

was very helpful in creating a deeper and stronger interest in Y. M. C. A. work. The interchanging of ideas, the helpful suggestions from the delegates, the presence of Mr. Mott who gave the Convention much information and encouragement regarding the work of Associations in other parts, all tended to make this first Convention one of great pleasure and profit. Following as it did so closely to the establishment of our Y. M. C. A. it gave the infant Association much strength and enthusiasm for the carrying on of its work. There were present at this Association besides Mr. Mott, Mr. E. W. Gorton, Travelling Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the Maritime Provinces, and R. S. Miller, Assistant Secretary for Japan. In the autumn of '91 the Convention met at Mount Allison College, and in the following year, '92, it was held at Dalhousie College. In November, 1893, Acadia's turn came again and delegates gathered for the second time from Dalhousie, Mt. Allison, U. N. B. and from the Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown. It was a good Convention. W. C. Vincent who was then president of the Acadia Association, gave the delegates a hearty welcome and said that the feeling of each one was not merely the common feeling that all thus assembled in Convention were fellow-students. Strong as that was there was a deeper bond of union - that of Christian brotherhood. The best of spirits prevailed throughout this Convention. Mr. Salmon, President of the Yale Y. M. C. A. was present and took charge of many of the exercises. The addresses given on this occasion will not soon be forgotten, particularly those given by Rev. D. F. Fraser on "Christian Manliness," and by Dr. Keirstead on "Sympathy as an element in the life of the successful Christian worker." In the fall of '94 Acadia was represented at the University of New Brunswick by Messrs. Foote, Morse, and Bishop, and in 1895 at Mt. Allison by Messrs. Jackson, Armstrong, Spidle, Corbett, and Clark, and in 1896 at Dalhousie by Messrs. Morse, Duval, Hardy, McCurdy, and Rose. An excellent spirit prevailed at all these gatherings and our delegates returned feeling that they had been well repaid for the time spent and more determined to work with increased zeal in the interests of the Association.

The Y. M. C. A. ever since its establishment has recognized the importance of keeping in touch with other Associations and Conferences. It has proved especially helpful to the Association to send a delegation to the Students Conference held at Northfield, Mass., every year. It is pleasing to know that this Conference is every year becoming more popular with the Association, and our delegations are growing larger. Last year the delegation numbered five while in previous years two was the largest number sent. Messrs. Shaw, Smallman, Newcomb, Saunders, Stuart, Cutten, Rose, were the men appointed by the Association to represent us up to last year, when the Association increased its delegation and sent Messrs. Freeman, Sloat, Farris, Corbett and Newcomb.

At the close of the first year's work there was much to gratify the Christian students. Much had been done during the year. The ser-