

32nd ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Ottawa Young Men's Christian Association

Year to the 30th April, 1898.

As will be seen, an attempt has been made to present in this Report a sort of resume of the history of the work and workers of the Ottawa Association, and related agencies, from the date of the organization of the Association, and so to remind us of "all the way by which the Lord hath led us, for there hath not failed one word of all that He promised." May we therefore give Him our heartfelt thanks for the guidance and success He hath vouchsafed us.

The Annual Meeting:

The Annual Meeting, held Tuesday evening, 9th May, was exceptionally well attended, and was remarkable for the healthy, if acute, spirit of inquisitiveness that was manifestly abroad. The Woman's Auxiliary provided refreshments at the close of the meeting. The reports presented by the President, on behalf of the Board, and by the Chairmen of the various Committees, showed that on the whole good progress had been made in the work of the several departments. Back of the statistics of work done, and the evidences of material benefit derived by those who made use of the privileges provided, there are many testimonies, both oral and written, as to help received by a considerable number of members and others, who date the beginnings of useful and prosperous lives from the period of their connection with the Association. The letters received from individuals and their friends, speaking of benefit received, are in some cases very touching.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mission and Devotional Committee:

J. S. Eagleson, Chairman; T. E. Chisnall, Secretary. The Bible Classes taught by Mr. Jas. Gibson and the Secretary have been conducted with good results; the attendance at the Sunday afternoon class being exceptionally good, and the same is true of the religious meetings and Bible Training classes. Services were conducted every Sabbath at the jail, Hos-

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