

Special services are being conducted in several of the churches, and some blessed fruits appear. Yet we have no sign of a plentiful shower. Would not such conventions be desirable and practicable in some Canadian localities? I feel sure they would prove a means of holy quickening both to pastors and churches. I must not intrude further.

Yours in the bonds of Christ, very cordially,

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A good form of Donation.—News comes to us through a private channel, so that in taking the liberty of publishing it, we do not name person or place,—but it is a fact nevertheless, that somewhere within the limits of the new Dominion of Canada, a minister has had cause to write us as follows:—

“Allow me to congratulate you on the ‘sunnyside in Toronto.’ It is pleasant truly to ‘rejoice with them that rejoice.’ *The ball rolls.* Our Treasurer waited at my house on Saturday evening, and presented Mrs. ——— with a very handsome sum towards the payment of the premium of my life assurance. This I assure you, is a great boon, and it makes one sing with renewed energy, “Praise God from whom all blessings flow.”

Young Men's Christian Associations are in vigorous operation in various parts of Canada. That at Montreal, the oldest of all, continues to do excellent service. In Toronto there is a constant increase of membership, and much activity in doing good. The Association employs a City missionary, conducts Bethel Services and Cottage meetings, and visits the hospital. In London, a *Free Reading Room* has been opened, such as already existed in the two former cities. Kingston and St. Thomas have recently formed Associations. There are probably others of which no account has reached us. May they all be animated by “zeal according to knowledge.” For their special department of service, work among *young men*, they have peculiar facilities and aptitudes.

A Conference of Ladies.—A correspondent of the *London Evening Advertiser* asks, *apropos* of “Ladies Aids.” Would it not be a good idea, in this age of delegates of congresses and conventions, to have a Convention of all such Societies in the Province? It would certainly be most interesting, as I presume it would be composed of the cleverest, prettiest and best women in Canada. All such matters as socials, soirees, &c., should receive due attention, and though I do not think our Canadian women would go the length of some of their New York sisters in getting up church balls and introducing dancing on Christian principles, yet I imagine they could discover several novelties that would vary from the present rather dull routine of socials and soirees. It would be a good plan to offer a prize of say \$100 for the best essay on the best mode of conducting socials and all such entertainments.

Union Sabbath School Soiree.—The Music Hall in Toronto was crowded in every part on Thursday evening, 7th ult., by the teachers of the Sabbath Schools of the city and their friends, of all denominations, who, after taking tea together, were addressed by several ministers and superintendents, and by Mr. J. D. Foote, now of the Howard Mission, New York. Mr. Foote brought with him four of the little Wanderers who had been cared for by the Mission, and enraptured the assembly by their sweet singing. The Soiree was held, not only for the immediate advantage of the occasion itself, but to prepare the way also for the Provincial Convention to be held in this city next fall, and to which the Sabbath School community are looking forward with very lively interest. At a meeting at Knox Church, on behalf of the Howard Mission, the next evening, Mr. Foote received a collection of about \$130.