very fine both in sentiment and expression:

"Who among us has not dreamed of the bright future that was to be ours when we made the slight effort that was necessary to bring a brilliant future to a glittering show around us? At twenty we are all prone to look at the world through rose-colored glasses. When, in after years, we learn, by bitter experience, that nothing great is lightly won, we wonder at our childish folly, and scorn those who dream, perhaps, those very dreams that once made life so sweet to us."

The following is also the noble expression of a true—a doubly true thought:

"Be careful, my dear Eva. If old friends are kindled quickly, watch that they do not, in your case, flame up suddenly and envelope your life's happiness in a dreadful conflagration. While you are preparing the stones of vengeance to throw at your early lover, be sure that you are strong enough to throw them with a firm hand, or they may reach and destroy your own loving heart, while the adamant wall, which you used as a target, may escape unharmed. A woman's love is hard to kill; and, though yours has been buried for many years, there still may be some tiny roots deep down in your heart, which may only require the pressure that years have placed upon them removed, to cause them to spring up and become a thriving tree. If you play with fire, you shall be burned, has been truly said. And what caused you such exquisite happiness this afternoon, while you were in the society of your old lover, if you are altogether indifferent to him?"

Altogether the book is the equal or perhaps the superior of any of the novels of Mr. Smith, of Windsor, and we look anxiously forward to the appearance of Miss Harris' next volume.

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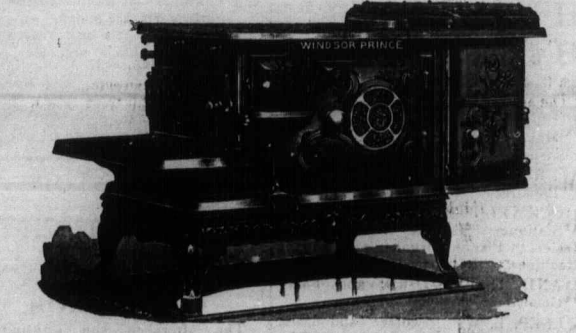
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