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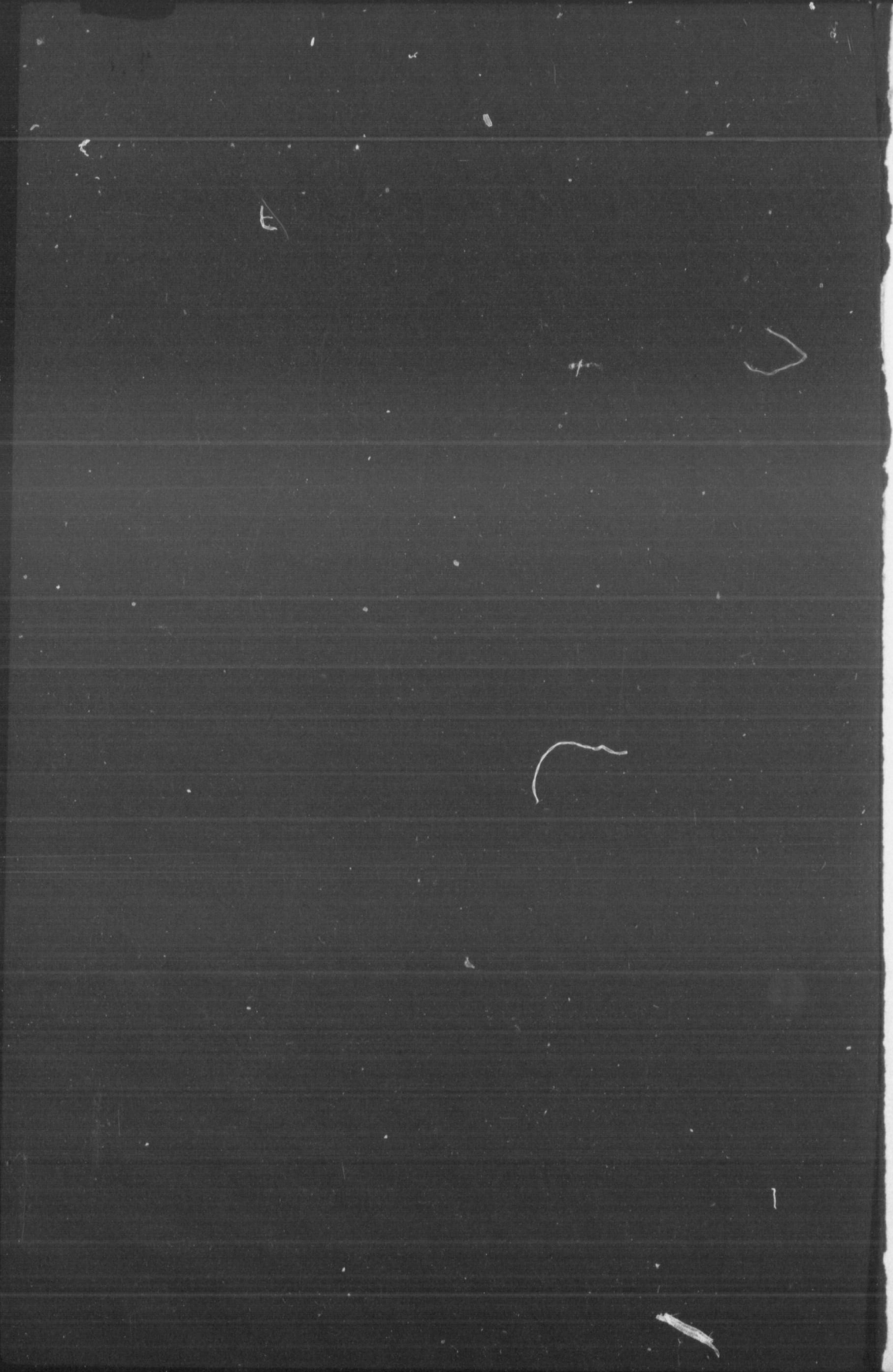
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SBURY.

We cannot begin to recall the events of the past year without thanking God for the privileges granted, through the varied avenues of this Association's work, to the thousands of young men who have come within its reach. Its comfortable rooms have afforded a shelter to many a tempted one; its social prayer meetings have cheered and refreshed hundreds of God's children, and have been "a word in season" to many a weary, sin-burdened soul; its Bible Classes have shown not a few that the only way to cleanse the life was by "taking heed thereto according to thy word"; its Educational Classes and Lectures have enabled many with limited means to preserve and develop the talents God has given them; and its well-filled Library has not only whiled away many an otherwise lonely hour, but it has delighted the mind, educated the taste, and excited a loftier energy and ambition, which will doubtless give tone and direction to the life in years to come.

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We wish it distinctly understood that our chief aim is the conversion of young men to God, and encouraging and directing them in their Christian life and service.

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When it is remembered that 1,065 religious services under the direction of the Association have been conducted during the year, and these almost entirely for young men, and that 140 educational classes and lectures have been held, it will be seen how far-reaching the work must have been. And the effect upon the many members who have been voluntarily engaged in this work, is almost as important a fact as the influence upon those whose benefit has been sought.

HEWS.

The Building is altogether too small for the present uses of the Association. We specially need a Members' Private Parlor; we need a meeting room capable of seating 150, apart from the Reading Room; we need two well arranged and equipped class rooms. These would simply meet our present pressing needs and enable more work to be done and with greater satisfaction. We hope that before another Annual Meeting these needs may be supplied.

Each year we are endeavoring to make our work more definite on behalf of YOUNG MEN, and have sought to emphasize three points: "religious," "educational" and "social."

From the position of our City as a seaport, a very large share of the daily work in the Building is occupied in extending a welcome and offering counsel to young men coming from Great Britain. A superior class of young men have come out of late, but as opportunities in Montreal are so limited, only a small percentage remain here, so that this Association acts as a missionary agency in introducing them to Western Associations. The extent of this work interferes with the supervision and careful thought which should be given to our own membership. This we feel to be a serious defect, as our responsibility is great in the interests and care which our individual members should receive at our hands.

CORRESPONDENCE.—There has been an average of 250 letters per month written on the Association business. Relatives and friends write us daily concerning the welfare of young men. We copy a few to illustrate this important department:—

ST. JOHN, N. B.

D. A. BUDGE, SECRETARY.

DEAR SIR,—I am glad you have got Willie something to do, and as he is able to fill a more important position, I trust it will not be long before he obtains a better place. I thank you specially for your kind interest in his spiritual welfare, and can only pray that he may be led, ere long, to the foot of the Cross. Please advise him as to regular attendance at Church and Sabbath-school.

LONDON, ENG.

TO THE SECRETARY.

DEAR SIR,—I just learn this morning that my son is in a Hospital in Montreal, lying very ill. Will you kindly visit him. My prayer is that he may be saved.

This young man had been visited and cared for by our members several weeks before this letter came to hand.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 13th, 1883.

TO THE SECRETARY.

DEAR SIR,—I learn from my son that your Association is again evincing an interest in his welfare; and have aided him in returning to his much offended Heavenly Father. Of course, I rejoice with trembling, and pray that the Holy Spirit may perfect the work in his life, &c.

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The following extract is from a letter received within the past month from this son, whose "conversion" occurred at that time.

B———, N. S., *Nov. 17th*, 1883.

DEAR MR. BUDGE.

I was glad to hear from you, and to tell you of the results in my life. I have, indeed, been blessed during the year, and now it seems strange that I have been so long in finding out the only way of life worth living, viz.:—faith in and dependance upon the Lord Jesus Christ. Mine seemed to be a hopeless case, as I had signed pledges, as you know, without avail, but one Saturday evening, while attending your meeting, I heard a gentleman state that the only power he had found to deliver him was the grace of God coming into the life through a total surrender to Jesus Christ. This I determined to do, and now, with me, old things have passed away.

GLASGOW, *May 23*, 1883.

Mr. D. A. BUDGE,

MY DEAR SIR,—My son has written me to say that you have obtained a situation for my other boy. I now hasten to thank you for your kindness in taking such a charge and interest in my boys. May God reward you and your Association for all your good towards them, and may they be able to repay you. It is many years since they have known a father's care, but God tells us that He will not forsake the widow or orphan, and His promise has been true to us all these years. My thoughts and prayers are that God's blessing may attend your work.

Sincerely yours,

The task of following up "Enquirers," who have been interested in Spiritual matters, is a most difficult one to accomplish. Seventy-two have been introduced by letter to city pastors, or members of the churches they professed to attend. By personal letters and through the various meetings, it has been sought to follow up the work, and while we do not estimate numbers, we have the knowledge of many who have become children of God and joined the church.

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS.—One of the great purposes of the Association is to counsel and advise with young men in difficulty and trouble. Three hundred and seventy-eight have called voluntarily at the Secretary's office to sign the pledge during the year. This affords an opportunity for personal counsel and prayer, and as a result many instances might be given like the following:

*November 19*, 1883.

D. A. BUDGE,

DEAR SIR,—You will see by this that I have regained my former position. Believe me I am truly grateful, and I sincerely thank God for directing my steps to your office on that day. I have awakened from the lethargy of my former life, and found that peace which is only obtained through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours,

WEEK OF PRAYER.—This second Week of Prayer was observed by special meetings each evening. Sermons were preached in many of the City churches.

DEPARTURES.—In May last Mr. F. Lonsdale, who was engaged in the Railway work here, was called to the position of Secretary at Hamilton, Ont. We are glad to know that he has done good work at this point, and that the Association has become established on a more permanent basis.

In September MR. GEO. E. WILLIAMS, one of our active workers, and a member of our General Committee, was called to the Secretaryship of the Peterborough Association. At a farewell gathering, on the 11th Sept., the "workers" met to bid him God-speed. From letters received, we believe that he is developing the work at this point.

Through business changes we have lost a number of our active workers. These are difficult to replace.

CONVENTIONS.—This Association was represented at the International Convention in Milwaukee, in May last, by Messrs. Geo. E. Williams, R. Irwin, D. A. Budge and G. A. Kuhring.

THE MONTHLY RECORD.—This has been published in an enlarged form since March last—five pages of reading matter, and three with advertisements. We circulate 1,500 copies per month, mailing them to subscribers and members. The cost to the Association, including postage, is \$10 per month. It serves as a medium for advertising our general work, and doubtless it influences those who cannot attend personally. We have many instances where its messages have been blessed. While considerable time is occupied in its issue, there is ample return in the general interest which is created, and the increased attendance at our various meetings. Contributions from our members concerning any matter of interest in Christian work amongst young men will be welcome. The names and addresses of young men to whom you would like the *Record* sent, will receive attention.

Next May the "Secretaries' Conference" will be held in this city. This conference will consist of about 300 representatives from the various associations on this continent, and will continue during five days. It will be an important gathering in its influence upon the work in this country.

COLLEGE STUDENTS.—Through the Special Committee of the Association and students combined, work has been organized amongst this

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class. It has been found that between 500 and 600 students are in attendance at the McGill Medical, Arts and Science and Bishop's Medical Colleges. A systematic effort has been made to introduce them to the various churches of their choice. A Sunday afternoon religious meeting has been organized, conducted by themselves, and they have been invited specially to the free use of the Reading Room and Library. The importance of this branch of our work is second to none, and it requires the thoughtful consideration of the Committee.

There has been a want in our Association in the link which should bind the Governing Committee to the membership, as regards the business transacted from month to month. To supply this need, an Association meeting has been established on the second Thursday of each month, of a social character. The object is to inform our membership of the general work—giving a short summary of the proceedings of the Committee—and seek to interest and engage them more actively in some branch, as well as meet them in this social way.

We cannot conclude without referring to the promised visit of Mr. John Currie in January, 1884. God has greatly honored him in Evangelistic work in Chicago and on the Pacific Coast, and we trust that his visit here will lead to the conversion of many souls.

In the prosecution of all this varied work there have been many failures, but when we see such marked signs of God's approval and blessing, we are humbled in His presence; let our workers consecrate their lives to His service, remembering that SINCERITY and REALITY are the qualities called for at the present time. Doubt and scepticism amongst young men can only be met by the earnest and faithful testimony in the walk and life of every believing child of God.

D. A. BUDGE,

*Secretary.*

## DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

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This Committee has charge of all the religious meetings held in the building. Its work is so divided that one member becomes responsible for each meeting reporting monthly to the Chairman regarding attendance, suggestions, etc. We append a statement showing the number of meetings held, with the average and total attendance. We are glad to report the prominence given to Bible study,—no less than **THREE CLASSES** for young men are held weekly throughout the year. This indicates permanency and strength in the development of Christian life and service. We sincerely thank God for the continued spiritual interest which prevails and for the blessing which has refreshed so many lives. Special meetings were held for young men for three weeks in April last. The services on "Xmas," "New Year's," "Good Friday" and "Thanksgiving Day" are looked for as unusual seasons of spiritual refreshing. We regard the

### SATURDAY EVENING MEETING

as a special feature. Through the efforts of the Invitation Committee and the attractiveness of the meeting itself, the attendance is often over 100 young men. Topics are assigned and it is conducted by different members. Short addresses and good singing add to its interest. This meeting is crowded with incidents where young men are arrested by the power of the Word of God, and led to a decision. Many letters could be given as follows :

DEAR MR. BUDGE.

*Nov 24th, 1883.*

I write to let you know how I am getting on in this Christian life. Sometimes I have doubts, but they always disappear through reading a portion of God's Word and prayer. I want to do something in God's service if you can direct me. I shall always remember the good which has come into my life through going to the Young Men's Christian Association, and I continue to pray that many, like myself, may be blessed through the influence of your work.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. E.

The following is from a Pastor in England :

TO THE SECRETARY.

A———, *Sept. 7th, 1883.*

DEAR SIR,—I understand from my young friend H. B. that, through your meetings, he has been led nearer to his God and to the feet of Our Saviour. I

doubt not but the seed was sown before, for he was a hearer of the word, but it did not at once spring up. Thank God the Gospel has now become to him more than a promise, the seed has brought forth fruit unto eternal life. As one who, in the case of this young man, shares with you the joy of seeing him saved, I write to rejoice with you. The Lord make your Association increasingly useful.

Sincerely yours,

C. W.

#### THE NOONDAY PRAYER MEETING

has continued daily throughout the year. The average attendance has been 18. While the attendance is small, the importance of the meeting is great, and has been a means of development in Christian life to not a few. We continue to urge it upon our members who feel desirous to seek "daily supplies for daily need" even if they can only be present once a week, and that for 15 minutes. The cases presented for prayer are full of interest, and give life and tone to the meeting. Miss Fanny White has been most faithful in leading the service of song.

#### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS.

This class is conducted by Mr. G. A. Kuhring, Assistant Secretary, and has an average attendance of 17. It is especially for enquirers and young Christians; and many have been strengthened in their Christian life, and are being educated to take a part in the public services. Strangers are constantly met with at this meeting and directed to various churches.

The need of such a class as this is apparent, there being those interested at the various meetings, who receive the Word, but require the assistance which this class affords, that Satan may not take away the good seed, but that it may bring forth fruit unto eternal life.

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY.

This class has been taught by the Secretary. It has been entirely for young men. The lessons for part of the year have been taken from the International Scheme, and for the past three months from Our Lord's miracles. The average attendance has been 56. It is "conversational" in its conduct and character, and has afforded many instances of young men who have been blessed. Five have gone out as Sabbath School Teachers during the year. This class is entirely EVANGELISTIC in its character, and the only aim is to present the Gospel in these Bible studies, so that young men may be won into the fold of Christ.

#### TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS.

The Tuesday evening Bible Class has been conducted, as in former years, by the Rev. Prof. Fenwick, except in the vacation months, when his place was occupied by various members of the General Committee.

The subject of study for the last three years has been the life of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and the large attendance—an average of 53—and deep interest manifested by the class, which is largely composed of young men, combine to illustrate the truth of Our Saviour's words, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

It is a very pleasant sight, in these days, to see so many young men so deeply interested in this most important of all subjects, and there is much reason to thank God that He has, by the power of the Holy Ghost, enabled Prof. Fenwick so to gather up, and group together, the facts and incidents of the earthly history of Our Lord, as to exhibit to the minds and hearts of the students the manifold grace and divine perfection of that life "which was with the Father, and has been manifested unto us."

And, blessed be God, it has been so manifested that two souls have been brought from darkness into light during the present session.

#### SATURDAY EVENING TRAINING CLASS.

This class was resumed on the 18th November and continued throughout the winter. It was conducted, as in the previous year, by the Rev. Prof. Fenwick; the object being to train young men in the study of the Bible, and to take part in public services.

Eighteen meetings were held, with an average attendance of 13.

#### GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETING.

The Sunday afternoon Gospel Temperance Meeting has been held regularly during the year, with an average attendance of 78, an increase of 13 over last year. The best temperance literature has been distributed, a collection being taken up at each meeting for this purpose, amounting to the sum of \$83.00. One hundred and fifteen signed the pledge at the meetings.

The plan, adopted last year, of having a definite subject for each meeting and the same chairman for one month, has worked well, rendering the meetings more instructive and interesting, and has enabled the Committee, by the choice of a subject, to present the Gospel as the remedy for this and all other sins.

We have received valuable assistance in our work from the City ministers, 21 having addressed our meetings during the year; we were also favoured with the services of Mrs. Youmans, of Ontario, and Mr. Forbes, of London, Eng., and Mrs. McLachlan, of Boston.

We must gratefully acknowledge the valuable work done in connection with our meeting by the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union," in visiting the families of those who have signed the pledge at the meetings, or with the Secretary during the week, and also to Miss Barnard for her valuable musical assistance.

In September last, a circular was sent to each Bible Class teacher (as far as known), suggesting that a short paper, not to exceed five minutes, on some phase of temperance suitable to the day, be read once a month by some member of the class.

On October 4th, the City Pastors and Superintendents of Sunday Schools, were invited to meet the Committee to consider "what methods could be adopted to promote temperance work in our City. Tea was served in the Library, Bishop Bond kindly consenting to preside. Many valuable suggestions were made by ministers and others present, which the Committee hope and pray may bear fruit.

We acknowledge with grateful hearts, the goodness of God to us during the year, and we are encouraged to persevere in this corner of His vineyard, being quite confident that the time will soon come when this great curse will be swept from the earth, and to His name be all the praise.

#### THE BOYS' MEETING

has been held regularly on Friday evenings throughout the past year, with only two exceptions. The total attendance during the year was 1411, including the entertainment in the Hall, at which over 450 boys were present

The attendance has increased considerably during the last two or three months, and we are hoping that the recent entertainment will bring a still larger number to the meeting. Tickets were sent to nearly all the Sunday Schools in the city, calling special attention to that gathering which was a decided success, the boys enjoying the musical part of the programme very much. A neat Invitation Card, printed specially for the occasion, was handed to every boy before leaving, with a promise of a hearty welcome, and many promised they would attend. Twenty-two boys have signed the Total Abstinence and Tobacco Pledge during the

year, making 68 to date. Twenty-eight boys have joined the Children's Scripture Union, against 24 last year, the object being to read God's Word at home, all reading the same portion of Scripture as printed on the calendars, being about 15 verses daily.

The Treasurer, Master Willie Craig, can now report over \$5 on hand, being contributed by the boys for charitable purposes. Tracts have been faithfully distributed at the close of the meetings to the boys, and we trust that in this way, not only may the truths that they have heard be deepened, but that blessing may be carried to their homes through the printed Word.

Several of the boys during the year have professed to have received the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and some of them have given evidences that the work of grace in their hearts has been real. Several of the younger boys now take part in prayer and in reading of God's Word, while we feel confident that many of the older workers have been strengthened and encouraged.

George Williams, now Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Peterborough, has assisted us in our work for a year or two, and we were very sorry to lose him. Another of our workers, who is now permanently connected with the work of the Association, was led to accept Christ as his Saviour in our Boys' Meeting.

A meeting of the Workers is held *monthly*, when reports are received of the number of boys called for, with the results, over eight boys were led to attend our meeting in one month, through the efforts of one worker by this means.

Some of our workers have undertaken to have our meetings announced in the Sunday Schools they attend, on the first Sunday of each month.

#### SUNDAY EVENING EVANGELISTIC MEETING.

This is one of the most interesting and useful meetings held in this city. It evidently meets a felt want.

The average attendance, which is over 400, might have been larger if there had been more room in the hall, as numbers have frequently had to be turned away from the door.

The evident interest with which the proclamation of Gospel truth, in its simplest and most direct form, is received, and the fact that that proclamation is made for the most part largely in the words of Scripture, show that the Word of God is still, as in early times, the power which above all others lays hold on the heart and draws

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While it is true that those further advanced in Christian life need the strong meat, there can be no question that now, as in old times, the pure milk of the Word is the best for beginners, and even more so for those who have not yet made a beginning. Our experience seems to prove that the masses can be more readily reached and more powerfully influenced by those, whether ministers or laymen, who will meet them on their own ground.

The "enquiry" meeting has been fairly well attended throughout the year, and not unfrequently crowded. Members have from time to time sought the prayers of God's people in this meeting, and very often several have remained after its close for conversation. We are thankful to believe that not a few have in this way been led to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world.

One very interesting fact is that a considerable proportion of those who have professed to find peace have been strangers, either newly come to the city or merely passing through it, while others living longer here have not had any regular church connection. It is perhaps to be regretted that we have no adequate means of following up enquirers and young converts. The name and address of each is sent to the minister of the church to which he claims to belong, or, if a stranger, to some minister of the denomination with which he has previously been connected, and he is advised to seek help and guidance in the church.

The special need of this meeting is a large choir, and the attendance of an increased number of active Christian workers.

#### STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE AT RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

	No. Held.	Average Attendance.	Total.
Young Men's Meetings,	52	86	4,504
Sunday Morning Bible Class,	52	17	884
Sunday Afternoon Bible Class,	52	56	2,914
Sunday Afternoon Temperance Meeting,	52	78	4,056
Sunday Evening Evangelistic Meeting,	52	415	21,610
Tuesday Evening Bible Class,	52	53	2,768
Boys' Meeting, Friday Evening,	52	17	884
Daily Prayer Meeting,	309	18	5,616
Total number of Religious Meetings held in Building,			673
Total Attendance,			43,236

R. H. HOLLAND,

*Chairman of Devotional Committee.*

## MISSION COMMITTEE.

This branch of work has been hindered through the resignation of the chairman, Mr. R. Henderson. Absence from the city through business has prevented his continuing the leadership. Active work has been carried on at the Hospital, Sailors' Institute, Fire Stations, Cottage Meetings, Scandinavian Mission, and Railway Branch at Point St. Charles.

### THE HOSPITAL SERVICE

is conducted by two or more members every Sunday morning at 9.30. The attendance varies according to the number of convalescent patients. The singing is a most attractive feature, and two or three Christian ladies are constant in their attendance and assistance in this service. Mr. Sinclair, who is always present, writes:—

In following the Master's injunction, "I was sick and ye visited me," one meets with very many refreshing cases of Spiritual life generated in the above blessed Institution. Not very long since a young man who was dying said to the writer, on being asked how he was, "I'm very weak, but oh! so happy;" and another, "I do not wish to stay here, I'm going home to be with Jesus." These and many others are among the rewards that Christ's servants receive on earth in trying to serve Him.

### COTTAGE MEETINGS

were only held at three points last Winter. 40 Robb's Terrace, St. Catherine East, the meeting was good in point of attendance and interest; 554 Dorchester Street was also good for the first three months, but through the non-attendance of workers the interest failed; at 11 Richmond Square meetings were only held for a short time. The importance of this branch demands the careful interest and attention of the forthcoming Committee.

### THE FIREMEN.

The distribution of magazines and papers amongst the Firemen has been continued, all the Stations but one being visited Sunday mornings. This work has been carried on by Messrs. W. Y. Seaman, Jno. Rowley, Geo. Sloan, A. Riley, Chas. Reddy and the chairman, A. D. Lanskail.

### SAILORS' MISSION.

Under the joint leadership of Messrs. Dumaresq and Williams the work of tract distribution has been continued on Sunday morn-

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ings, at 8 o'clock. On some occasions the workers have been too few, especially has this been so in the French sections. The workers report that a greater variety of illustrated tracts would be of service. The results from this service are difficult to estimate, other than the opportunity it gives for "sowing the seed," and for personal contact with so large a class of men in the "ministry of the gospel." Devotional meetings have been held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of each week at the Institute, and these have been seasons of great blessing to the workers. Messrs. Craig, Dougall, Williams, Sinclair, Gazeley, Holland, Buchanan and Henderson, and others who assisted, under Mr. Ritchie, in these evening meetings, report great blessing.

#### THE SCANDINAVIAN MISSION.

Services amongst the Scandinavians, in their own language, have been conducted by Messrs. Jacobson and Ohling, in the Building at 11 a.m., and 7 p.m. Since the 4th of December, 1882, 57 meetings have been held with a total attendance of 1778 persons. Two Cottage Meetings are held weekly:—Tuesday evening at 87 Grand Trunk Street; Thursday evening at 528 Dorchester Street, with an average attendance of 11. There are about 400 Scandinavians in this city, and each year the number of those who immigrate here is increasing. The importance of uniting our Scandinavian Brethren in Christian fellowship, until they are strong enough to organize and sustain a Church, will be apparent to all. Several conversions have occurred, and the interest in the services is most gratifying to those who have charge.

#### MILITIA CAMPS.

Association tents were erected in the Brigade Camps at St. Johns and Brockville, from June 25th, to July 6th, and the work carried on under the direction of this Association. At St. Johns, Mr. G. A. Kuhring took charge of the work. A large tent, 60 x 40, was used during the day as a Reading and Writing room. Games were provided in Checkers, Chess, Football, Base-ball and Quoits. Each evening the tent was crowded at Evangelistic services. Addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Renaud, Armstrong and Lewis, of St. Johns. Rev. Dean Baldwin and Rev. Messrs. Wells and Cline, of Montreal, and Rev. Mr. Wetherell, of St. Catherines. In addition, several members of the Association assisted. As a result of these services, the addresses of twenty-five "Enquirers" were secured.

These have been followed up by correspondence. The following letter received by Mr. Kuhring speaks for itself :

JULY, 21st, 1883.

DEAR FRIEND,—I received the "Record," and was glad to find that you had not forgotten me. I am very happy since coming home from the Camp, in the knowledge that my soul is at rest with God. Will you please send me a few Pledge Cards, as there are some here want to sign. I thank you for all the interest you took in me while in Camp, etc.

The entire cost of this work for 12 days (including rent of tent \$40), was \$66.47. Towards this the volunteers handed in \$25.50 on leaving.

#### AT BROCKVILLE.

Mr. D. A. Budge took charge. There were 1500 men under canvass, Lieut. Col. Maunsel, D.A.G., in command. The officers rendered every assistance. Two tents were erected, one 30 x 50, for News-room, Writing and Game room, during the day. Evangelistic services in the evening. One 17 x 30 for Bible Classes and Sleeping Tent. The evening services were always crowded, many listening outside. Rev. Mr. Crawford, Judge McDonald and Messrs. Bellamy, Reynolds and Tennant, of Brockville, rendered valuable aid. Rev. Mr. Salmon, of Toronto, spent three days in the work. Every tent was visited and several thousand tracts distributed : 975 letters were written by the men at the tent. Many enquirers were met and took great pleasure in having the word explained to them. The entire cost of the work was \$59.64, borne by the Dominion Executive Committee. The following letter illustrates results in the work :

AUGUST, 5th.

DEAR MR. BUDGE,

I received your letter, but waited replying until I could tell you that I had found pardon and forgiveness of sins through the precious blood of Christ. Now I can say, "though thou wert angry with me, thine anger is turned away and thou hast comforted me, therefore I will praise thee." Pray that I may be strengthened more and more in the Christian life, etc., etc.

This is a most important and effective branch of Association work.

#### RAILWAY BRANCH, POINT ST. CHARLES.

In May last, Mr. F. Lonsdale, who laboured among the railway men and their families with much acceptance, was called to be Secretary of the Hamilton Association.

During the summer Mr. W. B. Dawson took charge of the work. Since September this Branch has been under the care of Mr. G. A. Kuhring, Assistant Secretary. Visitation has been continued one afternoon of each week.

The average attendance at the Sunday Afternoon Gospel Meeting during the winter was 75; during the summer, 45. A prayer meeting is held for a quarter of an hour before this meeting.

A Cottage Meeting is held on Monday evening at 119 Congregation Street, average attendance 21. It is proposed to organize other Cottage Meetings.

An Invitation and Tract Distribution Committee has been formed to distribute slips and invitations among their fellow-workmen in the shops, on the line, and on Sunday Afternoons at the crossings, half an hour before the service. Two thousand and eighty-five tracts and invitations were distributed during September and October.

A Bible Class is held on Sunday mornings at 9.30. Since Mr. Lonsdale's departure, it has been conducted by Mr. Grigg. Average attendance during the winter, 16, during the summer, 10.

Our hearty thanks are due to Miss White, who, until September last, gave so much of her time and valuable aid in the service of song at the meetings. Severe illness prevented her from continuing. Since September her place has been willingly filled by Miss Smith. We must also acknowledge our gratitude to Mr. J. Curtis Clark for his constant and valuable assistance in connection with these services.

We labour under great disadvantage in not having a room for our special work among young men, and we trust something may be accomplished, before long, in this respect.

## EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

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The educational work noticed in the last Annual Report, was continued until April with most gratifying success. The attendance was regular, and the careful preparation of the Teachers and Lecturers was rewarded by the greatest interest on the part of the students and hearers. The course in Literature and Biography proved to be a very popular one, both from an intellectual and financial point of view. At the close of the course, after paying all expenses, we were enabled to place about \$160 to the credit of the Library Committee.

The present season your Committee has restricted its field of operations. As the Board of Art and Manufactures has large rooms, and abundant means, and as it has expressed its willingness to meet the need of mechanical instruction, the class in Geometry and Mechanism, so admirably taught by Prof. McLeod, has not been resumed.

The class in Commercial Arithmetic is continued under Mr. Humphrey, who has also undertaken the instruction in Bookkeeping, while in addition to a class in Elementary French, Mr. Morin is giving an advanced course to those who were able to undertake it. On account of the pressure felt the last two years, the Committee decided to have but one course of lectures, extending, if possible, throughout the entire season. As a fitting continuation of the lectures in American History, Canadian industries and commerce was proposed, as a subject worthy of the consideration of the young men of this city, during the earlier portion of the session. Through the kind co-operation of some of our leading business men a course is now being given, which, for general information, for light on the past history, growth and development of this country, on the men who have bravely and well laid the foundation of our present position and our future greatness, is simply invaluable.

1. DR. WILKES—"Montreal from 1823 to 1883: a review of its rise and growth."
2. THOS. WHITE, Esq., M. P.—"The Newspaper interest: its rise and growth."

3. HUGH McLENNAN, Esq.—“The Water-ways of Canada.”
4. WM. J. PATTERSON, Esq.—“Foot prints of Commercial and Mechanical Industries.”
5. J. T. DONALD, B. A.—“The Mining interests of the Dominion.”
6. G. HAGUE, Esq.—“The Banking interests of Canada.”
7. J. K. WARD, Esq.—“The Lumber interests of Canada.”
8. FRANK PAUL, Esq.—“The Silk industry.”
9. E. F. AMES, Esq.—“The Boot and Shoe industry : its rise and growth in Montreal.”
10. H. R. IVES, Esq.—“The Iron industry.”

The knowledge given can be obtained in no text book, it has been gained from original source, by great labour and research. It is entirely to the living and will be of more and more value to the future of this country, therefore, we think it is most desirable that they should be published in pamphlet form, easy of access and capable of preservation.

To the press of the city, for extended reports, we are under deep obligation.

F. W. KELLEY,  
*Chairman.*

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

We are glad to state that 215 names were added to the membership roll during the year. Sixty-nine were admitted as Active and 146 as Associate members, and it is rather remarkable to note that the great majority of these voluntarily sought admission to our ranks, which fact makes it safe for your Committee to say that if the members generally were to exercise a little more energy and zeal in looking out for new members, much larger additions would certainly be the result.

Your Committee has been very anxious to meet and get acquainted with the new members, as they join from month to month, and have adopted the following plan. On the second Thursday of the month the new members are invited to meet the Membership Committee at tea, after which they are introduced. The work and privileges of the Association are then carefully explained, and a very pleasant and profitable time is spent.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend to their successors the propriety of continually revising the membership roll, to retain and continue the interest of the members in some branch of our work.

The following is the roll of members as it now stands:

Active .....	572
Associate .....	286
Life .....	28
Honorary .....	46
Subscribers .....	265
Total .....	1197

W. PAUL,  
*Chairman.*



## EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE.

	Month,	No. of Applicants.	No. of Situations Secured.
1882.	November .....	16	15
"	December .....	40	22
1883.	January .....	48	19
"	February .....	37	10
"	March .....	30	13
"	April .....	15	6
"	May .....	42	9
"	June .....	102	38
"	July .....		
"	August .....	44	11
"	September .....	28	8
"	October .....	77	19
	Total .....	479	170

The number of situations secured were divided among the different occupations as follows:—

Blacksmiths .....	1	Gardeners .....	3
Boots and Shoes .....	2	Grocers .....	4
Brakesmen and R. R. Employees .	25	Leather Board Co. ....	3
Butchers .....	1	Machinists .....	7
Carpenters .....	3	Messenger .....	1
Chemists and Druggists .....	2	Painter .....	1
Clerks and Book-keepers .....	31	Porter .....	1
"    R. R. ....	7	Printer .....	1
"    Dry Goods .....	11	Purser .....	1
Coachmen and Grooms .....	16	Steward .....	1
Dentist Assistants .....	2	Saddler .....	1
Draughtsmen .....	3	Shoemaker .....	1
Engineer .....	1	Storeman .....	3
Engraver .....	1	Tailor .....	1
Farmers and Helps .....	11	Tanners .....	3
General and Laborers .....	10	Waiters .....	11
	Total .....		170

In presenting the foregoing report, the Committee desire to draw attention to the large increase in number of applicants for employment from 152 in 1882 to 479 in 1883; increase, 327; and number of situations supplied, 95 in 1882 to 170 in 1883; increase, 75.

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We have set apart the hours between 10 and 12 a.m. to meet young men requiring our aid, but find it inadequate to the demand as the names registered represent only a proportion of those who come to the rooms soliciting assistance and advice.

The increased number arriving in our city, and the fact that many of our manufacturers and merchants have reduced the number of their employees, renders it more difficult to secure situations; while the want of a knowledge of French on the part of applicants prevents us in many cases from rendering them assistance.

We are glad to say that a better class of young men are coming to apprentice themselves as Farmers; we have been able to place all such, and expect a much larger number next year.

Members and friends have not been as faithful as they might have been in notifying us, without delay, when vacancies came under their notice.

The question has been asked, Are there any results to this work, and does it pay? We answer—yes.

1st. We are enabled to help young men in temporal matters, whether they are Christians or not, and try to carry out the exhortation, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good to all men."

2nd. We are thereby enabled more effectually to invite them to our meetings. Some only attend for a few times, but many join the Association, and through its influence have been led to the Christian Life.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."—Gal. vi. 2.

W. TEES,

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## INVITATION COMMITTEE.

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The work of this Committee has been carried on as usual during the past year.

Every Saturday evening, about half-past seven, members of the Committee have taken their places at a few of the principal street corners in the vicinity of our building and handed invitations to the young men passing by. The leading hotels have also been visited at the same time.

Twenty-two thousand invitations have been distributed. Average number of workers, seven.

For the past seven months, invitations to the Secretary's Bible Class have also been distributed in the hotels and at the street corners on Sunday afternoons. Average number of workers, five.

We have to regret the removal of two of our most faithful workers, Mr. Wm. Y. Seaman, having left the city in March, and Mr. Geo. E. Williams in September. While the results of this work are to a great extent hidden from us, we believe that many have accepted the invitation, the attendance at the Saturday-evening meetings having been very large during the past year. We are occasionally cheered by the words of Christian strangers passing through the city, who receive invitations in the hotels, or on the streets.

Two incidents which have come to our notice might be mentioned. Early in the year a young man received an invitation in one of the hotels, and came to the meeting, and was led to put his trust in the Saviour. He has since left the city, but letters received from him indicate a growth in grace.

The other was that of a young man who was passing through the city, on his way to the lower Provinces. Receiving an invitation in the hotel, he came to the meeting, and at the close, held a short conversation with the Secretary. As he was leaving for the East that night, a letter of introduction to the Assistant Secretary, (then at Quebec), was given to him. He called on the Assistant Secretary early the following morning, deeply concerned about Spiritual things. A letter received a short time after brought the glad tidings that he was enabled to rejoice in Christ his Saviour.

ALEX. D. LANSKAIL,  
*Chairman.*

## ROOMS AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report that their aim has been to supply the very best reading matter which could be obtained. Large additions have been made to both Reading Room and Library, and no pains have been spared in strengthening this department of our work, in widening its influence, and in making it worthy of the Association.

The cheery rooms and well-stocked tables have drawn large numbers of readers, and it is a matter for congratulation that we have now on our tables the best papers and periodicals of the English-speaking population of the world. At present there is a total of 119 copies, as follows:—

	Dailies.	Weeklies.	Monthlies.	Total.
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The Library is becoming more and more known and appreciated. It is being realized that the Public Library is the People's College. The number of readers has about trebled during the past twelve months, while the circulation has increased from 560 last year to 1,911 the present year. The care of our efficient Librarian is shown in the fact, that when the books were checked in September last, it was found that only seven were missing from the shelves, and it is

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hoped that even these may be recovered. A year ago there were in the Library 2,173 volumes, and notwithstanding our limited means, nearly 200 of the latest and best books have been added since the last Annual Meeting. As these are not included in our Catalogue, we append, for the convenience of members, a classified list of these additions.

To our members, active and associate, to young men who have left school or college, to all who value good books, we confidently commend our Library, and for increasing its usefulness, we ask of our friends continued support.

(Signed),

F. W. KELLEY,  
*Chairman.*

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## VISITATION COMMITTEE.

The work of this Committee is to care for and help young men and others who are sick and in need. In long protracted illness we have been called upon to provide watchers, when our members have gladly undertaken the work. In the case of a medical student different members sat with him each night during five or six weeks until his recovery. Another instance of a Boston gentleman, who took ill while visiting here. Several members visited him from time to time until he returned home, and we have reason to believe that, as a result of this ministry, he was enabled to rejoice even in the prospect of immediate death.

DEAR MR. \_\_\_\_\_

I enjoyed your letter so much that I am going to trespass upon your time a little, once more. It comforted me so where you wrote, "how pleasant to think he departed only to be with Christ," that I long so much for *more* comfort, so I want to ask you if you will be so kind as to write me of any things, that any of you can remember of his saying to you. It seems as if I can remember so few, and every little remembrance is so precious to me. You don't know what a blessing it would be to me to have any of your *written* remembrances, that I could have always before me. He was so much weaker when we left Montreal than I had any idea of, the last was, in one sense, so sudden, it seems as if I left so much undone. You remember he said a good deal about "not getting comfort," that worries me so although it seems as if he must have gotten it, or he could not have been so patient, and so willing to go as he was at times. If you have ever lost any one dear to you, you understand how I feel, perhaps. Perhaps Mr. Budge can help me some, or Mr. Kingman, who were with him that last Saturday and Sunday afternoon. I hope you won't think I am asking too much of you. I hesitated a good deal before writing, but I feel that you will understand me and excuse me.

*I feel as if I cannot thank you and Mr. Budge and Mr. Kingman enough for the inexpressible good your letters have done me. If the time ever comes to any of you when you need as much, I pray God will send you as much comfort as you have sent me. I must thank you again from my heart for the good you did him, and for your prayers for him and for me. Thank you too for the little book with the marked verses; it was very welcome.*

We are often sent for by the Hotel authorities to visit gentlemen in special cases of sickness. Many other instances might be recorded, showing the value and effectiveness of this service.

Another member of our Committee has devoted nearly all his time to hospital and jail visitation, and he will now report some cases showing how God's blessing has rested on this ministry.

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The Gospel is very emphatic as to the necessity of those who profess to be under its power and influence, giving practical evidence that they are so by visiting the sick, assisting the needy, and lending a helping hand to those who have fallen among the manifold thieves besetting every path and avenue of this mortal life. During the past year it has been my unspeakable privilege to act for others whose business engagement or home duties render a personal visitation impossible, and with a success and blessing far exceeding any past year of my association with the Y.M.C.A. To the God of all grace be ascribed the praise. Amen.

How shall I enter into particulars, or describe cases full of interest, and some almost of romance? It is impossible in the space allowed me in this report. I will start from the new lot in the cemetery, on Forest Road, where six young men have been laid during the year, all of whom died in the General Hospital, and were attended to there during their longer or shorter illness, and a majority of whom gave satisfactory evidence that they had passed from death unto life. A.C. was a young Scotch lad from Glasgow, who died of rapid consumption, a calm and joyful death, his funeral service being held in the parlour of the Y.M.C.A., conducted by the Rev. Mr. Fleck.—B.S., a young Englishman, who with his young girlish wife, had only been a month in a situation in the city, when he took typhoid fever, lost his reason almost immediately, and in a few weeks passed away. Reason seemed to come back for a brief moment just before death, when he recognized his wife and friends. A.L. was older than these two, and his case more touchingly sad, a lonely man without kith or kin, and dying of that terrible disease, internal cancer. Though occupying a bed in the open ward of the Hospital, he was a paying patient, and left a token of his appreciation of the kindness he received, by a legacy to the Hospital and otherwise. T. A. was a young American from Delaware, another consumptive. He longed to get home to his mother's arms to die, and arrangements were made to send him to her, but his strength failed, and he was carried back to the bed he never left again; but when he could not go to her, a ticket was provided to bring her on here, and she watched, comforted, closed his eyes, and saw him laid in the tomb. Her letter on her return home was full of pathos, gratitude, and thanksgiving, for being permitted to minister to the last of her ten children. Thus much for the buried dead, of whom alone I speak. And then the number in the city, and away in distant villages of the country, both in Upper and Lower Canada, from whom grateful letters have been received, are as many as they are encouraging. One queer yet characteristic letter might be given in full, did space admit. It is in the shape of a round robin, signed by every member of a large warm-hearted Irish family, whose young daughter and sister had married a scamp, who was met in the ward of the General Hospital. He was ministered to, and a situation got for him in the G. T. R., but he left it for the United States, and his young wife was absolutely destitute. She was cared for and sent home to her father in Ireland. They are Roman Catholics, but if fervent invocations from grateful hearts are of any value, then assuredly I am rich indeed. My visits to the Penitentiary of St. Vincent de Paul have been full of encouragement, having led to correspondence with the men and lads not a few, which cannot fail to have a salutary effect upon their lives, even where the Gospel is not accepted and embraced. Of the jail I cannot speak, the opportunity of seeing the prisoners collectively being completely cut off by the Protestant Chaplain, and yet isolated instances might be given of visitation to prisoners whose names have been given in by their friends to call on them in the jail. With regard to the male jail, the Chaplain requested me to hold special services

on the Sunday morning before Easter, Good Friday and Easter morning, which was done, Mr. George Hague, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Budge and myself conducting them; Mrs. Budge, Miss Wilks and other ladies leading the singing. It was hoped permission would be given to hold them every Sunday morning, and when this was refused, the prisoners spontaneously, and without consulting me, sent the following petition to Mr. Payette, the jailor, signed by 28 prisoners, being all the Protestants then present:—

*To Mr. L. Payette, Governor of the Montreal Jail.*

We, the undersigned prisoners, being all those professing the Protestant faith at present in the jail, wish to bring to your notice,

1st. That we have attended the services on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday with much interest and benefit, held on our behalf by the Y. M. C. A. of this city.

2nd. That this is the form of worship in which most of us have been brought up in our boyhood, and which we have, alas! too much neglected in later years.

3rd. That said services are of no cost to any one whatever, being given entirely free by the Y. M. C. A.

4th. That said services are not only calculated to be for us a source of great blessing in the future, but cannot help having a beneficial effect on our conduct and behaviour now.

5th. That no possible harm but great good can come from a continuance of said service.

6th. That these services have been discontinued from some cause or other, and we have no other to compare with them in earnestness and devotion; wherefore we respectfully ask of you, sir, to grant to the Y. M. C. A. permission to recommence these services on our behalf, or, if granting this our request lies not in your power, that you will kindly please to lay this our petition before the lawful authority, and we remain, etc.,

Signed by 28 Prisoners.

This petition speaks for itself, and will bring about a remedy in the course of time,

This report is necessarily very imperfect and condensed. Were space allowed I could fill with interesting matter much to praise God for, as well as give encouragement for the future.

JOHN LOUSON.

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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Your Committee acknowledge the goodness of God in permitting them to present the following favorable report of the financial condition of the Association.

It is possible that the work of this Committee is generally regarded more from a secular standpoint than that of the other Committees, and while a hearty interest is awakened in the result of the general work, we are apt to forget the means which are furnished by the Lord in carrying it on. Money is no less necessary than zeal and talents, and we have reason to express our gratitude that this department has of the work has been owned and blessed. He, to whom "the earth and its fullness belongs," has so favored your Committee that we close the year free of debt.

The work of the Association is so generally appreciated by the business men of the city, who freely respond to the call made upon them for its support. We take this occasion to thank them for their generous aid, and to express the wish that they would more frequently visit the Rooms, and thus become familiar with the practical work to which their money is being applied.

The total expense incurred in carrying on this work during the year has been \$6630.52. When the various reports read to-night are considered, as well as that which cannot be reported, it will be seen on what an economical basis the Association is conducted.

L. H. PACKARD,  
*Chairman.*

# Montreal Young Men's Christian Association.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING NOV. 30TH, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

Transferred from Building Fund.....	\$ 345 16
Subscriptions and Donations.....	4,972 75
Membership Fees.....	466 50
Rent.....	1,270 00
Lectures and Classes.....	154 64
Anniversary Collection.....	\$106 71
Less Expenses.....	27 60
	79 11
	\$7288 16

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance due Treasurer.....	\$ 9 42
Salaries.....	3,138 00
Gas and Fuel.....	727 16
Travelling Expenses.....	57 75
Subscriptions to Executive Committee Ontario and Quebec..	400 00
Repairs and Renewals..	700 31
Rates and Assessments.....	349 20
Water.....	37 05
Insurance.....	147 06
Postage Stamps and Cards.....	160 18
Library.....	240 46
Newspapers and Periodicals.....	157 28
Stationery.....	149 20
Printing.....	275 35
Advertising.....	9 00
Cleaning.....	61 14
Telephone.....	50 00
Benevolent Fund.....	48 35
Sundry small accounts...	393 03
Tent.....	120 00
	\$7229 94
Balance on hand.....	58 22

J. S. McLACHLAN,  
*Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

JOHN McD. HAINS, }  
ROD. MACKINNON, } *Auditors.*

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Ames, Holden & Co .....	\$25 00	Bremner, A.....	\$5 00
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Davis, C. W.....	25 00	Graham, D.....	25 00
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Kennedy, J.  
Kirk, Locke  
Kinlock, W.  
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BEGINNERS' BIBLE-CLASS.—Sunday mornings, at 9.30 to 10.30 o'clock.

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GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETING.—Sunday afternoons, at 4.15 o'clock.

EVANGELISTIC MEETING—ASSOCIATION HALL.—Sunday evenings, at 8.30 o'clock.

PROF. FENWICK'S BIBLE-CLASS.—Tuesday evenings, at 8 o'clock.

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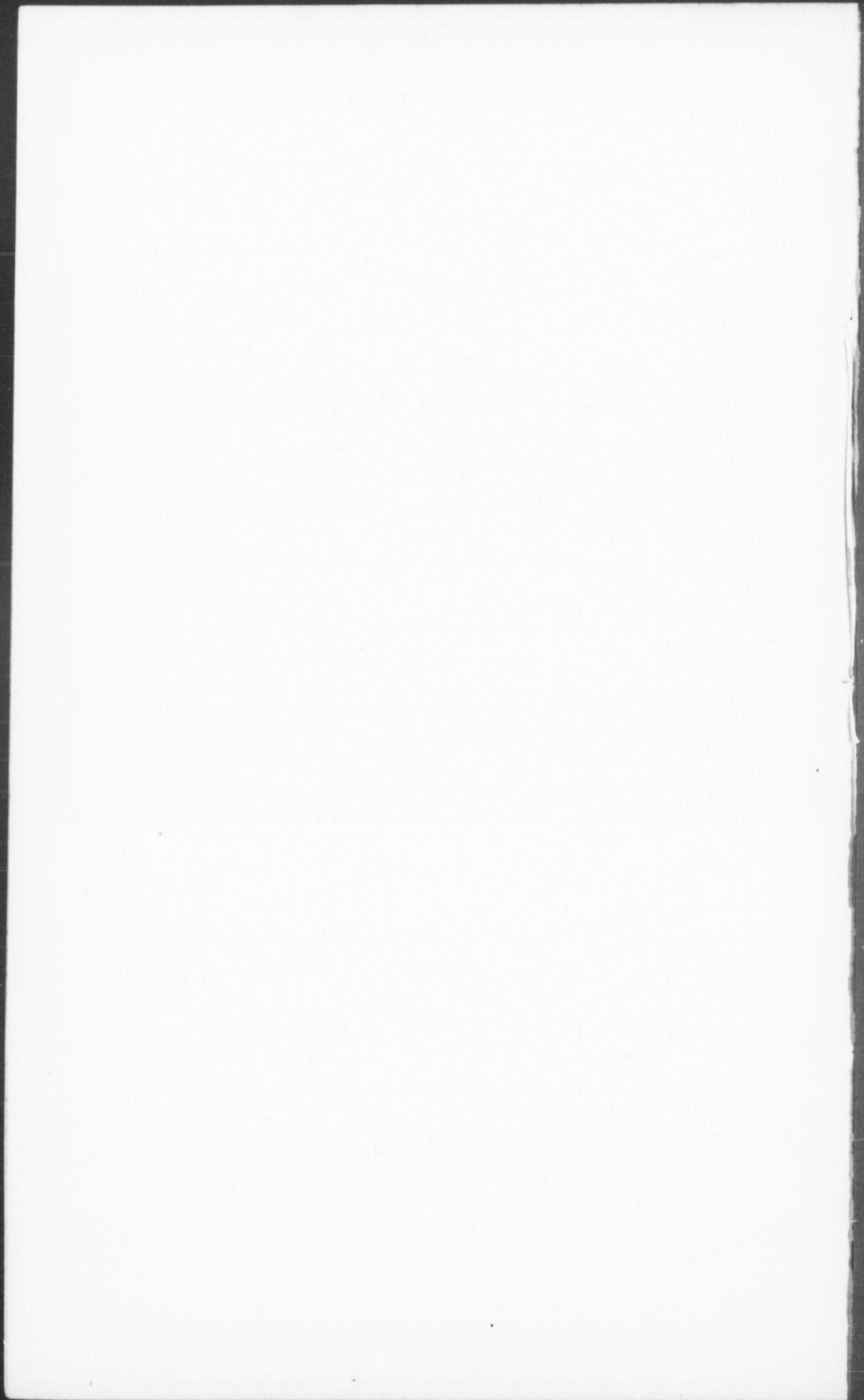
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