

## EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Ottawa Young Men's Christian Association has now completed its eighteenth year. However checkered its history may have been in the past, the year just closed has been one of marked progress, in which we have witnessed the inauguration of movements which promise a strength and stability to the Association such as it has never before enjoyed. Due mention is made of these in the reports of the various committees. Suffice it to say at this point that the leadings of Providence have been such as to call for our hearty thanksgivings to the God of all bounties, and to lead us to a fuller trust in him for future direction.

We have been called upon in the Providence of God to lament the death of Mr. Jas. Campbell, a member of the Association from its earliest days and for many years one of its Board of Managers.

We wish herewith to perpetuate his memory by an expression of our appreciation of his efficient services to the Association, and of our highest regard for his christian character.

During the past year the Association has been duly incorporated according to existing laws. The Board of Managers have met in seventeen various sessions for the transaction of business. Most of its members have taken a hearty interest in the Association, manifested by their frequent presence at these meetings. The Standing Committees of the Association have met for consultation thirty-two times and have done faithful work in their various spheres. Our membership, regular and sustaining, now numbers 456, an increase of 82 during the year. In addition, complimentary tickets conveying all privileges of the Association have been presented to the non-resident students who have come as strangers among us.

The Association has been served six and one-half months by a General Secretary, whose work has necessarily been of such a nature that much of it cannot be presented in statistical form. So much time is spent in devising plans and methods of work, that the energy expended cannot be accurately estimated.

The simple fact that in less than six months over four hundred calls, both business and social, were received at the office, shows how little a Secretary can hold his time at his own disposal.