

from domestic or commercial responsibilities leaving the mind and time free for out-door service; the sanguine confidence which half ensured success; and especially, the access to young men enjoyed by those of their own class. The "dangers" to which Christianity in young men was exposed, were—the spirit of *self-confidence*; censoriousness in judging of their elders; rashness, in undertaking too much, followed by fickleness upon disappointment; a morbid sensitiveness to shame; and temptations which appealed to the animal in the man.

Rev. Mr. Withrow, of Toronto, spoke of the importance of revivals of religion among young men, and as there were a great number attending the educational institutions in the city, an effort should be made to encourage revivals among that class of the community.

Hymn, "*Rock of ages, cleft for me*," was sung.

Dr. Skinner, of Kingston, maintained that as the young men were exposed to the evils of intemperance, the Young Men's Christian Association should make special efforts to save their members from this great danger. The "Temperance Pledge" should be laid upon the table at the meetings, and the young men should be induced to sign it.

Rev. R. Rogers, of Collingwood, referred to the dangers of social drinking in religious families. Much injury was being done to the young men in Collingwood from this very cause.

Mr. A. Williamson, of Stratford, advised the young ladies present to look after their brothers and induce them to become temperance men.

Rev. John Potts, of Hamilton, was delighted with the character and entire spirit of the Convention. He had been in the habit of preaching special sermons to young men for years, and he would go back to Hamilton fully resolved to do more than he had ever done for the elevation of young men.

Hymn, "*Nearer, my God, to Thee*," was sung, and A. T. McCord led in prayer.

Mr. Thomas Leeming, of Montreal, in the absence of Rev. Dr. Ormiston, opened the discussion on the following subject:—"The special work of Young Men's Christian Associations. How can they render the best service to the Church, and how can churches best aid them?" In his opening remarks he said he had received only ten minutes notice. They should remember that the Church was the representative of Christ on earth; but the Church had great powers; it had the power of branching out. He looked upon the Young Men's Christian Associations as skirmishers; they could skirmish with the enemy,—drive him into a corner,—and then the ministers could have a chance of firing a big gun into him. (Applause.) They were also educators; they could visit the sailors, and distribute tracts among that neglected class