

"The special work of Young Men's Christian Associations. How can they render the best service to the Church, and how can Churches best aid them?"

The more important points brought out in discussion in brief were these:—Get living, earnest men at the head of the Associations, rather than men with big names. Every man to his work, and not only to a work. Establish and carry on noon-day prayer-meetings, cottage meetings, and Bible classes. Personally invite young men to the rooms and meetings of the Associations. Make the rooms and meetings attractive. Carry forward systematic tract distribution. Look after the intemperate and the tempted. Make the Associations known; and let each work in the way best adapted to its own sphere.

The public meeting in Richmond Street Wesleyan Church on Wednesday evening, and the farewell meeting in Knox Church on Thursday evening, were both immense gatherings, and were of great interest. At the former, Professor Wilson delivered the address of welcome, and was followed by Mr. A. T. McCord, City Chamberlain, Mr. J. McDonald, Mr. Leeming, of Montreal, Mr. Moody, of Chicago, and the Rev. W. Morley Punshon. We quote two or three sentences from the last named:

"No spiritually healthy man could look on these Associations, he said, without thanking God and taking courage. They were symbols of rare and precious meaning. Having alluded to the fact that Christianity had as it were changed the world's atmosphere—had become an active, powerful agent—he said he was right glad to see their young men making such good use of it. There was no question—as an English preacher once put it—that the world is wrong side up—that it can be righted—and that believers should unite and say, 'We will right it.' (Cheers.) What was wanted was the earnest sustained enthusiasm which prompted Lord Shaftesbury to doff his coronet and preach to thieves. (Cheers.) They wanted the faith and enthusiasm which marked those Christians in the olden time, which led them to brave fire and sword and every species of persecution. (Applause.) His word of advice to all would be, 'Be hopeful—he well furnished.'"

At the latter, animating and valuable addresses were delivered by Mr. J. Macdonald, Dr. Carlyle, and Rev. W. Stephenson, of Toronto; Mr. J. R. Dougall, of Montreal; Mr. Douglass Russell, of Edinburgh; and Rev. Dr. Burns, and Mr. Moody, of Chicago, but we have no room for a report of them. The next annual meeting is to be held in Hamilton, Ont.

The Vacant Metropolitan See.—The Diocesan Synod of Montreal met on Tuesday the 10th ult., for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the demise of the late Bishop Fulford. According to the usual method of procedure, the House of Bishops nominates, and the Synod elects, the Clerical and Lay members voting separately. Prayers having been said, or read, their Lordships submitted the following names: the Bishops of Quebec, Ontario, Toronto, Huron, Fredericton, and Nova Scotia. Mr. J. M. Ferris objected that the names submitted were all of the Episcopal order. This remark was evidently in the interest of Canon Balch, who is very popular with the Synod, but said not to be so with the Bishops. A sufficient number of votes to elect not being cast for any name submitted, the nominations were sent back to the House with the broad hint that some other names, not of the Episcopal order, would be more acceptable. But not being quick at understanding such hints, their lordships next sent down the names of the Bishops of Newfoundland, Grahamstown, and British Columbia. These were also rejected, and the Bishops were about to adjourn in a huff, when they found such a storm of indignation gathering at their pertinacious disregard of the well-understood wishes of Synod, that they finally agreed to send down some additional names the next morning. It was all in vain, however. The Synod would not elect whom they could, and could not elect whom they would; and so they had at last to adjourn till May next, and there the matter ends for the present.