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REPORT.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN:—At this, the close of another year of our Association work, it becomes us to pause and look back over the way by which we have come, carefully to review the past and question ourselves as to the faithfulness with which our work has been performed; not what results are manifest, for results are with God, and though a "Paul may plant and an Apollos water, He alone can give the increase." Let us thank Him sincerely that, *already*, some fruit is apparent, and if not as much has been accomplished as we could have desired, let each examine his *own* doings, and see whether the part assigned him has been as well done as he could desire.

The very explicit report given by each Sub-committee forbids more from your General Committee than a brief summary; but, how much might be written of the lack of zeal, the coldness of the love, and the need of more continuous dependence on Christ for the accomplishment of the blessed objects for which Christians labor and pray.

"If," said Jesus, "ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you."

Do we receive what we ask? Are we abiding in Christ? But Brethren we must labor as well as pray. Remembering the charge given to every disciple: "In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thy hand for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that or whether they both shall be alike good."

Now is our sowing time, and if in obedience, with prayer and patience the seed is scattered, who can doubt that the Lord of the harvest will in his own time cause that abundant fruit be borne!

The Sabbath afternoon meeting, started some two years since, has been sustained with unabated interest, and we are assured has been the means of leading some souls to seek Jesus, and of deepening conviction in others. The Bible Class and Prayer Meetings have been a source of blessing to many. The tracts distributed have been eagerly read, and who can doubt that the truths in them contained have found a lodgement in the minds of that too much neglected class among whom they have been more especially distributed.

At the annual Convention held this year in Washington the following brethren were our representatives, viz: Messrs. Maclean, Montgomery, Mackintosh, Farquhar and McBean; at that in St. John, The President, J. S. Maclean, John Grierson, Geo. Jamieson, Geo. Y. Young, Thos. Clarke, S. G. Matheson, Malcolm Bethune, Dr. Delaney, C. E. Puttner, Dr. Slayter, Jas. Forrest, Edw. Jost, W. H. Swindon, W. P. Archibald and the Secretary.

These Conventions were both seasons of rich blessing, and for a time at least gave an impetus to our work at home.

You will bear in mind that the next Convention of the maritime provinces is to be held sometime during the ensuing summer in Halifax, and your committee bespeak for the delegates who shall assemble here as cordial a welcome as was given by the brethren in St. John, last year; trusting that the meetings may be fraught with rich blessing to many in our own loved city.

Dear brethren; the year has closed, its record has been faithfully kept on High, and if some words or deeds have been recorded there, which now we can well wish unsaid or undone, only by penitence and stronger resolves for the future can we atone for them, for the record is closed,—unalterably sealed.

Let us seek strength from the Author of *all* strength that the chapter of our history for this year be a brighter and happier one—keeping steadily in mind that young men are perishing around and among us, and that it is ours to warn them of their danger and to assist them in their escape—for souls are precious.

A. W. EATON,
Secretary.

THE LECTURE COMMITTEE

REPORT that since their last annual statement, lectures have been delivered by Rev. A. J. Mowitt on "Ancient Christianity, the True Solution of the Social Reform Question"; Rev. Alex. Falconer on "Lights and Shades of European Church Life A.D. 1520"; Rev. Allan Simpson on "Mental Dyspepsia, its Cause and Cure," and Professor Lawson, "The Origin of the Dominion Flora," (with illustration.)

During the present course there have been five lectures delivered by the following gentlemen:—Rev. A. W. Nicholson, of Windsor, Rev. Dr. Warren, Rev. Geo. J. Caie, of St. John, N. B., Rev. C. Bruce Pitblado, of St. Mary's, and David Allison, Esq., M. A., President of Mount Allison College, Sackville, N. B.

Your Committee have much pleasure in noticing that the attendance at the Hall during the evenings of the lectures has been very gratifying—a marked improvement on last season. Your Committee have also to state that they have secured the services of four other gentlemen who have kindly consented to lecture during the present season.

Your Committee would take this opportunity of cordially inviting and urging each member of the General Committee to take his seat on the platform during the time of the lectures.

D. HENRY STARR,
Chairman.

BIBLE CLASS AND PRAYER MEETING.

THE Bible Class has been kept up during the past year on Saturday evening as usual. The Committee regret to find that during the year there has been a falling off in the average attendance from 39 last year

to 32. This decrease has been more marked during latter part of the year; the average attendance being 46 for the first quarter, and only 26 for the last quarter.

The Class has been conducted during the past year much on the same system as heretofore.

This being a very important branch of our work the Committee commend the class to the very serious consideration of those who may have charge of it during the coming year, in the hopes that some measures may be adopted by which it may be enlarged, and be made the means of accomplishing yet greater good in the future than it has in the past.

The Thursday evening prayer meeting has been kept up as usual during the year; the attendance averaging about 13, but though small the meetings have been highly interesting, and the promise of Jesus—"where two or three gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them," has been verified.

A. PATTERSON,
Chairman.

ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

The Rooms and Library Committee have to report that during the past year that branch of the Association work entrusted to them has been performed as efficiently as the means at their disposal would allow.

The Library has been somewhat increased, principally by bound volumes of magazines, and the number of books issued average 7 per day, or about 2200 per annum.

The Reading Room keeps up to the standard of former years, there being in addition to our Provincial Newspapers a liberal selection of leading magazines, pictorial and scientific papers kept on the tables, and your Committee from time to time revise the lists, leaving out such as are little read and adding others which are called for. From 70 to 80 persons per day frequent the rooms, making in all 23,000 visits for the year.

Your Committee has offered the privileges of the rooms to the students of Dalhousie and the Presbyterian colleges free. A considerable number of strangers visited the rooms the past year.

The best thanks of our Association are due to the editors and proprietors of newspapers who, by their kindness in furnishing copies of their sheets gratis, and in many other ways, further the interests of our Association, and make its objects and claims known at home and abroad. The following papers have been received free—*Halifax Chronicle, Colonist, Citizen, Reporter, Recorder, Express, Brantford Courier, Colonial Farmer, Montreal Witness, Religious Intelligencer, Church Observer, Dumb Animals, Nova Scotian, Journal of Education, Eastern Chronicle, Provincial Wesleyan, Presbyterian Advocate, Kentville Star, Liverpool Advertiser, Nova Scotia Farmer, Christian Messenger, Presbyterian Witness, Congregational Record, Monaghan's Advertiser, Dalhousie Gazette, Church Chronicle, Dominion Monthly,*

Tourist's Guide Book, Home and Foreign Record, from R. B. Wilch, *St. Luke's Penny Post*, from various Associations Reports, from Mr. Jos. S. Rogers, a copy of his Photographic Advertising Book and from Mr. McAlphine, a copy of his Directory.

J. C. MACINTOSH,
Chairman.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

REPORTS that there is a balance due the Treasurer of \$33.94, that there are unpaid accounts amounting to \$71.65; the total liabilities of the Association being \$105.59, against which there are debts due amounting to about \$100.

The change which has been made in the time of paying subscriptions, by which they are all made due on the 1st January in each year will, if the members are punctual in their payments, place the Treasurer in funds to meet present liabilities, but your Committee earnestly call attention to the fact that the premises now held by the Association must be vacated by the 1st April next, and not only will the moving of the property of the Association and fitting up new premises involve considerable expenditure, but it is to be feared that the current expenses of the Association, especially in the item of rent, will be greatly increased. Your Committee therefore urge upon every lover of the Association the absolute need of largely increased financial support, if the work is to be sustained with any prospect of active usefulness to the young men in our midst.

Your Committee, on your behalf, desire to record the thanks of the Association to its numerous friends who, though not members of the Association, have nevertheless manifested a warm interest in its operations, and have greatly facilitated these by their kind contributions to our funds.

Your Committee trust that as in the past so in the future, and more abundantly, these friends of the Association will continue to give us their practical sympathy and support, and that their numbers will be largely increased.

Your Committee would fail in their duty if they omitted to make mention of the valuable services rendered to the Association, during the past year, by the Treasurer, S. H. Black, Esq., and on behalf of the Association, they would tender him its warmest thanks.

JAMES. B. MORROW,
Chairman.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

REPORT that 96 members have been added while 83 names have been struck off the roll, during the year, leaving the net increase 13, and a total membership of 540—of whom 310 are *active* and 230 *associate*.

Three of our members have been removed by death, viz., Hon. M. B. Almon, Hon. Edos Collins and S. N. Binney, Esq., the two former were life members, and all of them have been identified with the Association from its formation.

Many of those whose names have been dropped have left the city, several of whom took a deep interest in our work, and we have no doubt they will find opportunities for usefulness in connection with the Associations where they now reside.

It will be noticed that a large proportion of our members are *associate*, though adherents of, have not formally connected themselves with any branch of the christian church, which fact cannot but impress upon us that while endeavouring to benefit those outside of our organization, our *first duty* is to those who are immediately connected with us.

In view of the importance of putting forth special effort on behalf of our *associate* members, and realizing the fact that "not by might nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord" can these young men be brought to the feet of the Saviour, the words of our Lord to His Disciples are also borne in mind—"Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit." Your Committee recommend that during the incoming year, each member of the Managing Committee, and such other members as they may secure, to join with them in this effort, take the name of one or more of these young men, and strive earnestly, by conducting them to our Bible class and devotional meetings, by personal labour and prayer with and for them, to bring them to a knowledge of their true position, and a saving acquaintance with the Lord Jesus Christ, by faith in Him as their Redeemer.

It is gratifying to be able to state that a step has already been taken in this direction, since the close of the week of prayer, special meetings have been held in our rooms, which have been well attended, and considerable interest manifested.

R. N. BECKWITH,

Chairman.

TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

The Committee on Tract Distribution report that the usual places where tracts were formerly distributed have been visited, and tracts left, every Sabbath morning, from the first Sabbath of May till the last of November.

The Police Station, the Dartmouth Ferry Station-house, and several of the Guard Rooms have been supplied in the mornings, besides the vessels at the wharves and in the Harbour, where every seaman on board receives a tract. In the afternoons parties have been appointed, to place tracts on the seats in the Public Gardens, and distribute at the open-air services at the Cemetery.

As a general rule the tracts have been well received and read, and if declined they are declined with courtesy.

The Committee cannot estimate the number of tracts thus given away—there must have been about five thousand.

They have received an appropriation from the funds of the Association of ten dollars, for the purchase; but by far the greater portion of the supplies were received from the Rev. Dr. King, being an appropriation to him from the London Religious Tract Society, and which were placed at the disposal of the Committee.

JAS. FARQUHAR,

Chairman.

STRANGERS AND EMPLOYMENT.

DURING the past year a large number of applications have been made by young men from the Provinces and from abroad for assistance in procuring situations, and in some cases for pecuniary aid, which have been met so far as it lay in your Committee's power to do so. In view of the increase in this branch of our work the question suggests itself whether some system should not be adopted as in the United States to bring the employers and employed into communication with each other. As a beginning your Committee would suggest that a list be kept at the Rooms of all persons seeking employment, with details of age, occupation, &c., as far as practicable, and that employers be requested, in case of their needing clerks or assistants, to give notice to the Secretary of the Association. We commend this matter to our successors in office.

JAMES B. MORROW,
Chairman.

LITERARY.

In accordance with arrangements proposed and made early in the year, the Committee reorganized the Literary Class, and held their first meeting, which was well attended, on the 17th October, 1871. Since then similar meetings have been held at intervals up to the present time, and will be continued until the close of winter. The exercises proposed were Readings, Recitations, Essays, Debates, Addresses, Music, Short Lectures, &c. At the meetings the time (usually two hours) has been occupied in an instructive and entertaining manner. The attendance has not been as large as anticipated, but it is hoped that it will increase when a more suitable Hall is provided in the new building.

Through the liberality of a member of the Executive Committee, Twenty Dollars have been placed at the disposal of the Committee, to be paid to the successful competitors for prize essays on the subject of the new Y. M. C. A. Building, &c. The time for the reception of these essays has been extended to the 15th of February next.

The Committee suggest that in the next course of Lectures there might be introduced an evening of Literary Exercises alternately with the Lectures at Temperance Hall or elsewhere.

W. H. WISWELL,
Chairman.

BUILDING.

The Building Committee have to report that the sum of \$5256.00 is in hand towards the erection of a new building. Towards the close of the Autumn a general meeting of the clergymen of the city was held at the Rooms, at which, after a free interchange of opinion, it was decided that the time had not then arrived when it would be prudent to make a general appeal to the citizens. A

short time since, six members of the Association offered to secure a very suitable and well situated site, and to hold it open to purchase by the Association at cost price, for two years. It is understood that in a short time the premises we now occupy must be given up, and there is no little difficulty in securing suitable accommodation. Under such circumstances your Committee feeling how urgent is the need of the new building, desire to impress upon all the propriety of immediate action towards its commencement and completion.

J. B. MORROW,
Acting Chairman.

MUSICAL AND SOCIAL.

A social meeting was held in the basement of Brunswick Street Church on the evening of February 24, 1871. Interesting addresses were delivered by several clergymen, and refreshments were kindly provided by several of the ladies of the Brunswick Street congregation.

At this meeting the amount of Seventy-six dollars and twenty cents was subscribed towards the deficiency in the funds at the close of the year.

W. H. WADDELL,
Chairman.

THE CITY MISSION COMMITTEE.

HAVE very great satisfaction in being able to report that a large measure of success is apparent from the operations which have been their especial charge during the year.

With prayerful earnestness the Word has been proclaimed to the hundreds of young men and women who have attended the Sabbath afternoon meetings, and the increased attention and interest, together with occasional instances of deep feeling manifested, justify the Committee in their conviction that God is blessing this branch of the Association's work.

Your Committee would most heartily thank the clergymen who have so kindly assisted them in sustaining these meetings, and would ask the fervent prayers of the Association that still greater results may attend this means of Grace.

To Brother Jost are also due the warm thanks of the Committee for the privilege so generously continued of being permitted to occupy the mission chapel for our meetings.

J. S. MACLEAN,
Chairman.

CONSTITUTION.

Revised and Amended at a Special Meeting called for that purpose,
November 28th, 1884.

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.—Course 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, in advance. 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 any one time, may become a Life Member.

ARTICLE V.

The Officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, 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.

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