

of the community. They could tell them they had Bethel service in the neighbourhood, and invite the sailors to attend. By this means much good might be done. But how could the Church aid the Young Men's Christian Associations? The day was not long passed when the Ministers of Montreal did not recognize the Young Men's Christian Association. They thought it was going to take part of their work out of their hands. But, fortunately, that time was past, and the young men and the ministers were working together, and much good was consequently being done. The ministers could preach sermons for the young men, and encourage them, and the ladies could assist them by encouraging them and working with them. (Applause.)

Mr. W. B. Copp, of Toronto, thought that the Associations could render aid and service to the churches, by means of reception committees, whose duty it would be to find out the young men who come, strangers and friendless to our cities and towns; interest them in our meetings, inquire into their denominational preferences, introduce them to the pastors, and so bring them under the influence of the blessed gospel, "which is able to make them wise unto everlasting life." The men who work on these committees should have large hearts, and with a hearty smile, and a grasp of the hand, be ever ready to welcome young men and make them feel at home amongst us; much good might thus result.

Mr. Rollo, of Toronto, said, that if the Church did all its work there would be no need of Masonic, or other benevolent societies; but as the Churches did not do all their work, it was necessary to have Young Men's Christian Associations.

Mr. William Anderson, of Toronto, said he had been brought into contact with nearly every minister in the city, and he had never found any antagonism between them and the Young Men's Christian Association. He had never asked for a favor that had not been readily granted by the ministers. He referred to the good that was being done by the Sunday Bible classes under the management of the Associations in various parts of the Empire. When in London he visited one of these Bible classes, where he found about two hundred present,—only fifteen or twenty members of the Association. The remainder were picked up on the street by individual effort. At the close over one hundred were invited by the teacher to remain to tea with him. By those means the young men's names and addresses were ascertained, and a Christian influence was thrown around them which bore good fruit.

Mr. H. S. McDonald, of Brockville, returned thanks on behalf of the Association he represented for the good time the Delegates had had together. He did not think that the clergy should manage the Associations, whose practical working should be in the hands of the young men. The cities and towns should assist in forming Associations in the villages. Mr. McDonald then took leave of the President and Officers of the Convention.