

WELL SPENT.



HE Young Men's Christian Association of Hamilton invited the members of the different associations located between Toronto and London to meet them in conference on the Queen's Birthday and to spend the holiday in practical discussion of the different phases of the work connected with the organizations. Many places were represented, including Toronto, Paris, Brantford and London. The choir of Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, conducted by Mr. Geo. Manton, was present, and assisted materially in making the gathering a success.

The Conference assembled in the morning at 10 o'clock in the parlor of Wesley Church, and were then welcomed by the President, Rev. Dr. Burns, and after devotional exercises the Rev. Robert Cameron, of Brantford, gave a Bible reading on "The Work of the Holy Spirit."

At 2:30 the conference opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mr. J. Alex. Mackenzie, and at 3 o'clock the topic of "How can we attract young men to our rooms and interest them in our work?" was opened in a paper by F. H. Fatt, General Secretary of the London Association.

The discussion was sharp and brisk no man being allowed to speak over three minutes. At 4:30 work among the railroad men was taken up, and several gentlemen who were present at the Convention just closed at St. Thomas, gave reports of that gathering.

After the close of this session the delegates were entertained at tea in the church, by the ladies, and at 7 the closing session was held, and the topic "what are the qualifications most necessary for success in Christian work?" was discussed. At 8 a testimony meeting was held, and short one minute testimonies were given as to the work of the association upon individual cases, and at 8:30 the audience clasping hands joined in one unbroken circle around the room and united in singing "Blest be the tie that binds." The Conference was then declared closed, and all went away stirred and inspired with new life and energy for their work.

THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH.

A PARABLE.



FRIEND has sent us the following article, cut from a Canadian newspaper, of which the name has not been furnished us, otherwise credit would be given. The correspondence is certainly novel, but never was the truth regarding the "diabolical" nature of the liquor traffic more clearly presented.

"We are asked to publish the following correspondence between the rum-seller and the devil. It is, we must confess, somewhat new to see his majesty addressed as dear sir:

To His Satanic Majesty:

DEAR SIR,--I have opened apartments, fitted up with all the enticements of luxury, for the sale of rum, gin, brandy, beer, and all their compounds. Our objects, though different, can be best attained by united action. I therefore propose a co-partnership. All I want of men is their money—all the rest shall be yours.

Bring me the most industrious, the respectable, the sober, and I will return them to you drunkards, paupers, and beggars.

Bring me the child, and I will dash to earth the dearest hopes of the father and mother.

Bring me the father and mother, and I will plant discord between them, and make them a curse; and reproach to their children.

Bring me the young man, and I will ruin his character, destroy his health, shorten his life, and blot out the highest and purest hopes of youth.

Bring me the young woman, and I will destroy her virtue, and return her to you a blasted and withered thing, and an instrument to lead others to destruction.

Bring me the mechanic and the laborer, and his own money--the hard earned fruit of toil--shall be made to plant poverty, vice and ignorance in his once happy home.