

After singing, "*Blest be the tie that binds*," the consideration of the subject was again resumed by

Mr. D. L. Moody, of Chicago, who spoke of the advantages of a reception, or visiting committee being established in all the cities and towns, whose business would be to find out the strangers, and bring them to respectable boarding-houses, and into the church. By this means the young men would have a religious influence thrown around them, which would have lasting beneficial effects, and they could help the Churches in this way—the Association is only the Church in action—both are united for one work and cannot be divorced.

Sheriff Thomas, of Hamilton, spoke in forcible and interesting terms of the necessity which existed for the young men and the churches going hand in hand in the good work in which they were all engaged.

Mr. George Hague, of Toronto, spoke warmly of the character of the Young Men's Christian Association, which he thought was a grand institution. Like many others, at one time he looked upon them with a degree of coldness and suspicion, but having seen their fruits, he felt they were doing a noble work. One thing they very clearly carried out, and that was the union of the Church of Christ. They advanced liberal ideas, and frowned down the narrow-minded sectarianism too prevalent in some of our churches, and if they do this, it was a good work, and the churches should co-operate with, and support them. He heartily wished them God speed.

Rev. Mr. Withrow, of Toronto, reminded the Convention that the British Soldier's spiritual wants should be more carefully attended to than heretofore; those brave men had left their homes in the fatherland to come out here to defend us, if necessary, and he thought it was due to them to have them looked after and cared for. Hospital visitation was another important work that ought to be attended to.

Mr. Robert Baldwin, of Toronto, replied that the Association had, during the past eighteen months, done much in distributing tracts among the soldiers, and had some of them as members of the Society. Prayer-meetings had also been held in the poorer districts, children brought into the Sabbath Schools, &c.

Mr. Thomas Muir, of Hamilton, thought that the ministers in the country, who knew when a young man was coming to the city, should give him a letter of introduction to the Association.

Rev. R. T. Thomas, of Toronto, spoke of the importance of the young men showing a bold front in the service of their Master. He once heard of a Highlander who was asked to play a retreat upon his bagpipes, but the brave fellow merely squeezed his pipes, and said that he had never learned that tune. The young men should never retreat, but should press on in the service of Christ.

Hymn, "*I love Thy Kingdom, Lord*," was sung.