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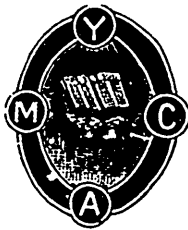
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BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING.



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THESE initials have become so familiar, that we doubt whether our paper will reach a single reader to whom they need to be explained. It is a question whether any other organization in this 19th century, has made such rapid strides, or been more owned of God in the salvation of men, and particularly

young men, than has the Young Men's Christian Association. Although (in its present form) of comparatively recent date, the so-called parent Association of London, England, being only 40 years in existence, yet so great has been the interest taken, and so rapid the development, that to-day the whole world is encircled by a chain of Associations—each one independent,—yet all bound together by that great tie of "Love to Christ" and "Love to our fellow men." At the present day, Associations are to be found in every part of the habitable globe. In each province of the 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 Norway and Denmark—in Imperial Germany—in Rome itself—in the land of the Czar—in the celestial empire—in isolated Japan—along India's coral strand—in far off Kaffre land—in the land of the Pharaohs—in Mohammedan Turkey—in the islands of the Pacific—in Tarsus, the home of Saul the persecutor—and in that land where Christianity first saw light—even in the town of Nazareth itself this organization has effected a footing and entered upon its work.

In America the growth has been marvellous, as evidenced in the following statistics, comparing the present with 18 years ago:—  
 1856 and 1884.—Then less than 60 Associations, now 834. Then one building, now 80 valued at \$3,421,000. Then 3