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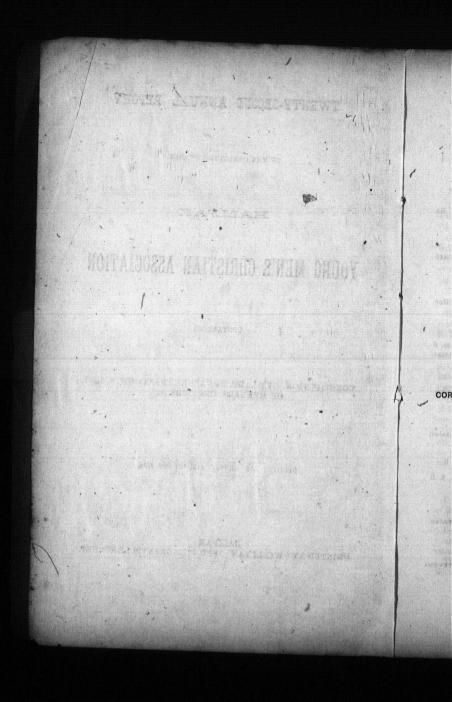
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The General Committee present the twenty-second Annual Report. That the Association has worked twenty-two years, flourished, is still vigorous and successful, demands praise to the Great Master of Assemblies.

Owing to trade depressions and scarcity of money, subscriptions to the Building Fund, long over due, have not been paid. These arrears have entailed a larger amount of interest than was anticipated last year, and swell the amount of debt. The Finance Committee present an encouraging prospect for the coming year.

The Reports of the sub-committees appended will exhibit details of the work of the Association during the past year.

The Halifax Association was represented at the International Convention at Richmond, Va., in May 1875, by Messrs. J. S. Macleán and J. B. Morrow.

A Convention of Delegates from Associations of the Maritime Provincea was held at Pictou in September, the following attended as Delegates. S. G. Matheson, James Forrest, H. A. Flemming, Rev. R. F. Burns, D.D., Edward Jost, John Grierson, Rev. John Lathern, Henry Theakston, William Crowe, L. H. Jordan, R. Geo. Halls, C. F. Lindsay, Ralph Hunt.

The Report of the Executive Committee contains a favorable account of the work of the various Associations, and the spiritual interest awakened by the Convention.

The Committee beg to express their obligations to the clergy of the city, for their kind and valuable assistance on various occasions; also to the press for notices of meetings, and for directing attention to the efforts and objects of the Association.

JOHN S. MACLEAN, President.

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LITERARY AND SOCIAL.

Your committee commenced the work of the year by revising the Report of the General Committee for 1874, one thousand copies of which have been printed and distributed.

During last winter arrangements were made for holding a Social Entertainment in the rooms of the Association, but, owing to adverse circumstances, the Committee were obliged to abandon the undertaking.

The question of lectures received considerable thought and attention from the Committee, and, after several proposals had been discussed and reject-

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ed, it was determined to provide a course of six public lectures, to be delivered in Temperance Hall, during the present winter. The Committee were fortunate enough to secure the services of Rev. Dr. Burns, Rev. J. Lathern, Rev. Job Shenton, W. J. Stairs, Esq., John Boyd, Esq., and Rev. G. M. Grant, to deliver these lectures.

Two of these gentlemen have, already, fulfilled their engagements successfully, their efforts having been characterized by great ability and eloquence. The Committee regret, that so few persons, comparatively, availed themselves of these excellent opportunities for moral and intellectual culture and enjoyment. They have accordingly reduced the price of tickets, as an inducement to the members of the Association, and the public generally, to attend these lectures.

The "Literary Class" undertaken last winter did not prove so successful as the Committee had anticipated.

It is feared that our young men, generally, are not fully alive to the advantages which such classes offer them in preparing for their life work. The Committee, however, are not without hope that their successors in office will be more fortunate in their attempts to cultivate literary tastes and accomplishments.

D. HENRY STARR, Chairman.

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MISSION AND DEVOTION.

The review of the past year by no means bears the retrospect we had hoped at its commencement, whilst much encouragement will probably be reported by some of the Committees as the reward of their labors in the more secular departments, in the spiritual advance as tested by the portions of work entrusted to the management of this Committee, there is very little to report.

The labors of Mr. Needham, invited to Halifax by the President of our Association—though carried on for so short a period were undoubtedly accompanied and followed by most blessed results, and in these therefore the Association may rejoice, having taken the initiative. The opening meeting took place in our Hall but the services were afterwards transferred to the *Rink* as the only building capable of containing the thousands who flocked to hear him. On the eve of his departure Mr. Needham held a very successful meeting with the young men of our City in Association Hall; to whom he delivered an address of great earnestness and power. The meetings were concluded by an able and appropriate address to young men delivered by Rev. John. Read.

Although the churches generally, were quickened by these and other special services and many converts added to them "wherein we do rejoice, yea and will rejoice " Yet it is with sorrow we affirm that they do not appear to have been attended with that benefit to the Association we had anticipated. es, to be mmittee Rev. J. sq., and

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MISSION.—As concurred in by the Association at the close of last yearour Missionary ceased to be employed after the 1st of May, and owing to sickness and other causes we have no report of his labors during the quarter ending on the above date.

The Sabbath afternoon service has continued throughout the year at the Mission House, South Branswick Street, Mr. Jost having kindly continued the use of the Building to the Association on Sundays. During Mr. Needham's visit is was temporarily closed that all might be present at the Rink. The attendance through the summer was as usual small, bu t has largely increased during the winter months. A number of young persons mingle with the congregation, whom 'we hope to reach. Some special iservices were held by the Committee at the commencement of the year which were productive of a few conversions.

The Sunday School is very successful under the energetic management of Mr. John S. Smith and the earnest Teachers associated with him. The number of teachers is twenty, and scholars 150. The school is visited occasionally by the Committee who are gratified in being able to report as above.

Bible Class,—Occasionally interrupted by other services has been continued under the leadership of the more experienced of our members, but little increase of attendance or interest has been manifested.

Prayer Meeting,--Thursday evening for young men is still sustained by a few devoted members, the attendance much the same as last year. A Sunday School Normal Class held in our large hall the same evening has drawn off a number of our young men who previously attended.

Union Prayer Meeting, Tues. Evg.—Was instituted at the commencement of the year and arose out of special services held for a few weeks at South Brunswick St. every evening. At the conclusion of these services the meeting was removed to the Hall as the more appropriate place. The class room is generally comfortably filled, and on special occasions the large room becomes necessary. This service from its tone of spirituality and fair attendance is very encouraging.

The annual service of prayer on behalf of Y. M. C. Associations was held , in the Hall on the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 14.

The opening and closing services of the week of Prayer were as heretofore conducted by this Committee—the former in Association-Hall and the latter at Temperance Hall—services very interesting.

The Committee have had about 1,000 small cards containing a list of our services and meetings printed for use of members, and distributed, also a few placards with the same information placed in the hotels and other public resorts.

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JOHN S. MACLEAN, Chairman.

TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

The Committee have to report that their work regularly commenced May 1st and continued until Dec. 1st. The field of operation was princi-

The distance from the Lumber Wharf to the Dockyard was divided into seven districts; and thirteen distributors have been regularly engaged every Sabbath morning giving away tracts bearing on the fundamental truths of our religion. Those on controversial subjects were carefully

The Committee have great pleasure in recording the fact that the distributors instead of meeting with rebuffs and insults, were cordially received, and numbers of sailors were quite willing to enter into conversation about the affairs of their never dying souls. Only on one or two occasions did the distributers meet with any opposition.

We would urge upon the Association the great necessity of providing service specially for the seamen. Sailors will not go to church in their working clothes; and many of them (especially those from our own towns and villages) do not bring any other clothing with them.

In addition to the work amongst the sailors, tracts are distributed at Rockhead Prison, the Cemetery, Hospital and the Public Gardens.

The number of tracts distributed during the season was over 20,000. May we hope that some, at least, of the seed sown has fallen into good ground, and will yield fruit to Everlasting Life.

The Committee would tender their sincere thanks to the British American Book & Tract Society for having generously given them over 18,000 tracts: And also to those members of the Association who kindly assisted them in the work of distribution.

JAMES FORREST, Chairman.

ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

The Rooms and Library Committee have to report that the work intrusted to them has been performed as well as circumstances would permit. Additions have been made from time to time to the Library both by purchase and donations of books; there are about 2,600 volumes of which an average of 15 per day is issued.

The Reading Room has been kept well supplied with newspapers and periodicals, and in this department the Room is considered fully up to the requirements of the members.

The Association hall has yielded considerable revenue to the funds of the institution. A piano has been placed in the parlor and adds to the attractions of this comfortable room. The dining-room is considered to be a very great convenience to a number of our members who are unable to dine at their homes; an average of twenty dine daily-during the absence of many families in the summer time the average number using the dining

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About 200 hundred members and others use our rooms every day. Your committee consider the rooms well cared for-and the present Janitor, Mr. Saunders has the confidence and respect of all frequenting the building.

The following Newspapers are supplied gratis, and your Committee would thank the Proprietors of the several journals for their favors.

Nova Scotia.

Chronicle, Reporter, Recorder. Citizen, Herald, Presbyterian Witness, Wesleyan, Christian Messenger, Dalhousie Gazette, Journal of Agriculture, Eastern Chronicle, Western Chronicle, Star, Sun, Acadia Athenaeum, Colonial Standard, Maritime Sentinel, Monitor, Liverpool Advocate, Farmer, Cape Breton Advocate.

New Brunswick .- Telegraph, Globe, Times, Religious Intelligencer, Presbyterian Advocate, Colonial Farmer, St. Lawrence Advance, Borderer, Argosy. P. E. Island.-Argus, Examiner, Progress, Journal, Patriot. Canada .- Church Herald, Casket. Honolulu .- The Friend.

J. C. MACKINTOSH, Chairman.

FINANCE.

Your Committee report an increase of \$243.65 in the amount of subscriptions received during 1875 as compared with the previous year.

This increase has resulted, chiefly from the advance in the minimum subscription during the past year, to \$2.00, and would be larger, even, were it not that 110 subscriptions, a number unusually large amounting to \$245.00, remained unpaid at the end of the year. Financial difficulties which have pressed upon all classes of the community during 1875, have no doubt ministered to this result.

For the use of rooms the receipts show an increase of \$65.00 over the amount received in 1874. The donations in 1875, including one of \$40.00 from T. B. Akins, Esq., specially for library, amounted to \$105.00, the miscellaneous receipts were \$139.33. and and a standard the standard stan

The whole receipts of the Association in 1875, exclusive of the rent were \$1782.18; the whole expenses, exclusive of what may be considered as chargeable to the building, were \$2029.85; the difference of \$247.67 being only slightly in excess of the amount of overdue subscriptions.

The general funds have benefited by the building during 1875 to the amount of \$484.37 as follows : which which are attain marked by days

Balance due Treasurer 1st Jany., 1875 \$166.82

Paid toward current expenses in 1875 247.67

Balance in hands of Treasurer 1st January 1876 19.88 \$434.87

Now that the income of the Association so nearly meets the expenses, a little effort judiciously expended by members, might induce a large number of young men in the city, not connected with the Association, to join it, with mutual benefit to themselves and the Association,

In this way such an increase might be obtained as even at the minimum rate of Subscription would make the income balance the expenditure, leaving any surplus from the rent to form a sinking fund toward extinguishing the debt on the building.

JOSEPH BELL, Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP.

Your Committee regret to report a decrease in the membership of the Association. It will be seen, however, that this has been occasioned, chiefly, by the fact that an unusually large number of our members have left the city during the year, and we can hope that such members are not lost to the cause but, in their new homes, are still doing good work for the

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.

January 1st, 1875-On the Roll, 691; added during the year, 71; total 762, Erased during the year-left the City, 78; by request, 23; three years in arrears, 10; Died, 7;-118 total 644; of which number three hundred and thirty-five are Church members.

James B. Oxley, Inglis Harrington, George L. Fellows, J. R. Thomas, E. C. Saffery, John McCulloch. A. Forrest, M.D.

FRED. H. OXLEY, Chairman.

EMPLOYMENT.

Early in the year your Committee prepared a circular, 200 copies of which were printed and circulated among the Merchants of the City, "Stating that a book, had been prepared and was in possession of the Secretary inwhich are recorded the names of persons requiring the services of Young Men, and the Names of Applicants for Situations.

Your Committee regret that this appeal did not receive the hearty response anticipated, owing it is presumed not to any lack of interestin this branch of the Associations work, but to the very general depression in trade which has prevailed, thereby decreasing the demand for the services of young men in Mercantile and Manufacturing Establishments.

Another drawback under which your Committee has labored is the difficulty of obtaining reliable information respecting the character of young men who come as strangers to the city. The Committee would strongly recommend all young men coming to the city seeking employment to obtain suitable testimonials from Clergymen and other prominent persons in the places where they have resided and are known.

Your Committee have to report that of the 84 applicants whose names were recorded by the Secretary during the year, situations were -obtained for 13, and 12 have left the city.

R. N. BECKWITH, Chairman.

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VISITING SICK.

Your Committee on appointment at the opening of 1875, thought it necessary to make their existence and work more generally known to enable them more effectually to carry out the wishes of the Association.

A circular was prepared, and a copy appended to each Annual Report, was placed in the hands of each member, urging them to make known any case coming to their notice where they thought the Committee might be of service. Being desirous to reach young men who were not members, more especially strangers in the hotals and boarding houses throughout the city, away from their homes, deprived of that kindly attention which in hours of sickness is so much required. To reach such, a circular was addressed to the Protestant physicians of the city, making known our work, and asking them to bring to our notice, through the Secretary, any such cases they might fall in with in the course of their practice.

Your Committee feel thankful to be able to report some little good accomplished through their instrumentality during the past year, not so much as they had anticipated, nor as much as they were prepared to carry out, yet sufficient to amply repay every effort put forth.

Amongst the membership every case of sickness reported received more or less attention according to the requirements of the case. They did not consider they were called to give special attention to members enjoying the care of the Church with which they were connected. Two special cases of young men, strangers in our city, were attended to, visited and watched night and day.

Your Committee desire to record their appreciation of services rendered by the Secretary, who has shared largely in the labour and responsibilities connected with their work. Also to the thirty young men, members of the Association, who so kindly co-operated in various ways.

M. M. LINDSAY, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

At the close of the first years labor your Committee ascribing all praise to our Heavenly Father for His great mercy, beg to report that during the year noteworthy progress has been made in the department committed to their care.

During the first quarter only one public Temperance Meeting was held and right thinking people were compelled to mourn over the fact of two hundred licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors being granted in this City for each of which at least *fifty-one rate payers* of the city signed a petition praying the City Council to grant said licence. This gives 10.000 signatures for licences. Many names no doubt are repeated yet the large numbers of people favoring the traffic quite plainly indicates the direction for Educative and Christian work in Halifax for the next few years. Still there was encouragement in the fact of there being about *forty less* licensed places than in the preceding year. As an Association of young men there is an imperative duty for us to prevent our friends and brothers going down into the slippery dangerous paths.

The various Church gatherings during the summer gave very positive expression to their views in favor of Temperance.

During the third Quarter the Committee made arrangements for a regular Course of Public Monthly Meetings in our Hall during the winter.

On Monday evening, November 8th, the first meeting of the Course was held, when Rev. J. Read lectured on "The indirect results of the Liquor Traffic on the Home, the Church, and the State." The audience, numbering about 200, gave marked attention to the able exposition of the subject.

Monday evening, December 13th, the subject of a "Prohibitory Liquor Law" was most ably discussed by Rev. Dr. Burns, before an audience of some 250 people, mostly men.

"The duty of Christians in respect to signing petitions for Liquor Licences" was the subject for discussion at our last meeting held on the evening of the 10th January, when John S. McLean presided.

The subject under consideration on that evening seems to be the question at present before the people. The clergymen and churches are rousing to action, and we trust this Young Men's Association will, in every way, endeavour to strengthen the hands of the pastors in vigorous effort to prevent Christian and thoughtful people signing petitions to the City Council in favour of the liquor traffic and its terrible consequences.

The out-look for the ensuing year is good-Agitation of the subject; earnest thought by the people; and the right must prevail-May God bless our efforts.

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J. PARSONS, Chairman.

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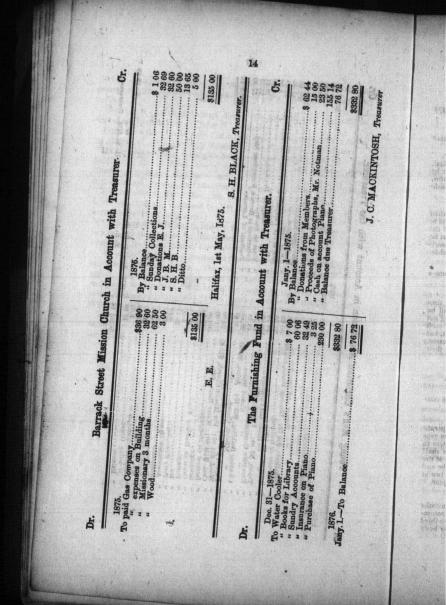
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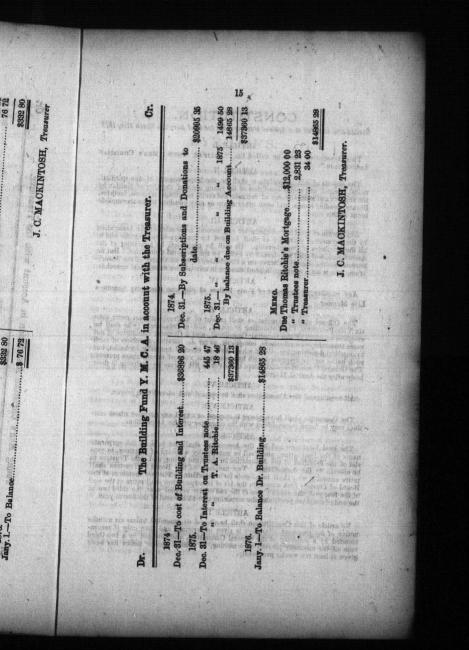
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CONSTITUTION.

Revised and Amended at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, March 11th, 1878

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be called the "HALIFAX Young MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION."

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Association shall be, the improvement of the spiritual, moral, mental, and social condition of the young men of the City of Halifax by the support and maintainance of religious and social meetings; sermons, lectures, library, reading rooms, and such other means as may conduce to the accomplish-ment of this object.

ARTICLE III.

Any person of good moral character may become a member of the Association by the payment of such fee as shall be fixed by the Bye-laws to entitle him to all the privileges of membership. He shall be proposed by a member of the Association, and shall be elected by ballot by the General Committee. But no person shall be eligible to serve on a Committee, of he an Officer of the Associ-ation, who is not a member in good standing in one of the evangelical churches.

ARTICLE IV.

Any member, on payment of Forty Dollars at any one time, may become a Life Member.

ARTICLE V.

The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, not more than six Vice-Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, (who shall be z-officio members of the General Committee), and a General Committee of not more than thirty-two members, comprising, as far as possible, members of each evangelical denomination, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot, but The General Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies occurring in their

ARTICLE VI.

All meetings of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLE VII.

The Committee shall have power to suspend or expel any member whose con-duct may be found inconsistent with the character of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Real Estate owned by the Association shall be held in the corporate hame of the Association, and shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, to con-sist of the President of the Association for the time being, and eight Trustees to be elected by the Association. Two members of the Board of Trustees shall retire annually, who shall be eligible for re-election. The two members of the Board of Trustees first named in the Act of Incorporation shall retire at the end of the first year, the second two at the end of the second year, the third two at the end of the third year, and the remaining two at the end of the fourth year.

ARTICLE IX.

No article of this Constitution shall be altered or amended unless six months hotice of the proposed alleration is given in writing, and then only if recom-mended by a majority of the General Committee, and adopted by a two-third vote of the members present at a meeting, of which regular notice has been given at least two weeks previously. ling Me

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1. It shall be the duty of the President, and, in his absence, of the senior Vice-President present, to preside at meetings of the Association and General Committee. They shall also, be such means as the

2. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies and disburse the same under the direction of the General Committee. He shall present a ful and correct account of his transactions to the Annual meeting, and to the General Committee when required.

3. The General Committee shall manage all the affairs of the Association, and make bye-laws for its government. They shall appoint the Secretary and fix his salary, and shall report fally to the Association at the Quarterly and Annual Meetings. They shall also appoint the following Standing Committees, and such other Committees as may be required, viz : A Committee on Missions and Devotions; on Finance; Literary and Social Committee; on Membership; on Strangers and Employment; on Temperance; on Tract Distribution; on Visiting Sick; and on Rooms and Library, Seven members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. If of some done trooper summers . If the

4. The Board of Trustees shall discharge their duties under the direction of the General Committee, and shall present a full report of their proceedings to the Association at the Annual Meeting, as proceed has another weltered and being

5. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of all meetings of the Association and Committees, keep a record of the name, residence, and church of each member, notify all officers and members of their election or appointment, and prepare the work for the Business Meetings. He shall collect the membership dues and subscriptions, and pay the same over to the Treasurer. He shall also act as Librarian, and generally, under the direction. of Committee, perform such duties as they require.

6. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, under the direction of the Committee, to conduct the correspondence of the Association, keeping copies of all letters and tyles of those received.

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2. The Committee on Finance shall consist of five members, shall devise means for obtaining funds for the Association, shall examine and approve all accounts referred to them by the General Committee, previous to payment by the Treasurer.

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3. The *Literary and Social* Committee shall consist of seven members. They shall under the direction of the General Committe, provide for the delivery of lectures, the establishment and management of literary classes, and of social meetings of the Association.

4. The Membership Committee shall consist of nine members. All propositions for membership shall be referred to them, and they shall, after due en quiry, report on the same to the General Committee. They shall be empowered to strike from the roll of membership any person who fails to pay his dues for two years consecutively, unless, in their opinion, there are special circumstances in the case. They shall also, by such means as they think best, endeavour to interest the membership in the work of the Association.

5. The *Employment* Committee shall consist of five members, and it shall be their duty to aid young men in obtaining employment.

 The Temperance Committee shall consist of seven members, whose duty it shall be to promote the principle of total abstinence from intoxicating liquors.

7. The Committee on Tract Distribution shall consist of five members, and it shall be their duty to distribute tracts and religious periodicals as opportunity may offer.

8. The Visiting Sick Committee shall consist of five members. They shall carefully visit any of the members who may be laid aside by sickness, affording them such sympathy and assistance as may be in their power, and when considered necessary, report such cases to the General Committee.

9. The Rooms and Library Committee shall consist of seven members. They shall have charge of the rooms of the Association, and make provision for furnishing, lighting, warming and keeping the same in order. They shall use all suitable means for the increase and preservation of the Library—provide papers and periodicals for the Reading Room, and shall approve all publications prior to their admission into the Library and Reading Room.

10. Any member of any Standing Committee absenting himself from four consecutive meetings, without sufficient reason, shall cease to be a member of such Committee, and his place shall be filled by the General Committee.

ARTICLE 4-VISITING ROOMS COMMITTEE.

There shall be a Committee on Visitation of the Rooms, to consist of members of General Committee, in rotation, as may be arranged, whose duty it shall be to visit the Rooms as often as possible—to be present at the Prayer Meeting on Thursday evening; also the Saturday evening Bible Class. They shall acquaint themselves with the religious condition of the Association, and the working of each of the Committees, and shall report to General Committee at their Quarterly Meeting. approve all ayment by

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ARTICLE 5-MEETINGS.

1. The Annual Meeting of the Association, for the election of officers and the transaction of other business, shall be held in the month of January in each year.

2. Quarterly Meetings of the Association shall be held in the months of April, July and October, at which meetings reports from the several Standing Committees shall be presented, and general business transacted.

3. Meetings may be called at any time by the Committee, or by the President on the requisition of five members.

4. The General Committee shall hold regular quarterly meetings, and may be called together at any time by the President or any three members.

ARTICLE 6-ALTERATIONS.

No Bye-Law shall be altered, except by a two-third vote of those present at a business meeting—notice of the intended alteration having been given at a pre vious meeting; but any Bye-Law may be suspended for the time being, by a unanimous vote.

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE HALIFAX YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

PASSED THE 6TH DAY OF MAY, A. D., 1875.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :----

1. John S. Maclean, William B. McNutt, Murdoch M. Lindsay, James B. Morrow, William C. Delaney, William H. Wiswell, Daniel McN. Parker, Samuel H. Black, William H. Neal, Edward Jost, James C. Mackintosh, Archibald Patterson, and such other persons as are now members of the Young Men's Christian Association or shall hereisfter unite with them under provisions of this Act, shall be and are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of the "Halifax Young Men's Christian Association."

2. The object of the Association shall be the improvement of the spiritual, moral, mental and social condition of the young men of the City of Halifax, by the support and maintenance of religious and social meetings, sermons, lectures, a jibrary, a reading-room and such other means as may conduce to the accomplishment of this object.

3. The Association may adopt such a Constitution and Bye-Laws for the admission and qualification of members, the choice, power and duties of its officers and the regulation of its business generally as are not inconsistent with this Act and the laws of the Province.

4. The Association may acquire and hold real and personal estate, and with the consent in writing of at least two-thirds of the Trustees and two-thirds of the General Committee, may sell, mortgage or convey the real estate.

5. The Real Estate of the Association, together with any devise of Real Estate hereafter made, shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, each of whom shall be a member in good standing of one of the Evangelical Churches of the City, but not more than three shall be members of any one denomination. John S. Maclean, Daniel McN. Parker, Edward Jost, James Farquhar, Thomas A. Ritchie, Edwin D. King, James Thomson, Samuel L. Shannon, and Thomas A. Brown are hereby created such Board of Trustees and vacancies' shall be filled in such maaner as the Constitution of the Association may provide.

6. Any income arising from the real estate, after deducting payments for interest, insurance and necessary repairs shall be devoted to the purpose of the Association and shall be paid by the Board of Trustees as the Association may direct.

7. No intoxicating drinks shall be sold or used, nor games of chance allowed

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in any part of the property of the Association; nor shall such property be used for any purpose inconsistent with the objects of the Association as stated in this Act.

8. The Real Estate of the Association shall not be liable for any future debt or obligation of the Association unless the same shall have been contracted with the approval and sanction of two-thirds of the Trustees.

9. Such portion of the Real Estate of the Association as may be exclusively used for the purposes of the Association shall be exempt from Taxation.

10. Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1878, entitled "An act to incorporate the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association " is hereby repealed.

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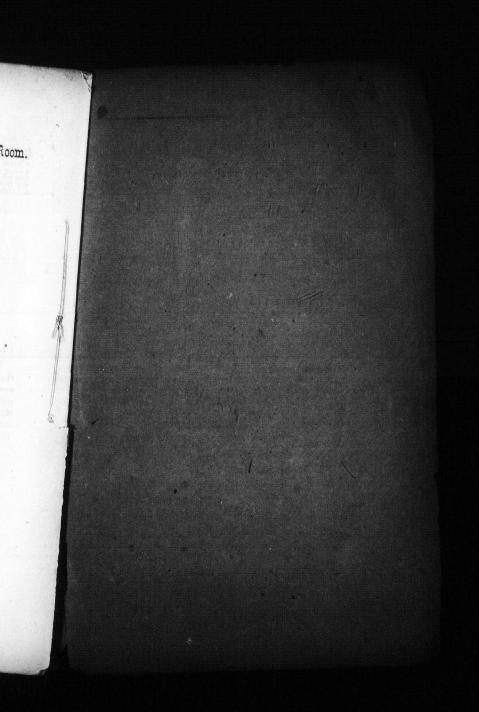
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