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This paper is launched by the Maritime Committee of the Young Mens' Christian Associations in the interests of young men. They feel confident that it will assist in drawing closer the bonds which unite the several associations in these Maritime Provinces; and also, that it will serve to bring into more intimate relations, the several departments of the work, viz.:—College, railway, boys and local associations, by supplying a medium of inter-communication, whereby the affairs of each may be brought regularly and prominently before all the others. They cannot but believe, that from such clearer knowledge of each others peculiar situation and needs will spring a deeper sympathy and a more fraternal spirit, which will find expression in kindly counsel and helpful interchange of ideas. Heretofore,

once a year, delegates from the college, railway, boys and local associations have met to hear reports, exchange ideas, and discuss better methods of work; in this way much good has been done, and advancement made, but it is believed that the benefits thus received will be trebled by the discussion of all matters affecting the several departments of the work, in the columns of this paper, and that when delegates meet in annual convention they will have a more intelligent grasp of the varied needs of the work, their minds being better informed, less discussion of details will be necessary. Much time will be therefore saved and a greater variety of subjects treated, with increased benefit to the work.

It will also endeavor to promote a better acquaintance with the work of the several organized associations—their aims and needs, and also the needs of unoccupied fields, through the publication of articles on college, boys, railroad work and various phases of work among young men, by persons who have made a special study of each of these subjects; in the firm belief that a better acquaintance with the work will result in increased helpfulness by the friends of our boys and young men. Briefly stated then, this paper will endeavor to draw closer the bonds of union; to be an interpreter of the nature and objects of the work in general; to keep in touch with the inter national and world-wide movement. Whether it shall succeed in attaining any or all of these objects, will depend in no small degree upon the hearty co-operation of the more active or leading spirits in each of the several departments of the work.

It will be issued monthly; its columns will be open for the discussion of all matters tending to the better equipment and fitting of Young Mens' Christian Associations for their great work.

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