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OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,
TO THE PUBLIC.

IN this, as in every other community of its size and nature, there unhappily exist an immense number of temptations, which in various phases present themselves to those just emerging from guardianship into independence; or, further advanced, are entering upon the duties of life. Amusements of every kind are provided for the satisfying of man's natural appetites, and even the most vicious tastes of corrupt human nature are pardoned to by the crafty and designing. Young men, more especially those who have left the country and reside in town, for the purpose of learning some branch of business, too often find themselves becoming gradually entangled in a net of fascinating sin, or perhaps completely involved in a whirl of revelry, before one year has rolled away. Without specifying the evils which predominate in this place, it can truly be said, that from many an anxious parent and many a Christian friend, who know them too well, tears and prayers have mingled before the mercy seat of God. In a number of Christians there has been a strong feeling awakened to bring some powerful counteracting influence to bear against the existing evil: this feeling has grown, and is now matured into an Association.

It is purposed that this shall be a social organization of all those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and