

New Building.

The New Glasgow Association dedicated its building on New Year's day to the work for which it was erected. In the morning a meeting addressed by all the town pastors was held. In the evening a "house warming" was given. Upwards of 1000 people passed through the building during the evening. Since the opening the work has advanced very hopefully. The building has on the ground floor, two stores; on the next the association parlor, reading room, reception room, boy's room and office. The upper flat is taken up with a gymnasium and dressing room, one of the neatest "running tracks" in the province, and two shower baths.

English Year Book.

The English year book for '95 is out. It is a splendid compendium of the state of the work among young men in all lands. The book has good cuts of some of the largest buildings in foreign lands. Even a passing glance through the Year Book impresses one with the magnitude of the work and the fact that despite many obstacles the association is growing into a "plant of renown"—renown gained only by hard work and constant adherence to the real work of the Young Men's Christian Association—to save young men for this and the next life.

Its All Right.

It is encouraging to those who sometimes look askance at the modern methods of association work, as for example the Physical features to know that while gymnastics have increased 175 per cent. during the past ten years, bible and training classes have increased 339 per cent. This is a healthy ratio. The study of the Word of God in the church or association argues for deeper spiritual life. There is no robust life, nor aggressive work apart from it.

The work of the Young Men's Christian Association is as much a part of my church as the Sunday School, and a part to which the young men are as truly pledged as to any other department. More economical and efficient work can be done by the united efforts of churches through the Association than individually.—*Rev. Alex. McKenzie, D. D.*

The Boy's Work Committee decided upon the holding of a separate conference for boys, at Amherst January, 1897.

The Annual Meeting of the St. John Association was held Feb. 12th. From reports submitted a strong year's work for the young men of that city has been completed. The membership is now 774, 134 more than last year; Boy's Branch, 80.

The absolute necessity of a new, more commodious and modern building was referred to in several reports. The attendance at the Men's Meeting for the year was 2397; an average of 114 at each service. They have a Yoke Fellows Band of 15 members.

Their debt for current expenses (\$10.00) has been reduced till it is now but \$173. The Physical Director, J. M. Edmunds, has been very successful in his work.

The directing power of the whole work; the General Secretary, Geo. E. Williams, has patiently and practically planned and executed the work in such a way as to win the hearts of the young and business men, and the pastors of the city.

The constitution is to be changed in some particulars. Instead of a Managing Committee of 33, a Board of Directors, electing their own officers will be elected.

We trust the words of the General Secretary in opening his report may be prophetic as well as retrospective; "The year has passed pleasantly on the rising tide of a growing work, and our hope is that the tide will continue to flow, and that the ebb may set off far distant."

We hope to issue this paper on the 15th day of each month hereafter. Any items of news or articles for insertion please send along by the 10th. Any friend of young men can help us in this matter.

With regard to the name of the paper, one St. Stephen man thinks it should be named "Don't Lever." The committee to whom the choice of a name, among other things, was referred, thought it was short, comprehensive, and better than a wedge, a clasp or many other names which would be significant of what we hope the paper will accomplish. It is now "The Lever," and we trust it may be used of God to lift something for His Son's Kingdom in the uplifting of young men.

There is one profession at least that is not overcrowded, that is the General Secretaryship of the Young Men's Christian Association. If you are adapted for the work and feel called by God to enter it as a life long business for young men, correspond with Fraser G. Marshall, Traro, N. S.

The annual Maritime Boy's camp opens about July 15th. Write E. M. Robinson, St. Stephen, for details.