

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association, was held on Tuesday evening, January 29th 1884, in St. Matthew's Church.

The President, John S. Maclean, Esq., took the Chair at 8 o'clock. After singing "Our blessed bond of Union," the Rev. R. Laing, Pastor of the Church offered Prayer.

After Prayer the Chairman spoke as follows :—

We are met here to night to celebrate our Thirtieth Annual Meeting. We had a pleasant and enjoyable Anniversary at our Rooms a week or two ago, on which occasion we reviewed the events of the past 30 years. We had a number of speakers who gave us a wonderful account of the work of the Associations throughout the world, their origin and progress, including the Halifax Association. Business is a part of the Programme of our Meeting to-night, and we have made a new departure. Hitherto it has been our custom to hold our Annual Meetings in the Hall of our building, the membership only being invited. Reports were read, although most of those present were familiar with what we were doing. On those occasions the Press kindly gave portions of the reports, but these were not so full as we desired, and therefore not as beneficial to our work as we hoped. We therefore thought it better to have our Annual Meeting thrown open to the public with an invitation to all to attend, and become acquainted with what we were doing through our reports, which will now be read, after which we will be favored with addresses, advocating the claims of our institution upon the young men in the community.

The Secretary read the Minutes of last Annual Meeting.

Mr. James Forrest read Report of

MISSION AND DEVOTION COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have met each Wednesday afternoon during the year, and have had all the religious meetings of the Associations under their care.

Some months ago it was arranged that one or two members of the General Committee, in turn, should attend each meeting, to assist if required, and also to report any matters that might be interesting, or