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Among the Committees.

THE RELIGIOUS WORK COMMITTEE have felt encouraged in their part of the work during the months since September, 1889. The Young Men's Meeting has been very interesting, with an average of 30. Several young men confessed Christ for the first time at these meetings. The Bible Training Class has had an average attendance of nine and the practical Study and training there is appreciated. It meets at 10 a. m. Sunday, and has just begun again. Young men in sickness have been visited by this Committee. Evening Prayers have been conducted at the rooms, with some exceptions, every night during the winter months, and these were attended by from 7 to 35 young men. Invitations to the Young Men's Meeting have been distributed to young men on the streets on Sunday and in the hotels on Saturday night. The Committee lost its chairman, Mr. J. F. Blanchard, who had been so long connected particularly with this phase of the work. His place was filled by Mr. Donald A. Fraser, and the Committee's work has gone on unimpeded. We cannot afford to slight this department of the work or crowd it for any other.

THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT of the work has made considerable advance. In the Library are found upwards of 150 volumes, 320 of them having been secured since last October. The Reading Room has had additions of papers and magazines, and with some anticipated change in the room, a good Reading Room will be a healthy and helpful attraction. The committee having charge of this work are seeking to widen the usefulness of the Association along this line, and their efforts ought to be cordially seconded. Many get papers regularly that have little value to them that would be of value in the Reading Room. Many have books lying on their shelves, doing no good, that might be helpful in forming the character or stimulating the enterprise of many young men. The committee plans for greater things in days to come.

SOCIAL WORK.—A member of the Evening Reception Committee—a sub-committee of the Social Work committee—is on hand at the Rooms each evening. He has control of the rooms, and can use any or all, as he pleases, to subserve his purpose,—that purpose ostensibly being to make the place as cheerful and homelike as possible, to introduce strangers, and to make every body feel as if they had spent a pleasant evening at a friend's house. Some nice illustrations could be given of the value of this, and many testimonies, voluntarily given by young men, cited to show what a good thing this has been and how young men away from home influences have been given a Christian greeting to our town. A branch of this committee attends to ushering and preparations for members meetings.

The Social Committee have been aided greatly in their work by the assistance of some young ladies from the several churches who, on Friday evenings, have come to sing at informal receptions in the parlour, and by the untiring efforts of the Woman's Auxiliary, who have spared no pains or time in making the rooms more homelike and attractive to young men.

PHYSICAL WORK COMMITTEE.—This Committee has had a prominent part in this work during the winter months. The Gymnasium proving of value in the development of the muscles of the body and thus fitting the latter for the strain of life. Classes in the Gymnasium met twice a week and were attended by from 25 to 35 members. A Dumb Bell Drill for 15 minutes pre-ceeded the apparatus work each evening. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and abundant testimony of its value can easily be secured. The Association having secured the grounds in the north end of the town, owned by Thos. McLellan an athletic field for the young men and boys of Junior Department anticipate having healthy and helpful recreation during the main summer months.

Don't fail to hear the Ariel Quartet in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, on Saturday evening, October 11th.

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Prospectus.

THE LEADER, the official organ of the Truro, N. S., Young Men's Christian Association, with this issue comes before the public for the first time, with an edition of one thousand copies, to be published monthly and scattered throughout this and other towns of our Province.

The aim will be to give the latest news in Y. M. C. A. circles, or in any work having the welfare of young men specially in view.

The editor will be glad of any contributions of matter, but reserves the right to choose what shall appear in its columns.

The Association has a place in the town to work as an interdenominational organization and to aid the church in her work for young men, and it is the desire of the men entrusted with this work to extend and enlarge the usefulness of the Association in all possible ways.

So, believing that more people would be interested by knowing more about the general, as well as the local work, this sheet has been started. All the demand it makes upon those into whose hands it falls, is, that they read it carefully, criticize it in a friendly manner, and pass it to some one else.

The paper will be printed monthly and it is expected to pay for its printing.

ANNUAL MEETING.—October 6th, at 7.30 p.m. The special attention of every member is called to the Annual Meeting to be held in the Hall at 7.30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 6th. It is the annual election of officers and the appointment of five directors. Reports of the year's work will be given. Other matters of great interest and concern to the members will there be decided and it is hoped that no small reason will keep any away.

Rev. Wm. Meikle has been invited to conduct a series of meetings in Truro. There are great expectations along this line.

The Ariel-Thomson Combination will be in Truro on Saturday evening, the 11th of October, in Association Hall.

General Work.

The Work throughout the Maritime Provinces is becoming more definite and as a consequence is receiving the sympathy and co-operation of the christian and business public more fully, and the results are certainly commensurate with the outlay in finances, and energy.

From Pictou comes the encouraging word of a new Gymnasium in anticipation and a more aggressive work under Secretary McKay, along all the good lines of effort.

Westville has said, by subscribing \$500, that they want a Secretary and they have extended a call to W. B. McCallum, who for a number of years has been President of the Springhill Association. They have a neat, new building, a credit to the enterprising young town.

Stellarton is waking up to the needs of her young men, and some who have been the greatest conservatives in the matter of "definite work for young men by young men" now are in hearty accord, and will make a move, in a practical way, soon.

New Glasgow Association has perhaps sent out more christian workers than any Association of its size in the provinces, and is today doing a steady and good work. "But they are not satisfied and are pushing forward in the matter of having a "home" for the young men. Already they have a building site in the central business part of the town, and, to hear the way the young and business men of the town talk, is almost to see a structure of architectural beauty glistening in the electric light. Sec'y. McDonald has had a notion of leaving, but has decided to remain till the top stone is put on.

Amherst moves straight on in its good work. This Association always did definite work for young men and has a strong corps of earnest workers. Baron, an Ontario man, has plenty summer in him, and plenty push.

Moncton Association building is going up. It will be a beautiful place for the young men of Moncton to grow into useful lives. They are about calling a permanent Secretary.

Halifax will likely adopt more definite lines of work and enlist more of their young men in the work and make the Association an opportunity for doing christian work as well as a privilege to be connected with it.

St. John stands at the key to the provinces, and McLeod, the Sec'y. of the Association there, realizes his position and will lead on the ready band of workers in successful work for Jesus Christ among young men.

The work in the Colleges will receive an impetus at the Conference to be held at Acadia College, Wolfville, Friday the 4th. J. R. Mott, Secretary of the International Committee, will be there and it is an inspiration to hear his voice and see his face.

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WHERE?—What part of the Association work will you help in? Let the Secretary know, so that in appointing the committees you may be put in the place of your choice.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY are planning to aid greatly during the fall and winter months by making the rooms more cheery, and in giving Receptions and Socials similar to those given during the year now closing.

MEMBERSHIP—Applications for membership may be made to the General Secretary, or to any member of the Association. Any young man of good moral character, regardless of his religious belief, may become a member.

TOPICS FOR OCTOBER for the Young Men's Meeting in the front Basement, Sunday afternoons at 4.30.

5—Wells that never dry. ISA. XII. 10V. 13-14

12—Pangs of Shame. PSALM VII.

19—Scape to a Success. 1st LIE. PSALM CXXV, 9, 105 & JOHN I. 8. P. PAGE. 161, 5-11

20—A Safe Dwelling. PSALM XCI. 1.

SUSTAINING MEMBERS—To ensure the funds of the Association next year, sustaining members are to be solicited by the Finance Committee. The sustaining member agrees to give a certain amount for the year, and each succeeding year, till the pledge is cancelled, toward the expenses of the Association. This will save a yearly canvass for funds.

Y. P. S. C. E.—The local societies are growing in size and practical usefulness, as every pastor who has them in their churches will testify. There is a future for this work, and it is encouraging to see consecrated manhood and womanhood banded together thus for mutual help and mutual work. Hail to all such!

Y. M. C. A. OFFICERS.

The Association is controlled by a Board of Directors, from the membership of the Association, business men of the town. They have the direction of the detail work of the Association; the employment of salaried officers, etc. They are elected by the Association just as the officers of any corporate body are elected; and are responsible to the Association, 12 members, with the officers, form the Board.

PRESIDENT, I. B. FULTON.
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REGULAR APPOINTMENTS:
 Sunday, 10 a. m. Bible Training Class, in Parlor, 4.30 P. M. Young Men's Meeting, in the Basement.
 4.00 p. m. Boy's Meeting in the Parlor.
 Evening Prayers in the Parlor each night.
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Financial Statement.

Those who have contributed toward the current expense this year should know where the money has gone, and whether the expenditure has been wisely made. It is encouraging to see so many of the young men themselves doing what they can to help themselves and their fellow young men, and their efforts should be commended by the business and minded men of the town.

We append statement of finances. As will be seen, there will be a deficit of \$400. The Associations fiscal year ends this month, and any aid in the way of contributions will be gratefully received by J. D. McKay, Chairman of Finance Committee. The names of contributors will appear later.

RECEIPTS TO AUG. 1, 1890.

Balance from 1889	..... \$	66.82
Dues	.....	108.00
Collections	.....	48.92
Boy's Branch Dues	.....	25.00
Proceeds of Concerts, etc.	.....	155.50
Contributions paid	.....	281.35
Rents	.....	401.14
Loans	.....	162.16
		\$1284.29

ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS FOR BALANCE OF YEAR TO 30TH SEPT., 1890.

Dues	.....	50.00
Contributions	.....	88.00
Rents, Japanese Village	.....	58.00
" Town	.....	33.00
" Bank	.....	37.50
" Baptist Church	.....	75.00
Sundry Rents	.....	25.00
J. T. S.	.....	35.00
		\$403.50

EXPENDITURE, YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30.

	PAID.	DUED.	TOTAL.
	SEPT. 30, 1889 & 1890		
Secretary's Salary	472.40	119.27	591.67
Lighting	87.90	96.91	184.81
Fuel	49.00		49.00
Repairs	248.10	78.17	326.27
Insurance	50.00		50.00
Printing	45.10	5.95	51.05
Office Furniture	13.85		13.85
Reading Room	32.06	6.80	38.86
Boys' Branch	28.80		28.80
Gymnasium	91.05	50.00	141.05
Parlor	21.00	92.43	113.43
Janitor	34.50	20.00	54.50
Postage & Stationery	15.68	10.00	25.68
Athletic Field		50.00	50.00
Sundry Expense	61.78	5.59	67.37
	\$1281.22	\$534.62	\$1815.71

Junior Department.

The junior department is all new growth. 74 boys are now connected with it. A Sunday afternoon meeting is held, at the same hour as the young men's meeting; as many as 55 at one time attending. Three days in the

week the boys take exercise in the Gymnasium and seem to enjoy and develop under it. Largely on their account the Athletic field was secured during the summer, and they enjoyed the privilege and had a good time in many of their manly sports. They are talking of a library of their own, and the Association are planning to give them a room for themselves as soon as they can. The Convention urged greater activity in this branch of the work of the Association.

VALUE OF A GYMNASIUM.—Exercise helps men in every way; it makes them strong and healthy, it helps them to throw off mental depression and care, and it brings them together in social, brotherly union. The Gymnasium is in one word, an unspeakable boon and an imperative necessity for the dyspeptic narrow chested youth of our City.—*Pull Mall Gazette.*

HIS BELIEF.—I believe that I would be a strong, healthy man if I had early acquired and constantly practised athletic exercise.

ABRAHAM S. HERBERT.

ENDORSE IT.—It does me good to endorse the Young Men's Christian Association. Providence has endorsed it; the Church has endorsed it; and thus endorsed it is going to stand. **MOSES HILL.**

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