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COMMITTEE

OF THE

Halifax Young Men's

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION :

WITH

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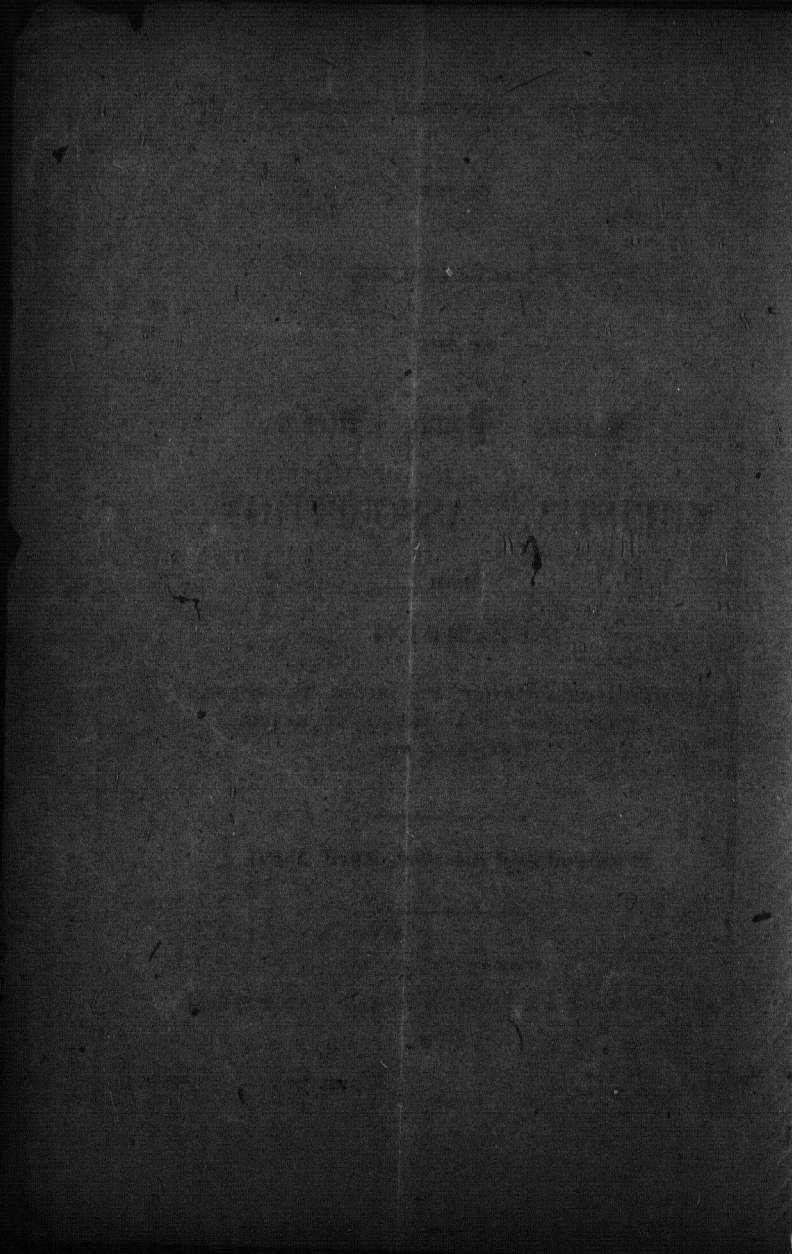
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APPENDIX

MEMBERS LIST OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR TRIBUTES
1882, 1883, 1884

RECEIVED BY THE ASSOCIATION APRIL 1882

MEETING ROOM AND LIBRARY, 75 BARRINGTON STREET,
NEW YORK

1882

REPORT.

THROUGH the good providence of our Heavenly Father, the Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association beg to present to the members and friends, the Eighth Annual Report of its proceedings and progress.

During the past year few things have occurred in our midst, calling for special remark. Your last Annual Meeting elected Martin Gay Black, Esq., your President, and since then you were permitted as a body to attend his funeral.—The grave has closed over all that is mortal of him; whose name was the first subscribed to the Constitution of this Association. But his many virtues and unassuming christian character, will not soon be forgotten by those who had the privilege of his acquaintance.

The resolution passed by your Committee on the occasion of his death, will be found in the Appendix (*see Ap. No. 1.*) And part of your duty on being called together this evening, will be the election of a successor.

Your Committee beg to report that thirty additional books have been added to your Library, during the past year. They were but a few new works placed upon the shelves, but the peculiar money wants of the Association, (which will more fully appear in the Treasurer's account and will be afterwards referred to) have cramped the operations of the Association.

We would testify our gratitude, that your Association has been enabled to complete another and the Ninth Course of Lectures. The Course was opened with the usual prayer

meeting in its inaguration, held this time in St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. Mr. Addy presiding on the occasion, prayers were offered and addresses delivered by several of the city clergymen. The Course has received perhaps as much of the patronage of the public as could have been expected under the circumstances. The Committee would fain hope that an improving source of instruction occupied the attention of young men; and they congratulate themselves that your Association has been the means of introducing a system of instruction by Lectures, which have become both fashionable and lucrative. The Ninth Course was closed with the usual prayer meeting held on this occasion in Grafton Street Church, in which the several Evangelical denominations of the city were represented both by their clergy and laity.

The Committee tender thanks for the valuable assistance received, from the several persons who accepted their invitation to contribute to the Lectures of the season, a list of whom with the subjects of their Lectures will also be found in the Appendix (No. 2) To the newspaper proprietors who advertized the Lectures gratis, and to the several young men, who volunteered their services as door keepers and in various ways assisted in promoting the interests of the Association, they would also tender grateful acknowledgements.

Your Executive Committees have still been able to keep up the same number and class of papers and periodicals to the Reading Room, but fear that in your estimate for the year upon which you are now entered, several items for newspapers or periodicals will require to be withdrawn. Your Committee also regret the continued apathy which was complained of in the last Annual Report towards the Bible Class. A question might be asked in reference to this particular institution. Upon whom will the responsibility rest of continuing

to disregard this means of grace and channel of the Divine influence, which has existed for the past nine years with so much regularity. Your Committee submit that only those who can conscientiously say that they are better employed for their own souls and the souls of others, will find satisfaction in the reply.

In reporting upon the state of the funds, your Committee have cause for gratitude and humility. Thirteen members of the Association doubled their subscription during the past year, while others have, (we should suppose, from the pressure of the times,) delayed to pay up their subscriptions. The Treasurer's account will be found in Appendix, viz:—A few handsome donations are gratefully acknowledged. From the late President, £10; William Miller, Esq., London, his Annual Donation, £5; A. K. Doull, Esq., £2 10s; Edward Binney, Esq., £5, together with some smaller sums. The whole amount of subscriptions for the year amounted to three hundred and eighty dollars, just about the same amount as was realized on the previous year.

Four new members have been added to the Association during the past year. And as usual on presenting our Annual Report, we notice that several members have left the city.

Rigid economy was practiced during the year, and your Committee would unhesitatingly affirm, and they will be borne out by a reference to facts, that no other institution of a similar nature in the city, will compare with yours as to the advantages to be derived for the same amount of money invested. Neither will any similar institution exhibit the same amount of work performed, by their officers at the same remuneration.

Certain expenses were incurred during the previous year

for repairs in the rooms, for the payment of which a subscription was raised at last Annual Meeting. It did not meet the demand, and the balance to be carried to the amount of the debt against the Association—will require to be paid out of the ordinary funds, if some effort be not put forth to meet it.

Your Committee would respectfully ask the public for more liberal support for the advancement of this institution. Hitherto no direct claim has been made upon the public for its sustenance, and hitherto but comparatively few of the Christian community may be said to have given it more than outward encouragement. All credit is due to those who have supported the institution; what some of them have done, they have done well.

Your Committee would embrace this opportunity of reminding many of the young men who came to the city, that this was once a place to which they with pleasure and we trust not without profit often resorted. And if this should meet their eye, they are now invited to testify their gratitude by a union with the Association. Some have gone to distant lands and write encouragingly of what it did for them. It has often been a subject of observation and regret, that in a community where there are nearly *three thousand males* between 15 and 30 years of age, so few are found taking advantage of the means of improvement and opportunities of advancement presented and urged upon them. Of that 2,830 how many are walking in the way of the destroyer? How many earnest, spirit-stirring appeals have been directed to them and efforts put forth for their improvement, which have been lost to them for ever. How successful have been the snares and seductions of Satan for their destruction, and what proportion of that number can be counted upon as regularly attending the house of prayer on each returning Sabbath?

Office Bearers for 1862.

[ELECTED 8TH APRIL.]

President.

J. G. A. CREIGHTON, Esq.

Vice Presidents.

S. L. SHANNON, Esq.

CHAS. ROBSON, Esq.

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J. F. AVERY, Esq.

T. A. BROWN, Esq.

J. W. RITCHIE, Esq.

Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

JAMES FARQUHAR.

Treasurer.

SAMUEL H. BLACK, Esq.

Committee.

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W. S. STIRLING,
B. H. COLLINS,
G. R. ANDERSON,
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H. N. PAINT,
G. JOHNSON,
JAMES THOMSON,
D. McEWAN,
S. A. WHITE,
A. JAMES,

Life Members.

(ACTIVE AND ASSOCIATE.)

SIR SAMUEL CUNARD,
THE HON. ENOS COLLINS,
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" " J. H. ANDERSON,
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JAMES FORMAN, Esq.
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EDWARD BINNEY, Esq.

APPENDIX, No. 1.

Resolution respecting the late President.

At a meeting the Committee of the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association, held on Friday the first day of November, 1861. The following resolutions were agreed unanimously :—

It having pleased God in the inscrutable workings of His Providence, to remove from this Institution by death, its esteemed President, MARTIN GAY BLACK, ESQUIRE.

The Committee desire to record its unfeigned sorrow at the loss it has sustained : its appreciation of his worth as an early and active member of this Association ; he having been the first person who subscribed its Constitution. And an ardent supporter of every kindred institution, having for its object the promotion of the Redeemer's glory and the best interests of men.

Also that a copy of the above resolution be sent to the family of the late President, and at same time tender to them the Committee's Christian sympathy, under the present afflictive bereavement.

Signed by order of the Committee,

T. A. BROWN, *Chairman.*
JAMES FARQUHAR, *Secretary.*

NINTH COURSE OF LECTUERS.

DELIVERED BEFORE THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, DURING THE WINTER SESSION OF 1861-62.

- 1.—The Inagural Address—The Two Napoleons ; by the Rev. G. W. Hill, A. M.
- 2.—The Young Man's Life ; by the Rev. G. M. Grant.
- 3.—The present aspect of Christianity and its demands on the age ; by the Rev. J. Brewster.
- 4.—Ancient Records ; and their testimony to the truth of Revelation ; by the Rev. T. Crisp, A. B.
- 5.—The Catacombs of Rome ; by Professor DeMill, Acadia College.
- 6.—War ; by the Rev. R. Murray.
- 7.—The Seven Vials of the Apocalypse ; by the Rev. C. Churchill, A. M.
- 8.—The Mysterious Conflict, or Jacob Wrestling with the Angel ; by the Rev. S. T. Rand.
- 9.—What is Useful ; by Professor Everett, of King's College.
- 10.—The Moral Wastes of the City, and how to reclaim them ; by the Rev. P. G. McGregor.
- 11.—The Teachings of the Mysterious ; by the Rev. Dr. Cramp.

D.R.—The Halifax Young Men's Christian Association in account with the Treasurer—C.R.

EXPENDITURES.

1862.

Books, Periodicals, Newspapers, &c.,	\$135 34
Rent of Reading Room,	100 00
SALARIES: Secretary,	260 00
Sub-Librarian,	32 00
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Hire of Temperance Hall for Lectures,	292 00
Travelling Expenses of Lecturers,	132 00
Printing Reports, Circulars, Hymns, &c.,	32 50
Stationery,	48 30
Gas,	10 95
Fuel, Postage, &c.,	36 30
Insurance,	18 75
	6 00
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	\$812 14

RECEIPTS.

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DONATIONS,	\$10
A. K. Doull,	20
Wm. Miller,	40
M. G. Black,	20
Edwd. Binney,	4
H. D. Smith,	—
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Subscriptions,	\$ 94 00
Sale of Newspapers,	380 50
Lecture Receipts,	7 50
Balance due Treasurer,	253 34
	76 80
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	\$812 14

Errors Excepted,

SAMUEL H. BLACK, Treasurer.

Halifax, 31st March, 1862

April 1. Balance brought down.

1862.

\$76 80

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

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

ARTICLE II.

That the objects of the Association shall be

FIRST.—The improvement of the spiritual and mental condition of Young Men.

SECOND.—The formation of a Christian Library and Reading Room.

THIRD.—Rooms and accommodation for Bible Classes and Social Prayer Meetings.

FOURTH.—Courses 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 real vital religion may be promoted.

ARTICLE III.

That as it is the desire of the Association to admit no one to membership who does not give decided evidence of his conversion to God, therefore no person shall be proposed who shall not be a member in good standing of one of the evangelical denominations. He shall be proposed by a member of the Association at one of its meetings, and shall be elected by ballot by the general Committee, after a satisfactory inquiry as to his eligibility.

ARTICLE IV.

That all members of the Association subscribing Twenty Shillings and upwards, shall be admitted to the privileges of the Library, Reading Room, and Lectures.

ARTICLE V.

That any person of good moral character may become an Associate member of this Association by the payment of Ten Shillings annually, and shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Association, the right to vote excepted.

ARTICLE VI.

Any member on the payment of Ten Pounds at any one time, shall become a Life Member.

ARTICLE VII.

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

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

It shall be the duty of the President and one of the Vice Presidents to preside at all Public meetings of the Association.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to notify the members of the time and place of meeting, attend the same, to notify all Officers of their election, and to keep a fair and complete record of the transactions of the Association.

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

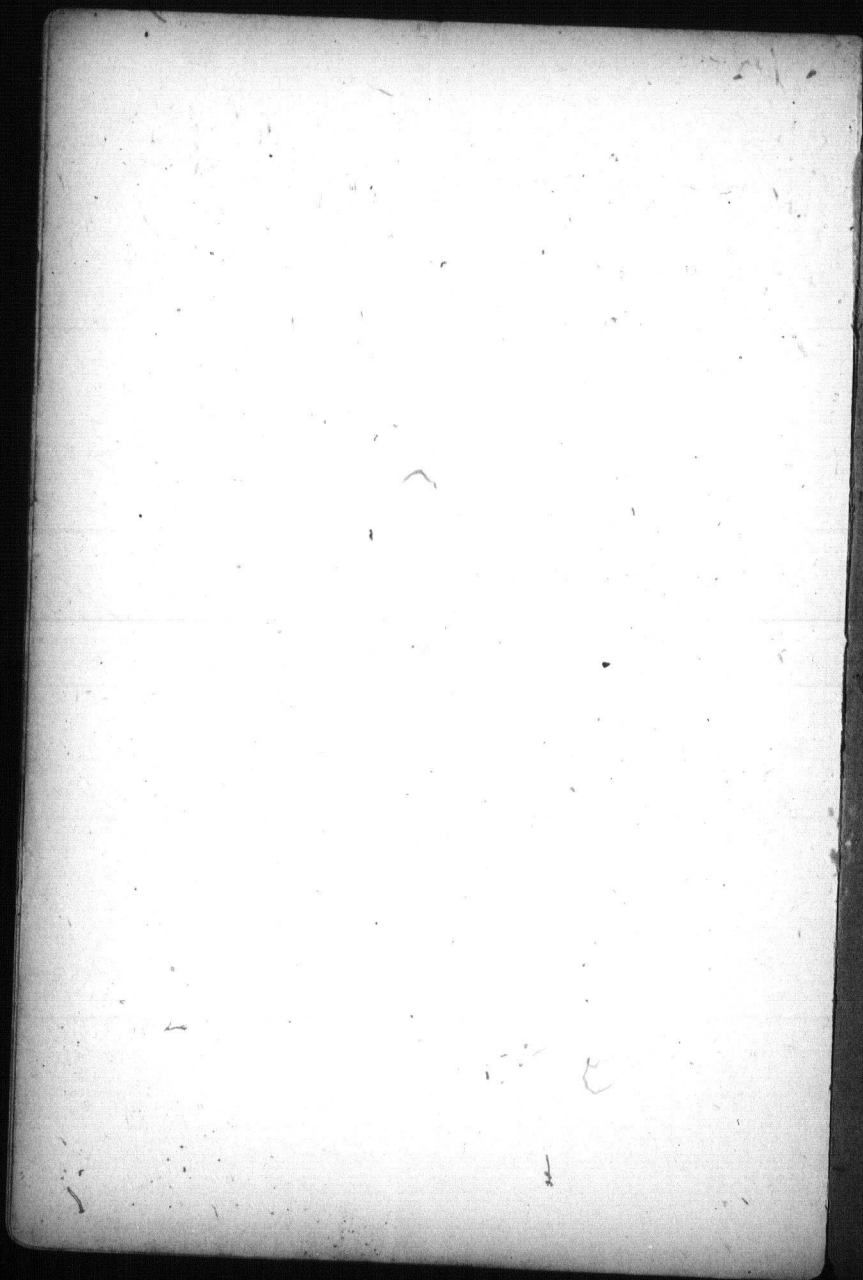
The Treasurer shall collect and pay all monies of the Association under direction of the Committee, shall keep a correct account of the same, and shall report whenever required, to do so, to the Committee, and to the Association at least once a year.

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 accurate account of all books delivered to all 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 Librarian, and take whatever steps may be necessary for the promotion of the objects of the Association.

ARTICLE IX.

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





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EVERY SATURDAY EVENING, AT 8¼ O'CLOCK.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

MEETS QUARTERLY.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETS WEEKLY.

By permission of the Association's Committee, the Committees of the Nova Scotian Bible Society, Mic-Mac Mission and City Mission, and other benevolent Societies hold their Monthly Meetings in the Rooms of the Association, and transact their ordinary business.