

The Chairman then welcomed, in cordial terms, the delegates from the various Young Men's Christian Associations represented at this Convention; and extended in its name a cordial and hearty greeting to Mr. D. L. Moody, of Chicago, and other friends from the United States, who had favored them with their presence and valuable aid on this their first general Convention in Canada.

The "HYMN OF WELCOME" was then sung by the choir as follows:—

Soldiers of Christ are we,  
Marching to victory—  
Marching to Heaven!  
In his bright armour dressed,  
His Cross our chosen crest  
And for our food and rest  
His word is given.

Though foes our path surround,  
Though toils and cares abound,  
Onward we tread!  
We hear our Lord's command,  
We grasp each shining brand,  
And like a banner grand,  
Hope waves o'er head.

Thou blessed Prince of Peace!  
Do though our strength increase,  
Our courage raise;  
And when our course is run,  
Warfare and labor done,  
To Thee our hearts in one,  
Shall give the praise.

Soldiers of Christ are we;  
Light, Love and Liberty,  
Our battle-call!  
Till truth shall win the day,  
Till right shall gain the way,  
Till sin is driven away,  
We fight or fall!

Mr. A. T. McCord, Chamberlain, on behalf of the Corporation of Toronto, delivered the following address:—The Mayor of this city, who is not present here this evening, has requested me, on behalf of the citizens of Toronto, to bid you welcome. I can assure you it affords me the greatest pleasure to give you a cordial greeting and welcome to our homes and hearts. The organization of young men united together for christian work, without distinction of creed, although of comparatively recent date, is destined at no distant period to be a power second to no other in the field of christian labor for the good of our fellow men. The times in which we live are pregnant with momentous truths which are moving with lightening speed. Arts, commerce and manufac-