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## FORM OF BEQUEST.



*I give and bequeath to the Young Men's  
Christian Association of Halifax the sum of*  
..... Dollars.

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M. M. LINDSAY, (Chairman), THE PRESIDENT, D. MCGREGOR, J. S. SCOTT, G. CUNNINGHAM, R. J. REID, R. B. WILCH, F. H. OXLEY, WILSON JORDAN, D. HENRY STARR.

## REPORT.

In reviewing the work of the past year, we feel that we have great cause for gratitude to our Heavenly Father. We have had many encouragements, and, believing that it is the Lord's work in which we are engaged, we know that we shall succeed if we are faithful. The Association has been in existence for a quarter of a century. At the meeting for organization, held at the residence of Thomas A. Brown, Esq., on Dec. 10, 1853, the following gentlemen were present: H. Inch, Chairman; Messrs. T. B. Aikins, J. W. Ritchie, T. A. Brown, C. Allison, P. Lynch, W. Hare, W. Miller, J. G. A. Creighton, S. A. White, Hon. Dr. Parker, Saml Gray, P. C. Hill, G. H. Starr and Francis Johnson. Ten of these gentlemen are still living and are connected with the Association.

The eighth Triennial Conference of the Associations of all lands was held at Geneva in August last. Delegates from all parts of the world attended, our own Association being represented by Mr. D. McGregor.

The Convention of Associations of the Maritime Provinces, held in October, at New Glasgow, was a very interesting gathering. Several members of this Association were present as delegates.

We are still struggling with the debt on our building. As will be seen by reference to the Report of the Finance Committee, an unsuccessful effort was made during the year to liquidate the floating debt. This debt, resting upon us from year to year, is a very serious matter, and we feel that each individual member should consider it to be his duty to do something towards reducing it. The income of the Association is decreasing, and we can ill afford to pay interest for borrowed money. This would not be necessary, if those persons who promised certain amounts to the Building Fund at its inception, would even meet the obligations which they gave us then, all of which are long overdue.

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## MISSION AND DEVOTIONS.

On turning to last year's Report, we are reminded by its date that this year we are called on to tabulate the doings of a twelve months which closes a quarter of a century's existence of the Y. M. C. Association in this city. A quarter of a century! How many thoughts rush to our minds, that, were this the place, we would like to pause to give expression to, but we must pass on.

Of themselves or their labours the Committee have nothing to boast, it was thought that a very efficient Committee had this year been appointed, but owing to one cause or another, the work has

devolved on two or three, but this has only led those few to rely more implicitly on that Divine aid which they believe has been graciously vouchsafed, and which they thus gratefully acknowledge.

The following is a summary of the Committee's work:

**Evangelistic Services.**—According to custom, the conduct of the opening and closing services of the Week of Prayer devolved on this Committee, attendance and tone were good. During the year two Evangelists from London arrived in this city and laboured in the Hall, with whom we had a very pleasant week.

Mission work in the Barrack Street Building was discontinued in the month of July, it having been proved from past experience, that the Sunday afternoon service at that place during the fine summer months always dwindled down to a nominal attendance. It was the intention to resume them in the fall, but at two successive Quarterly Meetings, the Committee were requested by resolution to hold them in the Hall of the Association, with which they complied, but they have not been sufficiently long in operation to report as to the success of the experiment: of one thing, however, they are certain, it will require all the spiritual young men of the Association to give their special assistance thereto, to render it in any degree equivalent to the work at the Mission House.

The Sabbath School, under the Superintendence of our Bro. D. McGregor, is regularly visited by the Committee; owing to the Mission House being required for a similar purpose by the Trustees of that building, the School has been removed to the basement of National School building. There is no abatement in the labors of the devoted teachers whose work among the little arabs of the neighborhood is really one of love.

Association Monthly Prayer Meeting is continued, attendance about as last reported. The importance of such a means of grace to the prosperity of the Association is of too valuable a character to entertain a thought of its discontinuance.

Young Men's Thursday Evening Prayer Meeting. The average attendance has been about the same as heretofore, those attending speak of the benefit derived.

Bible Class. The interest in Bible study on Saturday evening has somewhat increased. The conductors of the class have generally come well prepared, and given an impetus thereto that has resulted in better attendance and a more lively participation therein by the members. It is particularly commended to our young men engaged in Sabbath School teaching.

Y. M. C. A. Week of Prayer in November was observed by our Association, and the nightly services were occasions of profit to those present. As in other portions of the spiritual work of the

Association, the Committee owe especial acknowledgements to various clergymen of the city for their cheerful compliance with the request to assist in these devotional services.

An effort was made to attract the soldiers of the garrison to Gospel services, but owing to failure on the part of the few Christian soldiers of the regiments who had promised to aid, after a few meetings it was reluctantly abandoned.

We must not omit to allude to a transient visit from our esteemed Bro. Sterns, whose Bible readings were much prized, as also to the fact that amongst a few of the younger members of the Association, your Committee are much pleased to observe a lively zeal, and an earnest interest in the spiritual state and advancement of the Institution: (would that it were more general,) and, what is still more gratifying, these young men are amongst those whose talents are of a superior order, and likely to benefit the Association.

J. S. MACLEAN, *Chairman.*

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### FINANCE.

The Finance Committee regret that they are obliged to report a very considerable falling off in the income from subscriptions in 1878, compared with the amount received from the same source in 1877; the respective sums being \$1055.50 and \$1239.00, shewing a decrease in 1878 of no less than \$183.50.

In the notice for the annual subscriptions sent on 1st March last, the attention of the members was called to the financial needs of the Association, and an increase of subscriptions was asked. A response to this request was given by twenty-eight members, increasing their subscriptions to the aggregate amount of \$48.50. On the other hand, there were reductions in subscriptions amounting to \$7.50, and by the death of the late lamented Edward Binney, an annual subscription of \$20 to the Association ceased.

The income from other sources than subscriptions, and the ordinary expenses of the Association were about the same in 1878 as in the previous year.

A bequest of \$100.00, received from the executors of the late Charles Roche, Esq., was a very reasonable help to the funds, making the balance due to the Treasurer on 1st January, 1879, \$142.58, which otherwise would have stood at \$242.58 against \$119.15 at the beginning of 1878.

The arrears of subscriptions for 1877 are \$100.00, owing by 50 members. For 1878 the arrears are \$250.00, owing by 71 members. Total arrears for the two years \$350.



In 1877 the number of members who paid subscriptions was 427. The number who paid in 1878 was 365, a falling away of 62.

As a healthy state of the finances is essential to the very existence of the Association, and the income of the past year shewing so serious a decrease, your Committee feel that no effort should be spared to impress upon every member the necessity of increased personal interest in support of the funds; first, by paying his own subscription promptly, and increasing it where he has the ability to do so; and, secondly, by endeavors to get new members.

The propriety of endeavouring to establish a sustaining fund by subscriptions from persons outside the membership of the Association, has engaged the attention of your Committee at various times during the year, but circumstances did not seem favorable to starting such an auxiliary. At the same time, as there are many persons in the community not connected with the Association, who derive indirect yet valuable benefits from its existence, your Committee are quite of opinion that the idea should not be abandoned.

The subject of the floating debt has also engaged the careful attention of your Committee, and with the view and hope of being able materially to reduce it, 800 copies of a circular were sent out to the members and friends of the Association, reminding them of the existence of the debt, and asking their aid toward paying or reducing it. The smallness of the response of \$38.43 in answer to this appeal may, no doubt, fairly be attributed to the general depression in business, which has so long prevailed in this community in common with other places.

JOSEPH BELL, *Acting Chairman.*

### LITERARY AND SOCIAL.

In presenting their annual report, your Committee have first to state that in accordance with instructions sent down from the annual meeting, they prepared for publication the Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Association.

They completed the series of entertainments as indicated in their prospectus previously issued. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed to the various programmes:

Lectures.—Dr. J. J. McKenzie, Dr. H. A. Bayne, and Rev. A. J. Townend. Original Papers or Lecturettes.—Messrs. Poole, J. M. Oxley, J. McD. Scott, and Robert Sedgewick. Readings.—Dr. Trenaman, Messrs. Passow and Hill. In the musical line, the Misses McLean, Miss White, Miss Stirling, Miss Burns, Miss Morrow, Miss Cook, Miss Hesson, Miss Baker and Miss Scott: Mrs. Dr. Slayter, Mrs. A. E. Harrington, Mrs. J. R. Gordon and Mrs. Wakefield;

Prof. Bird, Messrs. Stirling, Payne Crawford, Lloyd, Boak, Smith, Grant, Cornelius, Franklyn, Greenwood, Murphy and Dr. Slayter.

To all of whom the best thanks of the Association are due and are hereby tendered.

The Prospectus for 1878-9 has been issued, and provides for "An at-home of the President," a conversazione, three lectures, two literary and musical evenings, closing with a "soiree," on the evening of March 25th.

The first two entertainments have been given, and so far as the Committee are aware, to the satisfaction of all who patronized them. Your Committee are hopeful that the same may be said at the close of the series. Your Committee have great satisfaction in reporting the financial result. After meeting all incidental expenses they had a balance to their credit of \$80.00. Of this, with the consent of the General Committee, \$50.00 were appropriated for the purchase of new books for the library; and the balance expended in framing a number of engravings, the property of the Association, but lying useless.

As mentioned in the Prospectus, the net proceeds of the current season are to be appropriated to repainting the Reading Room. The funds of the Association will not admit of such expenditure at present. The need is pressing, as the room is looking very shabby and demands immediate attention. Your Committee feel confident that they have only to call attention to the object in view to secure the general co-operation of our membership.

M. M. LINDSAY, *Chairman.*

### MEMBERSHIP.

At the close of another year, your Committee have to report the state of the membership of the Association. By referring to the memo. herewith, it will be seen that there were on the roll Jan'y 1st, 1878, 530 members. During the year 41 have been added, but in consequence of the number of names struck off for various reasons, there are now only 477, an actual decrease of 53.

This is partly owing to the fact, that while efforts were frequently made to induce young men to join the Institution, it became our painful duty to clear the roll of those who had for some time previous ceased to pay their dues, and also of many who had left the city.

It is, of course, discouraging that such should have to be done, yet it is certain that the dullness of the times and

the depressed state of business have worked against us. Many young men have been thrown out of employment, and thereby become unable to spare from their incomes the amount of their annual fees.

Those who have died during the year are Messrs. Edward Binney, John B. Bennett, R. G. Tremaine, W. G. Ross, J. J. Holloway and James E. Boutilier.

FRED. H. OXLEY, *Chairman.*

On the roll Jan'y. 1st, 530; added during the year, 41;—571.

ERASED.

Two years in arrears, 32; by request, 26; left the city, 30; died, 6;—94 Total, 477.

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### TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg to report that during the year there have been several meetings of the Committee, and three public Temperance meetings. All the latter meetings were held in the Association Hall. The first, held on May 13th and numerously attended, was presided over by the Hon. P. C. Hill, and addressed by Dr. Burns, and others. The second meeting was held June 10th. Mr. James Farquhar, in the chair. Addresses were delivered by J. T. Mellish, Rev. Mr. Downing and E. C. Fairbanks, short addresses were also given by Messrs Grierson and Newbery. The committee deemed it advisable not to hold any public Temperance meeting during the summer. The third and last meeting was on the 2nd of December. The chairman of the committee presided and addresses delivered by Mr. J. Parsons and Mr. J. W. Johnson. Mr. Parsons explained the provisions and enactments of the new Canada Temperance Act. The interest manifested at all these meetings was most pleasing.

Your Committee regard with gratification the progress of the Reform movement.

Although the Temperance cause has achieved no striking triumphs during the year, still your committee believe that there never existed a healthier tone of public opinion in reference to Temperance work, than exists throughout the land at this present time.

JOHN T. MELLISH, *Chairman.*

## TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

Your Committee report that the work of Tract Distribution was regularly commenced on the first Sabbath of May, and is still continued. The usual season extends from May to November, but as several of the distributors were anxious to continue their labors, the committee thought it advisable to carry on the work to a limited extent during the winter.

In the Year 35,000 tracts, papers and leaflets were distributed. The number of distributors at work has been thirteen. We take pleasure in noting the heartiness with which our brethren engaged in this labor. "Where duty calls" was their motto.

It is with great pleasure that we report a new feature in this summer's work. At the beginning of the season a boat, was purchased at a cost of \$22 70, the amount being paid by private contributions. Under the management of our brethren Elkanah Nickerson and Richard Saunders this boat has done good service. All honor to the crew, who were so indefatigable in their labor of love. During the season no fewer than 480 visits were paid to barques, 161 to brigs, 780 to schooners and 225 to steamers, in all 1646 visits which were it not for our boat would have been entirely neglected.

In submitting this our annual report we take the opportunity of urging upon the Association the great necessity and importance of disseminating good, wholesome religious reading matter among all classes, especially our seamen, a class not only willing but anxious to receive the tracts and papers given away. Brethren pray for the tract distributors and their work. Do not let it be confined to the few, who have it now in hand, but let us all become tract distributors. As we are rapidly passing the milestones in the journey of life, let us be up and doing remembering that "Time is short"

In conclusion your committee would heartily thank for their aid Messrs. E. Nickerson, J. L. French, Neil Brodie, C. W. Allan, J. E. Saunders, J. N. Shannon, A. Dunlap.

S. G. MATHESON, *Chairman.*

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**VISITING SICK.**

The Committee have nothing special to report. The members have ever held themselves in readiness to respond to the call of the suffering. Nothing having been brought to their notice, their services have consequently not been required.

J. S. SCOTT, *Chairman.*



## ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

The work of this Committee has been carried on quietly, and not without some measure of success. Among the donations received for the Library, during the past year, we have to mention the gift of our good friend, T. B. Aikins, Esq., of thirteen volumes of new books, Miss Lawson, two volumes, the Misses Black, thirteen volumes, and D. Campbell, Esq., one volume. A large number of books have been rebound, and the Magazines for the past year have also been bound. The Library continues to be used as freely as usual, and your Committee feel persuaded that with a proper representation of its condition and a more general interest taken in this particular branch of our work, the benefits flowing from a thoroughly equipped library would be felt throughout the Association. We would suggest, therefore, that the attention of all our members be drawn to this subject, and that contributions, either in money or literature of a suitable kind, be solicited, so that our Library may soon stand second to none in this Province. The Literary and Social Committee struck the right key-note when they presented us with \$50.00 towards the good work. The additions to the Library during the past year amounted to 75 volumes, including the Magazines.

Another branch of work this Committee have begun, and which, it is to be hoped, their successors will prosecute to a successful issue, is the painting of the rooms. They point to the Class and Committee Rooms as a sample of what they desire the interior of our building to be.

Your Committee record their thanks to Mrs. Thos. Saunders, for six framed mottoes, which are now hung up in the Class Room, and also to Mr. Geldert for the gift of a violin.

The appearance of the Hall has been greatly enhanced by being hung with pictures, the funds to frame which were provided by the Literary and Social Committee.

In the Reading Room several newspapers from various parts of the Dominion have been added to the free list. Your Committee have also deemed it expedient to subscribe for Scribner's Magazine and the Edinburgh Scotsman newspaper.

Our rooms are freely patronized by the members. The dining room gives excellent satisfaction.

The following Newspapers are supplied gratis, and your Committee would thank the proprietors of the several journals for their favours :

NOVA SCOTIA.—Chronicle, Herald, Reporter, Recorder, Citizen, Presbyterian Witness, Christian Messenger, Wesleyan, Dalhousie



College Gazette, Journal of Agriculture, Alliance Journal, Journal of Education, Budds and Blossoms, Eastern Chronicle, Western Chronicle, Star, Sun, Acadia Athenæum, Colonial Standard. Maritime Sentinel, Monitor, Liverpool Times, Liverpool Advance, Windsor Mail, Weekly Journal, Royal Gazette, Digby Courier, Antigonish Casket, Lunenburg Progress.

CAPE BRETON.—Herald, Advocate.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—St. John Globe, St. John Sun, Religious Intelligencer, Christian Visitor, St. Croix Courier, Miramichi Advance, Moncton Daily Times, Borderer, Chatham Gleaner, Carlton Sentinel.

P. E. ISLAND.—Charlottetown Herald, Summerside Journal, Summerside Progress, Island Argus, Examiner, Patriot, Presbyterian.

ONTARIO.—Dominion Churchman, Evangelical Churchman.

QUEBEC.—Observer, Advertiser.

UNITED STATES.—Appeal.

LONDON, G. B.—Christian.

GEO. CUNNINGHAM, *Chairman.*

### RECEPTION.

The Reception Committee, in submitting this, their first Report, have little of general interest to present. The very nature of their work prevents anything like a detailed statement.

After organization, they decided to meet monthly, and arrange for each month in advance, appointing two members to each week, with the understanding that they were responsible for that time, both, or one of them, to be present at the rooms at least every evening. This has been the Committee's mode of working.

From the experience of your Committee, they are convinced of the importance of carrying out the work contemplated, and that its success will largely depend on the judicious selection of its members. Brethren placed on this Committee must be selected from special adaptation to the nature of the work entrusted to them.

M. M. LINDSAY, *Chairman.*

Dr. **Halifax Young Men's Christian Association in Account with the Treasurer.** Cr.

Jan'y 1, 1878,		
To Balance.....	\$119 15	\$ 100 00
" paid Secretary 800 00	Special Grant \$90.....	800 00
" " Messenger.....	130 00	1650 00
" " Janitor.....	104 00	1065 00
" " Postage \$14 72	P. O. Box, \$1 30.....	60 50
" " Gas Company.....	16 22	127 00
" " " Mission Church.....	301 28	23 10
" " Executive Committee.....	55 00	17 15
" " Expenses of Secretary to Convention.....	3 00	1 90
" " Water rates (two years).....	70 00	34 24
" " Stationery.....	35 46	0 75
" " Printing.....	65 00	142 95
" " Periodicals.....	97 88	
" " E. Wilson 17 00	D. King 11 92	Gas Fitters 550
" " Finance on Building 30 00	In. on Books 16 00	106 00
" " Binding Books 65 06	Sanford 4 40	57 45
" " Sundries 9 45	Cleaning Building 15 00.....	24 45
" " Painting 17 00	M. King Piano 2 50	Rep. range 125
" " Interest on Mortgage.....	720 00	
" " " Notes.....	140 45	
" " Removing Ashes \$2 25	Le. Soap 3 45.....	9 20
" " Books for Mission School.....	4 00	
" " Newspapers 7 90	Y. M. C. A. Year Book 3 35	10 25
" " Wood Trunkage and Cutting 1 60	Coal 69 00	10 00
" " Illumination.....	24 50.....	
" " Symonds 4 65,	Murray 5 63	Painting 24 50.....
" " Davis 5 30,	Horton 0 75	A. & Faulkner 2 50.....
" " King 5 92	Sundries 9 21.....	58 46
Jan'y 1879—To Balance.....	\$3178 47	\$ 142 58
		\$ 3178 47

E. & O. E.  
 Jan'y 1879 S H BLACK, Treasurer



## CONSTITUTION

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

### ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be called the "HALIFAX YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION."

### ARTICLE II.

The object of this Association shall be, the Improvement of the spiritual, moral, mental and social condition of the young men of the City of Halifax, by the support and maintenance of religious and social meetings, sermons, lectures, library, reading rooms, and such other means as may conduce to the accomplishment of this object

### ARTICLE III.

Any person of good moral character may become a member of the Association by the payment of such fee as shall be fixed by the Bye-laws to entitle him to all the privileges of membership. He shall be proposed by a member of the Association, and shall be elected by ballot by the General Committee. But no person shall be eligible to serve on a Committee, or be an officer of the Association, who is not a member of good standing in one of the evangelical churches.

### ARTICLE IV.

Any member, on payment of Forty Dollars at one time, may become a Life Member,

### ARTICLE V.

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, not more than six Vice-Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, (who shall be *ex-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 a Board of Trustees, to consist of the President of the Association for the time being, and eight Trustees to be elected by the Association. Two members of the Board of Trustees shall retire annually, who shall be eligible for re-election. The two members of the Board of Trustees, first named in the Act of Incorporation shall retire at the end of the first year, the second two at the end of the second year, the third two at the end of the third year, and the remaining two at the end of the fourth year.

### ARTICLE IX.

No article of this Constitution shall be altered or amended unless six months notice of the proposed alteration is given in writing, and then only if recommended by a majority of the General Committee, and adopted by a two-third vote of the members present at a meeting, of which regular notice has been given at least two weeks previously.



## BYE-LAWS.

### ARTICLE I—MEMBERS FEE.

Members received into the Association shall pay an annual fee of Two Dollars, payable on admission, and on the 1st of January in each year thereafter.

### ARTICLE II—DUTY OF OFFICERS.

1. It shall be the duty of the *President* and in his absence, of the senior *Vice-President* present to preside at meetings of the Association and General Committee.

2. It shall be the duty of the *Treasurer* to receive all monies and disburse the same under the direction of the General Committee. He shall present a full and correct account of his transactions to the annual meeting and to the General Committee when required.

3. The *General Committee* shall manage all the affairs of the Association, and make bye-laws for its government. They shall appoint the *Secretary* and fix his salary, and shall report fully to the Association at the Quarterly and Annual Meetings. They shall appoint the following Standing Committees, and such other Committees as may be required, viz: A Committee on Missions and Devotions; on Finance; Literary and Social Committee; on Membership; on Strangers and Employment; on Temperance; on Tract Distribution; on Visiting Sick; and on Rooms and Library. Seven members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

4. The *Board of Trustees* shall discharge their duties under the direction of the General Committee, and shall present a full report of their proceedings to the Association at the Annual Meeting.

5. It shall be the duty of the *Recording Secretary* to keep a record of all meetings of the Association and Committees, and of the name, residence, and church of each member, notify all officers and members of their election or appointment, and prepare the work for the Business Meeting. He shall collect membership dues and subscriptions, and pay the same over to the *Treasurer*. He shall also act as *Librarian*, and generally under the direction of 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, keep copies of all letters and files of those received.

### ARTICLE III—STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

2. The Committee on *Finance* shall consist of five members, who shall devise means for obtaining funds for the Association, shall examine and approve all accounts referred to them by the General Committee, previous to payment by the *Treasurer*.

3. The *Literary and Social Committee* shall consist of seven members. They shall, under the direction of the General Committee, provide for the delivery of lectures, the establishment and management of literary classes, and of social meetings of the Association.



4. The *Membership Committee* shall consist of nine members. All propositions for membership shall be referred to them, and they shall, after due enquiry, report on the same to the General Committee. They shall be empowered to strike from the roll of membership any person who fails to pay his dues for two years consecutively, unless, in their opinion, there are special circumstances in the case. They shall also, by such means as they think best, 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 of the members who may be laid aside by sickness, affording them such sympathy and assistance as may be in their power, and when considered necessary, report such cases to the General Committee.

9. The *Rooms and Library Committee* shall consist of seven members. They shall have charge of the rooms of the Association, and make provision for furnishing, lighting, warming, and keeping the same in order. They shall use all suitable means for the increase and preservation of the Library—provide papers and periodicals for the Reading Room, and shall approve all publications prior to their admission into the Library and Reading Room.

10. Any member of any Standing Committee absenting himself from four consecutive meetings, without sufficient reason, shall cease to be a member of such Committee, and his place shall be filled by the General Committee.

#### ARTICLE IV.—VISITING ROOMS COMMITTEE.

There shall be a Committee of Visitation of the Rooms, to consist of members of General Committee, in rotation, as may be arranged, whose duty it shall be to visit the Rooms as often as possible—to be present at the Prayer Meeting on Thursday evening; also the Saturday evening Bible Class. They shall acquaint themselves with the religious condition of the Association, and the working of each of the Committees, and shall report to General Committee at their Quarterly Meeting.

#### ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

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

2. Quarterly Meetings of the Association shall be held in the months of April, July, and October, at which meetings reports from the several Standing Committees shall be presented, and general business transacted.

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

4. The General Committee shall hold regular Quarterly Meetings, and may be called together at any time by the President or any three members.

#### ARTICLE VI.—ALTERATIONS.

No Bye-Law shall be altered, except by a two-third vote of those present at a business meeting—notice of the intended alteration having been given at a previous meeting; but any Bye-Law may be suspended for the time being by 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 Bye-Laws for the admission and qualification of members, the choice, power and duty of its officers, and the regulation of its business generally as are not inconsistent with this Act and the laws of the Province.
4. The Association may acquire and hold real and personal estate, and with the consent in writing of at least two thirds of the Trustees and two-thirds of the General Committee, may sell, mortgage or convey the real estate.
5. The Real Estate of the Association, together with any devise of Real Estate hereafter made, shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, each of whom shall be a member in good standing of one of the Evangelical churches of the city, but not more than three shall be members of any one denomination. John S. Maclean, Daniel McN. Parker, Edward Jost, James Farquhar, Thomas A. Ritchie, Edwin D. King, James Thomson, Samuel L. Shannon, and Thomas A. Brown are hereby created such Board of Trustees, and vacancies shall be filled in such a manner as the Constitution of the Association may provide.
6. Any income arising from the real estate, after deducting payments for interest, insurance and necessary repairs shall be devoted to the 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 Estates of the Association shall not be liable for any future debt or obligation of the Association unless the same shall have been contracted with the approval and sanction of two thirds of the Trustees.
9. Such portion of the Real Estate of the Association as may be exclusively used for the purposes of the Association shall be exempt from taxation.
10. Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1873, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association" is hereby repealed.

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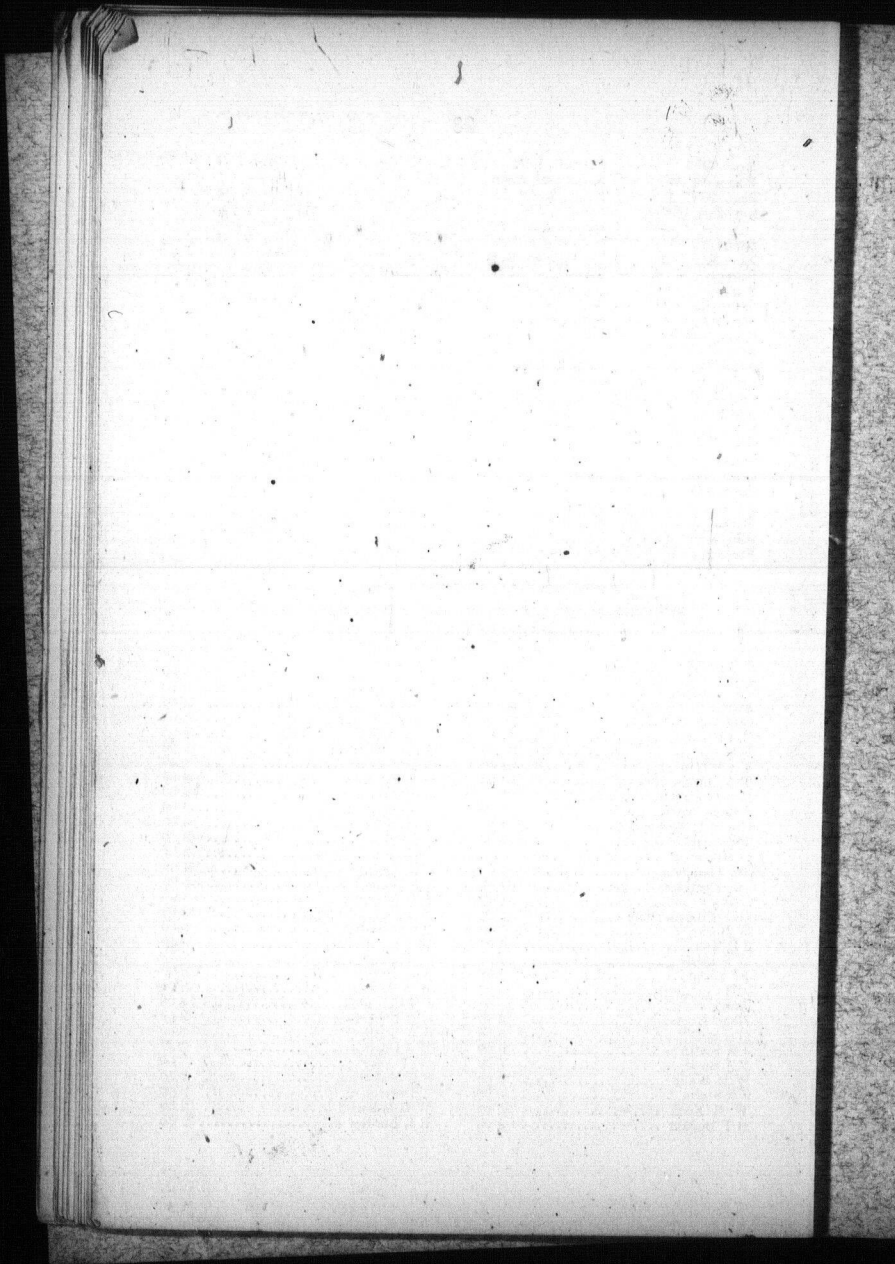
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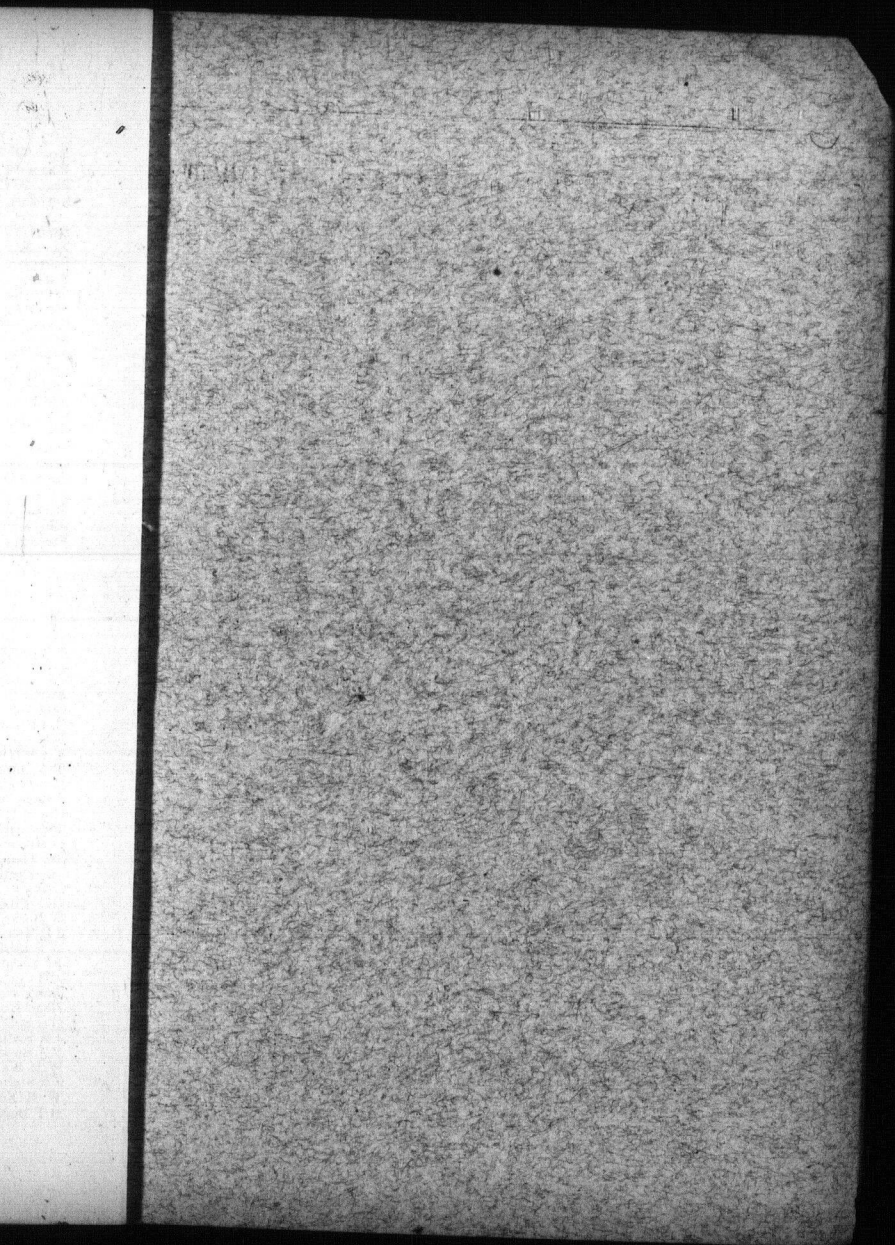
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H P Burton .....	4 00	R L Borden .....	2 50





# Halifax Young Men's Christian Association

CORNER OF

**Prince and Granville Streets.**



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

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

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

Baths 15 cents each, eight tickets for \$1.00 to members.

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#### 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.

Union Prayer Meeting first Tuesday in every month, in the Class Room from 8 till 9 o'clock, p.m., open to the public.

Lectures and Literary and Musical Entertainments every alternate Tuesday evening during the winter.

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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 of Prince and Granville Streets.