

with the thrill of the soul which has passed the bondage and the storm, from which the pains of hell have just let go their hold—from which darkness and devils are fleeing away, and which now stands forth glad and free in the light of heaven and in the smile of God. Oh, the glorious liberty of the child of God! Tyrants, ye cannot bind the soul which God has thus made free. Lay on the lash, push down the captives into the deepest, darkest dungeon, stretch their limbs to torture and make their feet fast in the stocks, and still Paul and Silas will sing praises to God. Lead out the martyr, bind him fast with cords, lash him to the stake, light up the faggots, and still above the noise of crackling fire and the murmur of the enraged throng will be heard the praises of a free heaven-born soul. Many waters cannot quench love. It makes free indeed and very happy. It runs a deep peace through the soul which trials cannot ruffle. It lines the yoke of Christ and makes it easy. It gives joy in the chamber of sickness, throws light where the death-shadow settles, and fills heaven with song. To lean on the bosom of Jesus when weary and heavy-laden with toil and feel His heart throb with love for us, to work all day for Him, and then at night lie down under His smile, is peace, joy, and the beginning of heaven. God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him.

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### THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

As we were not privileged to be present at the recent gathering of young men in Washington, we will have to gather our information concerning that Convention from what we have seen reported in the papers and from what we have heard from the Delegates since their return. Halifax sent five representatives, foremost among whom was that ardent and devoted friend of the cause, John S. McLean. Indeed he was the representative man of the Dominion. The Convention was fortunate in the choice of its place of meeting. If such gatherings are going to tell on the country for good (and we believe they are, they

have already told for good,) then by all means let us have them in the great centres, where they will come in contact with the political and social and religious life of the nation, where they will touch the very springs of its vitality. The experience of the Convention just closed proves the wisdom of selecting the important centres. For who do we find on the platform of the Convention speaking to the assembled talent and energy and piety of the nation? Why, such men as Delano, Secretary of the Interior, and U. S. Grant, the President of the United States. We like to see—and we wonder where the Christian man is who does not like to see—the Chief Magistrate of a great nation countenancing and helping forward such a movement as the young men's movement. And it should be added that the Convention was invited to the White House, and the members were severally introduced by their President to General Grant. President Grant has honoured himself, as Geo. H. Stuart, of Philadelphia, remarked when thanking him for his attendance and his speech, by countenancing the Convention of Y. M. C. Associations.

The meeting was called to order on the morning of the 24th of May by J. S. McLean, the retiring President. In the course of his opening address Mr. McLean referred to the fact that the 24th of May was Queen Victoria's birth-day. This allusion, together with others made at different times during the sessions of the Convention, was received with enthusiastic cheers. At the close of the welcome meeting in the evening our National Anthem was sung; and the Delegates all say they never heard it rendered with such spirit and effect as it was on that occasion by Americans in their own Capital. If that be an index of the feeling of the better portion of our 'American' brethren (and we believe it is), we are not much afraid of hostilities between them and the loyal subjects of our beloved Sovereign's Empire, either in the fatherland or in the colonies.

Yearly increasing in numbers the late Convention was attended by nearly a 1000 delegates. Every part of the great Repub-