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FORM OF BEQUEST.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We are again permitted to meet to-night to review the labors of another year, and although we have nothing very special to report, still the good work has not gone behind. The many warm friends who have stood by the institution for years through good report and through evil report are nearly all with us yet, while every year some new earnest men are added to us. The reports of the various Committees will be submitted to you. The one on finance is gratifying as it tells of the removal of the floating debt which has long been a trouble to us, and it is peculiarly satisfactory to know that a good portion has been paid by small amounts given by young members, who thus show an interest in the Institution which is specially their own. By the change of tenants of the banking room we have had our income reduced four hundred dollars, which of course means a deficit of \$231 in our working expense account at the close of the year, this must be met at once, and means should be devised at this meeting for its removal. Our Devotional meetings have been all held regularly, but we have to lament the little interest taken by the young men in this part of our work. Every means have been tried to attract attendance by public advertisement and personal solicitation, but few have been gathered in; the question "what can we do to reach young men?" has not been answered successfully by our Association yet, our Reading Room and Library are well patronized; and new books and papers have been added. Our membership fluctuates, but we are always gaining some new ones to fill the places of those who leave us. We have to deplore the removal by death during the past year of one of the original members, W. S. Stirling, Esq., who has been a steadfast friend of the Institution ever since its inception in 1853. We have also lost by death seven other members, and by removal to other places several of our best workers and friends.

The Convention held at Truro in August was most enjoyable, a large number of the leading workers from all parts of Canada, met and spent several days in earnest Conference regarding our special needs and modes of working. Much pleasant intercourse was had with our brethren from Ontario and Quebec who proved themselves workmen not to be ashamed of, and we were mutually helpful, our meeting did us all much good, and we have one of the results in the visit of Bro. Cole, our own travelling Secretary jointly with the Upper Canadian Executive Committee, who is now travelling through our Province, comforting and strengthening the Brethren.

The Brethren in the United States are pushing the work vigorously in all directions, the Railroad and College departments have been wonderfully blessed during the past year, and the cause has taken long strides forward in all parts of the world.

Brethren have faith in our work, the good time must come and our success is sure. Our Institution is built on the Rock Christ, and nothing can prevail against it, if its members are faithful to Him and obey His command. Go work *to-day* in my vineyard. We have to regret that our President is not with us to-night, he having left some time ago for England.

J. S. MACLEAN, *Vice-President.*

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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Eighteen years ago, to-night I was first elected Secretary of this Association, at that time I served for four years, and after a lapse of four more, was again appointed to that office which I have held ever since.

My experience during the past year, has increased the conviction of the previous one, that the Y. M. C. A. has become a desideratum and a need in all Christian countries. Personally I am thankful to say, that I have received nothing but kindness from every gentleman who has held office, and I believe also during my incumbency the sympathy of the members generally. My work is becoming daily of more interest, and I rejoice to have the opportunity afforded me, of occasionally speaking words of sympathy and encouragement to young men especially strangers who often need it much.

In June last I was privileged to attend the Annual Conference of Secretaries, held in New Haven, a report of which I made to the General Committee on my return. Did time permit I would like to refer at greater length to the pleasure and profit I received in meeting with so many Christian brethren engaged in the same work as myself. During my absence I visited seven Associations in the United States. While of course the buildings, etc., in New York, Brooklyn and Boston, are on a much larger scale than ours, yet in the smaller cities they are far behind us in this particular, for instance in New Haven with a population of 75,000 the Association occupies only three rooms, Portland is similarly situated.

As many of you are aware our Association was represented at the Dominion, and Maritime Provinces Conventions, held in Truro last August. Both gatherings were of a very interesting character



and were doubtless, heartily enjoyed by all present. The presence and active co-operation of several Christian workers from a distance added not a little to the success of this second Dominion Convention.

Before concluding I would like to remind the Association, of their indebtedness to the Press, we have always received valuable aid, and kindest attention both from the secular and religious newspapers of our city.

Thus far in the progress of Association work we have received many proofs of Divine favor, let this stimulate us in our future efforts, and may the members and myself enter upon the labors of another year, determined to be more earnest and active in this part of the Master's vineyard.

HENRY THEAKSTON, *Secretary.*

### MISSION AND DEVOTION.

The first matter of importance which your Committee beg leave to report is the visit of Mr. Crombie, the newly appointed travelling Secretary of the Dominion Associations, whose evangelistic address, bible readings, and graphic illustrations were listened to with much profit. Towards the close of the year his successor Brother Cole also visited us, but on account of the busy season, it being Christmas week, his work did not extend beyond the General Committee and the Sunday afternoon service, and we hope, soon, to have him with us again.

The Gospel Meetings on Sunday Afternoon have been held as usual every Sunday throughout the year. The attendance has been varied. The ministers of various congregations have cheerfully given their support. The several chairmen selected for these meetings were, for the most part, taken from the ranks of the young men, who acquitted themselves well.

Thursday Evening Prayer Meeting has been kept up by a few earnest workers of young men, towards whom our hearts are especially drawn.

Bible Class, though poorly attended, yet there is an increased interest in the various subjects, which renders it a valuable auxiliary to the bible student. More should avail themselves of its advantages.

This year we adopted the placing in the chair our younger men, in whom we have much hope, as an example and encouragement to the younger brethren. We were very much gratified with their earnest and devout manner in conducting the meetings.

The members of the Committee have attended regularly; and have much enjoyed prayer and fellowship with each other every Wednesday afternoon during the year.

J. S. MACLEAN, *Chairman.*

## FINANCE.

In submitting their annual report, the Finance Committee say that the receipts and expenditure for the year just closed have been about the same as the year previous, the total receipts were \$2,664.46, and expenditure \$2,707.58. We commenced the year with a balance in our favour of \$4.93, and end it with a balance against us of \$38.19, beside this, there are outstanding accounts to the amount of \$193.33, making a total deficit for the year of \$231.52. This is a large deficit to commence the new year with, especially in view of the circumstance that we shall this year receive \$200 loss for rent of Bank premises, the total reduction in rent to new tenants is \$400, but as the Bank of Montreal did not vacate the premises until last May, the loss last year from that source was only \$200. We really begin the year with a prospective deficit of over \$400, but against that must be placed \$120 interest saved by the transfer of mortgage on building recently effected by the Trustees at the suggestion of this Committee; also \$67 interest on floating debt, which we are happy to say has been entirely wiped out during this year. At the commencement of the year the balance due on floating debt was \$676.29, and the Committee in retiring are happy in the knowledge that they leave their successors a clean sheet as far as this is concerned.

The Committee recommend, in order to meet loss from reduction in rent of Bank Premises, and for the purpose of bettering the financial condition of the Association, that a "sustaining fund" be started, a plan generally adopted in Associations in the United States, thus enabling this Association more effectively to carry on the great work in which it is engaged.

O. M. HILL, *Chairman.*

## LITERARY AND SOCIAL.

Your Committee in presenting their report for the past year would state that they revised and had printed 600 copies of the 28th Annual Report of the Association.

Your Committee have to express their sincere thanks to Peter Lynch, Esq., Duncan Campbell, Esq., Rev. A. McArthur, Hon. S. L. Shannon, Rev. W. G. Lane, Rev. Professor McKnight, D.D., and John Y. Payzant, Esq., for the very interesting Lectures delivered by them during the Winter, and to those persons who so kindly took part in the Literary and Musical entertainments. The net proceeds of last Winters Course amounted to \$50 (fifty dollars)

which was handed to the Library Committee for the purchase of books.

Your Committee met in September last for the purpose of making arrangements for a course of entertainments for this Winter. They tried to arrange for a series of Medical Talks, but failed, owing to the Medical men of the city declining to assist.

Great difficulty has been experienced by your Committee in securing Lecturers, out of eleven gentlemen invited to lecture only two consented.

D. HENRY STARR, *Chairman.*

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### MEMBERSHIP.

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The Membership Committee have again to report a slight falling off in the membership. There were on the roll at the beginning of the year, four hundred and fourteen, since then fifty eight new names have been added, and during the same period sixty were removed, forty of whom left the city, eight erased for non-payment of dues, four by request and the following eight died, viz.: J. P. Muir, W. S. Sterling, G. F. Stevens, Ed. Coleman, J. A. McLennan, E. G. Stayner, John Metzler, and A. A. Bliss.

The Committee call attention to the large number who have left the city, most of whom have gone to the North West, but for this drain, our membership would have shown an increase.

Early in the year a special effort was put forth by this Committee to increase the membership and to bring before the public the Association's claims for heartier support, and cards containing information regarding the Association accompanied by a circular were sent to all the Ministers of the City, requesting them to call the attention of their congregations to the benefits and help the Association offered to young men.

H. P. BURTON, *Chairman.*

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### TEMPERANCE.

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This Committee beg to report, that they, in common with other Religious and Temperance Societies, prepared and sent to the Dominion Parliament, at Ottawa, a petition requesting that no retrogressive legislation be entertained respecting the Canada Temperance Act. We believe that this was received as an exponent of the views of this Association in reference to the liquor traffic, and as

such added weight to other petitions convincing politicians that the Christian and moral influence of this city and county is strongly in favor of Total Abstinence.

Owing to the numerous meetings held by the various Temperance bodies of this city, we have not held any public meetings, yet we have not withheld our assistance and influence in this noble work.

Your Committee regret the extensive liquor traffic of this city, and also that so many young men are its victims, hence they would urge each member of the Association to do all in his power for the Temperance cause, and to urge young men to abstain from drinking habits.

Your Committee would further suggest that the terrible evils of this traffic be constantly kept before the public mind so that the difficulty of procuring names to license petitions may become still greater and that our liquor law become *more and not less* stringent.

JAMES FARQUHAR, *Chairman.*

### TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

During the past year we have had ten distributors in this department of Association work, who, from the 1st Sabbath in May, to the last Sabbath of November, have visited the vessels at the wharves and in the stream, and distributed *twenty-five thousand* tracts and pamphlets amongst the different crews; and we trust that much good will ultimately result from this work of faith and labour of love." Owing to the withdrawal of some of our best workers the work has not been done so efficiently as in former years, but has been ably supplemented by Mr. Grierson, Missionary to Seamen, who kindly supplied the deficiency.

We tender our hearty thanks to the British American Tract Society for their liberal supply of tracts without charge, save that of duty—and also to all the brethren who have co-operated with us.

A change has been proposed in this Department of work on the following ground. When we commenced our visits to the vessels at the wharves and in the harbor, there was no other Agency employed; now, there is a regular Seaman's Mission, and a Missionary employed, who devotes his whole time to this work, and from Sunday morning to Saturday night is engaged in visiting all the vessels in the harbor, and distributing tracts and other religious reading matter, his own Mission supplying him with the means. We leave this matter to the consideration of the General Committee of the coming year.

R. GEORGE HALLS, *Chairman.*

## ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report :

*Renovation, repairs, etc.*—The limited means at the disposal of the Committee prevented them from making all desirable improvements. They have, however, been called upon to make several necessary repairs, the cost of which, will be found in the general expenses of the Association.

*Library*—The number of volumes in the library, has been increased, by means from the Literary and Social Committee, also by donations from friends. We are happy to report an increased interest manifested in this department of association work.

The Committee have again to tender the thanks of the Association to T. B. Akins, Esq., for a donation of nine volumes of new books, to those proprietors, who have, gratuitously, sent their papers to the rooms, and also to the Rev. Dr. Burns, for similar favors.

*Reading Room.*—The attendance here has been very encouraging, and shows that the members and others enjoy and appreciate the literary advantages which this room affords. It still retains its high reputation of being the best in the Lower Provinces, both in regard to its number of papers and magazines, and to the high character of the literature found upon its tables.

*Dining Room.*—This has been better patronized during the year, than former y. The daily attendance averaged thirty.

*Fire Escape*—The suggestions in reference to "fire-escapes" have been left for the consideration of the new committee, who no doubt, will make all necessary provision for such accidents.

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, *Chairman.*

## RECEPTION.

During the year, your Committee have endeavored to perform the duties assigned to them, but owing to the want of time at their command, they could not do so entirely to their own satisfaction.

With the exception of the past few months, some members were present each night to welcome strangers, and to advance, as best they could, the interests of the Association.

J. BURGOYNE, CHAIRMAN.

## EMPLOYMENT

Your Committee having had but one or two applicants during the year, have not been regularly called together.

As yet, this department of association work is not fully recognized by the public, it is being chiefly done by the press or otherwise.

Perhaps if the attention of business men were called to this matter, much good might be done in the way of assisting young men.

Your Committee would have cheerfully undertaken to carry out the designs of the Association, had they been called upon to do so.

W. H. WISWELL, *Chairman.*

## VISITING SICK.

This Committee beg to report that their services were not required to any great extent during the past year. We have, however, been willing to respond to any call made upon us, but very few of our members were in such a position as to require our assistance.

We might mention one case that came under our care—that of a young commercial traveller who was found in one of our Hotels, friendless and seriously ill. Several members of our Committees visited him frequently, and when recovered sufficiently to return to his home, advanced him funds to pay his way, which were returned with many thanks from his friends.

The Committee cannot refrain from bearing testimony to the vigilance of our Secretary in our work. In every case where he thought we might be of service, he enquired carefully and tendered the assistance of the Committee.

JAS. FORREST, *Chairman.*

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Halifax Y. M. C. A. in Account with Treasurer.

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

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January—To balance.....	\$12676 29
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## CONSTITUTION.

*Revised and Amended at a Special Meeting called for the purpose, March 11th, 1875*

### ARTICLE I.

The Association shall be called "THE 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 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 may be fixed by the By-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 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 *ex-officio* 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 the 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 a *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 *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 may 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 *Room 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 on 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



AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE  
**HALIFAX**  
**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, Murdock 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 By-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 all devise of Real Estate hereinafter 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, Edward 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 purpose 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 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 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 purpose 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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 McDonald, Rod.  
 McEwan, James  
 McNutt, W. B.  
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 McDonald, John  
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 McGregor, D.  
 McDonald, J. R.  
 McGregor, James  
 McKenzie, A.  
 Moir, J. W.  
 Mellish, John T.  
 Murray, E.  
 Morrow, J.  
 Morrow, M. R.  
 Muir, S. C.  
 McCurdy, W. E.  
 McLeod, Daniel  
 Marter, F. B.  
 Murray, E. S.  
 McKenzie, C. E.  
 Miller, A.  
 McLean, D. R.  
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 Mackintosh, L.  
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 Moody, Wm.  
 Morrison, E.  
 Moseley, R.  
 Mott, J. P.  
 Munroe, H. D.  
 Murray, H.  
 Moir, Wm.  
 Moreash, T.  
 McDonald, A. G.  
 McKay, A.  
 McDonald, R. W.  
 McDonald, S. D.  
 McDonald, W.  
 McLellan, C. P.  
 Meynell, W. F.  
 Merlin, Robt.

McArel, Henry  
 McLean, D.  
 McKerron, J. T.  
 McDonald, D. J.  
 Noble, S.  
 Neal, W. H.  
 Nickerson, E.  
 Nilson, Christian  
 Newcombe, Frank  
 Nutting, C. M.  
 Norman, Robert  
 Noble, Walter  
 Oxley, James H.  
 Oxley, Fred. H.  
 Oldright, Henry

Paint, H. N.  
 Parker, Hon. Dr.  
 Parsons, J. F. L.  
 Payzant, J. Y.  
 Pearman, W. M. D.  
 Paw, G. A. V.  
 Philip, J. H.  
 Potter, J. S.  
 Payzant, L. K.  
 Potter, J. G.  
 Peters, Albert  
 Pottinger, D.  
 Prentice, James  
 Frost, Walter H.

Read, Dr. H. H.  
 Reynolds, C. F.  
 Richey, M. H. M.F.  
 Ritchie, Hon. Judge  
 Robertson, C. H.  
 Roche, Wm. Jr.  
 Robson, Charles  
 Reil, R. J.  
 Ritchie, Thomas A.  
 Richey, M. H. Jun.  
 Robinson, L. D.  
 Ross, D. H.  
 Russell, J. A.

Ray, W. H.  
 Ross, J. T.  
 Ross, Wm. Hon.  
 Russell, Benj.  
 Robertson, W.  
 Richardson, G. W.  
 Richardson, F. P.  
 Selden, Stephen  
 Shannon, Hon. S. L.  
 Silver, W. C.  
 Silver, W. N.  
 Slagter, Dr.  
 Smith, E. G.  
 Smith, J. S.  
 Smith, J. Wesley  
 Starr, D. Henry  
 Sutherland, A.  
 Simson, W. H.  
 Squires, Frank  
 Starr, John  
 Stevens, D.  
 Sedgewick, James  
 Shalford, A. W.  
 Salter, A. F.  
 Stairs, J. W.  
 Smith, A. E.  
 Stewart, David  
 Street, Rufus J.  
 Shannon, J. N.  
 Sutcliffe, E. B.  
 Saunders, R. E.  
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 Stayner, C. A.  
 Stewart, J. J.  
 Scott, J. S.  
 Smith, J. G.  
 Studd, W. H.  
 Sutcliffe, J. I.  
 Smith, Isiah  
 Scott, Thomas  
 Smith, W. A.

Sullivan, E. A.  
 Stayner, Guy  
 Shaw, Capt. Gilbert

Taylor, H. A.  
 Twining, R.  
 Taylor, John  
 Tracey, George  
 Theakston, Major  
 Theakston, H.  
 Theakston, R.  
 Thomson, James  
 Troop, A.  
 Temple, H. S.  
 Taylor, William  
 Taylor, B. A.  
 Vanbuskirk, G. E.

Waddell, S.  
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 Welch, R. B.  
 Wiswell, W. H.  
 Wright, R.  
 Williams, W.  
 Wilson, J. E.  
 Weeks, G. J.  
 Woodbury, Dr.  
 Woolard, Enuch  
 Winterbourne, Rev. H. J.

Warren, W. A.  
 Wright, C. W.  
 Wilson, H. S.  
 Waters, Henry  
 Wilson, W. H.  
 Whitman, A.  
 Whittier, H. H.  
 Woodill, R. A.  
 Wood, John  
 Wilson, Alex.  
 Wilson, Thomas A.  
 Weis, O. F.

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EXCEEDING \$200.

Dr. Avery	\$20 00	T. Duncanson	4 00
B. H. Collins	20 00	W. Crowe	4 00
S. H. Black	20 00	W. Jordan	4 00
G. H. Starr	20 00	J. Bell	4 00
J. S. Maclean	20 00	H. P. Sinton	4 00
S. A. White	20 00	C. H. Longan	4 00
T. A. Brown	20 00	G. R. Anderson	4 00
T. B. Atkins	20 00	Jarvis Hart	4 00
Hon Dr. Parker	10 00	J. J. Bremner	4 00
J. Morrow	10 00	S. M. Brookfield	4 00
Peter Lyach (2 years)	8 00	M. H. Richey, M.P.	4 00
Hon S. L. Shannon	8 00	J. S. Smith	4 00
James Farquhar	5 00	C. F. Goreham	4 00
James Thomson	5 00	H. H. Bell	3 00
S. Borcham	5 00	Charles Jobson	3 00
D. McGregor	5 00	R. A. Creighton	3 00
R. J. Sweet	5 00	E. D. Saunders	3 00
G. Cunningham	5 00	E. D. McNell	3 00
W. H. Webb	5 00	O. M. Hill	3 00
J. F. Eorrest	5 00	W. B. McNutt	3 00
E. G. Smith	5 00	E. Jost	3 00
V. Roche, Jr.	5 00	S. Waddell	3 00
J. P. Mott	5 00	G. E. Faulkner	3 00
J. W. Smith	5 00	George Mitchell	3 00
Edward Lawson	5 00	D. M. McLeod	3 00
J. Fraser Torrens	5 00	H. S. Temple	3 00
J. S. Scott. (2 years)	5 00	James McEwan	3 00
J. C. Mackintosh	5 00	A. J. Bell	3 00
A. G. Bremner	5 00	W. H. Wiswell	2 50
John Gibson	4 00	L. D. Robinson	2 50
D. King	4 00		

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Graphic,  
Illus. L.  
Times, w  
Punch, w  
War Cry

Boston T  
N. Y. W  
Scottish  
Outlook  
Scientific

St John  
Carleton  
Woodton

Cha'town  
Summers

Canadian  
Montreal

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Christian  
Church &  
Liverpos  
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Annapoli  
Templer

Cape Bre

Winnipeg

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Atlantic  
Century  
Contemp  
Fortnight  
Nineteen  
Blackwood  
Eclectic  
Frank L.



# List of Newspapers and Magazines in Reading Room.

GREAT BRITAIN.		
Graphic, illus.	Alliance News	China's Millions
Illus. London News	Public Opinion	British Messenger
Times, weekly	Scotsman	British Workman
Punch,		Christian Herald
War Cry		Christian.
UNITED STATES.		
Boston Traveller	Boston Christian	Y. M. C. A. Watchman
N. Y. Witness, weekly	Watch Tower	N. Y. Tribune, daily
Scottish American	Florida Journal	Christian at Work
Outlook		Times of Refreshing
Scientific American		Christian Cynosure
NEW BRUNSWICK.		
St John Globe	Religious Intelligencer	Christian Visitor
" Sun	St Croix Courier	Miramichi Advance
Carleton Sentinel		Moncton Transcript
Woodstock Free Press		Chatham World
P. E. ISLAND.		
Cha'town Patriot	Cha'town Daily Examiner	Cha'town Presbyterian
Summerside Journal		
QUEBEC.		
Canadian Illus News	Montreal Star	Cowansville Observer
Montreal Witness		
ONTARIO.		
Toronto Globe, weekly	Grip	Evangelical Churchman
NOVA SCOTIA.		
Halifax Chronicle	Pictou News	Journal of Agriculture
" Herald	Western Chronicle	Watch an
" Citizen	Eastern Chronicle	Windsor Mail
" Mail	Weekly Monitor	Antigonish Casket
" Recorder	Maritime Sentinel	Truro Sun
Christian Messenger	Wesleyan	" Guardian
Church Guardian	Presbyterian Witness	Colonial Standard
Liverpool Advance	New Era	Plas Dealer
Juncoburg Progress	Buds and Blossoms	Acadia Athenaeum
Annapolia Spectator	Royal Gazette	Dugby Courier
Templer	Dal. Col. Gazette	Kings College Record
CAPE BRETON.		
Cape Breton Advocate	Port Hood Referee	North Sydney Herald
MANITOBA.		
Winnipeg Times	Winnipeg Commercial	Honolulu Friend
MAGAZINES.		
Harper's Monthly	Welcome	S S World
Athletic "	Canadian Mag	Sunday Magazine
Century Mag.	Baptist Mis Magazine	Christian Treasury
Contemporary Review	Chamber's Journal	Family "
Fortnightly "	Leisure Hour	Truth
Nineteenth Century	Sunday at Home	Quiver
Blackwood	Good Words	Lippincott's Magazine
Eclectic	Divine Life	Guide to Holiness
Frank Leslies Sunday Mag		Industrial News

Amount received during the Year towards

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John S. Maclean	\$100 00	W. H. Ray	\$5 00
James Farquhar	100 00	A. B. Mitchell	5 00
James Forrest	25 00	A. A. Halliburton	5 00
W. B. McNutt	15 00	William Crowe	5 00
J. C. Mackintosh	10 00	O. M. Hill	5 00
Robert Baxter	10 00	W. A. Black	5 00
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Dr. Delaney	10 00	R. C. Wright	5 00
Thomas A. Ritchie	5 00	M. E. Morrow	5 00
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George Mitchell	5 00	Alex. Stephens, Junr.	5 00
F. A. Heuniger	5 00	F. C. Mylius	5 00
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Hon. S. Creelman	5 00	Dr. Read	2 00
Hon. J. S. Macdonald	5 00	Charles Bell	2 00
W. M. D. Pearman	5 00	Hon. W. Ross	2 00
R. T. Braine	5 00	George S. Campbell	2 00
Herbert Harris	5 00	J. B. Nelly	2 00
Isiah Smith	5 00	A. G. Brenner	2 00
Wilson Jordan	5 00	W. H. Simson	2 00
Prof. J. Gordon Macgregor	5 00	C. H. Bennett	2 00
Alex. Forrest	5 00	H. G. Bauld	1 00
A. M. Bell	5 00	A. Friend, Dr. Woodbury	1 00
W. H. Johnson	5 00	J. N. Shannon	1 00
H. McC. Hart	5 00	C. H. Whitman	1 00
E. D. King	5 00	John Ervin	1 00



# HALIFAX YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

CORNER OF  
PRINCE AND GRANVILLE STREETS:

The Reading Room is open from 9 a.m. till 10 p.m.; Visitors to the city are invited to use the Room.

The Library is open from 9 a.m., till 9 p.m. Members are allowed to borrow Books.

Meals are served in the Dining Room as follows:—Dinner from half-past 12 till 3. Tea at 6 o'clock. 25 cents each meal.

Baths 15 cents each; eight tickets for \$1.00

## The following Meetings are held in the Rooms.

Sunday Afternoon—Gospel Meeting in Association Hall at half-past 4 o'clock, open to the public.

Thursday Evening—Prayer Meeting in the Class Room, from 8 till 9 o'clock, for males only.

Saturday Evening—Bible Class for study of International Sabbath School Lessons, in Class-room, from 8 till 9 o'clock; for males only.

Lectures and Literary and Musical Entertainments during the winter.

Persons wishing to become members of the Association are requested to hand their names to any of the Office-Bearers or Members of the Association. Subscription Two Dollars per annum.

Members are requested to give the Secretary notice of any change in their address.

Applications for the use of the Hall or Class Room may be made to the Secretary, at the Rooms, corner Prince and Granville Streets.