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The present new building is a stone and brick affair, four storeys high. In the basement in the rear will be a swimming tank, now nearly completed; also baths, bowling alleys and billiard room.

E. A. Smith, at the present time one of the executive of the building committee, and a former chairman of that committee, was one of the chief workers during the whirlwind campaign, and it was largely through his indefatigable work that the campaign was such a success.

The officers of the association at the time of its organization, forty-one years ago, were:

President, Nelson Burns; vice-president, H. B. Pollock; secretary, E. Mundella; treasurer, A. M. Hutchinson.

Meetings were held weekly in the "Grammar School," for several years, finally being discontinued, and twenty years after the first instituting here, the Railroad branch of the Y. M. C. A. was organized with the following officers:

A. F. Howland, chairman; W. J. Orr, general secretary; James McCrone, secretary; Joseph McAdam, treasurer.

Rooms were leased on Talbot street and used by the combined City and Railroad associations until January, 1901, when the property opposite the city hall was purchased. The following are the present officers:

President, Dr. C. C. Lumley; vice-president, Arthur Harbour; vice-president, E. R. Webb; treasurer, Walker C. Caughell; recording secretary, J. McK. Urie; general secretary, R. J. Colville.

The board of directors is composed of the following representative citizens: men of nearly all walks of life, sincerely interested in the welfare of the young men and the flourishing association: F. W. Sutherland, F. B. Holtby, J. H. Vail, G. M. Baldwin, Fred Sutherland, Levi Crutts, David Meadows, Dr. A. Voaden, W. V. McDonald, James Bristow, George J. Grant, Dr. C. B. Taylor, A. G. Sanders, George A. Anderson, Edward Long, F. W. Wright, D. M. Stirling, J. Dowler and W. A. McIntyre.

The building committee at the present is composed as follows: chairman, Lt.-Col. W. J. Green; treasurer, J. McK. Urie; secretary, R. J. Colville; executives, Messrs. E. A. Smith, A. E. Ponsford, E. R. Webb, C. E. Taylor, G. A. Anderson, Dr. A. Voaden and Dr. C. C. Lumley.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

An essential institution to any city is a Young Woman's Christian Association, the aim and object of all such being to promote the social, intellectual, physical and spiritual welfare of the young women—to do for the young women what the Young Men's Christian Association is doing for the men and boys.

The St. Thomas Association was organized in April, 1903, so will soon close its twelfth year. In January, 1905, mention of buying the present building was first made, the advisory board at that time being composed of Messrs. D. M. Tait, W. K. Cameron, L. D. Marlatt and A. M. Hutchinson and the officers were Mrs. Wood, president; Mrs. D. M. Tait, vice-president; Miss McAdam, secretary, and Miss M. E. Love, treasurer.

The incorporation of the association was duly accomplished in December, 1905, W. K. Cameron having given a great deal of assistance in bringing this about.

At the board meeting on April 6th, 1906, a communication was read from Mr. Hodder, manager of the Merchants Bank, that their terms for buying the building on the corner of Queen and Talbot streets, owned by the bank, had been

accepted, and the building was handed over to them on June 1, 1906. From that time the work has steadily increased under various presidents and secretaries.

The present officers are: president, Miss H. E. McDougall; general secretary and superintendent, Miss B. K. Gunn; treasurer, Miss M. E. Love; recording secretary, Miss Eleanor Hughes; convenors of committees, Miss E. L. Morgan, Mrs. A. W. Graham, Mrs. L. Crutts, Mrs. D. M. Tait, Miss Sophie Nash, Miss H. Robinson and Miss A. Still.

ALMA COLLEGE

In the Province of Ontario, Canada, the state provides a general public and high school training and crowns the whole state system with a provincial university known as the University of Toronto.

Besides its fine state system of education the Province of Ontario fosters by charter and more or less of state recognition the voluntary movements of the churches to provide additional and complementary educational advantages and facilities. Among the institutions of this voluntary class is Alma College, situated in the city of St. Thomas, Ontario.

Alma College is a residential school for the training of girls and young ladies, and was first opened in 1881. The College does principally the curricula of the secondary education. The College courses prepare candidates for University matriculation, part of Freshman year, for Normal College entrance, and for diplomas in the various subjects of music, the fine arts, oratory and physical culture, of commercial training and domestic science and art.

The College was founded by Rev. Albert Carman, D.D., LL.D., the present General Superintendent of the Methodist Church of Canada, and is owned and controlled by that body, yet in spirit it is quite non-sectarian. Its student list represents all the leading christian churches of this continent, about one-half being Methodist. These students come from all parts of Canada and from many of the States of the United States of America.

The graduates of Alma College rank well in life's calling. Some have become prominent in the social, literary or art life in Oxford, Leipzig, Paris, Boston and other centres, and very many adorn with the graces of culture happy homes and beautiful families.

A deep spirit of loyalty pervades students and alumnae. This finds practical expression in many gifts to the College in library, drawing room and campus decoration and adornment, and in offer of prizes and medals amounting to thousands of dollars.

A vigorous Y. W. C. A. promotes bible study and religious practice. Alma students have maintained missionaries in many lands, at present are assisting to maintain a missionary in Korea. Other societies are the Athletic Association, Glee Club, and the Almafilian Literary Society. This latter publishes "The Almafilian," the students magazine. The alumnae society known as "Alma Daughters," has branch organizations in important centres and is doing excellent service to education generally as well as to their Alma Mater. Alma Daughters elect three members to the College General Board.

Such is a brief sketch of one of Canada's leading schools for girls where 200 students are working out with gratifying success in the life of the institution the aim expressed in the architectural scheme of the noble scholastic buildings, namely, to combine the home, the church, and the school in helpful, happy unity.