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Young Men's Christian Association,



HALIFAX.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1889.

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# Bonng Men's Christian Association,

# OF HALIFAX,

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### The Association offers to its Members :

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## ANNUAL MEETING.

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The Thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Association was held in the Hall on Friday Evening, January 31st.

Half an hour was spent in devotional exercises, led by S. E. Whiston.

At 8 o'clock the President called the meeting to order. The Secretary read the minutes of last annual meeting.

The President, in a short address, reviewed the work of the past year. Stock-taking, he said, was necessary, not only in business life, but in religious life, and in association life. The various subcommittees would report to night what they had been doing during the past year. There had been failures, as well as successes, but on the whole he thought the Association had enjoyed a very prosperous year.

He referred to those members who had died during the past year, making special mention of Mr. John S. Maclean, who during his life, had done so much for the Association.

Reports from all the sub-committees, eleven in number, were then read. The reports showed that a very large amount of good work had been done. On motion, the reports read were received and adopted, and ordered to be handed to the Publication Committee for revision previous to publication in panighlet form.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Tract Distribution Committee for the faithful manner in which they had discharged their duties.

On motion, the rule requiring the President to be elected by ballot was suspended.

Moved by Mr. Crowe, and seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that Mr. James C. Mackintosh be re-elected President for the ensuing year; passed unanimously. The President thanked the members for electing him for the third time to this truly honorable position. As in the past, so in the future, he would endeavour to do his duty to the best of his ability. He relied upon the active sympathy and

co-operation, not only of the members of the committee, but of the membership generally. He said that there was a deficit against the Association which must be got rid of. There would be no difficulty in doing this, if each would do his duty. We must all work, as well as pray, and with the blessing of God, upon our efforts, a year of profitable work would be the result. In conclusion he said that while he was quite willing to serve the Association as President for another year, he wished it to be distinctly understood that if spared until the next annual meeting he would not be a candidate for the office. He had come to this conclusion, because he thought it would be for the best interests of the Association that there should be frequent changes in the Presidency. He looked upon the position as a very honorable one-one that every Christian citizen should feel proud to fill; and as in the United States, every boy had before him the possibility of becoming President of that great country; so in our Association every active member should have an opportunity of filling the highest office in the gift of the

The officers were then elected.

A conversation on matters of importance connected with the Association then ensued, after which the meeting adjourned with singing and prayer.

## REPORTS,

Presented at the Annual Meeting.

### MISSION AND DEVOTION.

The Devotional Meetings of the Association are entrusted to this committee. During the past year they have carefully and prayerfully endeavoured to perform the duties assigned to them. All the meetings have been regularly provided for, and it has been the committee's aim to make the exercises at the various gatherings interesting and profitable.

THE GOSPEL MEETING.—The class-room has been large enough on ordinary occasions for this meeting, though there have been times when it was necessary to use the hall. The meetings have been addressed by ministers of this city, students from Pine Hill and Dalhousie Colleges, and 'frequently by members of the Association. A member of the Association invariably presides at this meeting. On Sunday, June 23rd, we were privileged to listen to Mr. M. H. Hodder, one of the founders of the Parent Association in London, G. B. Interesting reports were given at several of the meetings by the Secretary on the International Convention in Philade'phia, and the Secretaries' Conference in Orange, N. J.; by several of the delegates who attended the Convention of the Maritime Provinces at Moneton; and by Messrs. Hill, Whiston, and the Secretary, on the work done at the Militia Camp at Aldershots. The attendance and interest in the Gospel Meetings have been up to the average.

PRAYER MEETING—This meeting has been more or less regularly attended. The committee regret that they cannot report any increase in the attendance. They however consider the meeting necessary, and will continue to ask God's blessing on the few who attend, and also pray that the petitions of this little band may be answered, "that a rich outpouring of God's Spirit may be experienced by the Association."

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BIBLE CLASS. --The Rev. John McMillan, B. D., still continues his faithful labours in connection with this class. Almost uninterruptedly through the year he has presided over the class, and presented a carefully prepared exposition of the S. S. Lesson. The members, who are very much attached to their leader, presented him with a very handsome Oxford Bible at Christmas. On Sunday, the 28th of April, a very impressive Memorial Service in connection with the death of Bro. John S. Maclean was held; remarks were made by the President and Messrs. W. H. Wiswell, W. B. McNutt, D. Blackwood, R. N. Beckwith, Hon. S. L. Shannon, and Rev. Dr. Burns. The attendance was very large.

The Week of Prayer in November was observed by the Association. Public services were held on Sunday, the 10th, and Thursday, the 14th; Prayer-meetings for men only on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday evenings of the week; and while the attendance was not large, the exercises were profitable. A collection was taken up for the International Executive Committee, and amounted to \$18.

Besides invitations distributed at all the hotels in the city on Sunday mornings by the Tract distributors, several of the members go on the street near the building half an hour before the afternoon meeting commences, distributing slips and personally inviting

While the committee feel that the Lord has blessed their efforts, they will not cease to pray for a yet larger manifestation of approval on this the spiritual work of the Association.

# LITERARY AND SOCIAL.

The committee have endeavored to realize the comparative importance of the work entrusted to it. After much thought it was decided to take a new departure and follow a line of work which would be more exclusively for the benefit of the membership, and in keeping with the methods adopted elsewhere. This was not prompted by motives of selfishness in any degree, but simply that it might be realized by young men from outside our Association, as well as by those already enrolled with us, that there was an advantage in becoming a member.

The winter programme has been placed in the hands of each member and is now half exhausted, and those who have availed themselves of what it provided have been benefited; a number of young men have been attracted to our ranks by it, and the committee has gained valuable experience in this method of work. The attendance has not been as large at the different events as we would have wished, but there is cause for encouragement.

The President's receptions, especially, have been interesting. For some years the committe has been in a position to hand over to the Treasurer a sum of money towards the general funds of the association. This amount was raised either by the engagement of some outside attraction or from the sale of season tickets. Members this year were furnished with free tickets to the course, and the committee did not see its way clear to handle any attraction from outside. Despite adverse circumstances, and some apparent failure, perhaps, the committee feel called upon to thank God and take courage.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

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The Membership Committee reports as follows: On the roll, Jan. 1st, 1889-

Active and associate	918
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Honorary	43
Subscribers	
	575
Added during the year	. 61
	636
Names erased—	
Left the city	40
By request	
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On the roll, Jan. 1st, 1890	583

The committee record with regret the loss by death of the following members :---J. S. Maclean, Nepean Clark, Dr. J. S. Lathern,

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Edward Jost, E. Boreham. In this list we have the names of some of the staunchest friends of the Association.

At the first of the year the members of the committee interviewed the pastors of Halifax and Dartmouth and solicited their co-operation in the matter of increasing the membership, but the result was not as cheering as they anticipated.

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In November we prepared, and had printed, 1000 copies of a Pocket Guide, which were distributed by members of the committee among young men in the city not members of the Association.

This little Guide cost the Association nothing-the advertisements more than paying the expense.

Although not discouraged with the year's work, the committee more than ever feel that if the membership generally would come up to the help of the membership committee with more enthusiasm, much better results would follow.

# TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

The Tract committee have during the past year regularly visited, every Sunday morning, all the hotels in the city, as well as the military guard rooms, jail, ferry and police stations, and supplied them with tracts and other religious reading matter, and in many cases information concerning the association, with invitations to the gospel meetings Sunday afternoons.

It is estimated that about 10,000 tracts have been given away during the year. These were supplied gratis by the British American Book and Tract Society, to whom the committee tender their hearty thanks.

The distributors are as follows, viz : Jos. Wood, jr., W. R. Woodill, Geo. W. Bowser, A. Archard, Edwd. Smith, Richd. Saunders. They testify to the appreciation with which the tracts are received, especially by those who are strangers to the city and the military. The distributors like the work and urge their brethren to come and help them. The committee express the opinion that each district should have two distributors instead of one.

The committee pray that the seed sown in weakness may be watered by the Spirit and spring up and bring forth fruit to the honour and glory of God.

### ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

It has been the aim of the committee to maintain the attractiveness of the rooms. With this in view, several new papers and magazines have been added to the already large list taken in the reading room. The library has received considerable attention. Early in the year the committee co-operated with the Literary and Social Committee in arranging and carrying out the Book Reception. The result of this effort was very gratifying, 400 vols. and \$85 in cash being donated.

In June last the committee stopped the issue of books preparatory to re-arranging the library. At this time they found themselves in possession of the following amounts:

In the Treasurer's hands	\$120	
Proceeds of Lectures and Book Reception	145	00
Donation from W. H. Waddell	20	00
	\$285	00
his sum was disposed of as follows :		
New Books	\$120	00
Binding Books	47	00
Oil cloth, carpet and mats for Library	47	00.
	\$214	80

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Leaving \$71.00 for preparing and printing the Catalogue. The committee are happy to report that they were able to secure advertisements to almost pay the cost of printing the catalogue, leaving a balance of about \$50.00 to their credit in the Treasurer's hands.

The Library was re-opened in November, having been thoroughly renewed, re-labeled and re-numbered, a large number of the old books culled out and their places filled with the new booksgiven and purchased. There are now on the shelves the following :

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The Catalogue has been issued ; it is a neatly printed pamphlet of 52 pages and has been supplied to the members gratis. The thanks of the committee are tendered to the members who assisted the Secretary in the work of re-labeling and numbering the books.

The light at the front door being considered insufficient, it was decided to have an electric light placed over the door. This has been

done and the letters "Y. M. C. A," painted on the sides of the globe-The attention of the committee having been called to the necessity for a Telephone in the building, and receiving the offer of one at a very low rental, it was decided to have an instrument placed in the

Library. Already the wisdom of the step has been demonstrated Since the 1st November the Parlor has been lighted and a fire kept burning from 6 to 10 o'clock every evening. The bagatelle board purchased by the committee has been placed in the room and has received considerable attention from the members in the evenings. Other attractions might be introduced, but want of funds is the excuse for not suggesting them.

The committee has been much annoyed by persons stealing or mutilating papers and magazines in the reading room. A notice to the effect that persons detected would be prosecuted has lessened the

evil, but the practice is still indulged in to a limited extent. In August last, the committee anticipated a large number of

visitors during Carnival week, and endeavoured to make the rooms more than usually attractive. They gave some attention to this matter, and were rewarded for their efforts by the appreciation of the many who visited the rooms. It is estimated that 2000 persons entered the building during the week. The Secretary and members of the committee who were in attendance had frequent opportunities of calling attention to work of the Association, and many complimentary remarks were made by the visitors regarding the building, and the facilities provided for the comfort of young men.

# VISITING SICK,

The committee find no greater pleasure than in reporting very little work during the year. What little visiting has been required, however, has been a source of much pleasure to the committee, and

we have no doubt, has been appreciated by the afflicted. The committee, although not having a heavy record to chronicle, feel assured that they have not overlooked any duty in their special line that has come to their notice.

### TEMPERANCE.

The committee, in submitting their report, cannot bring before you one laden with good works. Yet we have somewhat to report, which, though small in itself, may prove a seed sown by this Association, which shall bear fruit. Soon after its appointment, the committee arranged for a public temperance meeting under the auspices of the Association, which was held on March 25th, Stipendiary Motton in the chair. The topic for discussion was: "Is Nova Scotia ripe for Prohibition?" The Chairman, Messrs. Parsons, Gayton and others took part, and the subject not being exhausted at a late hour, the meeting adjourned till April 1st, when it was again opened up. The result was the organization of the "Halifax Prohibition League," which is now in active operation.

The Association also had a Temperance Sunday, when addresses were delivered on total abstinence and prohibition.

A number have enrolled themselves in our pledge-book ; but, in the opinion of your committee, many more might do so, not for personal benefit but for example.

Your committee are of option that such an organization as the Y. M. C. A. should keep abreast of the great prohibition movement which is now stirring our land from centre to circumference, and that, as an Association, we should declare by resolution on which side we are.

#### PUBLICATION.

As in previous years, your committee had as a first duty, the preparing for the press and publishing the Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Association, of which eight hundred copies were issued.

The Christian Worker, the organ of the Association, has been regularly issued every month during the year. One thousand copies

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have been distributed to our membership, to the various associations throughout the provinces of the Dominion, and to several in the United States. The cost of publication has been \$223.13, which has been paid by the advertisements.

Arrangements have been made in accordance with resolution of the General Committee to continue the publication during the year 1890. Starting with a new publisher, the committee hope that their successors will be able to give a paper that will be both useful and creditable to the Association.

### FINANCE.

The Treasurer's statement shows a balance due him of \$392.83, and there are unpaid bills to the amount of \$200.00, making a deficit of nearly \$600,00. About half of this amount was carried over from previous year. The committee, at the end of the March quarter, reported up the deficiency, and knowing that the current expenses could not be met from the receipts, asked the General Committee to add to the Finance Committee six members who would be willing to assist in increasing the permanent income, say \$500.00. The General Committee acceded to the request and appointed the six asked for. It was the intention of the committee, thus enlarged and strengthened, to make a thorough canvass of the membership, and request increased subscriptions from those in their opinion able to do so. Also, to interview friends outside the association, and solicit from them annual subscriptions of \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00, such payments making them sustaining members.

However, before the committee could get to work, the death of our esteemed Bro. John S. Maclean occurred, and the general committee decided to start a Memorial Fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of extinguishing the mortgage on the building. The work connected with this fund was handed over to the Finance committee, with the six members added at the previous meeting. The committee then decided not to do anything in the way of increasing the current income, fearing that it might materially interfere with the success of the Memorial Fund; at the same time realizing that if the fund was successful, and the mortgage on the building removed, the sum of

\$600.00 now paid for interest would be sufficient to meet current expenses. The committee regret to report the Memorial Fund not a success, the whole amount promised being \$1087.00, which included \$500.00 from Wm. Miller, Esq., and \$200.00 from President Mackintosh. The amount received during the year was \$916,50, leaving \$170.50 yet to be paid in. Had the committee anticipated the result of the Memorial Fund, they might have prosecuted their efforts to increase the current income.

In concluding this report, the committee desire to say that if the Association is to do the work that lies before it in this city, and maintain its present position, the income must be increased \$500.00. Until this is done deficits will annually occur. This matter is of the utmost importance to the future usefulness of the Association, and should receive the earnest and prayerful attention of the general committee, as well as the active co-operation of every member of the Association, to the end that the institution shall not only be lifted out of debt, but placed on a solid financial basis.

### RECEPTION

It is the duty of this committee to have one or more of its members at the rooms each evening for the purpose of welcoming strangers and entertaining members.

The chairman of the committee, Mr. Isaiah Smith, during the larger part of the year was not in the enjoyment of good health, and this, of course, very materially interfered with the efficiency of his office. He, however, did his best until October, when he was ordered by his medical adviser to go to Colorado. The committee regret parting with so faithful a leader, and pray that if it is the Lord's will, his health may be restored, so that he may once more be privileged to labour among us.

#### EMPLOYMENT.

While this committee is not able to present a very glowing report of its labours, it has been able to do sufficient work to justify its existence. Several young men have obtained employment, either

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directly or indirectly, through the committee. By far the largest number of applicants were those who either knew too much, or not enough—two classes very hard to place. The rule made by a previous committee, of not recommending any who do not come recommended, has been acted upon. This is considered necessary, as the recommending of one who proved himself unreliable would be injurious to the Association. The committee has always considered it a pleasant duty to use its influence in behalf of young men coming to the city bringing satisfactory credentials with them.

# MACLEAN MEMORIAL FUND.

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# In Memoriam.

We have been called upon during the year to mourn the removal by death of the following active and associate members:

# Nepean Clarke,

One of the founders of the Association. Died May 22nd, 1889.

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# John S. Maclean,

Died April 25th, 1889.

# Eugene Boreham,

Joined November 29th, 1874. Died July 25th, 1889.

# Edward Jost,

Joined March 9th, 1876. Died April 4th, 1889.

# I. Simpson Lathern, M. D.,

Joined July 14th, 1884. Died January 26th, 1889.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

### John S. Maclean.

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The General Committee of the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association desire to place on record, in the minutes of the Association, their sense of the loss sustained, not only by this institution, but by the community at large, in the removal by death of our beloved friend and brother, Mr. John S. Maelean, who for over thirty years has faithfully labored in Christ's vineyard in the Maritime Provinces of Canada.

Devoting himself to the service of his Master in early manhood, notwithstanding the pressing responsibilities and cares of an active business life Mr. Maclean was ever in the front rank of Christian setvity. No good cause appealed in vain for his help. His time and his movey were freely given in aid of the many charities and philanthropies of this city.

In connection with the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, this General Committee would especially thank God for what has been accomplished by our departed brother. Becoming a member of the Halifax Association when it seemed almost ready to die, he was enabled to infuse new life into it, and accepting the presidency at a oritical period of its history, his well-known vigor and enthusiasm speedily brought its work and its needs before the Christian public, and enlisted the interest of the religious community in its well-being and success.

The history of the rise and progress of the Young Men's Christian Association in these Maritime Provinces is indissolubly associated with the names of John S. Maclean and James B. Morrow ; and to these brethren in Christ, co-workers in laboring for the best interests of the young men of our city and country may be attributed, under the blessing of God, the great success that has attended Association work in Nova Socia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

As a member of the International Executive Committee of Associations, Mr. Madean was brought into co-operation with some of the foremst Christian workers in the United States and the Dominion of Canada, by whom he was universally beloved and esteemed for his abilities, earnestness and Christian activity.

This General Committee in thus minuting their feelings of sorrow at their loss, would rejoice in the assurance that their departed brother has gone to be with Him whom hes o faithfully served, and to whom he was privileged to point so many young men ; and this Committee would commend the life and work of John S. Maclean to the many young men of this Association as an example of what a representative Christian man should be.

# CONSTITUTION.

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

### ARTICLE I.

The Association shall be called "THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION."

### ARTICLE II.

The object of this Association shall be the improvement of the spiritual, moral, mental and social condition of the ycung 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 accomplish-

### ARTICLE III.

Any person of good, moral character may become a member of the Association by the payment of such fees 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 ia not a member in good standing of 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 size 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 all vacancies occurring in their

### ARTICLE VI.

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

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### 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, 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.

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# BY-LAWS.

# ARTICLE I .-- MEMBERS' FEES.

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, or in his absence of the senior VICE-PRESIDENT present, to preside at meetings of the Association and General Committee.

 It shall be the duty of the TREASUREE 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 by-laws for its government. They shall appoint a Secretary and fix his salary, and shall report fully to the Association at the quarterly and annual meetings. They shall appoint the following Standing Committees, and such other Committees as may be required, viz.: a Committee on Missions and Devotions; on Finance; Literary and Social Committee; on Membership; on Strangers and Euployment; on Temperance; on Tract Distribution; on Visiting the Sick; and on Rooms and Library. Seven members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

 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 their annual meeting.

5. It shall be the duty of the RECONDING 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 Meetings. 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 tiles of those received.

### ARTICLE III. - STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. The Committee on MISSIONS AND DEVOTIONS shall consist of seven members, and have charge of mission work, and of all the devotional meetings and Bible Classes of the Association.

2. The Committee on FINANCE shall consist of five members, who shall devise means for obtaining funds for the Association, and shall examine and approve all accounts referred to them by the General Committee previous to payments 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 CRMMITTEE shall consist of five members, and it shall be their duty to aid young men in getting employment.

d. The TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE shall consist of seven members, and it shall be their duty to promete the principles of total abstinence from intoxicating liquors.

 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.

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# AETICLE IV .- VISITING ROOMS COMMITTEE.

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

 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.

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

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

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### ARTICLE VI.

All Ministers of Evangelical Churches, resident in the City of Halifax and Town of Dartmouth, shall become bonorary members, unless they decline when so notified, and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of active membership.

## ARTICLE VII.-ALTERATIONS

No By-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 By-Law may be suspended for the time being by a unanimous vote.

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# AN ACT TO INCORPORATE The Halifax Young Men's Christian Association.

PASSED ON THE 6th DAY OF MAY, 1875,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :

 John S. Maclean, William B. McNutt, Murdoch 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, reading-toom, 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. This 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 devices 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. Maelean, Daniel McN. Parker, Edward Jost, James Farquhar, Thomas A. Ritchie, Edwin D. King, James Thomson, Samuel L. Shannon, and Thomas A. Bitchie, Edwin D. King, or eated such Board of Trustees, and vacancies shall be filled in such a manner as the Constitution of the Association may provide.

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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, no 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 further debt of 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 cf the Acts of 1873, entitled, "An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association," is hereby repealed.

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