

TRURO, 10th August, 1882.

The Convention assembled in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Truro, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, and was opened by devotional exercises, conducted by Mr. A. Daniel, of St. John.

On motion of Mr. J. C. Thomson, of Quebec, Mr. John S. Maclean, of Halifax, President of the First Dominion Convention, took the chair and called the Convention to order.

After singing "Our Blessed Bond of Union, Thou Art O Christ Our Lord," the Rev. E. Ross read a portion of Scripture and engaged in prayer.

Mr. John S. Maclean then addressed the Delegates, referring to the First Dominion Convention, held five years ago in Québec, which he characterized as a blessed one, producing most gracious and fruitful results—among which were—greater faith in the work of the Y. M. C. A. and increased determination to carry it forward—a new bond of sympathy between the workers from the different provinces—the creation of new friendships and the quickening of some who were becoming weary in well doing—the determination of the Quebec Association to have a building of their own. To-day that building was by the blessing of God about finished, and was for convenience and beauty, one of the first in the land. On behalf the Maritime Provinces he warmly welcomed the delegates from Ontario and Quebec. He gave statistics from the Year Book showing the remarkable increase in the various branches of the Association work during the past year. He referred to the tide of emigration which was now setting in, and said it was important for us to think of the responsibilities that rested upon the Associations of the Dominion in relation to the great influx of people who were pouring in and filling up the land. He referred in pleasing terms to the Winnipeg Association and the blessed work it was doing out there. This Dominion he said had a glorious future before it and the more we could consecrate the young men of the country to God, the more glorious would that future be. And in a very earnest and practical address he called upon all the delegates to renewed efforts in the great work in which they were engaged, and which was at the present time pressing itself so forcibly upon every Christian worker.

On conclusion of Mr. Maclean's remarks, the Convention united in singing the hymn, "Sing Them Over Again to Me Wonderful Words of Life."

It was moved and carried that the following be the rules to govern the proceedings of the Convention.

RULES.

1. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents and three Secretaries.