

lic was represented, and every Province of the Dominion. There was also a representative from London, G. B., and one from Australia. Mr. Wannemaker, of Philadelphia, a successful merchant, as well as a successful labourer in Christ's cause, was elected President. A large amount of routine business was done. Several important questions were discussed, but not as satisfactorily as could have been desired. In such an assembly it is hardly possible to have a full and exhaustive discussion of a subject. The time allotted to the speakers is so short that they cannot do justice to the point in hand. If we look for much *light* from such gatherings we will look in vain. *Heat* rather than *light* comes from them. And is it not heat that we need in these days? Generally speaking, we have light enough. Our people know the truth—know it as well as their teachers do. But what is the good of such *head* knowledge if the *heart* is cold? Our churches are full of theologians—men who are conversant with all the articles of our faith, and able to defend them against the attacks of assailants. Would that their zeal and fervour were at all equal to their knowledge! Yes, we want spiritual heat; we need to have our souls fired with love to Jesus; and if Conventions will produce that result, then the more of us who attend them the better. Prayer abounds. It is not pushed into a corner, or slurred over as if it were an unimportant part of the exercises. At the beginning, during the progress, and at the close of the proceedings the service of supplication is heard. And it should be mentioned that for a whole week prior to the meeting of the Conventions special prayer was offered by the Association in Washington for a blessing on the exercises, that they might result in lasting good to the city. Our Association brethren are firm believers in the power of prayer, and not among the least of the services that they are rendering to the cause of Christ is the testimony they are bearing to the truth, that God is the Hearer and answerer of prayer.

But the characteristic feature of the Convention was the singing. It was simply grand, indescribable. It has long been

our opinion that the success of the meetings of the Y. M. C. Associations is largely due to the excellence and heartiness of their singing. (1) They stand when they praise God. That certainly is right, and the sooner our churches adopt the standing posture in praise the better. (2) They sing hymns—simple, touching, soul stirring hymns, and the sooner these or other suitable hymns form part of the church service of song the better. (3) They sing the good and grand old tunes that every body knows.

From almost all quarters progress was reported, but especially from the Middle and Western States. A decision of the Convention of 1869 respecting the Divinity of Christ, was not relished by the Unitarian Churches, in the New England States. The consequence is that the cause has declined rather than advanced there since that time.

In the Provinces the work is steadily progressing. New Associations are forming, and old ones are reviving. We hope and believe that the report of our Delegates to Washington concerning the great work that God is doing by and among the young men of the United States will stimulate us all to attempt yet greater things in behalf of the young men of our land.

We look forward with pleasure to the Convention that is to assemble in St. John, N. B., on the 6th of this month. And we hope that it will prove as much a blessing to that city as the convention of 1869 did to Pictou, and the Convention of 1870 did to Charlottetown, P. E. Island. We thank God for the young men's movement and heartily wish it abundant success. S.

CHINA.

This vast empire is a compact territory comprising a large portion of the earth's population. Its huge wall, 1300 miles in length, incloses a very rich and fertile soil which is very productive. Providence has highly favoured this country in this respect, for its teeming population could not be well fed and supported were it not for the richness of its soil, producing two crops in the year. God has bestowed many advantages upon China, giving her a healthy