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I was one of those who attended the very earliest meetings for the starting of a Young Men's Christian Association in Toronto, but I am sorry to say that I cannot claim to have been an inspiring force in its formation. My inspirer in the matter was John Campbell, afterwards Professor of Theology in the Montreal Presbyterian College. It was at his invitation that I joined in the movement. I have no notes of particulars and my recollections are dim, so that I cannot tell how it progressed. I confess I was not sanguine, for its first meetings were exceedingly small; and it is very encouraging to find that we builded better than we knew. My last session in Toronto was in 1864, and before the year had ended I was settled in Montreal; this probably accounts for my inability to recall anything except the very first steps that were taken.