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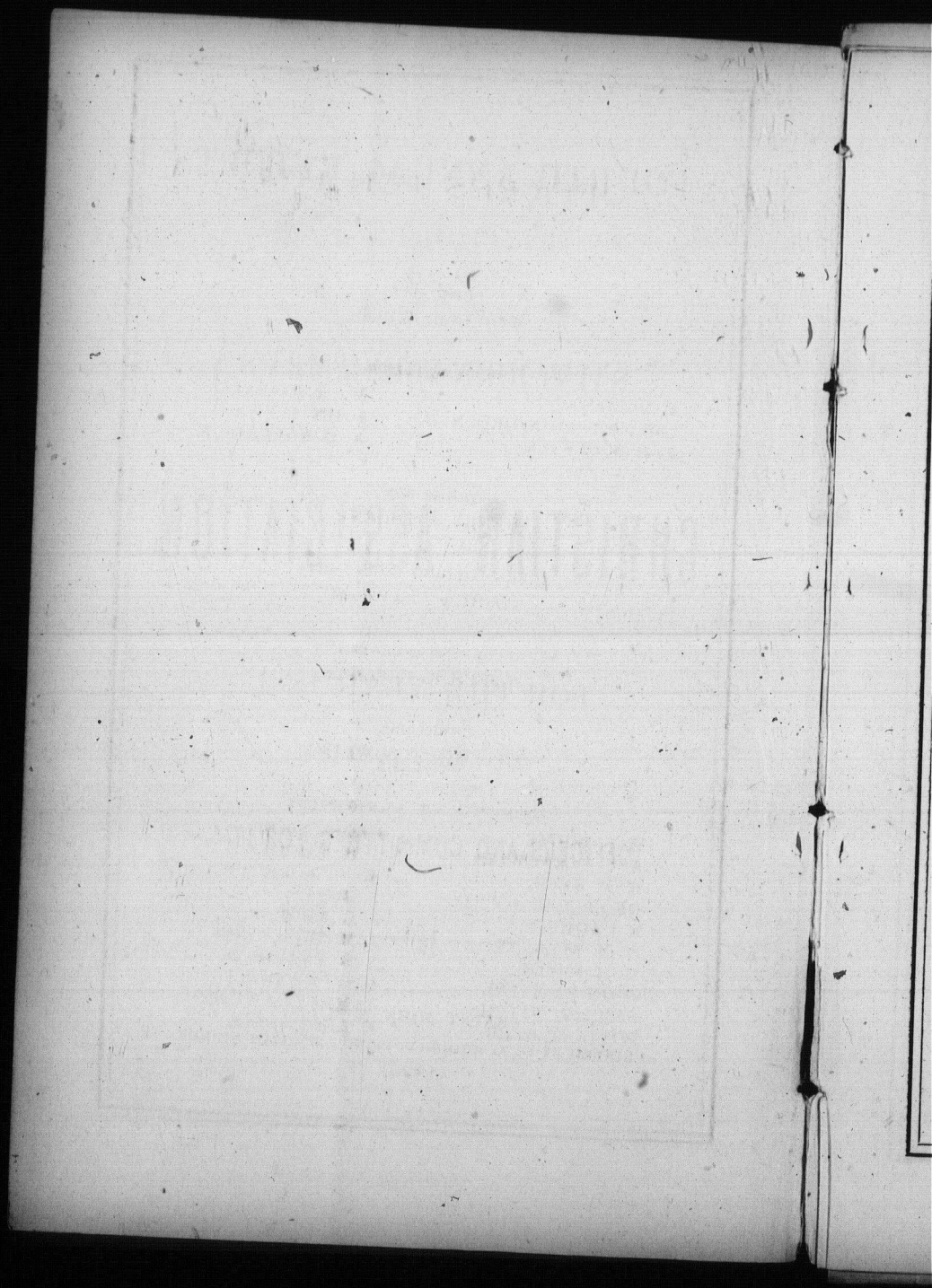
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OFFICERS FOR 1874.

PRESIDENT:
WILLIAM WELSH.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:
E. MCLEOD, W. H. FAIRALL,
LEBARON BOTSFORD, M. D., JOHN STEWART.
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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

H. B. WHITE,	GEORGE KEE,
E. T. C. KNOWLES,	J. H. RHODES.
H. P. KERR,	W. S. MORRISON.
GEORGE H. BURTIS,	E. JONES,
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H. R. SMITH,	S. B. PATERSON,
JOHN E. IRVINE,	JOSEPH LIKELY,
SAMUEL WELSH,	JAMES CRAWFORD,
WILLIAM KERR.	R. LEDINGHAM.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

PRAYER MEETING AND MISSION.

H. J. THORNE, D. M. STEARNS, J. L. THORNE, H. B. WHITE,
J. J. BOSTWICK, J. E. IRVINE, JOSEPH LIKELY.

RELIEF AND VISITING.

JOHN STEWART, JOHN E. IRVINE, E. T. C. KNOWLES, S. B.
PATERSON, J. J. BOSTWICK, H. R. SMITH.

ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

WILLIAM KERR, H. B. WHITE, W. H. FAIRALL, B. J. DOWLING,
J. CLAWSON, H. P. KERR,

LECTURE AND LITERARY.

WILLIAM WELSH, WILLIAM KERR, J. R. BRECKEN, J. H. RHODES,
H. R. SMITH.

FINANCE AND MEMBERSHIP.

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TRACT COMMITTEE.

W. H. FAIRALL, D. M. STEARNS, GEORGE KEE, J. CLAWSON,
R. LEDINGHAM, E. T. C. KNOWLES.

BIBLE CLASS.

DR. BOTSFORD, JOSHUA CLAWSON, R. LEDINGHAM, W. S. MOR-
RISON, E. JONES.

HALL ATTENDANCE.

J. L. THORNE, H. R. SMITH, R. LEDINGHAM, J. R. BRECKEN,
GEO. KEE, W. C. MORRISON, JOSEPH LIKELY, R. C. QUINN,
E. JONES, B. J. DOWLING, J. CRAWFORD, H. P. KERR.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

WM. WELSH, JOHN STEWART, J. E. IRVINE, J. CLAWSON, H. B.
WHITE, W. H. FAIRALL, E. MCLEOD, H. J. THORNE.

TRUSTEES.

WM. WELSH, JOHN STEWART, H. B. WHITE, E. MCLEOD, J. E.
IRVINE, ISAAC BURPEE, T. W. DANIEL.

WM. G. J. THOMSON, Curator. JOHN ANDERSON, Assistant.

The President, *ex officio*, is a member of the different Sub-Committees.

CONSTITUTION.

I

This Association shall be named the "SAINT JOHN YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION."

II

The object of this Association shall be the Intellectual, Moral, and Spiritual improvement of Young Men.

III

SEC. 1.—The Members of this Association shall be classed as follows: Active, Associate, Honorary, and Life Members.

SEC. 2.—Active Members only shall be eligible to Office, and have the right to vote at the Meetings of the Association.

SEC. 3.—Active Members shall be Communicants in good standing in Evangelical Protestant Churches: and we hold those Churches to be Evangelical which, maintaining the Holy Scriptures to be the only infallible Rule of Faith and Practice, do believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (the only begotten of the Father, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, in whom dwelleth the fulness of the God-head bodily, and who was made sin for us, though knowing no sin, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree) as the only Name under Heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved from everlasting punishment.

SEC. 4.—Associate, Honorary, and Life Members, shall be men of good, moral character, who acknowledge their belief in the Doctrine of Salvation through Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Honorary and Life Members, if Communicants in good standing in Evangelical Protestant Churches, shall be considered Active Members.

IV

The Officers of this Association shall be, a President, one Vice-President from each Denomination represented in the Association, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Librarian, who, with twenty other members, shall constitute a Committee of Management; all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot. Five members of said Committee shall form a quorum.

V

All applications for membership shall be submitted to the Committee of Management for their approval, and on receiving the approval of the Committee, the applicant shall be notified to attend at the Secretary's Office, to pay his annual subscription and sign the Constitution; and until he shall have done so, he shall not be considered a member of the Association.

VI

The annual subscription for membership shall be as follows:—

For Ticket admitting to the Reading Room, Parlor and Library, Two Dollars.

For Ticket admitting to the same, and to the Gymnasium, Three Dollars.

For Ticket admitting to the same, and to the use of the Baths, Four Dollars.

For Ticket admitting to the same, and to both the Gymnasium and the use of the Baths, Five Dollars.

The Managing Committee shall have the power to fix the period of membership.

The Membership Committee shall have power to issue Tickets at a reduced rate to any applicant who, in their judgment, is unable to pay the full annual subscription.

VII

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

VIII

The Committee shall have power to suspend or exclude any member whose conduct may, in their judgment, have been found at variance with the character of the Association.

IX

Any person on the payment of Fifty Dollars may become a Life Member, subject to provisions in Articles III and V.

X

All subjects upon which Christians belonging to the Denominations represented in this Association are at variance, and all political controversies, shall be excluded from the proceedings of this Association.

XI

The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of December, to receive the Report of the Committee of Management, and elect their successors.

XII

This Constitution shall not be altered, except at an Annual Meeting, or at a Special Meeting to be held at the call of the Committee for that purpose, and by the vote of two-thirds of the members present; provided that no such alteration shall be valid unless notice is given at a meeting held four weeks previous to the vote being taken.



BY-LAWS.

I

The members shall seek out young men taking up their residence in this City, endeavor to bring them under moral and religious influence, and by every means in their power surround them with Christian associates. Members shall also exert themselves to interest the Churches to which they respectively belong in the objects and welfare of the Association. They shall labour to induce all suitable young men of their acquaintance to connect themselves with the Association, and use all practical means for increasing its membership, activity, and usefulness.

II

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all business meetings of the Association and Committee, and to preserve in strict exercise the rules established by Parliamentary order. In the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents present shall preside. Devotional meetings may be presided over by a member of the Association.

III

The duties of the Recording Secretary shall be to keep a full and complete Register of the Names, Residence and Church of each member. He shall attend all meetings, and keep a correct record of the proceedings thereat, and notify all officers and members of their election.

IV

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Committee, have charge of all the correspondence of the Asso-

ciation. He shall keep copies of all letters written, and files of those received by him, relating to the affairs of the Association.

V

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due the Association, and disburse the same under the direction of the Committee. He shall keep a full and correct account of his transactions, and report to the Committee when so required, and to the Association at its Annual Meeting.

VI

The Committee of Management shall meet on the Thursday of each week; shall have the general management of the affairs of the Association, and shall appoint the necessary sub-committees for carrying out its objects—the chairman of each sub-committee being a member of the Managing Committee.

VII

A Special Meeting of the Committee may be called, at the option of the President, or at the request of three of its members.

VIII

Meetings of the Association for Readings, Recitations, Reading of Essays, Debates, Conversations on Religious subjects, Devotional Exercises, Lectures, &c., shall be held as often as practicable; and, as far as practicable, meetings shall commence at eight, and close at ten o'clock.

IX

For the election of Officers it will require a majority vote of the whole of the active members present at the meeting; and to facilitate the election, in the event of there being more than two candidates, the lowest shall be struck off.

X

Any alteration or additional Bye-Law can be made at an ordinary meeting of the Association by a majority vote of the whole of the active members present.

REPORT.

REPORT OF MANAGING COMMITTEE.

The Managing Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of St. John, in submitting their Sixth Annual Report of the condition and operations of the Association, desire to express their sincere gratitude to Almighty God for the continued prosperity enjoyed during the past year. The desire of many hearts was accomplished when the Association moved into the handsome building which it now occupies, and your Committee, whilst deeply regretting the heavy debt that is upon it, would express a hope that in a few years the whole of the debt will be removed through the systematic beneficence of the brethren.

The relation of the Association to the Churches in our City continues to be of the most cordial nature.

To meet our present requirements, the Constitution of the Association has been very carefully revised by your Committee and approved of at a regular meeting of the Association convened for that special purpose.

The Reports of the various Sub-Committees will give detailed statements of the progress made in the work of the Association.

One hundred and fifty-four propositions for membership were accepted by your Committee during the past year. At present the membership, according to the Revised Constitution, numbers 166, viz: 72 Active and 94 Associate Members. Your Committee regret that so very few of the young men of our City have availed themselves of the advantages afforded, and hope that during the present Winter very many will be induced to join the Association and enjoy its privileges.

The Protestant Clergymen of our City are Honorary Members of the Association.

As heretofore, the Rooms of the Association have been placed at the disposal of the Bible Society, and the Evangelical Alliance, and several meetings have been held by these Societies. The meetings during the week of prayer are to be held in the Association Hall.

Delegates from the Association attended the International Convention at Poughkeepsie, and the Maritime Convention at Truro. These gatherings were deeply interesting and attended by blessed results.

From reports given, the work in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association is being steadily and successfully carried forward in many of the Cities, Towns and Villages of the United States, and our own Dominion.

The next Convention of the Maritime Provinces will be held in Fredericton.

The Association Annual Day of Prayer was very generally observed by the Associations everywhere, and we hope with most blessed results.

The work in connection with the Association has been carried forward with a good degree of vigor, much good has been accomplished, and the Association continues to have a firm hold on the hearts of all interested in the welfare of our young people.

Your Committee, in closing their Report, express their humiliation before God for want of faithfulness and zeal, for in many things they feel they come short of His will, and their duty. They hope that, under the blessing of Almighty God, the Association may go on and prosper abundantly in every good work, and prove a lasting means of good to thousands of the young men of our City and Province.

Looking to Jesus, our great pattern in the christian life, let us resolve, in humble dependence upon Him, to be faithful in the work to which we are called.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

WILLIAM WELSH, *President*,
ED. T. C. KNOWLES, *R. Secretary*.

St. John, N. B., 9th Dec., 1873.

REPORT OF PRAYER MEETING AND MISSION COMMITTEE.

The above Committee report, that since moving into our new Building, so much better adapted for our Sabbath and Weekly Prayer Meetings, the attendance has increased, despite the fears of many, sufficiently to more than fill our new and spacious Hall; and they, with thankfulness, ascribe the increase to the blessing of God.

Your Committee urgently request all members of the Association who love the cause of Christ, to come up to the help of those who frequently have to take part in these meetings, and thus make variety and relieve them from some of their responsibility.

The attendance at and interest in the Thursday evening meeting is steadily increasing.

The Services at the Marine Hospital have been regularly held every Sabbath morning, the members generally attending as their names appeared on the printed plan.

During the past year the Cottage Prayer Meetings have not been as regularly held as before, but we trust soon again to resume them.

Many sick have been visited during the year, and we trust that more will be done in this direction during the coming year.

The day of prayer appointed by the International Convention has been duly observed.

JOHN E. IRVINE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF RELIEF AND VISITING COMMITTEE.

The fourth Annual Report of the Relief Committee of the Saint John Young Men's Christian Association:—

The Receipts of the Committee in the past year were \$526.37; the Expenditures \$524.04; Balance on hand \$2.33.

The number of persons who received aid was eighty-three, but some of these were helped frequently.

The nature of the relief given has been as follows:—Groceries and Provisions, \$166.25; Cash, to assist in payment of rent, funeral, travelling, and other expenses, \$154.34; seventeen loads of Coal, \$49.60; fifty-six loads of Wood, \$114.90; and Board and Clothing, \$22.20.

The Committee desire to express their thanks to Mrs. S. F. Matthews and Miss H. C. Bayard, for their valuable aid in collecting for the funds of the Committee, and investigating the cases of applicants for relief; also, to the Proprietors of the Daily Press of the City for editorial courtesies.

The careful manner in which the Funds entrusted to the Committee are disbursed, should commend it to the favorable consideration of the charitably disposed. Thorough investigation precedes each outlay, and, as far as possible, a record is kept of the particulars of each disbursement. The Books of the Committee may be seen at the Association Reading Room.

J. A. WHITE, *Chairman.*

St. John, 1st December, 1873.

REPORT OF ROOMS AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the President and Managing Committee of the Y. M. C. A.

The Committee of Rooms and Library respectfully submit the following Report:—

Appended is a list of Newspapers, Periodicals, &c., to be found upon the Tables of the Reading Room. It embraces a good selection of both religious and secular reading, and is considered by your Committee to be well adapted to the wants and ideas of the class of young men who frequent the rooms.

The list, including all our City papers, contains nine Dominion Dailies and five Weeklies, two foreign Weeklies, and six Monthlies; thirty in all.

The total number of Books in the Library is five hundred and four, an increase of sixty volumes on the report of last year.

The Librarian reports a want of interest in this part of your Committee's charge. Only an average of about thirty books per month have been taken out of the Library, which is below the average of last year.

The Parlour, in the opinion of your Committee, has been and continues to be one of the greatest attractions to our rooms.

If young men and boys are to be influenced for good, and our Managing Committee are anxious to bring them under its influence, this room must have the careful attention of a good, and we would suggest, a small Committee. Our Parlour ought to be, of all places in our building, the most comfortable and attractive.

Thus far the Managing Committee have only allowed the Games of Chess and Draughts to be used in the rooms, both of which have been freely played.

The Gymnasium and Baths have been very freely used, and form a very important feature in our Institution.

Signed in behalf of the Committee.

W. H. FAIRALL, *Chairman.*

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, &c.

Dominion Dailies.—Telegraph, News, Tribune, Globe, Head Quarters, Toronto Mail, Hamilton Spectator.

Weeklies.—Religious Intelligencer, Colonial Farmer, Summerside Progress, Charlottetown Patriot, Dalhousie Gazette.

Foreign Weeklies.—Christian Era, Zion's Herald, Scottish Ameri-

can, New York Tribune Public Opinion, Punch, Illustrated London News, Harper's Weekly, London Times, Helping Hand.

Foreign Monthlies.—The Friend, Eclectic, Good Words, Scribner's, European Mail, British Workman, Band of Hope.

REPORT OF LECTURE AND LITERARY COMMITTEE.

The Lecture and Literary Committee desire to submit the following Report:—

During last season (Winter of 1872-73) weekly social gatherings were held of an interesting and instructive character.

Owing to press of work in connection with the Building, preparing to move, work connected with the Bazaar, &c., during the Spring and Summer seasons, these gatherings were discontinued, but they have been again resumed, and it is intended that they shall be carried on regularly during the present Winter. At these meetings the attendance has been very good.

Your Committee have also arranged for a course of Lectures, and Literary and Musical Entertainments, to be given fortnightly. The course has been opened under very favorable circumstances, and they think that it will bear favorable comparison with those of other Institutions.

Several "Services of Song" have been held during the past year. Your Committee hope that several of these will be given during the coming year, as they are very pleasing and beneficial to all who take part in them.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM WELSH, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee desire to submit the following Report:—

The Treasurer's Account, as annexed, shews the result of the Committee's work during the year. Many members are in arrears, and it is hoped that during the coming year they will be more prompt in paying their subscriptions, to enable our Treasurer to meet our liabilities as they become due.

The cost of carrying on the work of the Association in our new Building will necessarily be much greater than in former years.

Whilst the Account of the Treasurer shews a balance of Cash on hand, there are outstanding Accounts due to the amount of \$356.00.

Respectfully submitted.

A. D. ROBERTSON.

*A. D. Robertson, Treasurer, in Account with the St. John Young
Men's Christian Association.*

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1873. To Proceeds Concert in February last, -	- \$181 15
Subscriptions - - - - -	20 00
Annual Dues, - - - - -	631 50
Donations, - - - - -	51 00
Sabbath Evening Collections, - - -	60 83
Cash from Lecture Committee, - -	175 70
Hymns sold, &c., - - - - -	30 51
	<hr/> \$1,150 69

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1873. By Balance due Treasurer, - - -	\$5 72
Salaries, - - - - -	572 69
Rent and Gas Bills, - - - - -	191 90
Printing, - - - - -	107 05
Executive Committee, New York, Sub- scription for 1872 \$19.46, 1873 \$24.18,	43 64
Executive Committee, Halifax, Subscrip- tion for 1873, - - - - -	35 44
Sundries, including Coal & minor expenses, -	75 48
	<hr/> \$1,031 92
Balance in hands of Treasurer, - - -	<hr/> \$118 77

REPORT OF BOARDING HOUSE AND EMPLOYMENT
COMMITTEE.

The Boarding House and Employment Committee beg to submit the following Report:—

Your Committee have found employment for quite a number of applicants, and have also obtained boarding houses when required. Aid has also been given to several who were in destitute circumstances. Your Committee regret to say, that in not a few instances the applicants turned out to be unworthy of the attention and assistance rendered them.

Great care is necessary in dealing with applicants. Unless in extreme or exceptional cases no application should be entertained from any one who does not come provided with letters of reference or introduction. This is the only way in which the Association can be protected from the trouble and annoyance that in many cases will otherwise come upon it.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN STEWART, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF TRACT AND BIBLE CLASS COMMITTEE.

The Tract and Bible Class Committee desire to present the following Report:—

During the past year over 9000 Pictorial Papers and Tracts have been distributed in the City Hospital, Marine Hospital, in the old Burying Ground, among the Vessels in the Harbour, and in visiting the Sick. A number of Books and Magazines have also been given away.

Tracts have also been furnished to the Fredericton Association for distribution at the Exhibition, to the Young Women's Christian Association, and the Rev. Mr. Spencer, Seaman's Missionary.

The Papers distributed were principally—The British Workman, Band of Hope, Friendly Visitor, Children's Friend, Christian at Work, Canadian Messenger, and Illustrated Weekly. Of these alone not fewer than seven hundred copies were distributed in the City Hospital during the present year.

The Committee hope that the stock of Papers will be replenished, and that the work will be carried on vigorously among the vessels, the hospitals, and elsewhere.

The attendance at the Bible Class averages twelve. Your Committee regret that the members do not take a greater interest in it, as it presents a good means of acquiring much useful Bible knowledge.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSHUA CLAWSON, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Building Committee of the St. John Young Men's Christian Association have pleasure in submitting the following Report:—

During the Winter of 1872-73 the work of repairing the great damage caused by the November gale was carried on, and no effort was spared to get the Building roofed in. Notwithstanding many obstacles, the finishing of the interior of the Building was rapidly pushed forward, and during the last week in April the Association had the pleasure of moving into it.

The work of your Committee has been of the most arduous nature, involving a great deal of time, labor, and anxiety. The greatest difficulty has been found in raising money to meet the pressing claims made upon them, and time and again several members of your Committee have had to furnish funds from their own private resources, and at the present time, as will be seen from the Report of the Treas-

suror of the Committee, the Association is heavily indebted to Mr. John Stewart, one of its members.

The Bazaar in aid of the Building Fund was a great success in every particular, a very large sum having been realized, and everything having passed off most pleasantly. Your Committee would take this opportunity of expressing their deep sense of gratitude to those Ladies and Gentlemen who worked so faithfully and cheerfully with them, giving liberally of their time and means so as to accomplish the object your Committee had in view.

The draining of the Building was a work involving much time, labor, and expense; and in this branch of the work, as well as in many other matters connected with it, the Curator has rendered most valuable assistance.

Furnaces for the heating of the Building have been put in. The Gymnasium and hot water Baths have been fitted up, and present comfortable and attractive features to the members. The Hall, Parlor, Reading Room and Committee Room, have been fitted up as comfortably as the means at the disposal of the Committee would allow. Several members have kindly loaned or donated some beautiful pictures to ornament the Parlour walls.

The Account, to be submitted by the Treasurer of your Committee, will shew the cost of the Building, &c., and our present indebtedness.

The heavy debt on the property is to be deeply regretted, but your Committee hope that through the active efforts of their successors, assisted by the whole membership, that it will soon be materially reduced. At present a large sum of money is required to meet pressing claims now due. Donations will be gratefully received by your Committee.

Your Committee would desire to acknowledge God's goodness in prospering the work. Through many difficulties it has been completed, and in His kind providence no accident has happened to any one engaged in erecting the Building, and, notwithstanding differences in opinion, the best of feeling has always prevailed among the members of your Committee.

That the Building and the Association may prove to the young men of our City all that its most ardent well-wishers could desire, is the earnest hope and prayer of your Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM WELSH, *Chairman.*

St. John, Dec. 9, 1873.

*The Building Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association
in Account with H. B. White, Treasurer.*

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To Cash paid D. & T. Sullivan, Foundation,	- \$1,506 00
" " Wm. Smith, overseeing work,	- 190 00
" " for Iron and Iron work,	- 587 08
" " on account of Lot and Interest,	- 7,825 76
" " sundry small Bills,	- 1,055 82
" " M. Stead, Architect,	- 350 00
" " S. H. Brown, finishing Stores, &c.	- 2,296 06
" " Cormack & Brown, Contract,	- 15,390 16
" " Blakslee & Whitcomb, Painters,	- 370 00
" " Draining Building,	- 686 82
" " G. Black, Plumbing & Gas fittings,	- 733 24
" " W. Fisher, for Roof,	- 290 00
" " for Furnaces, Registers, &c.,	- 376 33
" " J. T. Magee & Co., Furnace work,	- 372 00
" " R. Flaherty, Iron Shutters,	- 502 00
" " Lordly, Howe & Co., Seating, &c.,	- 482 75
" " Fairbanks & Co., Blinds,	- 227 50
" " Jas. Thompson, extra work,	- 230 00
" " Insurance,	- 152 50
" " For Hand Rail,	- 153 62
	<u>\$33,827 64</u>
To Balance,	- - - - - \$2,608 01
Balance still due,	- - - - - 3,141 99
Total Balance due on Building,	- - - <u>\$5,750 00</u>

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Received from Subscriptions,	- - - \$10,944 65
Proceeds Bazaar,	- - - 4,241 37
Collected in England,	- - - 172 03
Proceeds Music Union Concerts,	- - - 322 98
Proceeds Mrs. Scott Siddon's Reading,	- - - 300 00
Collections, St. David's and Centenary Churches,	- - - 82 00
Collections, Dedication Service,	- - - 156 60
Total amount of Money received,	- - - \$16,219 63
Loan from B. Smith Estate,	- - - 15,000 00
	<u>\$31,219 63</u>
MEMO.—Balance as above,	- - - \$2,608 01
Other unsettled Bills,	- - - 3,141 99
Floating Debt, beside Mortgage,	- - - \$5,750 00
Whole Debt due,	- - - <u>\$20,750 00</u>

St. John, 1st Jan., 1874.

H. B. WHITE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association desire to submit the following Report:—

The double Store in the Building has been rented to Messrs. Welsh Brothers for a term of five years from the first of May last, at an annual rental for the first year of \$700, and for the remaining four years of \$750 per annum.

The single Store has been rented to Messrs. Crawford Brothers for one year from the first of May last at \$500 per annum.

There is at present \$16,000 insurance on the Building. It is contemplated to put an additional sum on it.

Your Trustees think it very desirable that the Managing Committee endeavor to pay the Premium of Insurance out of the general fund of the Association, as in all probability the debt at present, upon which interest will have to be paid, will amount to \$19,000, requiring a sum of \$1,140, and it would be well that every dollar that can be saved should go toward a sinking fund to pay off the debt. The \$15,000 borrowed from the Trustees of the Estate of the late B. Smith is payable in five years from the date of the loan. We are now in the second year.

The Treasurer's Account will give a statement of our funds from rents received.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM WELSH, *Chairman.*
JOHN E. IRVINE, *Secretary.*

St. John, N. B., Dec. 9, 1873.

