

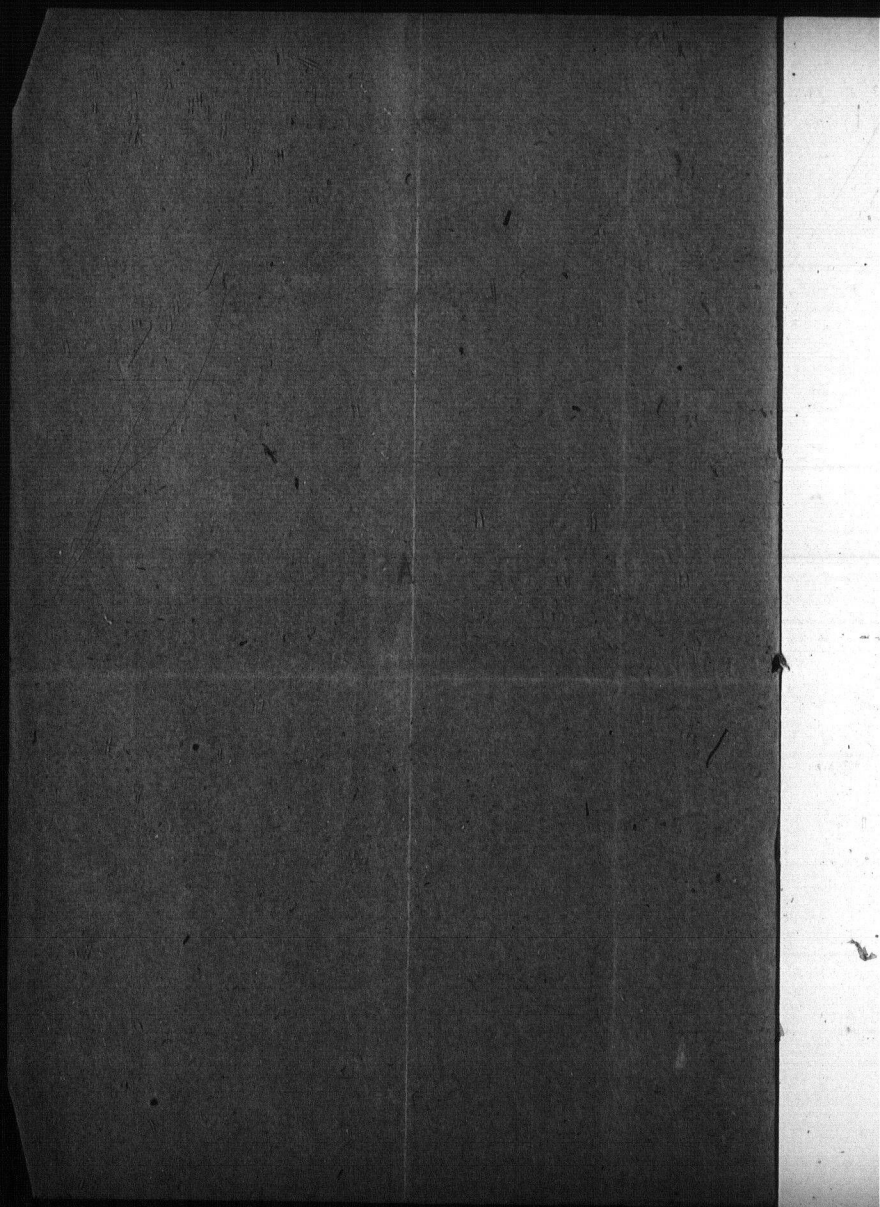
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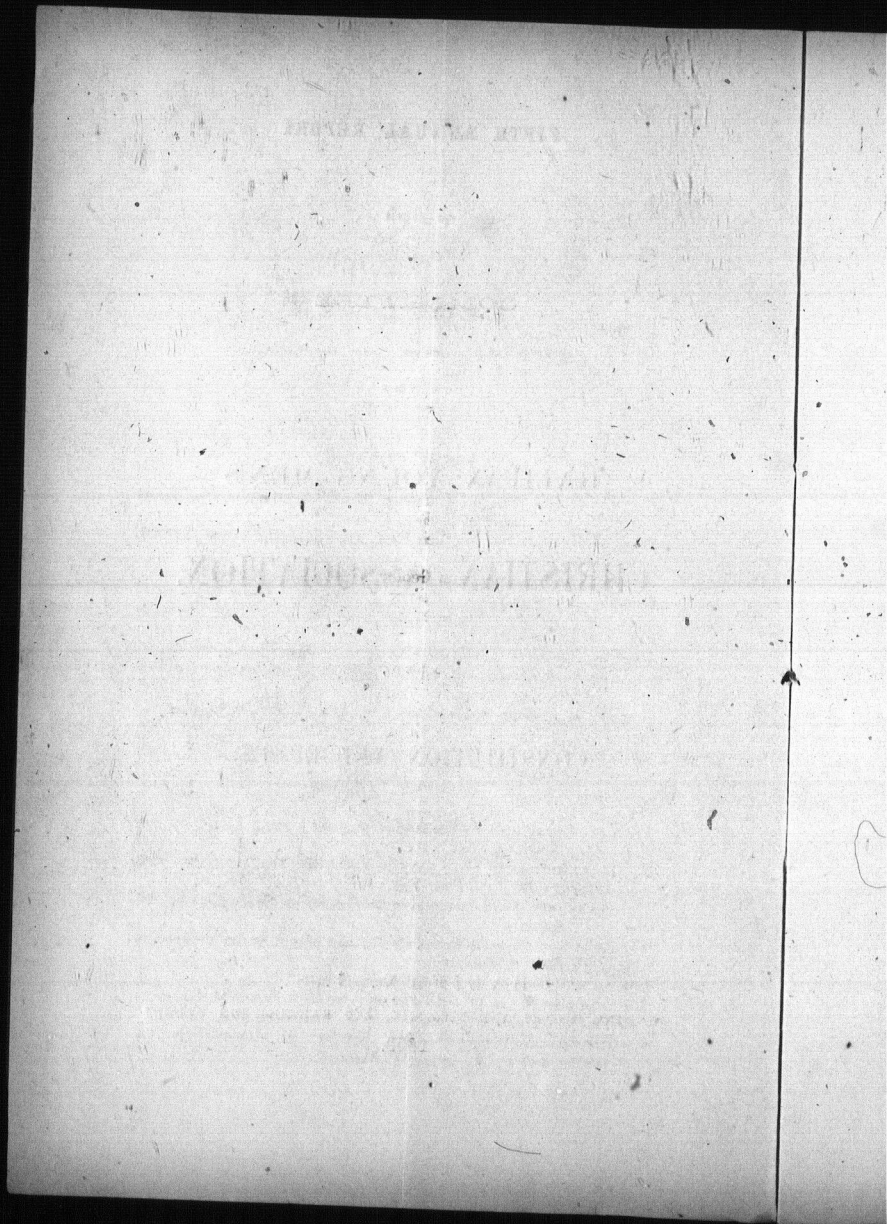
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LECTURES

DELIVERED BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION.

FIRST COURSE.

- 1.—Nature and Objects of Young Men's Christian Associations; by Rev. Matthew Richey, D. D.
 - 2.—The Hebrew Nation: their Past, Present, and Future; by Rev. George Hill.
 - 3.—Facts and Lessons from Geology; by Rev. J. C. Geikie.
 - 4.—The Advantages of Literary Studies, and their Consistency with the Spiritual Life; by Rev. William Lyall, Professor of Philosophy.
 - 5.—The Power of Individual Exertion; by Rev. George W. Sprott.
 - 6.—The Present War viewed in the light of Prophecy; by Rev. Alexander Forrester.
 - 7.—The Formation of Character; by Rev. E. A. Crawley, D. D.
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SECOND COURSE.

- 1.—The Age and its demands on Christian Young Men; by Rev. Dr. Twining.
- 2.—Daily increasing Testimony to the authenticity of the Scriptures; by P. C. Hill, Esq.
- 3.—Missionary Spirit essential to the Christian character; by Rev. C. Stewart.
- 4.—Religion: How far it is a study, and how it is to be studied; by Rev. A. Pollock.
- 5.—Sacred Poetry; by Peter Lynch, Esq.
- 6.—Glimpses of the World's Future; by Rev. P. G. McGregor.
- 7.—The Catacombs of Rome; by S. L. Shannon, Esq.
- 8.—External History of the Bible; by Rev. E. Maturin.
- 9.—Reason and Faith; by J. W. Marriott, Esq.

LECTURES.

THIRD COURSE.

- 1.—Direct and Indirect Advantages of Christianity ; by Rev. E. Sedgewick.
- 2.—Monachism ; by Rev. D. Freeman.
- 3.—Plurality of Worlds ; by Rev. Dr. Cramp.
- 4.—Columbus and his Times ; by Rev. Thomas Dunn.
- 5.—God in Language ; by Rev. S. T. Rand.
- 6.—Mohammed II. ; by Matthew H. Richey, Esq.
- 7.—Outlines of Astronomy ; by J. R. Mosse, Esq.
- 8.—Hindoo Mythology ; by Rev. Professor McKnight.

FOURTH COURSE.

- 1.—Moral Education of the Young ; by Rev. Dr. Forrester.
- 2.—The Sphere and Influence of Woman in Christian Society ; by Rev. R. Sedgewick.
- 3.—Life of the Patriarch Job ; by Rev. C. Churchill.
- 4.—The Works of Creation as revealed by the Telescope and Microscope ; by James Forman, Esq.
- 5.—The Curse of Labour ; by J. W. Marriott, Esq.
- 6.—Unity in Creation ; by P. C. Hill, Esq.
- 7.—The connection between Natural Philosophy and Revealed Truth ; by Rev. Dr. Twining.
- 8.—Byron and Cowper—a Contrast ; by S. L. Shannon, Esq.

FIFTH COURSE.

- 1.—The Age and its Young Men ; by Rev. John Hunter.
- 2.—Amusements for Youth ; by Rev. Robert Sedgewick.
- 3.—Old Testament History ; by Rev. Professor Hill.
- 4.—Astronomy ; by Rev. Professor Hensley.
- 5.—India ; by Rev. Charles Churchill.
- 6.—The Law and the Love of Unity ; by R. Miller, Esq.
- 7.—The Study of Bibliography ; by Rev. E. Maturin.
- 8.—The Sabbath ; by Rev. T. Jardine.
- 9.—India and its Mutiny ; by J. W. Marriott, Esq.
- 10.—Divine Providence in reference to Nations ; by Rev. P. G. McGregor.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

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

ARTICLE II.

That the objects of the Association shall be

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

SECOND.—The formation of a Christian Library and Reading Room.

THIRD.—Rooms and accommodation for Bible Classes and Social Prayer Meetings.

FOURTH.—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 real vital religion may be promoted.

ARTICLE III.

That as it is the desire of the Association to admit no one

to membership who does not give decided evidence of his conversion to God, therefore no person shall be proposed who shall not be a member in good standing of one of the evangelical denominations. He shall be proposed by a member of the Association at one of its meetings, and shall be elected by ballot by the general Committee, after a satisfactory inquiry as to his eligibility.

ARTICLE IV.

That all members of the Association subscribing Twenty Shillings and upwards, shall be admitted to the privileges of the Library, Reading Room, and Lectures.

ARTICLE V.

That any person of good moral character may become an Associate member of this Association by the payment of Ten Shillings annually and shall be entitled to all the privileges of this Association, the right to vote excepted.

ARTICLE VI.

Any member on the payment of Ten Pounds at any one time, shall become a Life Member.

ARTICLE VII.

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

cretary, a Treasurer, Librarian, and a standing Committee, comprising as far as possible members of each evangelical denomination, all of whom shall be chosen annually by ballot.

ARTICLE VII.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

It shall be the duty of the President and 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 accurate account of all books delivered to all members.

It shall be the duty of the Committee to manage all the affairs of the Association, to make By-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 IX.

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

LIFE MEMBERS.

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" " M. B. ALMON.
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HENRY BOGGS, Esq.
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REPORT.

YOUR Committee beg to report that while some new features of much interest were developed in connexion with the Association during the past year, yet in the main its course has been as heretofore. Its constant aim has been the growth of its members in grace and knowledge—the diffusing and intensifying of brotherly affection among Christians of all denominations—the promotion of the best interests, temporal and spiritual, of YOUNG MEN—and the exercising of a salutary moral influence on the public mind.

Shortly after the commencement of the great religious awakening of last winter, it came to the knowledge of your Committee that kindred Associations in other places took an active part in the movement by originating, and assisting at, special Prayer Meetings and other services and by diffusing religious intelligence. Your Committee, following so good an example, established a Prayer Meeting in the Reading Room which was held on the mornings of Monday, Wednesday and Friday without interruption for three months. During the first two months the attendance averaged twenty-four. Your Committee also authorized the Secretary to prepare and issue a Circular containing intelligence of the Revival. Of this Circular three thousand copies were distributed throughout this Province and Prince Edward Island, and it is hoped that they have not been without a beneficial effect.

The weekly Bible Class has been sustained throughout the year without a single interruption. The attendance has been very encouraging—rising sometimes to *forty* and falling rarely even during the busy season to twenty. During the first three years of the existence of the Association the attendance on this class rarely reached twenty. During last summer a few of the Military attended with great regularity, and they always expressed themselves as both pleased and benefited. It is to be regretted, however, that, lately, from causes over which this Association has no control, their further attendance was forbidden.

The Course of Lectures during last winter was well attended throughout; and your Committee are gratified to be able to report to the same effect with regard to the first four lectures of the present Course. The Association is under deep obligation to the gentlemen who from time to time engage in our public lectures without any remuneration except the consciousness of doing good. The last Course was ended and the current Course introduced by public Prayer Meetings. On the former occasion addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Twining and Rev. Charles Churchill, and on the latter by the Rev. John Hunter and Rev. Foster Almon.

Seventy-two volumes of Chambers's publications and fifty-eight volumes of other excellent works were added to the LIBRARY during the year. Well stored as it now is with books of the best kind in every department of useful and entertaining literature it is certainly deserving of the patronage of the Christian public. Yet to sustain its interest it is necessary that constant additions of the newest and best publications should be made to it. The following Periodicals and Newspapers have been received in the Reading Room during the year: *London Times*, *Illustrated London News*, *London Record*, *Athenæum*, *Beacon*, *Watchman*, *Edinburgh Witness*,

Evangelical Christendom, New York Observer, Tribune Evangelist, Scottish American, Philadelphia Presbyterian, Independent, Boston Recorder, Church Witness, Presbyterian Witness, Provincial Wesleyan, Christian Messenger, American Messenger, Church of Scotland Record, Free Church Record, Christian Instructor; the Edinburgh, Princeton, North British, Quarterly, and London Quarterly Reviews; Blackwood's Magazine, Hunt's Merchants Magazine, Eclectic, National, Bulwark, Household Words, Christian Classics.

While the annual income of the Association has been steadily increasing (the list of Active and Associate Members becoming larger each year) your Committee feel that their Income and Expenditure are as yet too nearly balanced to enable them to make those useful additions which they so much desire. Besides the satisfaction of viewing the Association as self-sustaining in a pecuniary point of view, they are anxious to see the Library become a recognized means of usefulness in the community, offering to the young men themselves, to parents and guardians, the best literature of the day at the smallest possible cost. To this end their Member List must be further increased, so as to enable them to devote the whole of the funds arising from donations to the purchase of books only. An increase of twenty-five or thirty pounds annually will enable them to do this; and they trust it is only necessary to mention this fact to induce such an addition to the list of Members and Subscribers as shall at once place the Institution on a permanent basis. The Treasurer's account will be found on another page.

Your Committee have to report with cordial thanks the following Donations: £20 from the Hon. M. B. Almon; £10 from William Miller, Esquire; and an annual donation of £5 from the Hon. the Chief Justice, and Mr. Miller, and £2 10s. from A. K. Doull, Esq.

Since the commencement of the Association *ninety-seven* Active Members have been in connexion with it. Three of these have died; *eight* have removed from this city, some to distant lands; and five have ceased to be connected with the Association from other causes. Our members now number *one hundred and fifty-three*; Active and Life Members, *eighty-one*; Associate Members, *seventy-two*.

The thanks of this Association are due to the proprietors of the *Morning Journal*, the *Sun*, the *Chronicle* and the *Colonist* for publishing gratis the Society's Advertisements; to the proprietors of the religious press for copies of their publications gratis for the Reading Room; and also to the Managers of the Athenæum Reading Room for permitting the officers of this Association to assemble in that Room on evenings of lecture. Mrs. FORRESTER has generously allowed us to occupy our present Rooms at the very low rent of £25 per annum, and for this the Association is certainly under deep obligations to her.

Your Committee observe with much satisfaction the beneficial working of the Early Closing movement in which this Association took so active an interest eighteen months ago.— They regret, however, that an exception is still made, in most establishments, with regard to Saturday evening—business being carried on generally an hour later that evening than on any other. But if YOUNG MEN can make it appear that they put to good use the leisure hours already secured, your Committee cannot doubt that in due time the additional boon of early closing on Saturday evening will also be granted to them.

Your Committee have much pleasure in expressing their approval of the conduct of their Secretary, Mr. Murray, who during the past year has devoted himself with much earnestness and fidelity to the discharge of the duties of his office.

Your Committee cannot close this Report without expressing their devout gratitude to their DIVINE MASTER who has hitherto enriched the Association with his presence and blessing—who has given us favour with good men of all ranks and denominations, as well as delightful and unbroken christian concord among ourselves.

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DR.—*The Halifax Young Men's Christian Association*—Contra—CR.

EXPENDITURES.

Books added to the Library,	£34	3	10
Newspapers, Periodicals & Magazines for Reading Room,	22	0	6
Salaries—Secretary and Librarian,	£65	0	0
Messenger and Sub-Librarian,	7	0	0
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	72	0	0
Rent—4 quarters to date,	25	0	0
Hire of Temperance Hall for Lectures,	40	5	0
Travelling expenses of Lecturers,	12	0	0
Printing Reports, Catalogues, Hymns for Lectures, &c.	28	17	6
Petty Expenses, Gas, Fuel, &c. &c.	15	18	11
Balance in hand this date,	42	4	10
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	£292	10	7

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hand 1st January,	£66	3	9
Donations—Hon. M. B. Almon,	£20	0	0
William Miller, Esq.	10	0	0
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	30	0	0
Subscriptions to date,	113	10	0
Lecture Receipts since 1st January.			
Last Course,	£38	17	4
Present Course,	41	8	0
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	80	5	4
Newspapers re-sold,	2	11	6
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	£292	10	7
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By Balance on hand,	£42	4	10

Errors excepted.

CHARLES ALLISON, *Treasurer.*

Halifax 31st December, 1859.