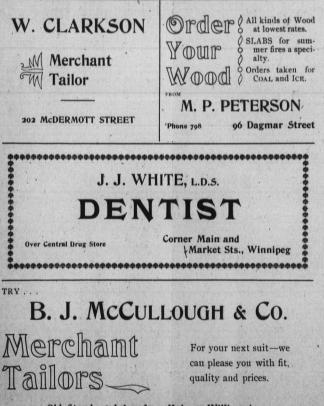


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## 18th Annual Report

OF THE

# YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

### CITY OF WINNIPEG.

OF THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1896.

PRESENTED JANUARY 8TH, 1897.

WINNIPEG : Free Press Company. 1897.

#### IMPORTANT DATES.

Organized May 16th, 1879, in Aikins & Montgomery's rooms over Parsons & Richardson's store, corner Main and Owen Streets. Rented a room November 1st, 1879. Engaged a General Secretary, June 15th, 1880. Moved to McKay Block, 455 Main Street, June 1st, 1881. Moved to Maycock Block, Corner Main and Alexander Streets, January 25th, 1886. Incorporated April, 1886. Moved to Scottish Block, over 530 Main Street, April 1st, 1896.

#### STATISTICS FOR 1896.

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		Total	Average	
	Attendance in Reading Room		82	-
	51 Saturday Evening Meetings	1673	32	
	52 Sessions Bible Class (Sunday)	859	16	
	13 Sessions Training Class	56	4	
	55 Young Men Personally Dealt with , + .		A 1	
	10 " " Professed Conversion	•		
	68 Young Men referred to Boarding Houses .			•
	61 Applicants for Employment			
	18 Secured Situations			
	14 Lectures were Given	1452	103	
	5 Mass Meetings were Held	4850	970	
	6 Boys Meetings	85	14	

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#### THANKS.

At the annual meeting held in the Association parlor. January 8th, 1897, the following resolutions were unanimously passed :

#### Resolved :

That this Association expresses its appreciation of the work done by Mrs. Watt and those associated with her in connection with the work for the Chinese in our city.

#### Resolved : .

That the thanks of the Association be tendered Mr. I. W. Housser for his services as auditor.

#### Resolved .

That Mr. Frank G. Walsh be thanked for a receipted account for \$50.00, covering one year's use of telephone.

#### Resolved :

That the Free Press, Tribune and Nor'-Wester be thanked for their reports, notices, etc., and also for free copies of their papers supplied to the Association.

#### Resolved :

That proprietors of newspapers at points outside of Winnipeg be thanked for free copies of their papers.

#### Resolved :

That the thanks of the Association be tendered the ladies who have so generously furnished the rooms, and also for the \$1000 provided, to be expended in furnishing the new building.

#### Resolved :

That the President be tendered the thanks of the Association for the great services he has rendered the Association.

#### DIRECTORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1896.

There are indications that the tide in the affairs of the Association has been taken at the flood which will lead on to victory. At the time of the last annual meeting we were longing for a change of rooms, which up to that time had not been possible because suitable accommodation could not be found. A Committee had been on the outlook for some time, and in March the present convenient and more central building was discovered and rented for a term of three years. The matter of furnishing was a difficult problem, which had to be settled before we could have such a cosy and attractive suite of rooms as was necessary for the work. Fortunately, Mrs. Colin H. Campbell, and the ladies of the School of Cookery came to our rescue with the amount which they had made over \$1,000 for the furnishing of the New Building, and now we have a place of which we are not ashamed. Since moving there has been much more interest manifested on part of the workers. There are indications, too, that we are just beginning to wield that influence among the young men of the city that should be the result of this work. Our hearts have been filled with thankfulness as we have noted the growing sentiment in favor of a building. The Chicago Bulletin says :

"The problems of American life will find an easy solution in the proper training of young men, for which work the Association, if rightly treated and equipped, is particularly adapted. The rearing of handsome buildings devoted to this work will both give it permanency and efficiency. No better investment can be made by wealthy men than the proper endowing of this institution."

The erection of a building will not be our victory, but the results which we are confident will follow the erection. Not only do we desire to see young men kept from vice, but we wish to see many gospel workers going forth like D. L. Moody and Rev. John McNeill and crediting the Young Men's Christian Association with giving them their start in Christian work. Can the business men rest satisfied until they have seen a suitable building fully equipped in which they and their employees can spend their leisure hours?

PHYSICAL WORK.—Although there has been considerable talk about a gymnasium, nothing has been undertaken. This will be an advance step for the coming year. One of the greatest difficulties has been to secure a member who is enthusiastic enough to carry such work through to a successful issue.

SOCIAL WORK.—The unsuitableness of the old rooms and the unsettled state of the new ones up to the close of the year have been reasonable excuses for little social work being done. The New Year's reception however shows that the Committee still has much life and activity. Now that the parlor is so attractive we shall expect to hear from this department during 1897.

MEMBERSHIP.—While the early part of the year saw very little accomplished in the way of securing new members, there is now considerable activity. The appeal for membership is mostly to the Christian young men, who should manifest an interest in this Association, if in no other way than by becoming and remaining members. There must be a large number of men, too, who are not decided as to the Christian life, who would appreciate a home-like room where they can read or play games together. The latest magazines and illustrated papers will be found in this room after the New Year. Everyone can and should work on the Membership Committee. Carry blanks in your pocket and hand to your friends as you meet them.

Two active members have left to take up the work of the Association as their life work, Mr. George Marnie going to Boston and W. E. Clarke to Worcester. We regret losing them, but cannot help feeling that they are called to higher service, and we wish for them great success as they labor for the Master.

Only one member has passed beyond the veil during the year, Mr. John Paterson. Besides this loss one contributor has also passed away, Mr. W. F. Henderson. These departures teach us that we too should be ready for the call.

BOYS' WORK.—This is a department that has not been in existence for several years, but which it was felt should be revived. It is a work which has the greatest possibilities and we hope will bear much fruit among the lads as they are growing up. Practically no other attraction can be offered them at present than a gospel meeting, and yet they are taking hold of this with an earnestness which should stimulate many seniors.

RELIGIOUS WORK.—This work is divided into two departments—that inside and that outside the rooms. The latter has been in the hands of faithful workers who have visited the jail, police station, etc., regularly. We will miss Mr. Jas. T. Brown whose profession. has called him away to another town. The college students and citizens have rendered efficient help from time to time as demands were made upon them. Few definite results are seen, but our command is: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand."

The Gospel Meetings and Bible Classes have been held regularly at the rooms, and several special men's mass meetings have been addressed by prominent visitors in the city. The object of all these has been to point men to Jesus Christ as the one who is able to save from all sin. There is room for another Bible Class sometime during the week. This matter should be considered at an early date. The field of personal work must not be overlooked. Several workers have visited the hotels each Saturday evening, while others invited men from the streets to come to the gospel services.

OFFICE.—At the close of 1895 our office staff was reduced to the General Secretary and Assistant. This was necessary in order to economize, and while the work has been slightly crippled our object has been attained as seen by the financial statement. Mr. Cowan left the assistant secretaryship in September to take a course of study in Manitoba College. Mr. Robt. C. Horn, then President of the Local Union of Christian Endeavor, was called to the office. It is a regret with many that this office cannot be more permanent, but when the nature

of the case is fully considered it will be seen that these changes cannot well be avoided.

In looking forward to the future and back on the past we can but say "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Many young men bless God for the Winnipeg Young Men's Christian Association of the past, and we believe we are on the eve of a work which will be more far reaching and more effective. Let us then thank God for what he has done, and thank Him all the way through the coming year as He uses us in the extension of His Kingdom among the young men.



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#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee for the year 1896 was composed of the entire Board of Directors, the canvassing being divided among its members. Early in the year, following the plan of last season, a letter was sent to all subscribers for the year 1895. thanking them for their subscriptions and expressing a desire to have them renewed for 1896. As a result, subscriptions were returned to the amount of about \$1,400. This method relieves the Dire tors of much personal solicitation, and can be safely followed during the year 1897. The balance of the moneys raised during 1896 has nearly all been obtained from membership fees and by personal canvass. This latter method must largely be depended upon to secure the amount needed for the work of the Association. The amount subscribed during the year 1896 was \$3,141.45, and of this sum \$2,927.95 has been paid, leaving a balance of subscriptions amounting to \$213.50 yet to be collected. A large portion of this uncollected amount is considered good, though not now available.

The amount realized in 1896 from membership fees was \$175.50. Thus the total cash receipts for the year were, from subscriptions and membership fees, \$3,193.45, in addition to which we have received from other sources the sum of \$325.60, and there was on hand at the beginning of the year the sum of \$6.29. Our total expenditure for the year was \$3,522.62, so that we have been able to meet all our expenses and have a balance of \$2.72 in the hands of the treasurer.

There has been a decrease in the amount received from membership fees as compared with that received last year. This matter should receive the special attention of the Association. Of the amount obtained by subscriptions during 1896 the sum of \$1,373.10 had been pledged by the 6th of March. A vigorous effort should be made in 1897 to have the canvass completed as early as possible in the year. It is believed by those who have been canvassing during 1896 that there are a large number of Christian people in Winnipeg not at present subscribers to our Association who would become such if they

could be reached. More systematic plans should be adopted to reach in the canvass for subscriptions all who are in sympathy with and willing to contribute to the support of our work. The burden of raising the necessary moneys has in the past rested on too few. A strong canvassing committee from among the membership should be appointed for 1897, to assist the Directors in securing the amount needed for the work of the Association.

#### E. L. TAYLOR, Chairman.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

In presenting their report for the year 1896, your Committee regrets that their expectations formed at the beginning of the year have not been realized. We are sorry to report a decrease in our membership.

Although a large number of names have been struck off the roll, there is no cause for being discouraged, as the prospects of the Association were never brighter than they are at the present time.

We would ask every member of the Association to consider himself on the Membership Committee, and to visit the rooms more frequently, and let us all try and make this year, 1897, the Diamond Jubilee Year of Her Majesty's glorious reign, the best in the history of the Association.

We are sorry to record the death of one of our active members during the past year, that of Mr. John Paterson, in September last.

Your Committee would recommend the following names of clergymen as honorary members : Rev. Messrs. Mitton, Richardson, Henderson, Munro, Brown, Vining and Walker.

There have been added during the year 35 members, 26 Active and 9 Associate. 63 names have been struck off the roll for various reasons, leaving the present membership, including honorary members, 276. Active 185; Associate 62; Honorary 29. Last year the total membership was 339.

> GEO. MITCHELL, Chairman.

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#### BUILDING FUND.

#### Receipts.

Cash on hand, January 1, 1896	\$173 209 3		
• · · · ·	\$386	96	
Disbursements.			
Interest paid on Loan of \$3,000	\$210	00	
Cash on hand	\$176	96	1000

#### RELIGIOUS WORK.

The religious work of the Association comprises the Men's Meeting held each Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, and the Bible Class on Sunday afternoon, conducted by the General Secretary.

Meetings have been held throughout the year, the total attendance at the Saturday night meetings being 1673, average per week 32; Sunday afternoon 859, average per week 16.

From the above statistical record it may be inferred that a representative assembly has been present at every meeting. It may be noted that the Bible Class has been growing in numbers and influence during the latter part of the year.

It would be impossible to tabulate the spiritual results. The moral stimulus which has been imparted through Christian fellowship at these meetings has been frequently acknowledged; and by the helpful influences of the Holy Spirit many souls have been awakened to a sense of sins forgiven. In the newly acquired compartments of the Association there are added facilities, and an enlarged opportunity for progressive Christian work, which fact your Committee duly appreciates, and shall endeavor to advance their sphere of service in proportionate degree.

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#### JAIL COMMITTEE.

The work of this Committee at the Provincial Jail has been carried on regularly during the past year. Considerable interest has been manifested by the prisoners in every part of the services, and we feel assured that the time given, and the work done, has not been in vain.

We regret the removal from the city, and consequent withdrawal from the Committee, of Mr. J. T. Brown, who during the past two years has very acceptably filled the position of chairman.

The Committee, as at present constituted, consists of Messrs. A. V. McClenaghen, A. E. Davey, J. E. Routledge and J. W. Cooke.

We have been greatly encouraged by the courteous consideration and assistance extended to us by Gov. Lawlor and his staff, having been enabled thereby to accomplish our work more effectually, and we here record our thanks to them, as well as to all the friends who have so willingly helped in this important work. We further note with much pleasure and appreciation the faithful services of Miss Lawlor, who as organist has given us most valuable assistance.

Miss Lottie Polson has done excellent work in collecting a large portion of the Sunday School papers and miscellaneous religious periodicals which have been distributed among the prisoners at every service.

On Christmas Day a suitable literary and musical entertainment was provided for the prisoners, which was highly appreciated. The Frisoners' Aid Association of Manitoba, of which the members of this Committe are members, although a distinctly separate organization, has been a worthy ally in the work. Through it a number cf discharged prisoners have, on recommendation of the proper authorities, received necessary aid in the way of clothing and temporary lodging. In some instances railway fares have been paid, or advanced.

#### JOHN W. COOKE, Chairman.

#### POLICE STATION WORK.

The Committee in charge of the Police Station Work begs to report as follows for the year 1896 :

The meetings have been held regularly every Sabbath morning from 9,30 to 10.30. They are conducted after the usual manner of mission services. Special attention is given to the singing, in which the prisoners take a great interest and often join heartily. The average attendance at the meetings is about seven, the sexes being evenly represented. While the prisoners are free to remain away from the meeting if they wish, it is worthy of notice that they very seldom do unless their condition is such that they cannot appear.

Your Committee regrets that it cannot report anything definite as a result of its efforts among the unfortunates who compose the audiences at the police station meetings, but the character of the work is such that it is well-nigh impossible to follow its effects. We are firmly convinced, however, that the work is a good one, and that the seed sown will in God's good time bear fruit abundantly.

Your Committee begs leave to record its thanks to Miss Joyce for assistance rendered as organist, to the ladies of the W.C.T.U. for occasional help with the meetings, and to officers of the police station for many little kindnesses extended to us during the year.

> ALF. H. BAILEY, CHAS. PASSMORE.

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DEAR SIR :

I have very great pleasure in handing you as Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association the sum of \$25.00 (\$20,00 of this is from the Chinese Boys attending the class on Sundays, and \$5.00 added by Mrs. Watt, our worthy Superintendent), as a small recognition of the great kindness shown by the board of management in granting us the use of their large and now well furnished and comfortable room, for the carrying on of the work God has given us, and please convey to the Board the heartfelt thanks of both Superintendent, Teachers and Scholars for the free use thereof, and to say also that under God's good blessing this large room is now comfortably filled each Sabbath.

There are about 35 on the roll now, and the past year has averaged 24 each Sabbath. The laundries continue to be visited each week, and so everyone is known.

One of our scholars, just lately returned from China, tells of two missionaries having a little church in Canton (the home of the Chinamen here), and another scholar still in China writes us the same good news.

Many changes have taken place during the year. Many of our old scholars have located in outside towns. We follow these by writing to ministers, or others, to look after them and get them to School, and good reports come from them. Amongst the new ones who have come are notably a family of three from Vancouver, the mother (father dead), daughter, three boys and an uncle. The uncle and two boys attend school, whilst one of the lady teachers gives a lesson twice a week to the two Chinese ladies.

We have now teachers from the English Church, Methodist Church and Presbyterian Church and all work harmoniously together.

Yours in the Master's service,

JAMES THOMSON, In charge of the Chinese Class.

#### SOCIAL WORK.

The work of this Committee during the year which has passed has been the source of many regrets and not a few joys, but we are glad to be able to say that at the close of the year we find ourselves in better shape and better able to cope with the requirements of our branch than when it commenced.

We will give you a brief summary of the work that has been done, and what we now have to offer to visiting young men, and allow you to judge for yourselves.

In the first place, we had to do a great deal in the way of reorganizing the committee. This took some time, as faithful committeemen are a scarce article, and it has been hard work finding sufficient men who are able to give, say, one evening a week to Reception work, in consequence of which the regular nightly Reception Work has been rather neglected. Secondly: After securing some few committeemen and getting in a position to get down to work, we were obliged to lay on our oars, as far as public reception was concerned, until after we had changed our quarters. This meant a delay of some two months, but we are amply repaid now that the move has been made, although it was some time before the Reception Room was in such shape as to be enticing to visitors.

The Committee's heartiest thanks are due the lady friends for the interest manifested in the furnishing of the parlor, which is now both handsome and home-like.

Thirdly: Your Committee has supplied ushers for the various lectures provided by the Literary Committee, also for the Men's Sunday afternoon Evangelistic Services.

And last, but not least, our New Year's Reception, which we believe was appreciated by all, was pronounced a decided success, and encouraged us to the extent of trying to forget the failures of the past and look forward to better things during the year upon which we are entering.

May God grant that each one of us may feel more and more the responsibility of this work, and keep up and doing while it is day.

> ALFRED E. DAVEY, Chairman.

#### LITERARY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee met and arranged for a course of Lectures and Entertainments, which were given on Thursday evenings in the months of October, November and December, as per the following programme :

Oct. 22—Lecture by Prof. D. W. McDermid, "Methods of Teaching the Deaf," illustrated by his pupils.
 Oct. 29—Lecture by Rev. R. C. Johnstone, "Lady Nairne and Her Ballads."

Nov. 5—Lecture by Dr. Montgomery, "Single Tax." Nov. 21—Lecture by Dr. Clint, "Our Teeth." Dec. 3—Lecture by Dr. Laird, "Electricity," illustrated by the latest experiments.

Dec. 10-Lecture by Rev. A. Henderson, "The Books We Read." Dec. 17-Lecture by Rev. Dr. Bryce, "Some Famous Churches of Great Britain."

Dec. 31-Musical Evening, arranged by Mr. C. N. Mitchell.

The course was in every way satisfactory, especially the lectures, which were illustrated, which seemed to meet with the popular favor of the Association audiences.

We wish to express our thanks to the Free Press, Tribune and Nor'-Wester for locals and reports, and also to thank those who have taken part either as lecturers, chairmen, or in the arrangements for the carrying out of the programme.

> WM. ANTLIFF, Chairman.

#### FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the Young Men's Christian Association of the City of Winnipeg the sum of . . . . . . dollars (\$ . . . ), and the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

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