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REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

The retrospect of the year which has just closed suggests mingled feelings of hope and fear. In all the operations of the Association, in all departments of our work we have had evident tokens of the Divine presence and blessing, and at the close of the year we see abundant reason to say "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us "—but at the same time there is just occasion for searchings of heart, and the enquiry may well be started in every mind, as a member of the Association, have I done my duty during the year? "Have I by my presence and influence contributed at all to its usefulness, or if at all, to as great an extent as the object of the Association justly demanded of me." Is it a wonder that our work lags and declines if we who are bound to sustain it, give it so little of our time and interest, so seldom attend the Bible Class and Prayer Meetings. Let us start afresh and each one do his share in the work, and soon we shall see good results following.

In accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee of the United States and British Provinces, the Annual Convention was held in June last at Lowell. The brethren Maclean, Longard, Eaton, McNutt and Jost attended as our delegates. They came back greatly pleased and profited with their visit.

The Annual Convention of the Associations of the Maritime Provinces was held in this city in September last, and was a season of refreshing to many.

Our late Secretary Mr. A. W. Eaton having left us to pursue his studies at Acadia College, Mr. H. Theakston has been appointed to fill his place. We parted with Mr. Eaton with great regret; he having filled the office of Secretary with great fidelity and advantage to the Association.

The Second Sunday in November, set apart by the International Convention for Special prayer for Associations, was observed here by earnest supplications and thanksgiving at a large meeting of our Members and Christian friends.

Two new features of great importance to the Halifax Association are notable in the history of the past year. The assumption of the control and support of the Barrack Street Mission, and the commencement of a Building for our occupation—to be finished after Plans prepared by Messrs. Sterling and Dewar, and accepted by the meeting convened to decide thereon.

Let us confidently trust that God will grant us a happy issue in these various undertakings for the glory of his name and the advancement of His Kingdom.

LECTURES.

Your Committee report that the Rev. J. F. Campbell, Rev. A. R. Garvie, and W. H. Wiswell, Esq., delivered the closing lectures of

last winter's course.

This season Rev. Dr. Clay and Prof. Lawson have lectured. To complete the course, the services of the following gentlemen have been secured, viz.: Rev. A. Simpson, Rev. John Read, Rev. G. W. Hill, Rev. J. A. Rogers, Rev. J. K. Smith, and John Boyd, Esq., of St. John, N. B.

Your Committee advanced the price of single and season ticketsa measure thus far pecuniarily beneficial. They anticipate future receipts, will be in the same proportion, so that the Association will thus realize a handsome amount.

They recommend that Family Tickets be provided at a fair reduction on the single rate.

D. HENRY STARR, Chairman.

THE BIBLE CLASS AND PRAYER MEETING

Have been regularly kept up throughout the year. The Bible Class has not increased, as expected, from the change of Lessons. The attendance averaged 28 members; and the committee regret that so limited a number avail themselves of the important advantages it offers to young men for the study of God's Word in a pleasant, untrammelled and profitable manner.

The Committee have made enquiries, discussed projects, and obviated objections, in connection with this work, with the view of making the class more attractive and satisfactory to the young men of the Association and community. Quite a number of strangers have attended the meetings at different times. The plan of having one-Chairman for a month, or longer time, was discontinued; and the subjects varied during the first half of the year. Young men were selected as often as possible to fill the chair. In September the Scheme of Scripture Lessons now in use on this Continent was adopted so as to give Sabbath School Teachers and others opportunity for meeting with us to consider the same topics. These selections will be continued until further notice.

The Prayer Meeting on Thursday evening has been sustained by the earnest and devoted endeavours of a few members to promote the spiritual welfare, and growth in grace, of young men. We trust the promise of the Father, that they who meet to supplicate for blessings in his Son's name, will obtain an answer in due time. The objects sought are the increase of vital religion, the conversion of young men, and the blessings of God upon our Association work in

its different branches. The average attendance is 12.

The success of the large meetings in Temperance Hall held by the Association during the Week of Prayer, induces the Committee to recommend similar meetings quarterly. WM. H. WISWELL, Chairman.

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ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

Early in the year the rooms occupied for several years by the Association were required for other purposes, and had to be vacated. Other rooms were obtained a few doors North, which, with considerable outlay for fittings, were rendered suitable for the purposes of the Association.

The attendance of members has been large, about 80 per daygiving a total of 25,000 visits for the year. Nearly 2,000 volumes of books have been issued from the Library.

The tables of the Reading Room are as well supplied as possible with popular magazines and newspapers, the lists of which are carefully revised, so that those most in demand are procured, while those little asked for are discontinued.

Owing to the depleted condition of the treasury, and the expense of moving, but few additions have been made to the Library. The

number of books now on the shelves and in use is 2,300.

Your Committee trust that their successors will, before the close of 1873, have Rooms and a Library worthy of the grand aims of the

Young Men's Christian Association.

The best thanks of our Association are due to the editors and proprietors of newspapers who, by their kindness in furnishing copies of their sheets gratis, and in other ways, further the interests of our Association, and make its objects and claims known at home and abroad. The following papers have been received free: -Halifax Chronicle, Colonist, Citizen, Reporter, Recorder, Express, Colonial Farmer, Religious. Intelligencer, Church Observer, Dumb Animals, Journal of Education, Eastern Chronicle, Provincial Wesleyan, Presbyterian Advocate, Kentville Star, Nova Scotia Farmer, Christian Messenger, Presbyterian Witness, Dalhousie Gazette, Church Chronicle, Nova Scotia Journal of Agriculture, Abstainer.

J. C. MACKINTOSH, Chairman.

FINANCE.

During the past year the demands upon the Funds have been unusually large, owing, in part, to removal to new premises, which involved considerable expense for fitting up parlour, library, printing, &c. The removal also cut off from us a material source of income derived from rent of a room unoccupied by the Association. These two causes explain the balance due the Treasurer, of \$130.95. Adding several unpaid accounts, amounting to \$117.68, the total liabilities of the Association amount to \$248.53.

Your Committee call the attention of the Association to the fact, that the total subscriptions for the past year amount to \$9.32, which, including subscriptions from life members and others, gives an average of \$1.60 only from each member. They urge upon the members the importance of sustaining the work of the Association by increased subscriptions. It is true that one dollar a year is all that the

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Constitution requires to entitle to membership, but a large number are able to contribute more; and your Committee urge that the advantages afforded by the Reading Room and Library alone offer a just argument for appealing for an increase in the subscriptions of those who can afford it. In consequence of deaths and removals the list of annual subscribers, not active members, has gradually fallen Your Committee suggest that a special effort be made to increase this list as early as practicable.

In addition to means to meet current expenses, the Rooms and Library Committee urgently required funds to replenish the Library, which, in addition to the funds allowed for the purchase of Tracts, is

Your Committee record, with renewed appreciation of his diligence and care, the valuable services of our Treasurer, S. H. Black, Esq.

In your behalf they thank kind friends who have so generously contributed to the funds of the Association, and venture to solicit

> J. B. MORROW. Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

During the past year 50 have been added to the Association, while 47 names have been struck off, leaving the present number 543. Of the number taken off 5 have died; namely, Henry Boggs, J. C. Allison, D. McEwan, W. L. Bell, and C. Leman; the first two were Life

An effort was made to induce a number of the members to unite with us in visiting the Rooms frequently, and looking after those who have absented themselves for a length of time, but we cannot report much progress, so few seem interested in the welfare of our young men.

Your committee suggest to their successors a renewed and more determined action in this direction, in the hope that through prayerful and persevering effort, the incoming year may show large accessions to our ranks and increased activity on the part of all the members.-We must have a deeper sense of the value of perishing souls around us. Let us regard with pity and love our young men who are suffering under the malady of sin, and endeavor to save them from everlast-

Your committee again suggest that for members leaving us in good standing to pursue their various avocations in other places where Y. M. C. Associations are in operation, certificates of recommendation be granted, whereby these young men may be cared for, and if possible set to work for the Master.

It is to be expected that in a growing city like our own, there will be continual changes in our ranks, and unless we look carefully after young men coming to the city to reside as well as those leaving us to take up their residence elsewhere, there will follow a decrease instead of an increase in our membership.

R. N. BECKWITH, Chairman.

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TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

This committee and those members associated with them have been actively occupied in this work.

Every Sabbath morning the vessels were visited and a Tract given to every sailor. Also after the open air services at the Cemetery,

Tracts were distributed.

The committee are unable to estimate the number of Tracts given away. They herewith submit an account from the depository for nine dollars out of ten appropriated by the Association for this object. This does not represent one-third the value of the Tracts circulated, as your committee have thankfully to acknowledge donations from several friends, among whom may be mentioned Dr. King and his

successors in the Presbyterian College, North End.

This department of Christian labour is submitted to their successors—with a desire that it may not only be sustained but extended; as

its operations are only for eight months in the year.

JAMES FARQUHAR,

Chairman.

STRANGERS AND EMPLOYMENT.

Your committee beg to report that the applications to them for situations, advice and aid, have been fewer than usual during the past year. In the majority of instances, situations have been procured, and in every case assistance as far as possible has been rendered.

Jas. B. Morrow,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE LITERARY COMMITTEE.

The Session of the Literary Class convened Nov., 1871, continued until 25th March, 1872.—the exercises consisting of Readings, 2 evenings; Debates, 4 evenings; and a Lecture on Anatomy by Dr. Gordon. The average attendance was 37; the largest number present being 70. Much interest was manifested throughout the Session.

The unusual number of Literary Exercises and Lectures in the city during November and December induced the committee to postpone the commencement of this Winter's Session to the last Monday in December.

Your Committee acceded to the wishes of the Literary Class, and prepared a Code of Bye-Laws for the regulation of its affairs, with the understanding that all proceedings be subject to your committee's

approval.

Up to the present time there have been two discussions, two debates, and a very interesting Lecture by the President, J. B. Morrow, Esq., illustrated with photographs, mineral specimens, books of reference, &c., a kind of instructive and entertaining literary undertaking which it is desirable to continue.

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The suggestion in last year's Report to alternate an evening of Literary exercises with a Lecture of the Winter Course at Temperance Hall, or elsewhere, is deferred to take effect next year, if then prac-

WM. H. WISWELL, Chairman.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Your committee have very great pleasure in reporting that Tenders for the erection of the much-desired building for our Association were taken a few weeks ago. Mr. Blaiklogk's being the lowest, the contract was awarded to him, and the work has already commenced. Early in 1874 we expect our Association to be in possession.

The committee have arranged to give the manager of the Bank of Montreal a lease of the ground floor, for a term of years, at a rent which will greatly assist in paying the interest on the debt necessarily contracted, until sufficient subscriptions are obtained to pay the whole cost. They regret that they have not been able to collect as large an amount of subscriptions as desired, but have no doubt that the business men of Halifax, and friends generally, will respond liberally, now that they see we are really in earnest, and the work actually begun. Each member of the Association should feel this building to be his, and determine with all his might to push the good work forward. Our best energies will be taxed; and the new Committee must be fully and faithfully supported by the membership, if the enterprise is to be successful. A list of the subscribers, with the amount of each subscription, is appended; and it has been decided to make the first call of one-fourth of the amount payable 15th March, either to Mr. McIntosh, Bank of Nova Scotia, or the Chairman of the Committee and Secretary of the Association. Subscribers will see the urgent necessity of being prompt, as money will be required as the work progresses. We commend this great work to the earnest attention of

J. S. MACLEAN, Chairman.

THE MUSICAL AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Report that a "Sociable" was held in Argyle Hall, on the evening of April 19th; which was well attended by the members and their lady friends. A committee of ladies kindly copperated with us, and provided refreshments. Your committee are under obligation to Professor Lawson of Dalhousie College, for entertaining the company with chemical experiments, to Professor Macdonald for exhibiting and explaining the Spectroscope, and to a number of ladies and gentlemen for providing some excellent musical entertainment. A steamboat excursion on the harbor was also provided, and many of the members and their friends were present to enjoy a pleasant evening.

The proceeds of both the above were paid to the general funds of the Association.

W. H. WADDELL, Chairman.

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MISSION COMMITTE'S REPORT.

Soon after the last Annual Meeting, the City Mission Committee proposed to transfer their missionary, Mr. Owens, to our Association, and with him the entire charge of the work in connection with the Barrack Street Mission Chapel. Your committee, after much careful and prayerful consideration, accepted the proposal for one year, thus guaranteeing to provide the necessary funds for the salary of the missionary, as well as the incidental expenses of the building, so generously placed at our disposal by Mr. Jost. This work has indeed been one of faith. Your committee had to find the funds necessary to carry it forward—upwards of fifty dollars per month.

Several times the missionary's salary had just become due, and the committee anxiously wondering where it was to come from, when some kind friend would Providentially be sent to our relief, and the means placed at our hands. We have had several striking instances of this, proving to us that the approbation of our dear Master is resting on this His own work, of giving the glad news of Salvation

to the poor and wretched.

Mr. Owens has labored faithfully and zealously; his visits have been gladly welcomed in many a home, and we have abundant proof that his work has not been in vain.

The Sabbath School in the morning, at the Church, has been attended by a number of young children, who, were it not for our missionary and the kind friends who assist him, would doubtless grow up in perfect ignorance of the necessity of Salvation.

Your missionary has made 3,079 visits during the year, and held service in the Poor House and County Jail, besides assisting Mr. Grierson in street preaching on Sabbath afternoons and evenings. We earnestly commend him to the sympathies and prayers of the members. The following extracts are made from his report:—

"In bringing before you a Report of my labour during the past year, I must state that my experience in the work has been very similar to that of the previous year, it has been a mixture of encouragements and discouragements; the cause of the discouragements are chiefly the great and I think increasing prevalence of intemperance, and the very great indifference to religion which has existed in the past year, and in the difficulty we find in bringing even a few of those we visit to the house of God; as in spite of all our efforts there are scores and hundreds who spend in idleness or worse the whole of their Sabbaths, and seldom if ever put foot into a place of worship who are as much heathens in this respect as those who have never heard of God, or of a Saviour's love. This has weighed heavily upon my mind, and after a week of hard toil among them, my spirit has often been depressed to find my high expectations disappointed. But there is no doubt the want of suitable clothing, is one of the reasons for this; but I fear the chief reason which stands at the bottom of all, is the excessive rum drinking which prevails to an incredible extent in this district, and this evil is gaining a fearful hold

upon many, whom two years ago, I knew to be comparatively sober people, some of whom attended our meetings, but now I scarcely ever find them sober, and we never see them in our meetings. But I rejoice that while there is a dark side to the picture, there is also a bright one; we have had many encouragements in the past year, we have seen some who were the slaves of intemperance casting the fatal cup away from them, and several are staunch abstainers and bid fair to continue so. I am sorry to say that these meetings have not been as largely attended as they ought to have been. I trust that the friends of temperance will come forward more promptly to help by their presence, and also by taking part in the speaking and singing, and help to enhance the interest and success of the meetings. We think that no better opportunity can be offered to those who are anxious to reach the poor besotted and wretched drunkards of our city.

I have devoted more than usual of my labour in the past year, in visiting the inmates of the worst houses in this district; I have felt that if these are reached at all, we must go to them where they are, and although it is discouraging work, it is not hopeless work. I have felt it my duty to speak to them, whether they hear or whether they forbear; so that they cannot say, 'no man careth for my soul;' and although it seems like casting bread upon the waters,—fruit I trust will be found, though after many days.

"Through the summer months I have been engaged in holding open air services in several places in the city. On Sabbath afternoons I held services among the sailors on the wharfs and vessels, assisted by Mr. Eaton and Mr. French, these meetings were solemn and orderly. I also assisted Mr. Grierson occasionally at the Cemetery gate. On Sabbath nights at the close of the service in the Mission Church, Mr. Grierson and myself held street meetings on the corner of Albermarle and George streets, among a mixed crowd of all classes, many of whom were eager to hear the word of life, who could not be reached any other way; we had not a great deal of interruption, for the most part our meetings were solemn and orderly, and some were found enquiring after the Saviour; we had also several meetings on the Parade ground at different times. I have also conducted services in the Poor House and Jail.

"The Sabbath morning school in the Mission house has been in a flourishing condition through the past year, the increase has not been very great, but the constant attendance, the order and attention of the children, and the interest they manifest has been very encouraging; our Teachers upon the whole have been very constant and faithful. Mr. Jost has now taken the superintendence of the school. We have ten teachers and about ninety children; the average attendance during the summer was about fifty; and except on very cold mornings they still keep up the average pretty

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"Our Mission meetings have been regularly conducted, one on Tuesday evening and on Sabbath evenings. Members of the Association have kindly assisted me in these meetings, and also Mr. Grierson; and as the results of our labour we have reason to believe that several have been led to seek and find the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

In the past year I have made 3079 visits and distributed a large number of Tracts and other religious papers. In order that I might, assist sufferers in cases of extreme need, Mr. Jost has kindly handed me four dollars. I would respectfully remind those who are disposed to be charitable of the urgent necessity there exists for this."

The Wednesday afternoon meeting of the Committee, for Prayer, Conference and managing the Sabbath afternoon services, has been regularly sustained. We express our gratitude to those clergymen who addressed the crowds of young people who attend the Sabbath meetings. We feel sure many a young man has been led to a better and nobler life through their earnest appeals and affectionate warnings. Our thanks are due to Mr. Jost for the use of a fine Cabinet Organ, thus adding to the interest of our meetings. These meetings must be well sustained. Hundreds come to hear the glad tidings, and we must feel the deep responsibility resting upon us to have well prepared addresses. Opportunities are given us to see the class in whom we are so deeply interested, of their sinfulness by nature, and their need of a Saviour. Souls have been given us in the past to encourage us in this good work. Let us strive earnestly during this year to lead more young men to a happier life.

JOHN S. MACLEAN, Chairman.

THE VISITING SICK COMMITTEE

Report that they have visited during the year all cases of sickness among members of the Association, which have been brought to their notices.

Out of so large an Association, the number of members sick has been very small; which fact calls for united thanks to our Heavenly Father for this token of His kind, and loving care.

Your committee again urge upon all, the necessity of acquainting the Secretary when any brother is ill, that no time may be lost, before visiting him, and doing all we can for his comfort and happiness.

JOHN S. SMITH,

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CONSTITUTION.

Revised and Amendel at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, November 28th, 1866.

ARTICLE I.

That this Association be called the "HALIFAX YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION."

ARTICLE II.

That the objects of this Association shall be,-

1st.—The improvement of the spiritual and mental condition of Young

2nd.—The formation of a Christian Library and Reading Room.

3rd.—Rooms and accommodation for Bible Classes and Social Prayer

4th.—Course of Lectures on Religious subjects, as well as secular, having reference to religion, and the employment of every other available means, whereby the increase of vital religion may be promoted.

ARTICLE III.

As it is the highest object of this Association to promote vital religion among the Young Men residing in the city, any person of good moral character may be a Member of this Association by the payment of not less than One Dollar annually, in advance. He shall be entitled to all the privileges of the institution, provided he be proposed by a member of the Association at one of its meetings, and shall be elected by ballot by the General Committee after satisfactory enquiry as to his eligibility. But no person shall be eligible to serve on a Committee, or be an Office-bearer of the Association, who is not a member in good standing in one of the Evangelical Churches.

ARTICLE IV.

Any member, on the payment of £10 at any one time, may become a Life

ARTICLE V.

The Officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, a Becording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, Librarian, and a General Committee, comprising, as far as possible, members of each evangelical denomination, all of whom shall be chosen annually by ballot.

ARTICLE VI.

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The Corresponding Secretary shall be the organ of the Association in its confidence with other societies, and shall retain copies of all letters written by him.

The Treasurer shall collect and pay all monies of the Association under direction of the Committee, shall keep a correct account of the same, and shall report, whenever required to do so, to the Committee, and to the Association, at less once a year.

It shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep in order all books and documents of the Association, to keep a correct catalogue of the same, and an account of all books delivered to members.

It shall be the duty of the Committee to manage all the affairs of the Association, to make Bye-Laws, appoint Special Committees, decide on all applications for membership, appoint a Recording Secretary and take whatever steps may be necessary for the promotion of the objects of the Association.

ARTICLE VII.

That all the meetings of the Association and Committee shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLE VIII.

That the Committee possess the power to suspend or exclude any member whose conduct may be found inconsistent with the character of the Association.

Also any person failing to pay his dues for two years consecutively, after having been notified by the Secretary, and examination having been made by the Membership Committee, shall cease to be a member.

ARTICLE IX.

That no article of the Constitution be altered or amended, or in any way dispensed with, except six months' notice in writing thereof be given, and then only if recommended by a majority of the Committee, and by a two-third vote of the members of the Association at a meeting called for the purpose, regular notice having been given at least two weeks previously.

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Every Saturday evening from 8 till 9 o'clock.

THE ASSOCIATION AND GENERAL COMMITTEE, Meets Quarterly.

STANDING COMMITTEES MEET WEEKLY.

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