

## Young Men's Association.

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This Association was first organized on the 9th November, 1868, "for the promotion of religious and mental culture." It commenced with a membership of thirty-four, and forthwith instituted a series of meetings, of a literary character chiefly, which had the desired effects of exercising the talents of the young men, and aiding them in the art of public speaking; while at the same time it served as a valuable bond of union between them and the congregation. From time to time a number of excellent papers were read and lectures delivered upon historical and scientific subjects of general interest, which were usually followed by open discussions of a less formal character, in accordance with the constitution and by-laws enacted for the orderly conduct of its meetings. With varying measures of interest and success the Association has been maintained during these ten years, and its efforts are still true to its original aim — the self-culture and mutual improvement of its members.

The first outside work undertaken by the Association was "the support of the Victoria Mission Sabbath-school." In March, 1872, the members were authorized to receive subscriptions for the purpose. This was followed, in 1873, by proposals to erect a Chapel on the Forfar street property, which had been acquired some years earlier, and to institute Missionary services on Sabbath evenings in conjunction with the Sabbath-school. Plans and tenders for the erection of a building to cost \$4500, were submitted and ultimately accepted. Further details respecting the completion of this work and the success which subsequently attended