

The Committee on Nominations, through Dr. Carlyle, reported the following as permanent officers of the Convention:—

PRESIDENT:

JOHN MACDONALD, Esq., Toronto.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

THOMAS LEEMING, Esq., Montreal;

H. S. McDONALD, Esq., Brockville;

E. C. THOMAS, Esq., Hamilton;

J. T. BOYD, Esq., London.

SECRETARY:

THOMAS MUIR, Hamilton.

ASSISTANT-SECRETARIES:

JAMES SCOTT, Kingston;

R. H. HOLLAND, Montreal.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Chairman requested J. K. Macdonald, and Rev. E. W. McColl to escort our President-elect to the Chair. The President on taking his seat said:—

Dear Brethren of the Young Men's Christian Association of Ontario and Quebec, I thank you heartily for the great honor you have conferred upon me, by electing me to preside over your deliberations in this your first Convention. I accept the trust with a conscious sense of my own inability, but, relying upon your forbearance and sympathy, and the kindly assistance of the officers of the Association, I feel that its responsibility will be greatly lightened.

We live in an age of Conventions. We have our international conventions, our political, professional and commercial Conventions; in these, as in many other matters, the children of this world are, in their generation, wiser than the children of light.

The Church has at length taken advantage of Conventions, tardily it is true, but not too late we hope, and hence we now have our Sabbath School and Y. M. C. Association Conventions, at such gatherings some of us have met before; our remembrances of these seasons are pleasant, never to be forgotten, and from which we have come back, wiser, might we not add better men.

We are anxious that this, our first Convention, should be a success, and unless we are stimulated to greater effort for the welfare of young men; unless it is promotive of personal piety it will have