

and delighted. New voices were being continually heard, and new suggestions offered, but the same spirit of loyalty to Christ and His Church pervaded all hearts.

On the evening of the Lord's-day, the closing meeting was held. Suitable discourses had been preached in the different churches in the morning. The Sabbath Schools were addressed in the afternoon, and the greater part of all the congregations came together to the evening meeting to say in prayer and conference. "Fare-ye-well," St. Andrew's will accommodate over a thousand, but it was soon filled to overflowing and a second meeting had to be organized in "old St. Andrew's," and in both the Farewell services were held simultaneously.

We had not the privilege of being present, but from those who were, we learn that times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord were enjoyed, and that many as they retired, feeling that it was good to be there, thanked God for all that they had heard and seen of the goodness of the Lord and the progress of His Kingdom. May we not feel assured that the volume of prayer which from so many earnest hearts ascended from morn till midnight (for morning prayer meetings assembled at 7) will be answered, and that when the Lord reckoneth up the people that it will be written that this man and that man were born there.

We should have said that the delegates in attendance were 105 besides those belonging to Pictou town. These were from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. We were sorry to see the Western part of this Province and Cape Breton so inadequately represented, but trust that the Convention of 1870 will in this respect shew a decided advance. The office bearers of the present year are:—

President—J. S. McLean, Esq., Halifax.

Vice-Pres.—W. N. Rudolf, Esq., Pictou.

“ D. Laird, Esq., Charlottetown.

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Secretary—W. B. McNutt, Halifax.

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THE PORTLAND CONVENTION.

The late International Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations at Portland was so important in itself and so far reaching in its results, its influence will ramify through so many departments of life, that it demands attention as one of the signs of the times. The Young Men's Christian Association movement is rapidly assuming vast proportions on this continent. The growth in numbers and influence during the last three years is remarkable, the membership now amounting to upwards of ninety thousand. The design of the originators was to provide means for saving from the clutch and power of vice, young men who come to large towns to seek employment and fortune. But a work like this, in its very nature, cannot stand still. The object of the institution broadened as it grew, and now the central idea of the movement, as lately defined by one of its leading men, is "to set every christian to work for Christ whether he be old young." It aims to set in motion the practical side of christianity. Hence every community is now a field of operation for a Young Men's Christian Association.—The late Convention was composed of delegates from Associations all over the United States and British America, from Virginia on the South to Ontario on the North, from Pictou on the East to San Francisco on the West.

The delegates numbered eight hundred and thirty. Nova Scotia sent about eighteen. The church was a beautiful and spacious one on State Street. Flowers decked the tables and platform. The flags of the two nations lovingly twined their folds under the projecting arch above the platform.—The motto of the Convention, "Jesus in everything and everything in Jesus," hung in large letters behind the President. A sea of eight hundred young and earnest faces watched the proceedings; as many hearts we trust beat lovingly for Jesus and longingly for His glory; as many voices rose in song and as many spirits bowed in devotion. The whole scene was most imposing. There were assembled young men from all parts of this continent. There