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Young Men's Christian Association.

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List of Meetings.

DAILY PRAYER MEETING from 12 to 1.

BIBLE READING, Tuesday Evening at 8.

PRAYER MEETING, Thursday Evening at 8.

BOYS' PRAYER MEETING, Friday Evening at 8.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING, Saturday Evening at 8.

CONVERSATIONAL BIBLE CLASS, Sunday Afternoon at 3.

DEVOTIONAL MEETING, Sunday Evening at 8.

Cottage Meetings in different parts of the City
on Friday Evening.

29 Papineau Square,

8 Little St. Antoine,

Corner Bronsden and Dorchester,

137 Bonaventure Street,

34 St. Patrick Street,

578 Bonaventure Street.

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Montreal Young Men's Christian Association

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Held November 24th, 1874.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR 1874-'5.

"If God be for us who can be against us."—Rom. 8-31.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

DEAR BRETHREN,

I have the privilege of placing before you the 23rd yearly Report of our Association, and in doing so, I desire on behalf of the Committee to give utterance to expressions of sincere gratitude that God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has of "His abundant mercy" followed our humble services with His heavenly benediction.

The importance of those objects for the accomplishment of which our Association was originated, and is still carried on, is so fully appreciated by you all, that it is not necessary for me now to expatiate upon them. And so fully have our aims been recognised and approved by Christian brethren, not only throughout this City but in various distant localities, that we are under the truly pleasant obligation of thanking a very large number of ministers and other Christian friends for the kind and valuable help by which they have cheered and encouraged us.

Simultaneously with the growth of our Association there has been a wide extension of that important field of Christian enterprise from which we are seeking to gather fruit for the garner of our Lord, and it behooves every active member to be diligently engaged, in one or more of those departments of our labour.

The past year has been marked in the annals of the Association more by the manifestation of spiritual life and activity than by the introduction of any novelty into our methods of operation.

We have never lost sight of the fact, that the great and primary object of our united effort is to allure, by the exhibition of the pure light of the Gospel, and the exaltation of our blessed Redeemer's atoning work,—those of our young men who appear to disregard the glorious privileges and advantages which are freely offered to all who will earnestly seek them. And, as contributory to this truly spiritual work we strive to introduce young men into those circles of influence which are best calculated to strengthen the formation of good habits and foster the growth of Christian character.

The various committees under whose direction the proceedings of our Association have been regulated submit their reports, which exhibit the nature and extent of our Society's operations during the past year, and it is hoped that we shall derive from these records new incentives to the exercise of faith and diligence in the prosecution of that Christian work which, in humble dependence upon the Divine Blessing, we have undertaken.

Although these reports of a year's activity cannot fail to elicit expressions of intense thankfulness, yet it reminds us of our not having laboured with that diligence which our privileges and opportunities have demanded.

Let us remember that it is "more blessed to give than to receive"—that the Christian life is one of Ministry—and that we cannot more closely follow our "Great Example" than by endeavouring in the strength of the Lord Jesus to enlist our fellow men as soldiers of the Cross. There are thousands of young men in this large City, who are walking "in the ways of their own heart," and in the sight of "their own eyes,"

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The blessed Gospel calls upon us to take a deeper interest in the spiritual condition of these our neighbours, May we render a more hearty obedience to the appeal, and during the year upon which we are now entering may we both collectively and individually, with glad heart, and burning zeal, rally round the "banner of the Cross" and strenuously labour for the advancement of the "Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and a larger measure of the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit.

MISSION COMMITTEE.

C. CUSHING, *Chairman.*

The Report of this Committee for the past year may be summed up in general as a report of progress.

The extension of the Association work and the increased number of laborers have been a constant cause for thankfulness.

The favorite theory and desire of brother Radford, the Chairman of this Committee for the first six or seven months of the year, having been to centralize as much as possible the work of the Association in its own Rooms, several new Committees have been organized, such as the Boarding House, Visitation, and Public Invitation Committees, and have proved valuable auxiliaries, as their Reports will show.

As a consequence of the foregoing efforts, Cottage Meetings were not so numerously sustained as in some previous years.

Services have been held in the Montreal General Hospital throughout the year on Sabbath morning, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and the eagerness of many of the patients to attend these meetings even though some required to be carried or assisted there, affords a convincing proof of their value. Illustrated papers and leaflets have been freely distributed by the brethren on their visits, being a kindness greatly appre-

ciated. The attendance at the various meetings has averaged about 15, and about 31 members of the Association have assisted at them.

A strong effort was made in connection with 'the Bethel services and work among the Sailors of our Port generally to increase the influences for good there, which has been but partially successful. The Tract distributors hold a short prayer meeting in their respective divisions before separating for the several sections, and each vessel in Port from the St. Gabriel Locks to Hochelaga has been regularly visited under the thorough system employed. It having been decided to hold the Sabbath afternoon Bethel services in Association Hall, invitations were printed on each Tract circulated. The most notable result of these services has been a marked increase in the attendance as well of sailors as citizens; at one meeting nearly 400 were present, this increase which has not been so noticeable latterly, gave promise of filling regularly the large Hall of the Association, but the want of the man peculiarly qualified to interest Sailors has proved an almost insurmountable barrier to the success sanguinely hoped for, yet have we faith that in His own good time the Lord will provide, meanwhile one of the principal benefits of holding the Bethel services in the Rooms of the Association has been to advertize the Rooms among the Sailors and bring them within the spiritual influences at work there, and several instances of wonderful conversions have occurred among the sailors, which alone have amply rewarded all who have labored in this connection. Two instances will be sufficient to illustrate this point. At a promise meeting held one Sunday evening in August an earnestness of spirit was manifested by many present and at the close of the meeting the Chairman asked those desiring prayer to signify it, when among others two sailors stood up, the meeting engaged for a few moments in silent prayer and on rising both the sailors with rejoicing hearts, and faces beaming with happiness, told that they had found peace and went on their way with gladness. In another case a letter received by our Secretary from a Provincial Town in England, written by a sailor who with a comrade had learned at one of our meetings to place their trust in Jesus, and who were rejoicing away off in their own land.

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dwelt on with emphasis by our Missionary, Mr. Millen, in his Report. A pledge is always kept in the Association Rooms, and has been largely signed. Your Committee feel the importance of meeting the giant curse of strong drink by increased spirituality and more thorough consecration to Christ's service by the young men of the Association.

A summary of our Missionary's labor for the year is annexed, and a few general statistics.

Tracts distributed by Mr. Millen.....	14773
Families visited.....	976
Benevolent Institutions visited.....	239
Services in General Hospital.....	96
Attendance.....	1401
Missionary Prayer Meetings held.....	16
Attendance.....	167
Ships visited.....	311
Bethel Services held in Association Hall.....	23
Attendance.....	1430
Money given to relieve the poor.....	\$76.50
Amount spent for the purpose.....	72.55
Families relieved.....	95
Total No. of tracts distributed.....	29773
Do do Workers on the Committee.....	70
Do do Sailors tract distributors.....	40

COMMITTEE ON LECTURES, CLASSES, AND MEETINGS.

W. J. B. PATTERSON, *Chairman.*

In reviewing the work of the year now drawing to a close, in so far as it has come within the province of this Committee, (since November 1873,) there seems to be on all sides, such general cause for gratitude, that it would be difficult to determine any *special* direction in which we have greater reason for thankfulness than another. Shortly after this Committee took office, preparations for the Anniversary services, were begun to be held in the St. James' Street Wesleyan Church; and on the 26th of January, a large and appreciative audience filled the building to overflowing, as an indication of their sympathy with our work amongst the young men of the City, addresses were delivered by Revds. Messrs.

O. Fortin, J. M. Gibson, and Rev. Dr. Duryea, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and printed statements, showing the character of the work done by the Association,—and its financial position, were freely circulated.

Entering upon the regular business of the winter,—the services of our valued friend, Dr. Dawson, were, on invitation, placed at our disposal, for a course of Sabbath afternoon Lectures. During the greater part of the season, the attendance was quite large, and the “natural illustrations of spiritual things in the New Testament,” proved a valuable study to all who availed themselves of the opportunity to attend.

Through the kindness of the Rev. Dr. MacVicar, your Committee were also enabled to establish a Tuesday evening Bible Class for the study of the “International Course of S.S. Lessons,” and these were appreciated by many Sabbath school workers, and others.

Of the devotional meetings of the Association, probably that held on Saturday evenings, deserves the greatest prominence, inasmuch as it is strictly the YOUNG MEN'S evening. One would perhaps be quite accurate in saying, that during no other year of the Association's existence, has there been such a decided interest in spiritual things manifest amongst the young men. The attendance at this service has always been good,—and, especially since the spring-time, has for the most part filled the reading-room. The meetings are always deeply religious, and the exercises brief and pointed.

In the month of May, a Sabbath evening prayer meeting was commenced, being held at half past eight o'clock,—after the Churches had dismissed. In this, as in the Saturday night meeting, the services of the Street Invitation Committee have been found an incalculable benefit, as they have been enabled to arrest the attention of passers by, and direct their steps into this meeting. Prayers and earnest addresses, directed to the conversion of souls, have frequently been blessed to perishing ones, and led them to find peace in Christ. This meeting continues intensely interesting,—only two Sabbaths ago, a large number being unable to gain admission.

In the month of June, we were favored with a brief visit from Mr. Hind Smith, of Manchester, England, who, by his aptitude in conducting

Bible-readings, seemed to induce in many of our young men a greater love for Scriptural study. Shortly after his departure, a social Bible-class was established on Tuesday evenings, which has continued up to the present time. The average attendance is about 30, comprising earnest, spiritual-minded young men ; and the value of the class finds frequent mention from those who have weekly derived its benefits.

A new feature, as regards meetings in our rooms, began last winter, viz : *boys' prayer meetings*. This work commenced with a few school boys, who, by prayer, and earnest work amongst their fellows, in a short time succeeded in frequently gathering an attendance of 120 and upwards. There were occasions when the supervision of a responsible representative of the Committee, became needful ; but on the whole, a good work was accomplished, and several instances of thorough conversion amongst the lads were evident. This meeting is still held every Friday evening, but the attendance now averages about 20 to 25.

The noon-day prayer meeting has, during the greater part of the year, been held daily, although there were times when it was found expedient to dispense with it. Within the past month, the plan has been adopted, of obtaining the chairmanship of some one of our city pastors at the noon hour on Saturday's, when the lesson of the "International Series" for the following Sabbath is studied. Invitations were sent to all sabbath-school teachers, and thus far the attendance has been sufficiently numerous, and the exercise so exceedingly interesting, as to warrant the continuance of the class.

Although not strictly within the jurisdiction of your Committee, yet the sessions of the Evangelical Alliance, and the presence of the Earl of Cavan, Henry Varley, of London, and other prominent evangelistic workers, during the month of October, wrought such an influence upon the *regular* meetings of the Association, and originated so many *special* meetings in our rooms, that their mention seems appropriate in this report of the "Meetings" Committee. That spiritual blessings were showered upon individuals, and the Association, has been self-evident ; but the *full* measure of their influence cannot be spoken of by us, as they are only fully known to our blessed Master.

An effort to establish a course of popular monthly lectures last spring, had to be deferred, owing to the too near approach of the summer season. But carrying out the suggestion, approved by the General Committee at the monthly meeting in October, your Committee about four weeks ago organized a class for the study of French, under Professor Darey, and another for Phonography, under Mr. Blackley. Both of these have been joined by quite a number of young men (about 50); and if one may judge from the commencement, there is every likelihood of the classes being successfully conducted throughout the winter months.

In this connection, however, your Committee cannot forbear mentioning how much their efforts to establish instructive classes, and special lectures, are interfered with, owing to lack of sufficient accommodation in the Association building. In fact, it already appears too small for all our needs. We require two or three additional class-rooms, which if judiciously arranged, could also be made to serve the purpose of a young-men's lecture and meeting room. Your Committee are sure they but echo the opinion of every co-worker, in hoping that the liberality of our citizens may be made more manifest, and the important work amongst young men not be allowed to remain impeded.

As already expressed, your Committee feel there is much reason for thankfulness for the many tokens of divine favor that have attended the work of the Association through its meetings. In humble dependence upon Him, and trusting not in our own strength, we hope those who succeed us in the working of this Committee, will find their hearts equally cheered and blessed.

ROOMS AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

J. M. M. DUFF, *Chairman.*

During the past year, we have endeavoured to make our rooms attractive and have succeeded to some extent, but much remains yet to be done.

Our Secretary estimates the number of visitors to the reading room at a little over 60,000 during the year, and that is certainly a low estimate;

surely some good has been done among such a vast number, and if only one soul were saved, that would be rich return for our feeble efforts.

In the two reading rooms, there are papers and magazines as follows :
19 Daily Newspapers, 53 Weekly, 31 Magazines, making a total of 103.

The Telegraph Office has been removed from the Reading Room downstairs, up to the office in the Library and is now under the control of our Secretary and his assistant.

In the Reference Library there are 353 vols., which are used quite frequently.

There are about 2000 volumes in the circulating Library, and 70 volumes of Illustrated papers, bound. There have been added to the Library during the year, through the kindness of friends, about 250 vols., and for them we return thanks. There is room for more. There has only been about 1400 books taken out during the year ; but a new catalogue is nearly ready, and when it is published, our members will be able to know better what kind of books we have, and we hope they will be more extensively read. There is always a supply of Stationery in our Reading room for the use of any who may wish to write letters, and for this no charge is made.

Association Hall has been rented for 8 Lectures, 18 Concerts, and 12 Temperance Meetings, making a total of 38 engagements, and these have produced a revenue of about \$500.00.

A number of meetings have been held in it for which no charge was made, but they were mostly our own, and will be reported by another Sub-Committee.

Classes are being held in the small reading room on two evenings in the week, it can be used for this purpose without inconvenience, because it is closed every night at 8 o'clock, and the classes begin after that hour.

We have had placed before the main entrance by the New City Gas Co., two gas lamps, and on the doors are conspicuous signs, so that strangers need not pass without being able to find our rooms.

We could make a good many suggestions for our successors' benefit ; but will only say, do all that is possible to make the rooms attractive, so that young men may be drawn to spend their evenings here instead of going to saloons, theatres, and other places of a like nature, and so help to obtain the object for which we are associated.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

H. WATSON, *Chairman.*

The increase in the number of young men who have applied for membership during the past year has been very great. No less than 203 as Active, and 366 as Associate members have been added to the list. The total membership now stands as follows :

Life members.....	20
Honorary members.....	40
Active "	550
Associate "	750
TOTAL.....	1360

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

R. G. BROWN, *Chairman.*

This Committee have to report that during the past year, they have had a larger number of applicants for situations than in any previous year. This may be accounted for in some measure by the depressed state of trade in the United States, together with local circumstances. The major part of the applicants have been young men without any trade such as Clerks, Office Assistants, &c. For this class it is found impossible to procure situations in proportion to the demand. Mechanics of every kind find ready employment at certain seasons of the year ; we are therefore seldom visited by this class. Over five hundred persons have been aided by advice and in some instances with money and clothing. But we can only point to one third of that number as having been permanently placed in suitable employment through the efforts of our Association.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

G. E. JACQUES, *Chairman.*

The duties of the Committee require one of their number to be present every evening at the rooms, to welcome strangers, to give information to those attending the reading room, and to close the rooms with prayer.

In the first part of the year, some difficulty occurred in having all the appointments filled, but that was overcome, and for the last few months one member of the Committee has attended each evening, and many have been the expressions of pleasure from visitors at the hearty welcome extended to them.

At a quarter to ten o'clock each evening the Member in charge closes the rooms with family worship. This service has been a profitable one and a blessing to those attending it. The number of workers on this Committee is 11.

INVITATION COMMITTEE.

G. F. STEPHENS, *Chairman.*

This Committee was first organized in the month of July last, with five members, which number has since been increased to twelve, most of whom may be depended upon when their services are required.

The members meet every Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock, and after spending a few minutes in prayer that God would bless their efforts, they start out for their different posts, some going to the Hotels, others to the Theatre door, or vicinity, while the remainder are stationed at the corners of the principal streets, near or leading to our rooms. All are engaged in distributing. "Gospel Slips" on which are printed invitations to our meetings, and when practicable a personal invitation is also given.

Since the Committee was formed, there have been about twenty thousand of these slips distributed, and we have every reason to believe that the seed has not been sown in vain, as during even the hottest months of Summer, the meetings have been always well attended.

Your Committee find that there are no means so effectual, in inducing young men to attend the meetings, as a personal invitation. Giving away

slips and tracts is good ; but it is far better when possible to give also a personal invitation. If a young man be met and near our rooms, it is best to walk up with him, and introduce him to the Secretary or one of the members, or in some other way make him feel at home and always welcome.

In this way the Invitation and Reception Committees, working together, may accomplish much more good than they could possibly do separately, the one bringing strangers in, and the other making the rooms so pleasant for them, that they will be glad to come again.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In briefly reviewing the work of the Association for the past year, your Secretary feels sure that it must be cause for gratitude and rejoicing to know that our Heavenly Father has been pleased to own and bless the efforts which we have put forth for the benefit of the young men of our City, and to cause us to take courage and go on for the future.

This being the first year which we have spent in our new Building, our influence, as might have been expected, has been very much increased, and our work extended to a corresponding degree. The number of our workers have very materially increased, and at present the feeling which exists is that of hearty co-operation in the furtherance of the aims of our Association. Our chief object is to win our fellow young men for Christ, and all departments of our work are merely avenues through which we strive to lead the young men of our City, to this important decision. And this object we have not forgotten, nor have we labored in vain, for many cases might be instanced of young men who through the influence of our Association have been led from paths of sin to put their trust in Christ as their Saviour. Especially have we been used and blessed in reaching out a helping hand to many who through intemperance have fallen very low, but who have found in Christ a perfect Saviour from this as well as all other sins.

Notwithstanding the superstition which surrounds us, the influence of our Association has even been felt amongst our Roman Catholic young

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men, and quite a number have renounced the superstition and errors of the Church of Rome, and have been led to a true knowledge of God's Word, and in openly confessing their faith have been submitted to the most severe persecution which they have bravely withstood.

These facts give us great courage to go on, being assured that God is with us, and to expect in answer to faithful prayer and earnest work even greater results than we have yet seen.

Our meetings for prayer and the study of God's Word have been very well sustained, and your Secretary is glad to be able to report that amongst our young men there is an increased desire manifested for Scripture study, which is very encouraging, and which cannot fail to be a source of great strength to the active workers in the Association.

We can only say that "the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few," and our prayer is that "the Lord of the harvest may send forth laborers into his harvest," that the young men of this great City may be won for Christ.

D. A. BUDGE,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A. SANDHAM, *Secretary.*

The Board of Directors beg to present this its third Annual Report, and while doing so would state, that the duties of the past year have not been of a very arduous nature. The Building being completed, at the time for presenting the last report, there necessarily remained but little to demand attention in that connection. The only subject which required action was some more convenient means of access to the platform in Association Hall, and this was secured by the erection of a special Iron stair-case leading from the Reading Room. The contract for this stair was awarded to Messrs. Rogers & King, the cost being \$168. In September of this year the main entrance to the Building was completed by the addition of the granite columns donated by R. Forsyth, Esq. In order to lessen the annoyance, caused to the audiences assembled in the

Hall, by the noise of those ascending the stairs, the upper stairway was inclosed, and doors erected on the landing. The cost of these additions has not been large while the comfort secured has been very great.

The most important subject presented for consideration has been that pertaining to the Financial position occupied by the Association. Since the last report, but a very small additional sum has been subscribed; therefore, although the subscribers generally have been prompt in their payments, there remained a large amount to be provided. In this matter the Board has been greatly relieved, by the energy and persistent efforts of the President, who, at considerable disadvantage and trouble to himself, has succeeded in making arrangements whereby the indebtedness has been temporarily met, the monies required have to a great extent been procured on the joint note of the members of the Building Committee; but it is hoped that during the ensuing year, some effort may be successfully made to remove this burden and to place the Association in free possession of its beautiful building. The Treasurer's statement is herewith submitted.

CASH ACCOUNT—THE MONTREAL YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.
 23rd year, ending 31st October, 1874.

Balance in hand from last year.....	\$284 03	PAID—Salaries	\$2,105 50
Rec'd—Membership Fees, \$1 each.....	431 00	Can. & Amer. Executive Committees (2 years).	304 68
Subscriptions from Members and Friends of over \$1 each.....	3,355 00	Advertising (received account of J. Dougall & Son, \$250).....	275 70
• Rent—Store	\$916 67	Reading Room Account	296 66
“ Hall	494 50	Library Account.....	22 25
Heating Acct., from Lewis & Co.	1,411 17	Anniversary Expenses.	40 38
Anniversary Collection.....	130 00	Postages	75 68
Telegraph Commission.....	93 88	Travelling Expenses..	15 00
Sale of old papers.....	41 08	Gen'l Expenses, Cleaning, &c.....	130 42
Benevolent Account received for distribution	3 50	Hymn-Books	41 75
		Stationery (2 years) ..	117 73
		Printing (2 years)....	463 00
		Benevolent Account..	106 25
		Furniture	127 40
		Gas Account..	\$359 30
		Fuel.....	356 31
		Taxes.....	528 00
		Insurance....	278 00
		Balance in hand.....	5,644 01
			182 15
			\$5,826 16

T. CRAIG, Treasurer.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—MEMBERSHIP.

1.—All propositions for membership shall be made in writing by an Active Member, and shall contain the name in full, residence, the church of which the candidate is a member, or if not a church-member, the congregation with which he is connected and shall be signed by the proposer. All propositions shall be posted in the Reading Room of the Association, for not less than two days—an election may take place at the next succeeding regular meeting of the General Committee. All new members shall be enrolled upon signing the Constitution and By-Laws.

2.—The Members shall seek out young men taking up their residence in the city, endeavour to bring them under moral and religious influences, and, by every means in their power, to surround them with Christian Associates. Members shall also exert themselves to interest the churches to which they respectively belong in the objects and welfare of the Association. They shall labor to induce all suitable young men of their acquaintance to connect themselves with the Association, and use all practicable means for increasing its membership, activity and usefulness.

ARTICLE II.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1.—It shall be the duty of the President, or in his absence, of a Vice-President, to preside at all Meetings of the Association and General Committee, and to preserve in strict exercise the rules established by Parliamentary order.

2.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies, and to disburse the same under the direction of the General Committee. He shall keep a full and correct account of his transactions, and report to the General Committee when so required, and to the Association at its Annual Meeting.

3.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association, and of the General Committee; to keep a full and complete register of the name, residence, and church of each member; to notify all Officers and Members of their election or appointments; and to prepare the work for the business meetings. He shall, under the direction of the General Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Association, and keep copies of all letters written, and files of those received. He shall also prepare the Annual Report of the General Committee.

4.—The General Committee and Board of Directors shall report at each monthly business meeting, and at the annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE III.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President, with the sanction of the General Committee, shall appoint the following Standing Committees:—A Committee on Membership; a Committee on Rooms and Library; a Committee on Missions; a Committee on Lectures, Classes and Meetings; a Committee on Finance; a Committee on Employment; an Invitation Committee; a Reception Committee, and a Committee on Boarding-houses. They shall report to each monthly meeting of the General Committee. The President and Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members of each Standing Committee.

2.—The Committee on Membership, shall consist of five members, to whom all propositions for membership shall be referred. They shall secure the co-operation of an active member of each Evangelical Church in the city, who shall report upon propositions referred to him, seek out new members, and endeavor to interest his congregation in the Association.

3.—The Committee on Rooms and Library, shall have the charge of 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 rooms; and shall approve all publications previous to their admission into the library and reading rooms of the Association.

4.—The Committee on Missions, shall consist of five members, and it shall be their duty to superintend the Mission work of the Association.

5.—The Committee on Lectures, Classes and Meetings, shall consist of five members, and shall provide for the delivery of Lectures or Sermons; have charge of Bible and Literary Classes, and all meetings not under the direction of the Committee on Missions.

6.—The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members; shall devise means for obtaining necessary funds for the Association; and shall examine and approve all accounts referred to them by the General Committee previous to their payment by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be an *ex-officio* member of this Committee. They shall also collect the membership subscriptions.

7.—The Committee on Employment, shall consist of three members, and it shall be their duty to aid young men in procuring suitable employment.

8.—The Committee on Boarding-houses, shall consist of three members, and it shall be their duty to aid young men in finding suitable boarding-

houses, and to endeavour to establish family worship in such places where it is not observed.

9.—The Reception Committee shall consist of three or more members, and it shall be their duty to be present at the rooms on each evening, to welcome members and visitors, to introduce them to each other, and otherwise to assist in promoting pleasant social feeling.

10.—The Invitation Committee, shall consist of three or more members, and it shall be their duty to invite persons to visit the rooms meetings, &c., &c., and seek in every way in their power to draw young men to the Rooms of the Association.

11.—The Chairman of each Committee shall be appointed from the General Committee.

ARTICLE IV.—ELECTION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE.

1.—At the last business meeting previous to the Annual Meeting, the General Committee shall nominate its successors, and other nominations shall then be received.

2.—A majority of the votes cast shall be an election.

3.—Any member of the General Committee absenting himself from three consecutive monthly meetings of the Committee without sufficient reason, shall vacate his office. All vacancies shall be filled by the General Committee.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

1.—A regular Meeting of the Association shall be held every Saturday evening. A business Meeting whenever the General Committee deem it advisable, to be called by public notice.

2.—The General Committee shall meet second Monday in each month.

3.—Special meetings of the General Committee may be called at the opinion of the President, or at the request of three Members of the Committee. Special Meetings of the Association shall be held at the written request of ten members, or at the opinion of the President, to be called by public advertisement.

ARTICLE VI.—ALTERATION.

1.—No alterations or additions shall be made to these By-Laws, except by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a business meeting. A month's notice of the proposed change shall be given to the Association.

2.—Any By-Law may be suspended for the time being by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a business meeting.

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