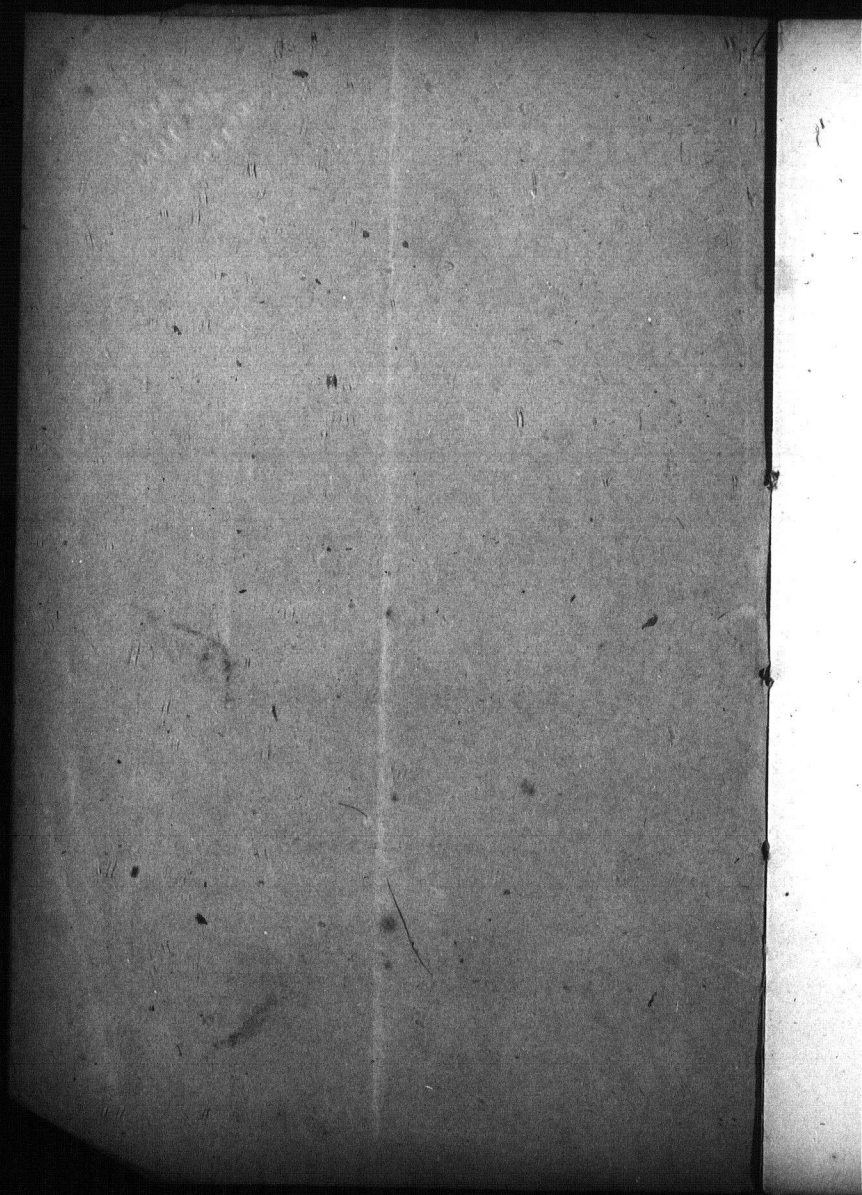


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Lectures Delivered

Before the Association during the Session 1854-55.

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

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Constitution.

ARTICLE I.

That this Association be called the "Halifax Young Men's Christian Association."

ARTICLE II.

That the objects of the Association shall be

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

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

THIRD.—Rooms and accommodation for Bible Classes and social prayer meetings.

FOURTH.—Courses of lectures on religious subjects, as well as secular having reference to religion, and the employment of every other available means whereby the increase of real vital religion may be promoted.

ARTICLE III.

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

ARTICLE IV.

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

ARTICLE V.

That Young Men not members of the Association shall be admitted to the privileges of the Society's Reading Room, Library and Lectures, on payment of Ten shillings annually.

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ARTICLE VI.

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

ARTICLE VII.

The Officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, Librarian, and a standing Committee, comprising as far as possible members of each evangelical denomination, all of whom shall be chosen annually by ballot.

ARTICLE VIII.**DUTIES OF OFFICERS.**

It shall be the duty of the President and one of the Vice Presidents to preside at all Public meetings of the Association.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to notify the members of the time and place of meeting, attend the same, to notify all Officers of their election, and to keep a fair and complete record of the transactions of the Association.

The Corresponding Secretary shall be the organ of the Association in its conference with other societies, and shall retain copies of all letters written by him.

The Treasurer shall collect and pay all monies of the Association under direction of the Committee, shall keep a correct account of the same, and shall report whenever required to do so, to the Committee, and to the Association at least once a year.

It shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep in order all books and documents of the Association, to keep a correct catalogue of the same, and an accurate account of all books delivered to all members.

It shall be the duty of the Committee to manage all the affairs of the Association, to make Bye Laws, appoint special committees, decide on all applications for membership, appoint a Recording Secretary and Librarian, and take whatever steps may be necessary for the promotion of the objects of the Association.

ARTICLE IX.

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

Office Bearers.

President.

CHIEF JUSTICE HALIBURTON.

Vice Presidents.

J. G. A. CREIGHTON.

JAMES FORMAN.

DR. AVERY.

T. A. S. DEWOLF.

HON. J. W. JOHNSTON.

M. G. BLACK.

Corresponding Secretary.

WILLIAM HARE.

Recording Secretary and Librarian.

ROBERT MURRAY.

Treasurer.

CHARLES ALLISON.

Managing Committee.

P. C. HILL.
S. L. SHANNON.
P. LYNCH.
W. S. STIRLING.
F. JOHNSTON.
S. A. WHITE.
WILLIAM MILLER.
T. A. BROWN.
CHARLES ROBSON.
G. H. STARR.
J. MACLEAN.
T. B. AKINS.
J. W. RITCHIE.
A. JAMES.
J. R. FORMAN.
T. CRANE.
N. CLARKE.
P. BEUREE.
SAMUEL BLACK.
E. D. MEYNELL.

Report.

THIS Association, organized on the 10th Decr. 1853, has now been in existence for upwards of two years; and its success has perhaps been equal to the most sanguine expectations of its friends. Your Committee would deem it ingratitude to the bountiful Giver of all good not to express their conviction that the Association has proved a great blessing not only to those who are in immediate connection with it, but also to the community at large. Imposing no religious test but such as is common to all evangelical denominations, its membership comprises men belonging to all the churches in this city; and persons of all denominations avail themselves of the privileges of the Reading Room and Library.

Since the Association's last Annual Meeting important additions have been made to the Library, which now comprises about *one thousand volumes*; and the more important Newspapers and Periodicals of the day continue to be regularly received in the Reading Room.

During last winter a course of *nine* public Lectures was delivered in connection with this Association, in the Temperance Hall; and two Lectures have already been delivered of this year's course. It is confidently hoped

that those lectures have been, and by the blessing of God, will continue to be, productive of much good. There were also two public Prayer meetings held in connection with the Association last winter.

The thanks of the Association are due to the editors of the Morning Papers of this city, for their kindness in giving gratis insertion to the Association's advertisements. Thanks are also due to the managers of the Athenæum Reading Room for the free use of their Room on the evenings of Public Lecture.

The number of members in connection with this Association from its commencement is sixty-one. Two of these have been removed by death. One has gone a Missionary to the Heathen, and one is engaged in preaching the gospel in this Province. The number of members is now fifty-seven.

The following donations have been received since last Report: Hon. Chief Justice, £5; William Miller, Esq. £4; Charles Allison, Esq. £10.

The Committee beg to report that they have granted the sum of £25 towards the support of the Halifax City Mission, a reference to which was made in their last Report.

Through the liberality of one of their members, William Miller, Esq. the Committee were put in a position to be able to offer to Sabbath Schools throughout the country, on very low terms, an excellent monthly periodical, the CHILDREN'S PAPER. This paper is published in Edinburgh, and extensively circulated throughout Britain. Though little more than a month has elapsed since the paper was of-

ferred to the Sabbath Schools in Nova Scotia, the subscriptions amount now to one thousand.

The following statement will show the financial position of the Association :—

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, Dec. 31st, 1854, by	}	347	11 10
Treasurer's Account, - - -			
Amount received during the year, from	}	83	18 5
Members and Subscribers, - - -			
Donations, - - - - -			
Received for papers sold, - - -	-	15	12 6
Collections at public lectures, - - -	-	6	2 3
	-	49	2 10
		<u>£502</u>	<u>7 10</u>

EXPENSES.

1 year's Rent of Reading Room and	}	20	0 0
Library, - - - - -			
Salary of Librarian and Boy - - -	-	68	8 4
Papers and Pamphlets for Room - -	-	23	3 10
Incidental expenses chargeable to Read-	}	25	1 1
ing Room and Library, - - - - -			
Paid for purchase of Books for Library	-	143	4 7
Use of Temperance Hall for lectures	}	70	16 1
and incidental expenses, chargeable			
to lectures, - - - - -			
Paid advance to City Mission, - - -	-	25	0 0
		<u>£375</u>	<u>13 11</u>

Leaving a balance of £126 13s. 11d. in the Treasurer's hands on the 31st December, 1855.

The Committee beg to call the attention of their friends to the lecture accounts—the outlay on which considerably exceeds the amount of collections. They trust an effort will be made to increase the receipts in this department, so as, at least, to make them equal to the expenditure.

The Committee cannot close this Report without advertising to the necessity for further exertions, on the part of its members and friends, towards obtaining donations for the purpose of increasing their LIBRARY. This has been a very important and attractive part of the institution, and its benefits have been very generally acknowledged. But although the number of volumes on its shelves has become considerable (as above stated) yet the Committee feel that it is necessary to make yearly additions, in order to sustain the interest, in it, of members and their families. Excellent works of the kind suited to its shelves are constantly being published, and it is most desirable that the Association should be in funds to secure them. The Committee therefore appeal to the liberality of their friends to assist them in this particular, and they trust that this appeal will not be unavailing. The books already on the shelves, in the selection of which great care has been exercised, are largely used by the subscribers; on an average, from 60 to 100 volumes are constantly in circulation, and your Committee feel assured that so large a number of books of the class which forms their Library, cannot be circulated without effecting much good.