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It has been the custom of our Association at the close of each year to shortly review our work, and place before the membership a report of the various Committees. We have great cause for gratitude to God that our work has been carried forward, and that our cause is gaining ground from year to year both at home and abroad manal of I hearing it, and our hearts have been deeply gratific

A Dominion Convention was held at Quebec in September, and was well attended by some of our best men; it was an exceedingly pleasant reunion of Eastern and Western Christians, and encouraged and strengthened all present. The Maritime Provinces Convention held at Chatham was well attended, and the results to Chatham esbrethren who have assisted to We trust soon oil bessed oran odw northrid

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The close of another year demands of your Committee the usual review of the twelve months work. On this occasion we cannot do so without mingled feelings of pleasure and regret—pleasure that some of the members of this Committee have now for a few years been by the confidence so continously reposed in them by the Association, permitted to labor together in this important work-regret, that their labor has been productive of so little apparent result. . They have earnestly and prayerfully pleaded that a more spiritual tone might be imparted to the Association generally, and have specially longed for the conversion of at least some of the many members who stand related to us only in an assoclate capacity, and whose talents, enlisted on the side of religion, would be so valuable. Under such desire, through the President, a correspondence took place with Mr. Geo. Needham the Evangelist, which resulted

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in his laboring amongst us both generally as regards the public, and specially in connection with the Y. M. C. A. The result did not realize the perhaps too sanguine expectations of the Committee, but we can rejoice in the conversion of some young men who have since joined our ranks and are working with us in the good course, while many others were led to enquire regarding the "Way of Salvation," and we hope will yet come to a right conclusion. We feel sure the zeal and earnestness of the dear brother and his fellow-workers will not go unrewarded.

Mission work at the Barrack Street Building has continued throughout the year, with the only interruption necessiated by the services above referred to, held by Mr. Needham. We have always regarded this work as a special feature, thankful that such an opportunity was ours of proclaiming the truth to many who on the Sabbath have only this opportunity of hearing it, and our hearts have been deeply gratified to learn of more than one conversion through this means. We regard it as a blessed opportunity for our spiritual members to work for their Master, and regret that owing to the Mission House passing into other hands in accordance with the will of our late Bro. Jost, this deeply important field of labor will soon be closed to us. We would express our thankfulness that we have been permitted thus long to labor there, as also to the clergymen and lay brethren who have assisted us. We trust soon other opening will present itself. In connection with this service the Sabbath School held in the morning at the same building under the superintendence of Bro. D. McGregor, who succeeded Bro. J. S. Smith on his removal to the north end of the city, aided by his faithful band of teachers, has continued without interruption, and has been of great utility amongst the class of children it was particularly instituted to reach and benefit. This too will have to cease or be removed. The Committee visited it monthly.

Gospel meetings under the conduct of the same School officers, assisted at times by friends, and occasionally, visited by Committee, have been conducted as heretofore on Sabbath evenings, and during the week, and were beginning to be very promising, but will also and for the same reason cease,

Prayer Meetings, monthly held at the Class room, have been but indifferently attended. To discontinue them would be too serious a proceeding. Without such means of grace how could the institution prosper or expect God's approval. Although for all the Association as well as other Christians, it is especially the Committee's Prayer Meeting.

Prayer Meeting for young men only, by the request of the few young men who upheld it, this has for the present been changed into a special Bible Class.

Bible Class. The usual gathering of members has been held every

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Saturday evening during the year, and many have greatly enjoyed the delightful study of the lessons arranged by the international Sabbath School Committee. This class merits much greater encouragement than it has received from the members, especially those who teach in Sabbath Schools, and as this series is to be continued during the present year, your committee urge upon all the duty of supporting it by their presence.

Though not coming under the supervision of this Committee we can but refer with pleasure and gratification to the co-operation in the Spiritual department of the labors of the Tract Committee of our Street Preachers, and the more private and unostentacious work of one or two brothers whose labors will bring them reward.

The Week of Prayer. In accordance with the usual request of the International Executive Committee, meetings were held in our Hall every evening during the week in November, set aside for the young men; two of our city clergy addressed the audience each evening with carnestness, and we hope good effect. We very gratefully acknowledge the kind services of the Pasters of all the churches for their sympathy and aid.

The Evangelical Alliance Week of Prayer. Opening and closing Services of this Annual Institution was provided for and conducted by the Association with good attendance at the Mission Church at the opening, and the Mission Church and the Hall at the closing.

J. S. MACLEAN, Chairman.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance in making their annual report for 1877, would call attention to the fact that a balance of \$119.15 is due the Treasurer 1st January, 1878, being slightly in excess of our indebtedness of last year. The sum of \$119.42 has this year been paid on interest account on the floating debt, an item which has not previously been reached nor included in the ordinary expenses. On this account there yet remains a balance of \$87.32 due the building fund to Dec. 31st, 1877, making the actual deficiency \$156,00.

The Subscription List shows a falling off in the year of about \$12 00, and considering the exigency of the times is not very wonderful. Every Institution, whether secular or religious, has, during the year just passed felt more or less this pinch.

In donations we have nothing to remark; the miscellaneous receipts, however, we are happy to note, are improving—the whole revenue for last year being \$310 47, as follows, for use of the Hall \$206.00, the balance of 94.47 being derived from other sources, showing an increase over the previous year of about \$78.00.

The gross expenses in 1877 were less than usual, but the item of gas, however, seems to call for remark, having increased from \$298.80 in 1876, to \$390.00 in 1877; this has received your Committee's attention and the greatest care will be exercised in the future to curtail this expense. In their report for the quarter ending 30th September last, the Committee stated that additional effort would be made to collect the unpaid annual subscriptions, amounting at that time to \$538.00. A circular was accordingly prepared and sent to every subscriber in arrears, stating the amount due and urging the necessity for payment, which met with partial success. During 1877 the sum of \$32.40 only has been expended on the Library for the purchase of new books, this seems a very small sum to be appropriated in maintaining an auxilliary so essential to the successful working of the Association. In the opinion of your Committee a provision of at lest One Hundred Dollars annually ought, if possible, be made, so as to maintain a more complete and efficient library. Your Committee deeming the present sources of revenue inadequate to meet the wants of the library, and the ordinary expenses of the Association, consider an increased subscription list as imperatively necessary; the sources of this must be partly from within and partly outside the Association. Every member who now gives but Two Dollars annually, and can afford to give three, four, or five dollars, ought to do so. Connected with some of the Associations in the United States, there is what is called a Sustaining Fund, contributed to by persons who may or may not be members of the Association, agreeing to subscribe annually, an amount considerably above the ordinary subscription towards its funds in view of its public benefits. Whether some such scheme is practicable here, is a question your Committee can only suggest for the consideration of the General Committee and the members of the Association.

JOSEPH BELL, Chairman.

LITERARY AND SOCIAL.

The Literary and Social Committee after organizing, revised reports of Sub-Committees and other material preparatory to publication in the form of the Association's "Twenty-Third Annual Report," agreeably with instructions sent down from Annual meeting.

After the Annual Meeting in January, your Committee completed the series of Entertainments according to the Prospectus issued at the opening of the season. The entire Series consisted of two Socials, five Lectures and three Literary and Musical Olios.

The Lecturers were—Hon. P. C. Hill, Rev. Dr. Burns, James Hanney, Esq., of St. John, N. B., Rev. A. J. Townend and Rev. G. M.

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Grant. Lecturetts or short original Papers, were read by Dr. J. Gordon, McGregor, Geo. Johnson, Esq., J. M. Geldert, Esq., J. W. Longley, Esq., and Robt. Sedgewick, Esq. Readings by Rev. John Bell, Dr. Trennaman, Messrs. Wm. Roche, J. Stewart, Caruthers, W. K. Angwin, and R. L. Borden. In the Musical department the Committee had the valuable assistance of the following ladies and gentleman. Instrumental—Misses Shannon. and Hesson, Messrs. Bennett, Shannon, Stirling, Ackhurst, Cornelius, Wright, and Prof. Bristow. Vocal—Messrs Crawford, Lloyd, Wilson, Smith, Allan, and Drake.

Your Committe believing this Series as a whole to have been an improvement on past years, in their suitability to young men, resolved to repeat the experiment during another season, with this departure that the ladies be invited to all the meetings. The Prospectus for 1877-8 has been issued, opening with a Reunion of the members, to be followed by a Parlour Entertainment, three Lectures, two Literary and Musical Olios, and a Social to close the course. Part of the Series has already been carried out, and under all the circumstances fully met the Committee's anticipations.

Your Committee has very great pleasure in reporting the number of our members who have in various ways contributed to the different Programmes, the cheerful co-operation on the part of friends outside, and the very great assistance received at the hands of our indefatigable Secretary, Mr. Theakston. In conclusion your Committee would again appeal to the General Committee and to the entire membership of the Association, to encourage their efforts, to show by their presence at the entertainments that they at least appreciate the services of the ladies and gentlemen who from time to time give their valuable assistance.

M. M. LINDSAY, Chairman.

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In presenting their Annual Report of Membership, your Committee regret having to report that there has been a decrease during the year owing to various causes, no less than 40 members have left the city to seek employment elsewhere, 28 members have left by request, and 6 have died.—William Nisbet, George Bendilier, J. G. A. Creighton, C. M. Witt, Frank Harris, and E. Jost. Your Committee have been compelled to strike off the list 36 members tor being two years in arrears. They would urge upon the members to aim at adding new members to the roll of the Association each week, considering the great advantages of a spiritual, mental and social nature which our Association affords, and considering the number of young men in our city not with us, for whom the Association that the control of the Association after the considering the number of young men in our city not with us, for whom the Association

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In conclusion your Committee cannot close their report without alluding more particularly to the death one of its oldest members, the late J. G.A. Creighton, who was the first President of the Association, and who always took a warm and lively interest in the affairs of the Association; he was a good man, and has gone to his reward, "like a shock of wheat fully ripe for the harvest." They also regret the death of Edward Jost, who always aided the Committee by his sympathy and support on many occasions, and also provided the Mission Building in Barrack Street for meetings under the management of the Association.

THE STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP IS AS FOLLOWS:

January 1st, 1877. On the roll, 583; joined during the year, 57; left the city, 40; by request, 28; two years in arrears, 86; died, 6—110; leaving on the roll December 31st, 1877, 580; shewing a decrease of 58.

D. McGREGOR, Chairman.

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TEMPERANCE.

This Committee has not performed much work as a Committee during the year. In our course of Lectures last winter one lecture was on the subject of Temperance. No regular Temperance course was attempted. Various Societies, Church and others, held frequent meetings and in these the Temperance men of the Association were identified.

In July last the Reform movement was commenced in this city in the Y. M. C. A. Roems and met with wonderful success. Since that time the active part of Temperanee work so far as relates to public meetings, has develved upon the Reform Club. The proposition to invite members of the Club to join our Association and use our rooms, received every consideration, but the great body of the Club appeared anxious to have a place for themselves, and we did not wish to interfere with any of their plans.

The past year has been very successful for the Temperance Referm in Nova Scotia. Hallfax stands foremost new in the progress made, and yet you will agree with the Committee that much—very much, still remains to be done; and that the members of this Association have reating upon them weighty responsibility in this important matter. The recommending of licenses each year is in the hands of the citizens, and we are pleased to report that this restriction has curtailed the traffic in different portions of our city.

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TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

The Committee on Tract Distribution report that twelve distributors have been at work during the summer months. The work commenced the last Sabbath in April and ended the first Sabbath in November. The number of papers, tracts, and leaflets distributed during the season amounted to 33,000.

Although the special field of labor was along the wharves—supplying the seamen in port with reading matter for the Sabbath—yet other places were regularly visited by the distributors—such as the Hospital, Rockhead Prison, the Cemetry Gate, Public Gardens, and the Market on market day.

No services for seamen were held this year under the auspices of your Cammittee. Still several brethren connected with the Association held meetings from time to time especially for sailors.

We note with pleasure the cheering reports from the distributors— Some of whom have been engaged in the work for over ten years; and they always look ferward with pleasure to the return of the Tract distributing season. Instead of being discouraged they are cheered by the encouraging words of those among whom they labor.

We would again press upon the attention of our successors and upon the Association, the great importance of this branch of Christian work. We feel that every christian worker should to a greater or less degree be a track distributor. Imagine 300 of our members being pledged tract distributors. What a power for good we would then have! The mere stepping on the deck of a vessel and appearing at the door of the forecastle or cabin with the usual—"Good morning, will you have something to sead this morning?"—may appear, and is, a very simple act; but God has made it an instrument in his hands of turning the sinner from the error of his ways and making him a consistent working Christian. Instances could be given of good done by this means.

In conclusion we most heartily tender our thanks to the British American Book and Tract Society, for the liberal supply of tracts and papers—amounting to some 20,000—which were admirably suited to our work; also to the London Tract Society for the grant of 6,000 very superior tracts. We would also thank the following—Jas. Farquhar, W. H. Wiswell, R. G. Halls, Jas. McGregor, R. E. Saunders, J. L. French, Neil Brodier, A. Dunlap, W. Munro, C. W. Allan, A. M. Bell, E. B. Sutcliffe, C. H. Robertson, Chas. McLearn, and John E. Saunders—brethren connected with the Association who gave us their assistance so cheerfully.

JAS. FORREST, Chairman.

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The services of your Committee were seldom called for during the past year. Several cases were reported and received all the attention required. There were not any cases brought to the notice of the Committee requiring special attention, as all were being looked after by their friends and clergymen, in which circumstances your Committee does not feel called upon to interfere. amounted to 33,000.

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The Reading Room which had been opened for young men on Sabbath afternoon was closed last spring, owing to the small attendance.

Students attending the colleges are now admitted to all the privileges of the Rooms during the term, on the payment of one dollar, it no uniquest

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J. C. MACKINTOSH, Chairman.

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CONSTITUTION.

Revised and Amended at a Special Meeting called for that purpose March 11th, 1876.

ARTICLE I.

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

ARTICLE II.

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

ARTICLE III.

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

ARTICLE IV.

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

ARTICLE V.

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, not more than six Vice-Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, (who shall be six vice-frestients, Corresponding Secretary, and a Greeral Committee of not more than thirty-two members, comprising, as far as possible, members of each evangelical denomination, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot, but such ballot may be dispensed with by a unanimous vote of the members present. The General Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies occurring in their body after the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

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

ARTICLE VII.

The Committee shall have power to suspend or expel any member whose conduct may be found inconsistent with the character of the Association,

ARTICLE VIII.

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

ARTICLE IX.

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

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BYE-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1-MEMBERS' FEES.

Members received into the Association shall pay an annual fee of Two Dollars, payable on admission, and on the first of January in each year thereafter.

ARTICLE 2-DUTY OF OFFICERS.

- 41. It shall be the duty of the *President*, and, in his absence, of the senior *Vice-President* present, to preside at meetings of the Association and General Committee.
- It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies and disburse
 the same under the direction of the General Committee. He shall present a
 full and correct account of his transactions to the Annual meeting, and to the
 General Committe when required.
- 3. The General Committee shall manage all the affairs of the Association, and make bye-laws for its government. They shall appoint the Secretary and fix his salary, and shall report fully to the Association at the Quarterly and Annual Meetings. They shall appoint the following Standing Committees, and such other Committees as may be required, viz: A Committee on Missions and Devotions; on Finance; Literary and Social Committe; on Membership; on Strangers and Employment; on Temperance; on Tract Distribution; on Visiting Sick; and on Rooms and Library. Seven members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.
- The Board of Trustees shall discharge their duties under the direction
 of the General Committee, and shall present a full report of their proceedings
 to the Association at the Annual Meeting.
- 5. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of all meetings of the Association and Committees, and of the name, residence, and church of each member, notify all officers and members of their election or appointment, and prepare the work for the Business Meeting. He shall collect membership dues and subscriptions, and pay the same over to the Treasurer. He shall also act as Librarian, and generally under the direction of Committee, perform such duties as they require.
- It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, under the direction of the Committee, to conduct the correspondence of the Association, keeping copies of all letters and fyles of those received.

ARTICLE 3-STANDING COMMITTEES.

- The Committee on Missions and Devotions shall consist of seven members, and have charge of the mission work, and of all the devotional meetings and Bible Classes of the Association.
- 2. The Committee on Finance shall consist of five members, shall devise means for obtaining funds for the Association, shall examine and approve all accounts referred to them by the General Committee, previous to payment by the Treasurer.
 - 3. The Literary and Social Committee shall consist of seven members.

They shall, under the direction of the General Committee, provide for the delivery of lectures, the establishment and management of literary classes, and of

social meetings of the Association.

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

5. The Employment Committee shall consist of five members, and it shall

be their duty to aid young men in getting employment.

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 4-VISITING ROOMS COMMITTEE.

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

ATTICLE 5-MERTINGS.

1. The Annual Meeting of the Association, for the election of officers and the transoction of other business, shall be held in the month of January in each namento flada assistatoració adriade e con regintació no en acciona

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

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

ARTICLE 6-ALTERATIONS.

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

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Passed the 6th day of May, A. D., 1875.

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

- 1. John S. Maclean, William B. McNutt, Murdoch M. Lindsay,, James B. Morrow, William C. Delaney, William H. Wiswell, Daniel McN. Parker, Samuel H. Black. William H. Neal, Edward Jost, James C. Mackintosh, Archibald Patterson, and such other persons as are now members of the Young Men's Christian Association or shall hereafter unite with them under provisions of this Act, shall be and are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of the "Halifax Young Men's Christian Association."
- The object of the Association shall be the improvement of the spiritual, moral, mental and social condition of the young men of the City of Halifax, by the support and maintenance of religious and social meetings, sermons, lectures, a library, a roading-room and such other means as may conduce to the accomplishment of this object.
- 3. The Association may adopt such a Constitution and Bye-Laws for the admission and vualification of members, the choice, power and duty of its officers, and the regulation of its business generally as are not juconsistent with this Act and the laws of the Province.
- 4. The Association may acquire and hold real and personal estate, and with the consent in writing of at least two-thirds of the Trustees and two-thirds of the General Committee, may sell, mortgage or convey the real estate.
- The Real Estate of the Association, together with any devise of Real Estate hereafter made, shal be managed by a Board of Trustees, each of whom

shall he a member in good standing of one of the Evangelical Churches of the City, but not more than three shall be members of any one denomination. John S. Maclean, Daniel McN. Parker, Edward Jost, James Farquhar, Thomas A. Ritchie, Edwin D. King, James Thomson, Samuel L. Shannon, and Thomas A. Brown are hereby created such Board of Trustees, and vacancies shall be filled in such manner as the Constitution of the Association may provide.

- 6. Any income arising from the real estate, after deducting payments for interest, insurance and necessary repairs shall be devoted to the purpose of the Association and seall be paid by the Board of Trustees as the Association may
- 7. No intoxicating drinks shall be sold or used, nor games of chance allowed in any part of the property of the Association; nor shall such property be used for any purpose inconsistent with the objects of the Association as stated in this Act.
- The Real Estate of the Association shall not be liable for any future debt or obligation of the Association unless the same shall have been contracted with the approval ond sanction of two-thirds of the Trustees.
- 9. Such portion of the Real Estate of the Association as may be exclusively used for the purposes of the Association shall be exempt from taxation.
- 10. Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1873, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association" is hereby repealed.

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