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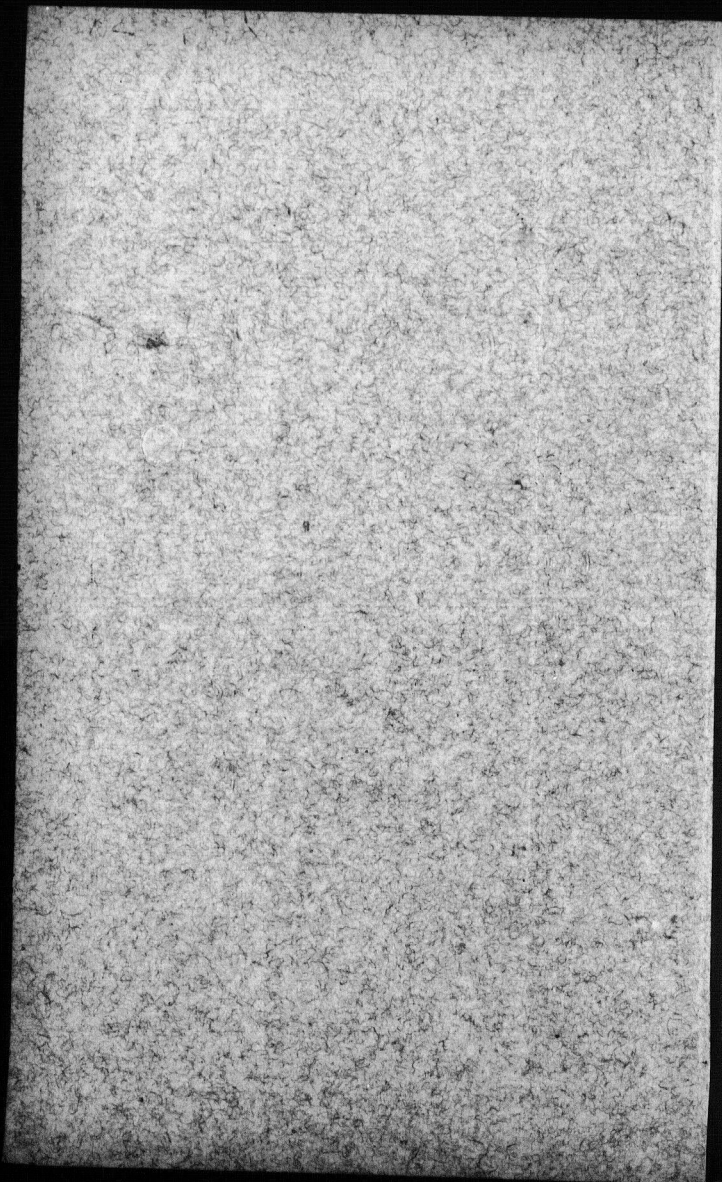
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J. PARSONS, B. J. SWEET, D. BLACKWOOD.

REPORT.

On this the twenty-sixth anniversary of the Association, we recall with gratitude the continued blessing of the Giver of all Good upon our efforts for the young men of our city during the last quarter of a century.

Our work has not varied much from previous years. No new plans have been attempted, but the Committees have been noticeably more earnest and attentive to their duties; and although we have not materially advanced, we certainly have not retrograded.

Our devotional meetings have been heartily sustained. The *Young Men's Prayer Meeting* is a blessing to the Institution. The *Bible Class* has been conducted with a varying, but upon the whole satisfactory attendance, and, without doubt, has proved a source of help and instruction to many. The *Sabbath Afternoon Meeting* has been continuously sustained throughout the year; and many a good seed sown, whose fruit may not be known in this world.

The distribution of tracts and other religious literature has been prosecuted with the usual vigor. Over 31,000 tracts and papers could not have been given away, and so readily received, without being a benefit to many.

The *Literary and Social* element also was not neglected, and the gratifying result of the labors expended in this direction has been not only much enjoyment to the members and friends who attended the entertainments, but the realization of a handsome sum, which went to decorate and improve the rooms.

The *Rooms and Library Committees* deserve great praise for their efforts to make the building comfortable and attractive, besides providing as liberally as they could for the patrons of the Reading Room and Library.

The *Reception Committee* has done good work in welcoming the strangers to the Rooms.

The *Membership* has somewhat decreased during the year. This is to be accounted for by a number having left the city, and the withdrawal of others who have lost interest in the Association.

The *Finance Committee* have a better and more encouraging report than ever before. They regret, however, their inability to grapple with the floating debt. Cannot something be done to annihilate this very disagreeable encumbrance?

Our work throughout the Provinces is not as satisfactory as it might be. The thirteenth annual Convention held in St. John in August last was

attended by 90 delegates. A most enjoyable and profitable gathering. The International Executive kindly sent Bro. T. K. Cree to counsel and encourage us. It is expected that either Bro. Geo. A. Hall or Bro. T. K. Cree will spend at least two months during the coming summer in the Maritime Provinces.

The Ontario and Quebec Associations held their Convention in Kingston in October, the Rev. Dr. Grant being elected President.

The Convention of Associations of the United States and British Provinces was held in Baltimore in May, and was presided over by Mr. D. L. Moody.

Brethren, let us be of good courage, and go forward with renewed zeal, looking for results, relying upon the promise: "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

MISSION AND DEVOTIONS.

The only variation from our ordinary routine that calls for special notice as having occurred during the year, was the arrival in this city, *en route* for the Baltimore Convention, of Mr. Charles Furmaur, of Switzerland, General Secretary of the Central Executive Committee of Y. M. C. A.'s of the World, who added to the interest of one or two of our devotional meetings by his presence, especially at the Gospel Meeting held in the Hall on Sunday, April 20th, which was crowded by an assemblage who were repaid for their attendance by the extended information given by that esteemed brother.

The following is a summary of the work under charge of the Committee:

Gospel Meeting. From January to June, and November and December, these Sunday afternoon services have been held in the Hall of the Association, removed there during the latter part of the past year. The attendance on the whole has not been such as was hoped for on making the exchange from the Barrack Street Mission House, with one or two special exceptions, when a stranger or some person of celebrity was announced as having consented to address the meeting. During the interval between June and November, in lieu of suspending the meetings as heretofore, it was thought best to carry on a prayer meeting in the class room; and although the attendance, as anticipated, was small, the devotional and social character thereof was good.

The annual Week of Prayer in November. These services were good. The addresses and papers by the ministers (who kindly responded to the request for their aid) were excellent, and worthy of a larger audience than was attracted on the occasion.

Thursday evening Prayer Meeting. This is but a small effort, but has this year been particularly characterized by its spiritual tone, which the members of the Committee, on visiting it, have been especially charmed by. They consider this meeting one of our best services, and would urge our young brethren to persevere in their delightful gathering, and would strongly advise others to join them.

Sabbath School. On the representation of the superintendent and teachers, the school has been removed from the National to the Inglis Schoolroom, and its character changed to that of an entirely mission work, admitting only such children and adults as were not in connection with any Church or Mission, in order that they might be entirely under the supervision and control of this organization. The officers and teachers appear devoted to the work.

The Bible Class has been unremittingly continued, under the conduct of the best men of the Association who could be induced to lead. Considering the advantages that such a class affords for Bible students, a better attendance ought to be given.

The Committee cannot close their report without again expressing their great appreciation of the younger brethren, who have zealously and largely persevered in endeavoring to make the institution worthy of support.

J. S. MACLEAN, Chairman.

FINANCE.

Your Committee, while regretting that the Treasurer's account shows a balance against the Association of \$67.27, yet feel it to be a cause for thankfulness that this balance is less by \$75.31 than the balance at the end of 1878. A comparison of the account of 1878 with that of 1879 presents some features which may afford profitable suggestions for the future.

Thus, while the gross receipts for 1879 were less by \$64.05 than the receipts in 1878—being respectively \$2971.84 and \$3035.89—the gross expenses were also less in 1879 by \$162.79, the sums being: for 1879, \$2896.53, and for 1878, \$3095.32—the nett gain to the Association being nearly \$100.00.

The amount received for subscriptions in 1879 affords gratifying evidence of vitality in the membership, being \$1101.25 against \$1055 in 1878.

A comparison of the arrears of subscriptions due at the end of 1878 and 1879 respectively, shews in a striking light the advantage of making strenuous efforts to collect the subscriptions during the current year. Thus, at the end of 1878 the overdue subscriptions amounted to \$350, being \$100 for 1877, and \$250 for 1878. At the end of 1879 only \$190 remained due

for 1878 and 1879, and of this amount \$120 belonged to the former year—leaving only \$70 belonging to 1879.

Your Committee regret that they have not been able to see any practicable means during the year of reducing the floating debt, which still remains a matter for the serious consideration of the whole Association, and the interest on which is of itself quite a large item in the annual expenditure.

JOSEPH BELL, Chairman.

LITERARY AND SOCIAL.

The Committee, after organization, prepared and published the Association's twenty-fifth Annual Report, in accordance with instructions from annual meeting.

They continued to completion the course of entertainments for eighteen seventy-eight and nine, embracing three lectures, two literary and musical evenings, a conversation, besides the President's "At Home," opening, and soiree closing, the season.

Your Committee are greatly indebted to the following ladies and gentlemen who very kindly gave their assistance in carrying out the course of entertainments:

Lectures—Rev. S. B. Dunn, Robert Motton, Esq., and Prof. Charles Macdonald, M. A.

Addresses—Rev. A. W. Nicolson, Rev. John Forrest, and Peter Lynch, Esq.

Original Papers—Messrs. J. M. Geldert and A. F. Woodbridge.

Readings—Rev. Riddell Morrison, Messrs. W. H. Hill, F. H. D. Vieth, J. M. Oxley, W. K. Angwin, A. F. Woodbridge, and H. G. Temple.

Music—Messrs. M. Morrow, C. Campbell, K. Morrow, Barnstead, L. Morrow, and Fowler; Mesdames A. E. Harrington and J. R. Gordon; Messrs. Stirling and Burns, Prof. C. DeW. King, Messrs. Henry, Payne, Stirling, Lloyd, Alexander, Smith, Crawford, Bennett, Wright, Kearney, Cogswell, Cornelius, and Messrs. Leadham and Chisholm from the Institution for the Blind.

The course for eighteen seventy-nine and eighty has been arranged for, and embraces four lectures, two discussions, with a literary and musical prelude and postlude.

The net proceeds from the season 1878-9 were about \$92, which, with the consent of the General Committee, was handed over to the Rooms and Library Committee, for the purpose of meeting expenditure connected with repainting the interior of the building.

Your Committee would impress upon the membership and other friends the fact that they have the same object in view with the proceeds of the current course.

Your Committee cannot help expressing their regret that the entertainments have not been more heartily supported by the membership of the Association, for whose benefit they are primarily and specially organized.

M. M. LINDSAY, Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP.

Your Committee, in presenting their report, do so with feelings of gratitude and encouragement.

We have struck off from the roll thirty members, for non-payment of dues for three years; twenty-four members have left the city, and seventeen have requested the removal of their names. Death has snatched from us three of our number; but, while we lament their loss, we resignedly say, "Thy will be done." Their names are as follows: C. Blackwood, W. J. Coleman, junr., and J. E. Marshall. By these various causes we lose seventy-four members; but in some measure to counterbalance this, we have obtained forty new members, exclusive of sixteen who have not yet signed the roll; thus leaving 443 names on the roll.

In conclusion, we would earnestly draw the attention of the members to the fact that there are in the city a large number of young men to whom the Association would prove a great boon, both as a place of recreation and as a place of religious instruction and communion, and who would undoubtedly join the Association were these facts laid clearly before them. We would therefore ask every member to try and obtain as many new members as possible, and to remember that as our roll lengthens, so does the usefulness and efficiency of our Association increase.

J. SEYMOUR SCOTT, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee, in submitting their report, only do so with the view of explaining their apparent apathy during the year past.

Public meetings and lectures being the only means by which the Y. M. C. A. could assist the Temperance cause, it was not deemed wise by your Committee to hold any such meetings, for the reason that the Alliance and other distinctive temperance bodies had, in the opinion of your Committee, fully occupied the attention of the public.

WILLIAM CROWE, Chairman.

TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

“By the good hand of our God upon us,” we are brought to the close of another year’s labor in this department of Association work, and we have reason to “thank God and take courage.”

As our sphere of operation is among a “floating population” literally, whose stay with us is necessarily brief, and with whom we may never again meet on the shores of Time, we cannot be expected to report results; but we rest in confident assurance on the verity of the promise that “it shall not return void,” and we hope that

When all the ship’s company meet
Who sailed with our Master below,

we shall have the happiness of meeting many of these “hardy toilers on the deep,” who set sail on the heavenly voyage from the port of Halifax.

As a class of men, our sailors have been too much neglected in the past; but we are happy to see that the Christian world is now pretty generally waking up to the importance of this work. We can never fully discharge the obligations we are under to these men; and when we consider the mighty influence they exert for evil or for good, as they sail to the four quarters of the globe, we see and deeply feel the necessity for continued and enlarged effort.

During the season, lasting from April to the close of November, there have been distributed by this agency upwards of THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND tracts and illustrated religious papers, which, with very few exceptions, have been thankfully received. Every vessel at all the wharves, from the Dockyard to the extreme south, has been visited every Sabbath morning, and appropriate reading matter for the day left with every man.

OUR BOAT

has also done good service in visiting vessels lying in the stream. In this way we have been able to reach upwards of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY vessels, and distribute tracts and papers to upwards of TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED men. Our work has been “sanctified by the Word and by prayer,” and whilst we have thus “cast our bread upon the waters,” we earnestly trust that the blessing of Him without whom nothing can prosper, may follow our labors.

THE COUNTY JAIL

has also been visited by a member of this Committee, a Sabbath morning service held, and a supply of tracts and papers left with the prisoners for reading during the week.

COTTAGE MEETINGS.

Brothers Saunders and Nickerson have been holding meetings on the evenings of Monday and Friday—the first in the old Industrial School, Carlton Street, and the other in Birmingham Street. They have been well

attended, and marked results for good have followed. One backslider has been reclaimed, and others are "seeking after God."

In conclusion, our hearty thanks are due to the British American Book and Tract Society for their liberal supply of tracts and papers; to Brethren Saunders, Nickerson, and Awalt, for their services in the boat; and to Brethren Shannon, French, Allen, Bell, Sweet, Robertson, McLeod, and Mifflin, for their valuable services on the wharves of the city; and to all for the kindness experienced at their hands during the time that we have been co-workers in this department of Christian labor.

R. GEO. HALLS, Chairman.

VISITING SICK.

During the past year, except in one instance, your committee have not been called on to exercise their special duty—the visitation of the sick.

Early in the year circulars were prepared and addressed to the medical men of our city reminding them that we are always ready and willing to visit and wait upon young men who may need our care, particularly those who are strangers or away from their homes—but no cases were brought to our notice.

The members of your committee have ever held themselves in readiness and had occasion offered, they would have gladly and lovingly performed any duty thus devolving upon them.

CHAS. H. LONGARD, Chairman.

ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

The reading room, library and halls have all been painted and renovated, at a cost of \$136.45. Of this amount \$91.92 was paid by the Literary and Social Committee: the balance, \$44.53, was raised by subscription among a few of the members. The rooms now present a comfortable and attractive appearance; and we would suggest that our successors carry on this work until both the parlor and the hall have come under the hand of the painter.

We have received the following gifts: A view of the City of Halifax, from G. Cunningham; a divan, from Dr. Delaney; and nine volumes of books from T. B. Akins, Esq. Your Committee have to add that the library does not receive that attention at the hands of the Finance Committee that such an important branch of our work demands. There ought to be yearly an allotment made to purchase standard works, so that in every way our Library may become one of the best in the Province. It contains at present 2850 volumes.

Among the additions to the Reading Room are several new papers and magazines. The Reading Room is supplied with over eighty newspapers from all parts of the Province, from New Brunswick, Canada, and other countries.

The attendance at the Dining Room has gradually fallen off. During 1878 the average was 25, while last year the average was reduced to 10. Circulars have been sent to the members calling attention to the fact. If a change for the better does not soon take place, the question of closing the room will have to be considered.

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

RECEPTION.

The committee have quietly prosecuted the work entrusted to them during the past year. The nature of this work prevents anything like the presentation of statistical results.

They feel that their efforts during the year have not been altogether in vain. Some good has been accomplished. Strangers are being constantly met with and spoken to; some who remain in the city are thereby drawn into closer connection with us; others, mere visitors, as they pass through, realize that the stranger is noticed and cared for.

In order to make the Rooms of the Association more and more a resort for strangers your committee has secured the consent of the railway authorities to place in a prominent position in the North Street Depot, an attractive sign-board, which will indicate to the stranger, as he steps from the car, where our building is located, and that its doors are open for his reception.

M. M. LINDSAY, Chairman.

Dr. **The Building Fund Y. M. C. A. in account with Treasurer.** Cr.

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S. H. BLACK, Treasurer.

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CONSTITUTION,

Revised and Amended at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, March 11th, 1875.

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 Byes-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 shall be eligible to serve on a committee, or be an officer of the Association who is not a member of 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 *ex-offi* to members of the General Committee) and a General 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 at the 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.

BYE-LAWS.

ARTICLE I—MEMBERS' FEE.

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 II—DUTY OF OFFICERS.

1. 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.

2. 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 Committee 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 Committee*; 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.

4. 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 the Committee, perform such duties as they require.

6. 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 files of those received.

ARTICLE III—STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. The Committee on *Missions and Devotions* shall consist of seven members, and have charge of mission work, and of all the devotional meetings and Bible Classes of the Association.

2. The Committee on *Finance* shall consist of five members, who 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 they think best, endeavor 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 opportunity may offer.

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 member of such Committee, and his place shall be filled by the General Committee.

ARTICLE IV.—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 the General Committee at their Quarterly Meeting.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS

1. The Annual Meeting of the Association, for the election of officers and the transaction of other business, shall be held in the month of January in each year.

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.

3. Meetings may be called at any time by the Committee, or by the President on the requisition of five members.

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 VI.—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 an unanimous vote.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE
HALIFAX YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

PASSED THE 6TH DAY OF MAY, 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"

2. 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 reading 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 qualification of members, the choice, power, and duty of its officers, and the regulation of its business generally, as are not inconsistent 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.

5. The Real Estate of the Association, together with any devise of Real Estate hereafter made, shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, each of whom shall be 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 a 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 purposes of the Association, and shall be paid by the Board of Trustees as the Association may direct.

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.

8. The Real Estates 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 and 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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