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REPORT.

The Committee of the "Halifax Young Men's Christian Association" beg respectfully to present the Thirteenth Annual Report. They are happy to inform its members and friends, that the year which has just closed has been one of great success; and they would express their gratitude to an "All Wise Providence" for having continued to watch over the Association.

The several sub-Committees have been actively engaged during the year. The following is a report of their labors:—

LECTURE COMMITTEE.

The Committee continued the last course of Lectures, and closed it by a Prayer Meeting, held in Grafton Street Church. The present course was inaugurated by a Prayer Meeting, held in St. Andrew's Church. The following clergymen have occupied the Lecturer's stand, during the present course: the Revs. Dr. Crawley, F. Almon, and C. B. Pitblado. The Lectures, up to the present time, have been largely attended.

Your Committee would remind young men, especially, that these lectures are delivered for their edification, and nothing would be more gratifying to the Committee, and those who lecture, than to see their efforts appreciated.

BIBLE CLASS AND PRAYER MEETING COMMITTEE.

Bible Class. Your Committee report that the Class still continues to be well sustained; the

average attendance, during the year, has been 30. With few exceptions, those who have occupied the Chair, during the year, have been young men. The exercises are interesting and well sustained. The Class is now considering the gospel of St. Matthew, in which each Chairman chooses a chapter or section, as he sees fit, but each Chairman has the option of selecting his own subject.

The Class commences at 8 and closes at 9 o'clock.

Prayer Meeting. Soon after the appointment of your Committee, their attention was called to the fact, that there was not a meeting for prayer in connection with the Association, with the exception of those opening and closing the course of lectures. After deliberating on the matter, they decided to hold a Prayer Meeting every Thursday evening, from 8 till 9 o'clock. One of their number consented to take the management of the Meeting. This Prayer Meeting was commenced in March, and it has been tolerably well attended. It is really a *Young Men's Prayer Meeting*, as but very few others attend. Your Committee would cordially commend this meeting to every member of the Association, and hope to see the attendance increased.

In the month of October last, your Committee received a circular from the "Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and British Provinces," requesting them to set apart the first Sunday in November as a day of Prayer for the spiritual prosperity of Young Men's Christian Associations everywhere, also requesting them to invite the clergy of this city to call attention to the Association in their services. Your Committee complied with the

request, several of the clergy brought the claims of the Association before their congregations, and offered up their prayers in its behalf. A Prayer Meeting was held in the large Room of the Association on the same day, at half-past 4 o'clock, the President of the Association in the Chair. Several members of the Association addressed the meeting and engaged in prayer; 120 attended.

Your Committee feel that much good has resulted from this meeting. On the following Thursday, at the weekly Prayer Meeting, the attendance was doubled; since then the attendance at the Saturday evening Bible Class has greatly improved, and several have joined the Association. The meeting was so satisfactory that your Committee were requested to hold them monthly, which they have decided to do. On the first Sunday in December, another meeting was held; the President again occupied the Chair; several members of the Association engaged in prayer, and W. J. Patterson, Esq., from the Montreal Association, addressed the meeting. Your Committee cannot help believing, after the large attendance at both these meetings, also at the Saturday evening Bible Class, and a desire expressed for a continuance of the weekly Prayer Meeting, that at least one of the objects of the Association, viz., "The Spiritual Improvement of Young Men," is being realized.

Your Committee having been requested, by several members of the Association, to hold a Bible Class in the rooms on Sunday afternoon, beg to state that they have organized one, and decided to carry it on for one month, and if appreciated it will be continued. They would specially invite

all who are not engaged in Sunday School work, and all who cannot attend on Saturday evening, to join this Class.

ROOM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Rooms. Your Committee have made several improvements in the Rooms for the convenience and comfort of the members.

The following Newspapers and Periodicals have been received in the Reading Room during the year. London Times, Illustrated London News, London Record, Watchman, Athenæum, London Review, Brantford Courier, Church Witness, Presbyterian Witness, Provincial Wesleyan, Christian Messenger, Home Circle, Abstainer, American Messenger, Chronicle, Sun, Unionist, Recorder, Express, Reporter, Citizen, Acadian, Eastern Chronicle, Bridgetown Free Press, and Berwick Star. London Quarterly Review, Blackwood, Leisure Hour, Good Words, Family Treasury, Bulwark, British Workman, Chambers' Journal, Once a Week, and Harper's Monthly, besides several occasionally from Great Britain, United States and Canada. The Committee intend adding to the number of periodicals. Many of the Newspapers are supplied by the proprietors gratis, your Committee would take this opportunity of thanking them for the same.

Library. Your Committee have purchased 36 vols. during the year, they have had 30 books and Magazines bound, 40 have been presented to the Library by Miss Cogswell, American Tract Society, and Mr. Beckwith. A map of Halifax County has been presented to the Association by Mr. Fultz. The number of books now upon the shelves is

1260. The average number of books borrowed from the Library per month is 280; which is an increase of 80 over last year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee are very happy to state that the funds of the Association are in a satisfactory condition. They have been enabled to meet all claims, grant 250 dollars for books for the Library, and leave a small balance in favor of the Association. This is attributable to the prompt payment of subscriptions by the members.

VISITING SICK COMMITTEE.

Your Committee are happy to state that there has been very little sickness among the members of the Association during the year; those who have come under their notice have been attended to the best of their ability. Your Committee have during the year held services at the Penitentiary on Sunday afternoon, which have been well received. Some months ago a letter was received from two of the prisoners, thanking those persons who went out to converse with them, and praying that a blessing might rest upon the Association.

Your Committee have, in conjunction with Mr. Grierson, the City Missionary, and with the assistance of several young men, members of the Association, devoted an hour every Sabbath morning, from the middle of April to the first of January, 1867, to the distribution of religious tracts to the crews of the several vessels at the wharfs in the harbour. They have divided that portion of the City into districts, each distributor having his appointed locality, and by a judicious appropriation

of time, they have been enabled to put a tract into the hand of every seaman on board each vessel at the wharfs, also at the Police Station, the Guard Room, and Steamboat Station, at a certain hour on Sabbath mornings. We have every reason to believe that the tracts have been faithfully read. Some of the tracts have been supplied by Mr. McBean, the Agent of the American Tract Society. Some members of the Association contributed funds for this object, and the General Committee of the Association appropriated \$10.00 from the funds; the balance has been furnished by the Committee circulating them.

In bringing the tract distribution section of the work to a conclusion, the Committee would respectfully commend it to their successors in office, with an earnest appeal in behalf of its prosecution in the future, and would solicit that at least \$40.00 be raised for this object, either by the contributions of private individuals, or from funds appropriated for that purpose by the General Committee. Some members of the Association owning a boat might be induced to let it be used for the purpose of visiting vessels in the stream, that the work might be extended.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Your Committee cannot report any increase in the membership list during the year; although 44 have joined the Association, a like number have withdrawn from it,—20 have left the city, and 24 have left the Association.—Total number 235. The list would have shown an increase had all those signed the Constitution who had been elected. Your Committee would suggest to employers the duty of ascertaining where their employees spend their

evenings, and they would ask all the members to recommend the Association to their friends, and inform them of the Prayer Meetings, the Bible Classes, the Reading Room, Library, and other privileges of the Association, and invite them to join us.

STRANGERS AND BOARDING HOUSES COMMITTEE.

Your Committee wish to inform the members that they have a list of Boarding Houses which they can confidently recommend. They will be happy to speak with any young men coming to the city in search of employment, and introduce them to the Rooms. The Committee would suggest that clergymen residing in the country, give the young men of their congregations coming to town, a letter to any of the office bearers of the Association.

Before closing the Report, your Committee would record the death of an old and valued friend of the Association, William Murdoch, Esq., who for many years was a life member.

For a list of Meetings, &c., in connection with the Association, your Committee would direct your attention to the cover of this Report.

Constitution,

REVISED AND AMENDED AT A SPECIAL MEETING CALLED FOR
THAT PURPOSE, NOVEMBER 28, 1864.

ARTICLE I.

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

ARTICLE II.

That the objects of this Association shall be

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

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

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

4th.—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 vital religion may be
promoted.

ARTICLE III.

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

ARTICLE IV.

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

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, Librarian, and a General Committee, comprising as far as

possible members of each evangelical denomination, all of whom shall be chosen annually by ballot.

ARTICLE VI.

It is the duty of the President, or 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 account of all books delivered to all members.

It shall be the duty of the Committee to manage all 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 VII.

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

ARTICLE VIII.

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

ARTICLE IX.

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

THIRTEENTH COURSE.

DELIVERED DURING THE WINTER OF 1865-6.

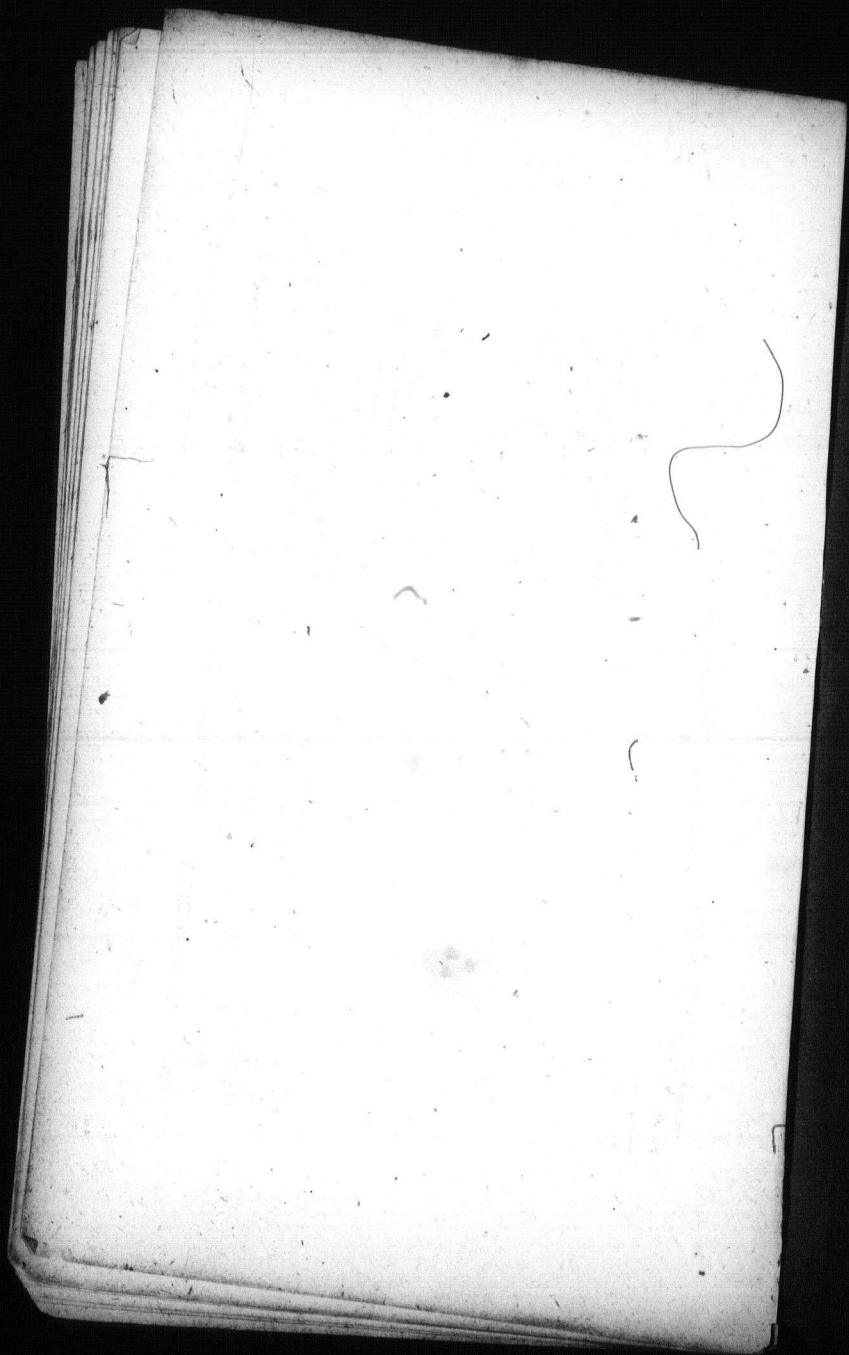
1. John Wicklyffe, by REV. E. BOTTERELL.
2. Elizabethan Age, by JOHN Y. PAYZANT, Esq.
3. Saul, also called Paul, by REV. W. SOMERVILLE.
4. The Christian Element in Modern Civilization, by His
Worship MAYOR RICHEY.
5. The Bible, a leading Phenomenon in the History of Civil-
ization and Modern Thought, by REV. R. A. TEMPLE.
6. More Recollections of Half a Century, by REV. CANON
COCHRAN.
7. The Bible, its Proof and Claims, by REV. R. SEDGWICK.

FOURTEENTH COURSE.

DELIVERED DURING THE WINTER OF 1866-7.

1. High Tone of Moral Principles, by REV. DR. CRAWLEY.
2. Modern Development of Christian Philanthropy, by REV.
F. ALMON.
3. Old Suggestions to Young Men, by REV. C. B. PITBLADO.
4. Reformers of the Nineteenth Century, by REV. G. M.
GRANT.
5. A Scripture Panorama, or Pictures of the Palace, the
Prison, and the Prayer Meeting, drawn from 12th
chapter Acts, by REV. S. T. RAND.
6. The God-ward side of History, by REV. CHAS. M. GRANT.

S. H. BLACK, Treasurer.



Young Men's Christian Association,

183 HOLLIS STREET.

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM,

Open every day (except Sunday) from 10 a. m., to 10 p. m.

LECTURES,

Every alternate Tuesday, during Winter, at Temperance Hall.

PRAYER MEETINGS,

Every Thursday evening, from 8 till 9 o'clock; and the first Sunday in the month at half-past 4 o'clock.

BIBLE CLASS,

Every Saturday evening from 8 till 9 o'clock, and every Sunday afternoon (except the first Sunday in the month,) at half-past 4 o'clock.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

Meets Quarterly.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Meet Weekly.

Persons wishing to become Members of the Association can do so by giving their names to any member of the Committee, or to the Secretary; subscription \$1.00 per annum.

City Mission, Industrial School, Bible Society, and other Benevolent Societies, hold their Meetings in the rooms of the Association.

Applications for use of the Committee Room may be made to the Secretary, 183 Hollis Street.