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**YOUNG MEN'S CHRIS. ASSOCIATION**  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

LOUISVILLE, June 11th, 1877.

MR. EDITOR,—I send a letter giving a report of the Twenty-second Annual International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations. I hope you will use it in the interest of association work. Many workers among your readers are interested in the Convention and its deliberations. If you cannot use it all please use such parts of it as will most interest your readers.

Respectfully yours,  
THOMAS K. CREE,  
Travelling Secretary International Committee.

MR. EDITOR,—The Twenty-second Annual Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the U. States and British Provinces assembled in Library Hall, Louisville, on Wednesday, June 6, at 11 a. m., about three hundred delegates being in attendance. The Convention is a fine looking body of active Christian young men, representing associations from every State and Province, and coming as they do, from every Evangelical denomination, it is a body the like of which is seldom gathered together.

The hall is beautifully decorated with flowers, mottoes span the stage, such as "All from the Father," "All in the Son," "All by the Holy Ghost," and over stage gracefully entwined are the English and American flags, emblems of the two great Christian nations of the earth.

The most luxurious homes of the city are occupied by the delegates, and the pastors and churches of the city are heartily in sympathy with the Christian Association of Louisville in its efforts to care for the Convention.

The Convention was called to order by Russel Sturgis, Jr., of Boston, President of the Toronto Convention. After devotional exercises in a brief address he spoke of the success that has attended the associations in every phase of their work, in all parts of the land during the year, and of the increased responsibility resting upon them for a faithful prosecution of their work in the future. In closing he said:

But dear, brethren, we work for the Lord Jesus Christ. He has promised us the presence and power of the Holy Ghost; and O that God may grant in this convention what has been so manifest in our confessions lately—the presence and power of the Holy Ghost; and that we may have this power let us realize that the burdens that are laid upon us are such that we can not personally carry, and that we must roll them upon Him the sin-bearer, and the care-bearer, too; for our course as Christians is to be without let or hindrance; we are to run with patience the race that is set before us.

May God grant them, to us, as we are assembled for the Lord's name, and in the Lord's work, such a guiding of His Holy Spirit in everything that shall be done in this convention that there may be no mistakes made, but that all shall be eventuated to the honour and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A committee of one from each State and Province was appointed to nominate permanent officers for the convention.

Pending their deliberation, Thane Miller, of Cincinnati conducted interesting devotional exercises, in which

Rev. Drs. Simpson, Chadwick, Weaver, Jones and other pastors of Louisville took part. The committee reported the following officers, who on motion were elected:—

For President—John V. Farwell, of Chicago, Ill.

For Vice Presidents—T. J. Wilkie, Toronto, Ont.; J. C. C. Black, Augusta, Ga.; Wm. P. Armstrong, Selma, Ala.; W. K. Jennings, Pittsburg, Pa.; Rev. W. A. Lipse, Omaha, Neb.; George Young, Montreal, Quebec; H. M. McDonald, Princeton College, N. J.; E. S. Field, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. H. Cheever, Cincinnati, Ohio.

For Secretary—T. C. Horton, Indianapolis, Ind.

For Assistant Secretaries—E. C. Chapin, Davenport, Iowa; J. S. Palmer, Little Rock, Ark.; W. A. Davis, Montgomery, Ala.; W. E. Lewis, Ware, Mass.

Mr. Farwell made a brief address, thanking the convention for the honor conferred in electing him to the position of presiding officer.

In the evening a welcome meeting was held. Library Hall was crowded to overflow. Eloquent addresses of welcome were delivered by Mr. Frank D. Carley, President of the Louisville Association, Charles D. Jacobs, Esq., Mayor of the city, and Rev. Stuart Robinson, D.D. The latter gave a most unqualified endorsement of the Association, and of the work in which they are engaged. He said:

I esteem it no ordinary honour to have been called to the very pleasant duty of extending to the International Convention of the Y. M. C. A. the distinctive welcome of the evangelical churches to our city. And now, in their name, I say, brethren, "Welcome, welcome—thrice welcome!" and you may rest assured this is no mere empty word of formal politeness on the one hand, nor of gushing sentimentality on the other, but a word that comes from our hearts just because we like you, and that because, from calm, sober conviction, these churches honor and appreciate your efforts to bring honour to the Great King Jesus, whom they all recognize as their adorable Head.

While the Y. M. C. A. seeks to use the secondary influence of the Gospel as the great agency for promoting the social and temporal welfare of the young men, this is by no means the great end of its efforts but only a means to an infinitely higher end—even the salvation of their souls, and to lead them to become co-workers with Christ in the salvation of other souls. And it is to you as laborers in the service of the church in that sublime work for which the church has been established on earth to carry on that I come as the mouthpiece of the evangelical churches to bid a "welcome" which means "well done, good and faithful servants;" ye scouts, and skirmishers and vanguard of the "sacramental hosts of God's elect." Allow me now to state more distinctly the points of approval in your course which call forth this welcome from the evangelical church of God.

Well now, the first grounds of our approval and affection for the Young Men's Christian Association is that, though a voluntary association, without any sort of denominational connection, you show the churchiness of your principles by declining to set up any other interests apart from the church, and have steadfastly maintained that ground for many years past. In the very admirable little manual to guide your official workers—a model as I conceive of a tract, keeping its one purpose in view—I find in capital letters this rule: "ADVISE YOUR CONVERTS TO JOIN SOME EVANGELICAL CHURCH." And added to this, the observation: "If our work is to be lasting, it must tend to strengthen, build up and increase the power of the Church of Christ." Thus the Y. M. C. A., recognizes fully the visible church.

In the second place, these evangelical churches give you approving welcome because of your labors and your success in bringing the word of God to the front, and bringing the minds of unconverted and converted alike to the word of God as the only reliable guide to enquirers and rule to the conscience of the unconverted. If you have done nothing more than devise and establish all over the country the scheme of Bible reading, now become so popular and useful, you would have established a claim to the highest regard of all evangelical Christians.

Allow me to say, in conclusion, Mr. President and members of the convention that in my judgment, the fact that through so many years of labour, having to deal with so many varieties of human nature, and exposed to so many temptations to go astray, you have yet been able so wisely, with so much Christian modesty and humility to achieve so magnificent a success in this great Christian work, entitles you to the confidence of all evangelical Christians, and therefore speaking again, as from the depths of the heart, I

say for them, "Welcome, brethren, welcome."

Addresses in reply were made by Farwell, President of the Convention; I. D. Paterson, of Montreal; Mr. Pinkerton, of Alabama, and Mr. Thale Miller, of Cincinnati.

The following are the topics that have been discussed:—

I. The International Work intrusted to the Executive Committee.—1. At the South; 2. On behalf of Colored Young Men; 3. At the West; 4. In Canada; 5. Among Railroad Men; 6. Among the Germans.

II. The Work entrusted to State and Provincial Committees.—1. In New England; 2. In the West; 3. In Canada; 4. In the South; 5. In States without State Secretaries.

III. How I use the Bible.—1. For myself; 2. With Christian Workers; 3. With the Unconverted.

IV. The Evangelistic Work of the Associations, its Limitations, and the Qualifications of those who engage in it.

V. Association Work in its Peculiar Adaptations to the Wants and Temptations of Young Men.

Each session is opened by a Bible reading or half an hour of devotional services.

The most important item of business was the report of the executive committee, which was presented the first day's session. It gave a detailed statement of the work of the committee for the past year and of the general association work. In 1864 there were but 65 associations, which were isolated organizations. Now there are over 1000 organizations bound together under international state and provincial committees, with over 100,000 members. The work then was indefinite; now it is largely in the interests of young men. Then moral men were admitted to active membership, and the work was largely benevolent and superficial; now professing Christian young men control the societies, and the work looks to the conversion of young men. Then there was not an association building; now there are 48, valued at \$2,000,000, and with other property owned by the association, aggregate almost \$6,000,000. The expenditure of the committee for the year was \$16,000, and added to this the state and association expenses amount to almost \$500,000. Eighty-three hundred men were provided with employment. The average weekly attendance on the association Bible classes is 8,138. Then two general secretaries were employed; now there are 123 general secretaries and agents. Mr. Robert Weidensal and L. W. Munhall presented reports of the work in the west; Thomas K. Cree, Geo. A. Hall, Joseph Harnie, and S. A. Taggart, of the work in the south; Geo. D. Johnston, of the work for colored young men in the south; Thomas K. Cree, in Ontario; E. D. Ingersoll, among railroad men, and R. C. Morse as secretary of the committee. The committee thank the secular and religious press for the assistance given the work during the year, and recommend that \$20,000 be devoted to the work for the coming year.

The following telegram was sent to the Convention of the Women's Christian Associations at Montreal:—  
LOUISVILLE, KY., June 6, 1877.—To the President of the Women's Association, Montreal, Canada: The Young Men's Christian Associations, in convention assembled, send Christian greetings. Read Acts ii. 17-18, and Heb. xiii. 20.

The following reply was received:—  
MONTREAL, June 7, 1877.—John V. Farwell, President International Convention Y. M. C. A., Louisville: The International Conferences of Women's Christian Associations in Montreal send greetings to their brothers—Ephsians i. 15-20.

Miss S. E. FITCH,  
President Conference Women's Christian Association.

The following dispatch was presented:—  
LONDON, JUNE 7, 1877.—President of Convention Y. M. C. A., Louisville: The International Conferences of Women's Christian Associations in Montreal send greetings to their brothers—Ephsians i. 15-20.

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## N. B. AND P. E. I. CONFERENCE.

**PLAN OF PUBLIC SERVICES**  
During the Conference held in the Methodist Church Fredericton commencing June the 27th, 1877.

PLACE.	DATE.	BY WHOM CONDUCTED.	TIME OF SERVICE
Fredericton	Wed'y. 27th	Rev. James Duke	8 p.m.
Ditto	Thurs. 28th	Rev. William Penna/ Conference Missionary Meeting	6.30 a.m.
Ditto	Friday 29th	Rev. Benjamin Chapell Conference Educational Meeting	7.30 p.m.
Ditto	Saturday 30	Rev. Edward Bell	6.30 a.m.
Ditto	Sun. July 1	Rev. John F. Betts	6.30 a.m.
Ditto	" "	President of Conference	11 a.m.
Ditto	" "	Rev. Hy. Daniel Conference Love Feast	3 p.m.
Ditto	" "	Rev. D. D. Currie	6.30 p.m.
Marysville	" "	Rev. John Lathern	11 a.m.
Ditto	" "	Rev. Howard Sprague	6.30 p.m.
Gibson	" "	Rev. John S. Finney	11 a.m.
Ditto	" "	Rev. S. T. Teed	6.30 p.m.
Robinson	" "	Rev. C. H. Hamilton	3 p.m.
Lincoln	" "	Rev. William Tweedy	11 a.m.
Kingsclear	" "	Rev. F. W. Harrison	10 a.m.
Ditto	" "	Rev. B. S. Crisp	6.30 p.m.
Nashwaak	" "	Rev. Joseph Seller	11 a.m.
Nashwaakis	" "	Rev. Levi S. Johnson	3 p.m.
Fredericton	Monday 2nd	Rev. W. Maggs Ordination Service	6.30 a.m.
Ditto	" "	Rev. Charles Comben	7.30 p.m.
Ditto	Tuesday 3rd	Sabbath School Meeting	6.30 a.m.
Ditto	Wednes. 4th	Rev. H. R. Baker	7.30 p.m.
Ditto	" "	Rev. W. W. Brewer	8 p.m.
Ditto	Thursday 5th	Rev. A. R. B. Shewsbury	6.30 a.m.
Ditto	" "	Rev. E. Evans	8 4 p.m.

H. McKEOWN, Superintendent.

The following arrangements have been made to supply the Evangelical Pulpits of the City on the Conference Sabbath, July 1st, by the request of the several Pastors.

Presbyterian Church	Rev. Joseph Hart	11 a.m.
" "	Professor Burwash	6.30 p.m.
C. Baptist	Rev. Samuel Ackman	11 a.m.
" "	Rev. John Prince	6.30 a.m.
F. Baptist	Rev. William Dobson	11 a.m.
" "	Rev. James Crisp	6.30 p.m.

## Travelling Arrangement N.B. and P.E.I. Conferences.

Ministers and Laymen, attending the Conference, will obtain tickets by railway from St. John to Fredericton and return, at one fare. It will be necessary, when purchasing tickets, to show a certificate which may be obtained of me, or at my house, in St. John.

The Standing regulations of the Intercolonial Railway, I believe, pass all ministers both way for one fare.

HOWARD SPRAGUE,  
Secy. N.B. and P.E.I. Conf.

St. John, N.B., June 9th, 1877.

## N. B. & P. E. I. CONFERENCE.

Homes provided for the Ministers during the Session to be held at Fredericton, June 1877.

Ackman, Samuel R	Joseph G Gill, King Street	Hart, Joseph	F Thompson
Allen, John S	G M Clark Queen Street	Howie, Isaac	William L emont Queen Street
Allen, Thomas	Thomas Morris Brunswick Street	James, Silas	H G Hoyt, Queen Street
Baker, A B H R	Joseph C Risteen, Smyth Street	Johnston, Levi S	M S Hall George Street
Barrett, G M	E Storey, Queen St.	Jost, J V	Judge Wilmot Regent Street
Bell, Edward	Nelson Campbell York Street	Lathern, John	Judge Wilmot Regent Street
Berrie, John C	M Colter, Queen St.	LePage, A E	A A Miller King Street
Betts, John F	" "	Lodge, W W	G A Cliff King Street
Brewer, Waldren W	William rowler Regent Street	Lucas, Aquila	H Y Hoyt, Queen Street
Burwash, AM Prof.	JS D McPherson, Queen Street	McCarty, William	Thaddeus Luce Parsonage King Street
Campbell, G M	Mrs Sampson King Street	McKeown, H	John Edgecombe York Street
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Chapell, AM Benj.	John L Marsh George Street	Marshall, Thomas	B B Manzer Regent Street
Clarke AM John	Martin Lemont George Street	Mills, Edwin	A F Randolph Regent Street
Clarke, Henry J	Alfred Whitehead George Street	Narroway, J. A. AM	T Paisley Regent Street
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Comben, Charles	Alfred Whitehead George Street	Payson, G B	John Edgcombe York Street
Colter, John J	Mr James Hogg Queen Street	Penna, William	Nelson Campbell York Street
Cowperwaite, AMHP	David Hatt Brunswick Street	Percival, W W	C H B Fisher, Dr Atherton
Crisp, Robert S	Mrs C S Lagrin Queen Street	Phinney, John S	York Street
Crisp, James	B. B. Manzer Regent Street	Pickard, D D H	George Thompson T H Rand LL D Kings Street
Currie, Duncan D	M A Akerley Carleton Street	Pope, D D H	G F Fisher, York Street
Daniel, Henry	George A Perley George Street	Prince, John	Robert Willey, Brunswick Street
Deinstadt, T J	Mrs. A McCausland George Hatta, senr Queen Street	Sellar, A M Joseph	Richard Curville, Queen Street
Dobson, William	Henry Clarke George Street	Shewbury, A B B	William Crudeon Bow Street
Duke, James A	Parsonage King St.	Slackford Elias,	Judge Wilmot Regent Street
Duncan, Robert	A Miller, King St. Barker House Queen Street	Smallwood, F sup	Sprague, S W Thomas Logan York Street
Dutcher, C W	T B Smith, Queen St	Sprague, AM Howard	A G Blair, York Street
Ellis, John	George Hume King Street	Teed, S T	David Hatt, Brunswick Street
Evans, Edwin	P A Logan St. Marys	Turner, Edwin	P A Logan, St. Mary
Fisher, George N	Mr McPherson Brunswick Street	Tweedy, William	T L Simmons Mrs. R Weddall, Kings Street
Hamilton, C. W.	Dr Harrison Queen Street	Weddall, Richard	Gibson, Kings Street
Harrison, F W	S H L Whittier George Street	Wilson, Robert	" "

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