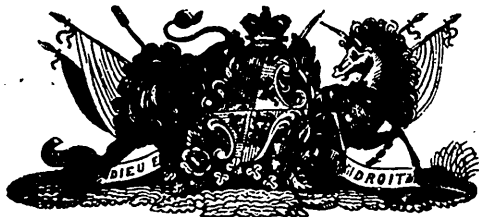


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Something about Young Men's Christian Associations.

It is probable that some of our readers will be astonished to learn that there is no part of the world which has not its Young Men's Christian Association—the chain now extends around the entire globe, embracing within its Christian bond, people of every clime and tongue. In each Province of our Dominion—in Newfoundland—in the United States—in priest ridden Mexico—in old England—bonnie Scotland—the Emerald Isle—in catholic France and Spain—amid the mountains of Switzerland—in Denmark and Norway—among the sturdy natives of Prussia—in Rome itself—in the land of the Czar—in the Celestial Empire—in Japan so long bolted and barred—along Indian's coral strand—in far off Kafir Land—in the land of the Pharaohs—in Mahomedan Turkey—in the islands of the Pacific—aye—and in that land where Christian-

ity first saw light, even in the town of Nazareth itself this organization has effected a footing and entered upon the work.

The number of associations of all countries as reported is now 2,671.

The primary object had in view by these 2,671 associations is the salvation of souls. With this object in view all

legitimate means are used, such as Reading Rooms, Lectures, Educational classes. The Associations which have been most successful in winning souls are those which have kept close to decided Christian work and Bible teaching.

The Associations in America have an aggregate membership of about 100,000. The value of property owned being nearly \$2,500,000, while there is over \$500,000 additional paid in as building funds. Over 10,000 situations were secured last year for young strangers, while in the Reading Rooms of the land there has been an average daily attendance of over 15,000 young men.

