

Mr. McCrone, of St. Thomas, alluded to the failure of the first efforts to found an Association in St. Thomas. Now they had one, and had excellent members here connected with it.

Mr. Bentley, of Montreal, spoke of the progress of the young men's work in that city, alluding to the special services and other labor performed.

Mr. Williamson, of Stratford, stated that they had a small Association in that town. There were very few young men to engage in the work, although there were numbers to help to make prosperous the billiard saloons and taverns. He advocated Toronto sending delegates through the rural districts, to stir up the zeal of Christians generally, and lead them to good practical work in the Great Master's cause. In the Convention he would like to hear more views expressed, having for their object the benefit of the country societies. The city organizations were stronger and better able to take care of themselves.

Mr. Wells, of Woodstock, was the representative of a small society, and had pleasure in attending. He would endeavour to carry back with him some hints for their advancement. Not many among their young men were open, professed Christians, but there were many moral young men who were members and attended the meetings. One question with him was, how best to interest this class. The Association had failed to make their meetings as interesting as could be desired, and it was a point as to whether topics more purely literary should not be introduced for discussion in order to create interest. He said they had received valuable assistance from Mr. Anderson, of Toronto, and Mr. Claxton, of Montreal, in the organization of their Association. He hoped he would be able to carry back some of the interesting spirit of this Convention to his brethren, and that their meetings in Woodstock, which had heretofore been in a measure unsuccessful, would become more interesting.

Mr. J. McMillan, of Ottawa, said they were doing in a quiet way a good deal, their Association being one of the institutions of the city. The lumbering business of the Ottawa opened a good field for their labors, and some half-dozen volunteers supplied tracts and religious literature, held prayer meetings with the raftsmen, and sought to do good in divers ways. They had established a reading-room by applying to the principal newspaper proprietors in the Dominion, and had now about 30 newspapers which cost the Association only the postage on them.

Hymn, "Your Mission," was sung by Miss E. Dexter. Mr. D. Bentley, of Montreal, led in prayer.

After singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. E. W. McCall.