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## Y.M.C.A. Organization.

Founded London, England, June, 1844

Founder of Organization, Sir George Williams.

First President of Association, Rt. Hon. Earl of Shaftsbury.

- First Association organized in America, Montréal, June, 1851.
- “ Canadian-American, Intern'l Convention, Buffalo, June, 1854.
  - “ World's Intern'l Convention, Paris, Aug., 1855.
  - “ Maritime (N.B. & N.S.) Inter-Prov. Convention, June, 1868.
  - “ Ontario-Quebec Inter-Prov. Convention, Montreal, June, 1870.
  - “ Intern'l Secretarial Training School, Springfields, Jan., 1885.
  - “ Inter-Prov. Convention, held in Ottawa, January, 1889.
  - “ World's Intern'l Jubilee Celebration, London, Eng., June, 1894.
  - “ Canadian Convention of Women's Auxiliaries, Belleville, June, 1895.

THE WORLD OVER: 6,500 Associations, 525,000 Members,  
40 Countries.

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# Ottawa Young Men's Chris- tian Association.

Year 1st May, 1898, to 30th April, 1899.

## Biographical Sketch of the Founder of the Young Men's Christian Association Organization.

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**G**EORGE WILLIAMS was born on a farm near Somerset, England, 1821; was converted when an apprentice at Bridgewater; entered a London business house, 1841; was powerfully impressed by the commercial slavery and spiritual neglect of men in commercial and industrial employ. Organized his fellow-employees into an Association for Bible study and Christian fellowship; was at first a Director then Treasurer, and, on the death of the Rt. Hon. Earl of Shaftsbury, President. When on a salary of £150 per annum, was accustomed to give £50 per annum to the funds of the Association; was knighted by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, June, 1894.