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CONTAINING :

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TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

M. HENRY RICHEY, *Chairman*, D. MCGREGOR, I. SMITH, JAS. GRANT,
R. E. SAUNDERS.

VISITING SICK.

JAS. FARQUHAR, *Chairman*, H. HARRIS, DR. WOODBURY, R. E. SAUN-
DERS, R. N. BECKWITH.

ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

GR. CUNNINGHAM, *Chairman*, R. BAXTER, M. M. LINDSAY, W. CROWE,
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RECEPTION.

R. E. SAUNDERS, *Chairman*, JAMES GRANT, W. C. ARCHIBALD, C. H.
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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association, was held on Tuesday evening, January 29th 1884, in St. Matthew's Church.

The President, John S. Maclean, Esq., took the Chair at 8 o'clock. After singing "Our blessed bond of Union," the Rev. R. Laing, Pastor of the Church offered Prayer.

After Prayer the Chairman spoke as follows:—

We are met here to night to celebrate our Thirtieth Annual Meeting. We had a pleasant and enjoyable Anniversary at our Rooms a week or two ago, on which occasion we reviewed the events of the past 30 years. We had a number of speakers who gave us a wonderful account of the work of the Associations throughout the world, their origin and progress, including the Halifax Association. Business is a part of the Programme of our Meeting to-night, and we have made a new departure. Hitherto it has been our custom to hold our Annual Meetings in the Hall of our building, the membership only being invited. Reports were read, although most of those present were familiar with what we were doing. On those occasions the Press kindly gave portions of the reports, but these were not so full as we desired, and therefore not as beneficial to our work as we hoped. We therefore thought it better to have our Annual Meeting thrown open to the public with an invitation to all to attend, and become acquainted with what we were doing through our reports, which will now be read, after which we will be favored with addresses, advocating the claims of our institution upon the young men in the community.

The Secretary read the Minutes of last Annual Meeting.

Mr. James Forrest read Report of

MISSION AND DEVOTION COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have met each Wednesday afternoon during the year, and have had all the religious meetings of the Associations under their care.

Some months ago it was arranged that one or two members of the General Committee, in turn, should attend each meeting, to assist if required, and also to report any matters that might be interesting, or

valuable in furthering the work; this arrangement has been carried out effectually, and found to be of good service.

Three Meetings are held each week. *Gospel Service Sabbath afternoon*, attended by young people of both sexes, in the Hall in winter, and a Prayer Meeting in the Class Room in summer, conducted by our own members, and aided in winter by one or other of the City Clergymen. We are under great obligations to our Ministers for their kind interest and assistance at these gatherings, always ready at our call, though they have so much of their own work on the Sabbath. We have short addresses, earnest prayers, and good singing; many young people attend them, who do not go to any other religious meeting; and we often hear of persons away from home being helped and strengthened against the temptations of City life, by a word in season heard at our *Gospel Service*.

Our next Meeting is the *Young Men's own Prayer Meeting*, held every Thursday evening in the Parlor. The Secretary, with the assistance of several young men who regularly attend, take charge of this meeting. Strangers visiting our Association are specially invited by the Secretary to attend this service, they are warmly welcomed by the *young men*, and find themselves among those who are christians, endeavoring to help each other in the religious life, and who are desirous of leading others with them. Several most interesting incidents of conversion could be narrated as the result of this meeting.

The Bible Class is the third object of the Committee's care, held every Saturday evening, in the Class Room, for one hour; the Chairman, who is selected by the Committee, conducts it for one month; the lessons are those of the "International Sunday School Scheme," and the attendance has been fair, increasing in the Autumn and Winter. This Class has been conducted without a break ever since the formation of the Association, thirty years ago, and many of our citizens who are now growing old and falling out of the ranks of young men, look back with gratitude and pleasure to the Saturday evening Bible Class. The Committee feel this Class would be of inestimable benefit to many more young men in our City, who could both give and obtain instruction in the best of studies, and we earnestly commend it to the attention of all our members.

Besides these regular Meetings we have had our usual "Week of Prayer" for young men; we arranged this year for morning services, which, though the attendance was small, were well sustained. We had also three evening meetings, with a fair number of members present.

Your Committee assisted the "Evangelical Alliance" in their

morning meetings of the "Week of Prayer," held in our Hall, which were well attended, and very enjoyable.

We had a visit from Mr. Gurney, formerly of England, now residing in Truro, who kindly gave us some excellent addresses; we hope to hear from him again.

We regret we cannot report larger attendance at our meetings, but we are continuing to pray and work, fully assured in due time we shall reap if we faint not; we have all the machinery, but we want the influence of the Holy Spirit.

J. S. MACLEAN, *Chairman.*

Mr. R. G. Halls, read Report of

TRACT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE.

Owing to the fact that at the commencement of the present committee's term of office, a new departure in the work was introduced, they have not been in as good a position to accomplish as much as their predecessors.

In other years the distributing was confined chiefly to the seamen, who were reached by visiting the wharves at which their vessels lay, and those in the stream by a boat, owned by the Association. But because of the wish of the Seaman's Mission to have control of this work, which was considered legitimately theirs, and because of the fact that several of our distributors were members of that mission, and continued to distribute for them, and also, that we were required to seek new fields of labor, your Committee feel that they have been unavoidably cramped in their work.

At present we are engaged in supplying, as best we can, several of the Hotels, the Guard Rooms, Railway and Police Station and Ferry Waiting Room. The number of Tracts supplied by the British American Book and Tract Society is 5000, of which about 4000 have been disposed of.

Your Committee are convinced that this is one of the most important branches of Association work, and a grand test of Christian character.

They trust that every effort will be made to further its usefulness.

M. HENRY RICHEY, *Acting Chairman,*

Mr. Herbert Harris read Report of

VISITING SICK COMMITTEE.

During the past year the services of this Committee, happily have not been required. They have been ever ready to respond to the necessities of any sick. One case only, called for any attention, and in this the services of the Committee were not needed.

The Committee desire to express their obligations to the Secretary for his vigilance in regard to this work.

H. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

The President alluded to the apparent meagreness of the Report. He said "this however is the best year we have had in connection with this department. The Committee have made many sacrifices for sick young men in this community, and perhaps, you have no acquaintance with the nature of their work. The Committee consists of eight or ten members, who, when they get word that a young man wants visiting, kindly counsel, and loving care, their services are at the patient's disposal immediately. The committee have had many cases of this kind, among which was that of a young man, a stranger at one of our Hotels, who was attended to, and sat up with every night for three months, until he was able to leave the city. There was the case of another young man from one of the Allan steamers, our young men nursed him until the Bishop, who knew who he was, and that he had come out here in connection with some church work, was made acquainted with his case, who then took charge of him, and sent a kind acknowledgment of what our Association had done for him. The young man dying, the Association attended his funeral. We have many other instances similar to those I have mentioned. It is a grand good work. If young men are found in boarding houses or hotels, who need nursing, and other kind offices, our committee are at their disposal at all times.

A Quartette composed of Messrs Norman, Burgoyne, Gillis and Newcomb, sang "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Mr. William Crowe read Report of

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE,

The Membership Committee respectfully submit the following report:

Commencing the year with 400 names on the Roll, we have enlisted 77 new members, and have lost 35; closing the year with a net increase of 42. Of the 35 names erased, 26 have left the city, 4 were over three years in arrears; 2 have retired by request, and 3 have died. Thirty one members have assisted in adding to our numbers by proposing new members, and we, considering this part of our Association work to be second to none in importance, earnestly solicit the co-operation of every sincere well wisher of the Association.

Your Committee realize that although death has taken but few from our ranks, our loss has been great, and in the death of such esteemed brethren as Joseph Bell, James Thomson and A. N. Archibald, the Association sustains such loss as cannot be computed by numbers, and cannot be expressed by any words we might feel disposed to use.

For twenty years Mr. Bell was actively engaged in the work of the Association, and his earnest, faithful unassuming Christian life and example will be long remembered by those who were privileged to be associated with him in our work.

Mr. Thomson had been a hearty supporter and member of the Association since 1861, and manifested his continued interest in the work by a bequest of one hundred dollars.

Mr. A. N. Archibald's connection with the Association was of a more recent date, but his interest in, and sympathy with, the objects of our Association are well known to the members of the General Committee.

Your Committee respectfully urge upon every member the desirability of special effort in inducing young men to join us in our truly Christian Mission.

WILLIAM CROWE, *Chairman.*

Mr. R. J. Sweet read Report of

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

In reporting a deficiency at the end of the year just closed of \$301 15 (consisting of \$85 15 due the Treasurer, and \$216 15 amount of unpaid bills) this Committee claim that it must not be held responsible for such a result. It is indeed an unfortunate occurrence, but if we turn to the Report of the Finance Committee of the previous year, we find it is only a little in excess of what was then anticipated, and if no special effort is made, either to reduce our indebtedness, or to increase our income, a worse state of affairs at the end of 1884 may be safely predicted.

In the early part of the year, two carefully prepared Circulars, setting forth the benefits and needs of the Association, were prepared and sent out by this Committee. One was addressed to Members who it was thought might be induced to increase the amount of their subscriptions. The other was addressed to persons other than members, who from their financial standing in the community might have been considered as likely to appreciate the objects and advantages of our Association, and to subscribe a small amount yearly towards sustaining it. These appeals met with almost no response whatever.

Your Committee note with gratitude the work accomplished by the Rooms and Library Committee, who succeeded in meeting an expenditure of \$311 for oil cloth, &c., by a special effort, and without drawing on the funds of the Association.

We also note an increase in the ordinary Subscriptions of \$69.

The actual deficiency for 1883 is \$135, the remaining \$166 rightly belongs to the previous year. The ordinary running expenses for the year, exclusive of Interest, amount to \$1900.

Your Committee cannot see how it is possible to make any reduction on this estimate, nor do they think it advisable that there should be any, as it is impossible to maintain the Institution in its present efficient state on any less amount.

R. J. SWEET, *Chairman.*

Mr. S. H. Black read Treasurer's Statement.

Mr. Robert Baxter read Report of

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE.

The Employment Committee have to report that shortly after their election to office, they had inserted in the religious and secular papers the following notice:—

"The Employment Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association being anxious to provide situations for young men and boys, especially those coming to the city from the country, have opened a registry at the rooms, where persons in search of employment can record their names and file their recommendations. The committee will also be thankful if persons in need of clerks, storemen, shop boys, etc., will call upon the Secretary of the Association for such,"

In response thereto quite a number of applicants for situations registered their names, while very few of those in need of help applied; in consequence, only three were provided with places through this agency, and while the result is far from that expected, the Committee recommend its continuance for another year, feeling confident that it is a work in the right direction, and by it the work of the Association will be brought more prominently before the public, whose interest in young men we are striving to enlist.

H. P. BURTON, *Chairman.*

The Hymn "Sing them over again to me" was then sung by the congregation,

Mr. Geo. Cunningham read Report of

ROOMS AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

In submitting our Annual Report, we would draw your attention to the present satisfactory condition of the Rooms. To these your Committee have given especial attention; having at considerable expense had the Reading and Class Rooms covered with linoleum, and a new carpet placed on the floor of the Committee Room, and in other ways renovating these as well as other parts of the building, so that the whole is now in most excellent order.

This has been accomplished at an expense of over Three Hundred Dollars, and knowing that the Treasurer was not in a position to meet

a draft for this amount, your Committee deemed it advisable to try and make this up by special appeal to the members and others, *who so generously responded*, that it was not found necessary to inroach on the general funds for any part of the outlay.

There are few if any rivals to our Reading Room in these Provinces, well lighted, convenient and comfortable, its tables are covered with the best periodicals of the day, and newspapers from all parts of this Province, as well as New Brunswick and P. E. Island, with not a few from Canada and Great Britain, this full equipment makes it a favorite resort for our members.

The Library contains 3200 volumes of high class literature, which is being gradually increased every year. In this connexion we have to record the unfailing generosity of our esteemed friend T. B. Akins, Esq., who has so kindly added to our shelves 12 new vols. with the promise of more for this year, we have also received from W. Crowe, a copy of the life of Spurgeon, and a new Map of the Dominion has also been hung up in the rooms. Your committee would earnestly urge the appropriation of a sum for new books, it being particularly desirable that this branch of our Association be as complete as possible. A new catalogue is much needed, and we would suggest that attention be given to its preparation whenever funds will permit.

We note with pleasure the increasing use made of the Dining Room, which is under the efficient management of our janitor, Mr. Saunders,

The students attending the colleges have been granted the free use of the rooms during the college term. The subject of protection in case of fire has had the careful attention of your committee, and has resulted in certain suggestions being made to the Trustees, these suggestions your committee understand are being carried out.

Before closing this report we would contrast our present Rooms with what they were 30 years ago, *then* this work was begun in one small Room with but few members to carry it on, but now we have premises of which any community might well feel proud. It is therefore with no ordinary feelings of encouragement, and gratitude to an ever kind Providence in thus blessing and fostering our efforts, that we present our Annual report.

GEO. CUNNINGHAM, *Chairman.*

Mr. O. M. Hill read Report of

LITERARY AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on commencing their work for the year, revised and had printed 700 copies of the Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Association.

LECTURES.—On the 2nd March, '83, Prof. Goodwin, of Sackville, N.B., gave a Lecture on "Organized Nature" and on the 22nd January, '84, Rev. John Lathern of Windsor, N.S., Lectured on "The England of the Reformation," both Lectures were greatly appreciated.

ENTERTAINMENT.—On the 6th November an "At Home" was held, open to the members of the Association and their friends. Addresses were delivered by Revd. J. J. Teasdale, Revd. Dr. Burns, and the President. Music by several Ladies and Gentleman, and a Refreshment Table presided over by six young Ladies were among the many attractions of this successful meeting.

ANNIVERSARY.—On the 10th December, the 30th Anniversary of the Association was celebrated in the Hall, His Honor the Lieut. Governor presided, Addresses (interspersed with music) were delivered by Peter Lynch, Esq., Hon. S. L. Shannon, Sir William Young, Rev. Dr. Hill, Hon. Dr Parker, and John S. Maclean, Esq., President. This meeting was also a success.

DEBATING CLUB.—In November, a Debating Club was organized, and has had several lively meetings.

Your Committee take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who have assisted at the meetings during the year.

D. HENRY STARR, *Chairman.*

The Chairman in calling for the Reception Committee's Report, remarked that the business of this Committee was to welcome strangers who come to the Rooms of the Association, give them a kind word, and an invitation to look through the building, present the advantages to be gained by becoming a member, and enlist their sympathies in the work.

Mr. Blackwood read Report of

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

During the greater part of the evenings of the past year, the members composing your committee have been in attendance at the Rooms, to extend a friendly greeting to strangers and visitors. Quite a number have been conversed with, and made to feel that we are really interested in them, and we have been repeatedly cheered by the evident pleasure some have shown of their appreciation of our attention.

M. HENRY RICHEY, *Chairman.*

Singing "Abide With Me" by the Quartette.

The Chairman called upon the Rev. J. W. Manning, Pastor of the North Baptist Church, to move the adoption of the Reports read, who spoke as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Christian Friends, I esteem it a privilege to stand upon this platform to speak on behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Halifax. I can stand here with a great deal of pleasure, and with satisfaction, "knowing that it is an Association controlled, and guided by christian men, that it is under the sway of christian influence, and that all who come in contact with the members in their meetings of various kinds are brought under this influence. And as a christian minister, of course, I must esteem it a privilege to represent an institution such as this. I did think of saying something this evening with respect to the work of the Association, but the reports of the Committees which have been given to you just now make that unnecessary. They are full and complete, and you have a picture presented to you by these reports of the work that is being done by this Association.

In connection with any work in which we may be engaged as Christian men and women, the first thing we want to ask ourselves is this: Is the work a worthy one? And then in working it out have we an adequate motive? Now, I take it that the work of this Association is very similar to the work of the Christian Church. The latter, if I understand it, is the conversion of the soul, and the building up of a strong christian character. Those two things, it seems to me, belong to the Christian Church, to this she is to bend her energies and efforts. Now if that be the idea that a Christian Association should have, then you see how it works, and how it has been working during the year that is gone. I was impressed with the report of the Devotion Committee, in which it was stated that there were those who had given evidence of an interest in the Lord Jesus Christ, who had been brought under the influence and power of the Gospel, and led to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Redeemer. Now, if nothing else had been accomplished this year than what was said to us in that report, we ought really to 'thank God, and take courage.'

Two boys were in a room at play, one of them wrote upon a window pane with a diamond. The other said to him "Don't write there for it will never rub out." Now, there is writing going on all about us—writing upon human hearts—good writing and bad. The aim of this Association, and that of similar Institutions, is to write upon human hearts that which is good, and pure and true, noble, lovely and of good report. But oh, friends, there is much that is evil being written upon these hearts, and the writers are legion and unscrupulous. Our aim should be to lessen the number of these, and increase that of the others. This leads me to speak of the spirit in which we should

enter upon this work. What was the closing sentence of the report to which I have already alluded? "We have all the machinery, but what we want is the presence and power of the Holy Spirit,"—that is what we want. We may have our elegant Association Rooms, our fine Churches, we may have all our committees, they may be well managed, we may be fully organized, but unless we have the presence and power of the Spirit of God in us we shall fail. We want our hearts filled with the Spirit of God, and to show to those by whom we are surrounded, and with whom we come in contact, that we are really and truly the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. We cannot reach men unless we do so; Paul, at Athens illustrates this. You know that when he went to Athens, two of his companions, Silas and Timothy, remained behind. When he saw the people given to idolatry, his heart was stirred within him, so stirred that it amounted to a paroxysm. He could not wait until the other two came, but alone, single-handed, he "went for," as we sometimes use the word, the Athenians, and preached to them Jesus and the Resurrection. He stood there alone—one man against a multitude. He could not wait, his heart was so full of love to his Saviour, and burning with an intense desire to make known to his fellow men what had been made known to him. His soul was on fire. He was filled with the spirit of God, and with an unquenchable ardor to make known Christ to those men, who were so very religious that not satisfied with worshipping the gods which they knew, they erected an altar to the "unknown God."—God of whom they knew nothing." They wanted to be sure they were safe, and so erected the altar to the "unknown God." What Paul did we should do in the work to which we have been called, and if he has called us, and identified us with this Christian Association, the aim should be to convert men, and build them up. The same energy and devotion to Jesus should inspire our hearts as inspired Paul's, and with that desire within us, to go out after men and make them feel this: that religion is not a thing to be played with, to go through with a mere form and ceremony; but that it is a real active vital power—a principle divinely implanted at work in the soul, and to make men feel that they ought to have it or else they will be lost. I fear we fail often in this one particular, that we do not impress upon the minds of those with whom we come in contact, that we feel their need, and that we really know of ourselves, by a blessed and heartfelt experience, that we have passed from death unto life, and that Jesus Christ is able, and willing, and ready to save men here and now; that they need not wait, but that they may be saved just now. When I walk the streets, as I do almost every day, and see the numbers of young men in this city, the number in connection with the colleges, the schools of law and medicine, the teachers in the public schools, the number in the stores and offices, my mind is deeply impressed. Oh, what can we do, what can I do to reach some of them, and save them from growing up careless, in-

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different, prayerless, to save them from becoming frivolous and empty and caring for none of these things, so vital in the formation of character, knowing as I do that when they pass a certain period of life, it is an exceedingly difficult thing to reach them, I speak here only as to my own individual experience. I know that the grace of God is omnipotent, that He is able to save any man, and yet I know that the young are most frequently reached in my own church work, and so far as I have observed, it has been so with reference to others. There are many who come here from the country, who live here for a while, and choose their companions. Many of them came from christian homes, and have lived under christian influences. Here they get into the company of ungodly young men, and soon become careless, indifferent, and heedless of the claims that God has upon them. I want to say a word to the young. If there is one here who is looking forward to a life of usefulness, who is counting upon his future length of days, thinking of his talents, and how he will employ them, I want to say to him this: you are going into business, perhaps, and will strive to acquire a competence, afterwards retire and live at your ease, and after that—after that you have to die, and after that—the judgment. That was a most impressive passage of Scripture that was read at the opening of these proceedings (Mathew 25th chap. from 21st verse—"when the son of man shall come, etc.") And friends, what is the decision? what is the conclusion? How have you lived, for self, caring not for others? as long as you made a success, according to the world's estimate, what then? The soul is lost, dying without God, spending an eternity where there is no hope. All is gone. Now this Association is putting forth efforts to get hold of young men, to bring them into their rooms, to impress them, not offensively, but to get them under religious influence, to bring them where they will be cheered and encouraged, and to remove them from many of the temptations of life to which they are exposed. We know that many of them are thus exposed. Young men, much is done here for you. There is the well furnished reading room, with excellent food for the mind. There are religious services held there—good for the soul, there is the large library filled with interesting books, where the young men can improve themselves as so to become strong, and useful members of society. Now friends this is what we want—to gather all we can into the Association. The membership has grown considerably the last year; fifty or a hundred ought to be added to the list during the year upon which we have entered, and if we go into the work with a will, give ourselves up to it, and show our interest and zeal, it can be done. Let us put forth our energy, and it will grow and increase. There is one name that ought to influence us and fire our hearts, and only one name. It is said that when Napoleon I was sent to Elba. He left behind him a large number of friends, among the common people and nobles, who were strongly attached to him, and identified with his

interests. They did not forget him though he was banished. How did they keep him in mind? A number of bronze medals of their great chief were made, and each of his friends had one, and whenever they met each other, they would pull out this image from their pockets, and would whisper in the ear of the other the word "Napolean." And thus their friendship for and their interest in him were kept alive, and sustained, so that when he landed on the shores of France, the whole country rose up, and flocked to his standard. We need no bronze image of our Lord, the captain of our salvation, because he is enshrined in our hearts, and we know we can whisper his name, I can whisper to you, and you can whisper it to another, and thus our love and attachment to him will be kept alive, and we will work for the Master with such devotion and zeal as should characterize every one of his faithful followers. It is with that name in my heart, and on my lips that I would move the adoption of the reports to which we have listened, and I do it with a great deal of pleasure.

Rev. L. H. Jordan, Pastor of St. Andrew's Church, in seconding the motion for the adoption of the Reports, spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman and Christian Friends: I feel that it is almost impossible to add any thing to what has been so fully and so admirably presented to us to-night, in the reports which have been laid before this meeting. There is a certain eloquence inherent in the mere statement of facts such as those to which we have just been listening, which needs not the support of any formal words which I might utter; but still I feel that if the facts in question are to have the effect which they ought to have—if they are to have the effect which true eloquence invariably has,—they must move us to action, and deepen permanently our interest in the work whose claims have been so forcibly brought before us this evening. I, for one, am very glad indeed that the new departure, by which this Annual Meeting assembles to-night in one of the largest of our City Churches, has this year been inaugurated in the history of the Halifax Association; because, in years past, there has not been sufficient acquaintance with the character and success of the labors which it has put forth for the benefit of young men. I feel sure that when it is fully known what has been attempted and achieved by this devoted Christian Association, it will come to be regarded as one of the Institutions of the city than which no other is doing more worthy work; and it will ever be gratefully remembered and appreciated by the people. For here, as in other cities where similar Institutions are found, it was brought into existence solely for one purpose—that it might befriend those who, more largely than any other class in the community, are exposed to peculiar and innumerable temptations; and who, as a class, are peculiarly difficult to reach through the Gospel. The Church, it is admitted by all pastors, does not reach a large portion of the young men who go there, from time to time, to attend its services. I am not prepared

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to admit that even the Association has fully attained the result for which it has so zealously labored. But I do say that the Christian Associations of our land—containing among their membership, some of the most devoted workers of all the churches—are striving, with single and consecrated purpose, to save young men, everywhere, from the temptations which beset them; and, with such great success have these efforts been already rewarded, that it becomes us to-night to offer abundant thanksgivings to God.

It is a great (though a very common) delusion, to regard young men as those who, because they are young and active, are therefore strong enough to be able to take care of themselves; and so we often proudly speak of our young men as those who are able to go out into the world and take part in its conflict, who can take their places in the ranks with their seniors and participate in life's struggle, and who at last shall bear away the victor's wreath. Alas! how different, in the majority of cases, is the dismal realization from the hopes of our happy dreams; how many, at the very outset of the strife, fall victims to the sudden power of the Evil One! How many there are who come to shame and dishonor, and disgrace, and who drop into unknown and ignominious graves! Oh! the victory is indeed to those who are strong; but it is gained only by those who are strong in the power of divine grace, and who are sheltered by the armour of the Gospel. Young Men who are not thus protected, are always in great danger. They are like the Recruit who, with no knowledge of actual warfare, will perhaps before long be seen leaning, like the Dying Gladiator, upon his arm,—while the warm life blood needlessly flows away. The young man goes unsuspectingly into the struggle with the world; he does not realize his peril, nor the necessity for watchfulness. The Recruit, indeed, has the advantage in this comparison for he *knows* that he is in danger; whereas inexperience and youth, confident in their own powers, fancy they are proof against all allurements, and that they will come off scathless. It is just the case of a ship leaving harbor, its new white sails fully spread out to the breeze. The water is smooth, and its broad expanse seems to invite the coming of the vessel. The young Mariner stands upon the deck, pleased with the picturesque scenery and with all his surroundings. He imagines all will be well on the voyage, and he looks forward to the future as likely to bring with it nothing but pleasure. Naturally enough, then, he is not inclined to listen with much patience, when an old weather beaten sailor comes to him and says: "Sir, though you are Captain of this ship, I know more about the sea than you do. There are hidden rocks, and circling whirlpools, and giant gales, and other dangers; the ship may lie becalmed and unable to move, or its seams may open, and the water (upon which it now so gracefully glides,) may become its winding sheet." So many a young man enters upon the voyage of life, confident in his own principles, and in the sincerity of his heart. He is not suspicious of the evil planning of others, because he has not tried the

world. He lacks the experience which older men have painfully acquired. Sometimes, when conscious of drawing near a danger, he still thinks he can drop anchor anywhere, because the stream is not too deep. Ah! but there is a dividing line, *somewhere*, between safety and danger. You know that, just above the Niagara Falls, the river spreads out into a beautiful sheet of water. All is calm, and the current is not very strong. In a light skiff, you can glide nearer and nearer to the spot where the beaded spray is constantly rising. There does not appear to be much danger. You feel that, by a few sturdy strokes, you can escape the peril. But there is a certain point which, if you pass, *no human power can save you*, and your little craft goes out of sight forever. And so it is with young men—so many of them trifle with temptation, until going too near the edge, they are brought within the eddy of the whirlpool, within the power of the resistless current, and so *are lost*. Now it is just here that the Christian Association interposes—when the young man is beginning life. Whether that life be regarded as a warfare or as a voyage, the youth requires to be properly equipped to encounter its vicissitudes. The Head-quarters, therefore, of great "Vigilance Committees," (so to speak,) Christian Associations are spreading all over the world. Whenever a young man is about commencing his career, it becomes the aim of the nearest Association to see that he is made ready to face every probable emergency. This Institution accordingly, does not seek to supersede the work proper to the Church, or the work that is done in the Home; but it merely supplements that work. Sometimes, however, the Church and the Home fail to do their duty,—in which case the Association attempts to supply what is lacking through the culpable neglect of others. Wherever these Associations exist, they seek diligently for young men. Their Agents are constantly busy among every class and grade of society. When Emigrants come to our cities, whether from Germany, Italy or any other foreign nationality—especially of late, when they come from China—these Agents go at once among them, and seek to bring them under influences that are good. And so it is with the work among special classes, whether professional men, or commercial travellers, or students, or business men, or the employees, on railways. In fact, the purpose of the Association is to seek out young men, every-where and anywhere, and if possible bring them into sympathy with the true spirit of christian faith; and so it seems to me that there cannot conceivably be any organization in existence, more deserving of general esteem, than is that of which the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association is so worthily a representative.

A debt of gratitude, greater than can ever be repaid, has even already been earned by this Institution, under whose auspices we are met to-night; and the same statement is equally true of every similar Institution, wheresoever found. The work of such Associations is of momentous importance, indeed, to young men; but it is also of moment-

ous importance to the world. The young men of one generation are to mould the course of events, and determine the standard of christian life and morality, in the generation following. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that we save the young. How many promising lives have been lost and woefully wrecked, because, at the outset, they received an impulse in a wrong direction! How many sad hearts there are to-day in Nova Scotia, and New England, and all along the Atlantic Coast, because of that fatal mistake by which the "City of Columbus," just at the very beginning of her voyage, became a total loss,—a loss eternal, doubtless, to some. Youth is the time of our golden opportunity, if we would help young men. Assistance *then* is worth twice as much as it can possibly be afterwards. An Eastern story tells us of an Enchanted Hill, at the top of which was hidden a very precious jewel; and any young man, who would climb the hill, could have the prize if he could find it. But none were ever to look backward, once they had set out. Many made the attempt; but, because they looked back, they were all turned into stone,—and we read that the whole hill-side was covered with stones. To every young man to-day, life is an enchanted hill; and there are many voices to call him back, as he seeks to climb the steep ascent to Heaven. Alas! that hill is still covered with stones,—the flinty emblems of profitless human ambition. Let us then earnestly work for young men while there is time to mould their character, and to give them that early bent which will lead them aright. Oftentimes, when one speaks to those that are older, the words that have weight with a young man seem to have with him no influence whatever.

It was my purpose to have given you, to-night, some instances of the general helpfulness of these Associations to those that stand in need of their aid—instances which have come under my own observation, as I have been moving about in Canada and abroad. My time, however, will allow me to mention but one. A couple of years ago I was taking a trip through the West; but, (unfortunately for me) it was the season for the Autumn Fairs. In many of the larger cities, the Shows were in full blast. The first thing you would see at a railway station was an immense placard, stating that the Fair had just begun; and the streets were every where very full. I reached a certain Western town late in the afternoon; but not being sure that I would stop off, I had made no arrangements for securing a room. After trying hard to get accommodations, I found it was impossible to get even a stretch in a hall-way. After tea, (which I found very difficult to get,) I went to every remaining Hotel and Boarding house that I could hear of, but in vain; I could not get under cover. I then thought I would go to the station, take a train, and come back in the morning; but the last train had gone! It began to look as though I would have to stay on the streets all night. But it occurred to me to go to the Christian Association, if I could find it. I got there, introduced myself to the Secretary, told him I was a member of the Association here and a Licentiate of the Presbyterian

Church, and informed him of my predicament. He was not suspicious, though he had only my simple word to rely upon; so taking out a card he wrote on it the address of a private house,—to which I went, and there I was very kindly received and treated. This is one instance of the *temporal* help sometimes afforded by these Associations. I could, did time permit, give you many illustrations of the *spiritual* help which the Association has as readily given to those whom it has sought out and saved.

Before I conclude, Mr. Chairman, I feel I must *congratulate* many who are assembled here, in this audience room, this evening. And first, I must congratulate you, Sir, upon having so often been elected President of this Association, which, now for thirty years, has been so active in carrying on every good work in this city. I must congratulate, also, the Members of the Association, in that they have been able to find one among their number who has so ably discharged the duties of his office on every occasion; and one, whose name, I am sure, will be inseparably linked with Association-effort here, for all time to come. And I congratulate the Association, further, in that they have secured the valuable help of so many willing hands, for the more efficient carrying on of the good work. It was certainly an admirable sight to witness this evening,—so many christian young men coming to the front, and presenting those reports to which we listened with such great gratification. It is not many years ago since this Association began its good work, which had then to be done by only a faithful few. But it is not so now. There is not to-day that isolation, which formerly prevented any growth of warmth of feeling. On the contrary, there is mutual confidence, and hearty co-operation. And finally, I congratulate you, Young Men of Halifax who are *not* members of the Association, in that you have an opportunity of becoming promoters with others, of all that is lovely and pure and of good report. This Association, remember, is constituted of young men, and by young men, and for young men. Therefore you should not fail to rally around it, and seek to extend its usefulness. While you will be doing good to others, you will not miss getting good for yourselves. To the Christian Public of this city, and to those who believe in the genuine efficacy of prayer, my last word shall be: *pray* for this Institution,—that they who manage its affairs may not be discouraged, but that God may use them, even yet more abundantly and more manifestly in the future than in the past, for the help of all that is righteous and for the salvation of men.

I very cordially second the motion for the adoption of the presented Reports.

(Motion to adopt reports passed unanimously.)

Before the adjournment of the meeting, the chairman spoke as follows:

We are grateful to the Pastor and Trustees of St. Matthews for the use of the Church, and also to the Quartette and Choir for their excellent services, and I am sure I express the sentiments of every member of the Association when I say that we are gratified at the result of this, our first attempt at making our Annual Meetings open to the general public. It was with fear and trembling that we first considered, then proposed, and finally decided to have this public meeting here to-night, because we have noticed that in the case of the Tract and Bible Society's meetings they have not been well attended, and therefore we did not expect any thing like such an audience as is gathered at our annual meeting here this evening. It is a token and earnest to us that we are in the right way, that our work is appreciated, that God will help us, and that if we are as faithful to him as he is to us, we will do more and more to the gathering in and helping of young men. There is no nobler work than that in which we are engaged. Is there any class in the community who need the rescuing hand more than our young men. And we are doing the work which God has given us to do, and so long as we have a band of men such as we have around us to-night, we will go on, and we will yet have the young men coming in scores to our meetings and acknowledging that this is the place for them to go to for temporal and spiritual benefits. We thank the clergy of every denomination for their assistance and co-operation in our work. They have helped us from the first, and they have made no complaint against us of having trespassed upon the work that legitimately belongs to them. I have that proud story to tell you to-night, and they will help us more and more so long as our work is consistent and in accordance with their perceptions of right and duty as we hope it always will be. I will say to you who have listened to the reports that have been presented here, and who have been stirred by them—as you must have been by the statements of the amount of time, labor and money that have been spent on the work, and what has been done by our Secretary for years back, and what is still being done by him—that you cannot but feel that this is a work to which you can give your means, your countenance, your kindly expressions, and any other assistance you can offer most liberally and cheerfully. You have helped us in the past, and you will do the same in the future. We are now Three Hundred Dollars in debt. The public, especially the business men of the community (for these are the men who reap much of the benefits of our work,) should rally around us, and we should soon have the amount sent in to us. In other cities the merchants are appealed to, the matter is properly put before them, and, knowing the benefits they derive from the Christian Association, they respond to the call for aid. We must appeal to them in the same way here. Can we not say:

"Are we not doing your work and assisting you by giving you the right stamp of men—men that by the influence with which they are surrounded are honest and earnest—give us Ten, Twenty, or Fifty Dollars to help sustain this work." Thousands are obtained in this way elsewhere from the merchants, who say, "Well, if you will do the work we will find the means." I say here will *you* do it? I do not want to be a professional beggar, nor am I going to propose a collection now, but we want the Three Hundred Dollars sent to us, and we want that immediately.

A motion to adjourn till Saturday evening, for the election of Office Bearers was passed.

After singing Doxology, the Rev. H. H. McPherson, Pastor of St. Johns Church offered Prayer and pronounced the Benediction.

HENRY THEAKSTON,

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Harrington, W. H.
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Hill, Hon. F. C.
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Holloway, William
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Hart, Levi
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Hallburton, A. A.
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Newcombe, Frank
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Norman, Robert
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Parsons, J. F. L.
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Faw, G. A. V.
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Peterson, Albert
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Prest, Walter H.
Piers, T. L. E.
Potter, Alex.

Read, Dr. H. H.
Reynolds, C. F.
Richey, Lieut. Gov.
Ritchie, Hon. Judge
Robertson, C. H.
Roche, Wm. Jr.
Robson, Charles
Reid, R. J.
Ritchie, Thomas A.
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Robinson, L. D.
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Ray, W. H.
Ross, J. T.
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Russell, Benl.
Robertson, W.
Richardson, G. W.
Richardson F. P.
Roxborough, Jas. Sen.
Roberts, G. J.
Reynolds, F. B.
Romans, W. E. M.
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Selden, Stephen
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Slaytor, Dr.
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Sedgewick, James
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Sweet, Rufus J.
Shannon, J. N.
Sutcliffe, E. B.
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Smith, Isaiah
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Sullivan, E. A.
Stayner, Guy
Shaw, Capt. Gilbert
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Temple, H. S.
Taylor, William
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White, S. A.
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Wiswell, W. H.
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Williams, W.
Wilson, J. E.
Weeks, C. L.
Woodbury, Dr.
Woolard, Enoch
Winterbourne, Rev. H. J.
Wright, C. W.
Wilson, H. S.
Waters, Henry
Wilson, W. H.
Whitman, A.
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Woodill, E. A.
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Wells, O. F.
Wood, Joseph
Wilson, John R.
Whiston, S. E.
Wagstaff, Edwin
Weldon, Rich. G.

CONSTITUTION.

*Revised and Amended at a Special Meeting called for the purpose,
March 11th, 1876.*

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 Committee, 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 *Mission and Devotion* 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 Committees* 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, endeavour 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 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, 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 Committees, 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 Sunday 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 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 intending alteration having been given at a previous meeting; but any By-Law may be suspended for the time being by a unanimous vote.

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. Kitchie, 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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HALIFAX
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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.

DINING ROOM—Dinner from 12 till 2. 25 cents.

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.