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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1887.

HALIFAX:

PUBLISHED BY THE ASSOCIATION,

1888.

THE
Young Men's Christian Association,
• OF HALIFAX. •

Corner of Prince and Granville Streets.

Reading Room open from 9 a. m. till 10 p. m.
Library open from 9 a. m. till 9 p. m.

The Association offers to its Members:—

READING ROOM, with 120 newspapers and magazines.
LIBRARY, containing over 3,200 volumes, which is being constantly added to.
Parlor and Conversation Room, containing Piano, Chess, Draughts, &c.
Lectures and Entertainments during winter.
The Dining Room is open from 12 till 2 p. m. Tea at 6. 25 cents each meal.

Baths, 15 cents each; eight tickets for \$1.
Subscription to the Association, \$2 per annum.

MEETINGS HELD IN THE BUILDING:

Gospel Meeting, Sunday, 4.30 p. m.
Bible Training Class, Monday, 8 p. m.
Young Men's Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 8 p. m.
Young Men's Bible Class, Saturday, 8 p. m.

YOUNG MEN COMING TO THE CITY

are cordially invited to visit our Rooms and examine the various attractions offered to young men, by which the evenings and other unemployed hours can be pleasantly and profitably spent.

PASTORS OF CHURCHES,

and others knowing young men about to locate in the city, will confer a favor by giving them letters of introduction to the Secretary, or informing him of their city address.

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REPORTS.

MISSION AND DEVOTION.

Your Committee has met regularly every Tuesday afternoon, and arranged for the devotional meetings of the Association.

The Saturday Evening Bible Class has been chiefly under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Forrest and Rev. John McMillan, B. D., and though the attendance has not been large, those who do attend express themselves as much helped by this study of God's word. These brethren have placed your Committee under deep obligation for the interest manifested by them in this Class.

The Young Men's Prayer Meeting on Thursday evening has been attended by a number of the younger members, who have been greatly benefited by this means of grace.

The Gospel Meeting on Sunday afternoon has been regularly held. The meeting is conducted in Summer almost entirely by members of the Association, and in winter with the assistance of the ministers, who in turn very kindly deliver earnest gospel addresses. Your Committee take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Isaiah Smith for presiding at the organ, and Mr. S. Crawford for leading the singing, which has very materially added to the interest of these meetings.

Soon after the Convention in August last, a Bible Training Class was started. The Class meets on Monday evenings, and is led by the Secretary. The results so far have been quite encouraging.

The Week of Prayer in November was observed by the Association. The opening meeting was held in the Academy of Music, and was largely attended. Meetings were held each evening in the Hall, for men only. A collection was taken for the International Executive Committee, which amounted to \$22.50.

Your Committee earnestly request the co-operation of the membership in making the devotional meetings seasons of spiritual refreshing.

J. S. MACLEAN, *Chairman.*

FINANCE.

We began the year in debt, the Treasurer's account, to Dec. 31, 1886, showing a debit balance of \$61.03, and unpaid accounts amounting to \$240; total, about \$300. Shortly after their appointment, the Finance Committee determined to use every possible effort to shew a clean balance sheet at the end of their term, which they are happy to state has been very nearly accomplished.

Your Committee, under the impression that quite a number of subscribers interested in the welfare and successful working of the Association, but contributing only two dollars per annum towards its support, would be willing, if solicited, to increase their subscriptions, requested the Secretary to prepare a list of such subscribers. This being done, two of the Finance Committee volunteered to wait upon these gentlemen, and succeeded in obtaining a permanent increase of about \$60. Two others then followed up the work, the result being a total of \$80.

About the middle of the year, the Committee were pleased to learn that the Literary and Social Committee had arranged for a second visit of the Fiske Jubilee Singers. Two concerts were given, resulting in a net profit of \$200.

Your Committee have also to report the sum of \$100 derived from the sale of tickets for the winter course of lectures and entertainments.

While your Committee are pleased to present so favorable a report of the financial working of the Association for the year, the income having been sufficient not only to meet the current expenditure, but also, very nearly, to pay off the debt which has been hanging over the Association for two years, they feel that it is exceedingly desirable that the permanent income should be such as to prevent any further deficiencies. They are of the opinion that the effort of the past year looking for increased yearly subscriptions might be still further followed up. They feel sure that there are yet many gentlemen in the city whose sympathies are with the Institution, but who contribute very little towards its support, who, if the noble and Christian worth of the Association were only fairly represented to them, might be induced to contribute much more largely towards the funds.

E. G. SMITH, *Chairman.*

LITERARY AND SOCIAL.

The Literary and Social Committee during the past year arranged for two Receptions to the students of the various colleges in the city. One was held on the 11th March, and the other on the 25th November. Both Receptions were well attended, and we are assured were greatly enjoyed by our guests.

Your Committee engaged the Fiske Jubilee Singers for two Concerts in November in the Academy of Music, which were well patronized, and gave general satisfaction. Net proceeds, \$209.

An evening of readings by Miss Jeanie McGarry netted the Association \$14.50.

Your Committee also arranged for a course of Lectures and Entertainments.

The first entertainment was given on 6th December. The Committee were fortunate in securing some of our best singers, and great satisfaction was expressed.

On Dec. 20th, Rev. Dr. Burns lectured on "Memories of Leipsic, Dresden, Berlin, and Prague;" and on Jan. 10th, Rev. Dr. Hole lectured on a "Bible Tour Through South Africa." Both addresses were most instructive and enjoyable. Although the Hall was well filled at these lectures, your Committee would like to have observed a larger number of the young men of our Association present.

With the help of the members of the General Committee, we have disposed of 280 season tickets for this course of Lectures and Entertainments. \$100 has already been handed to the Treasurer, and we expect before the end of the course to net another \$50. Your Committee hope that the General Committee will be able to appropriate at least \$100 of this amount for the purchase of books for the Library.

S. CRAWFORD, *Chairman.*

MEMBERSHIP.

The Membership Committee submit the following statistical report for the past year :—

Members on roll, Jan. 1st, 1887.....	445
Added during year	66
	—
	511
Names erased :—	
Left the city	14
By request.....	7
Three years in arrears	2
Died	4
	—
	27
	—
	484
Increase	39

The Committee regret to report the loss by death of four of the Association's warmest friends and supporters :—Sir Wm. Young ; Geo. H. Starr ; Dr. Avery ; and Joseph Witton.

Whilst a fair measure of success has crowned the efforts of the Committee in their work, still they are convinced that if the members generally were to exercise more energy and zeal in looking out for new members, much larger additions would undoubtedly be the result, for it must be remembered that no Committee can be expected to overtake, with much degree of satisfaction, a work clearly intended for the whole membership, under the supervision of the Committee.

We would note the fact that a number of persons proposed and duly elected to membership have not yet signed the Constitution, but whom we expect will do so shortly.

JAS. FORREST, *Chairman.*

EMPLOYMENT.

There have been during the past year thirteen applications to your Committee for employment. Three of these have obtained positions through the agency of the Committee. The remainder have either had no references, or were merely passing through the city to other places.

W. B. McNUTT, *Chairman.*

TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

Your Committee have to thank the British American Book and Tract Society for the liberal grant of 14,000 Tracts, of which 11,000 have been distributed during the year among the hotels and other places of public resort. The field of distribution is divided into districts, including hotels and boarding-houses, the jail, and military guard-rooms.

We have to report a decrease in our workers, there being only nine, as compared with fifteen in 1886. Two active members of our Committee have been called away recently—Messrs. E. S. Parker and E. Sutcliffe—the former to study for the ministry.

T. L. E. PIERS, *Chairman.*

VISITING SICK.

Your Committee at the beginning of the year communicated with fourteen doctors, and the proprietors of nearly all the hotels in the city, offering the services of the members of Committee to sit up with and visit any young men who were strangers and sick. Your Committee have attended to every case brought before them. They also visited and sat up with Mr. Joseph Witton until his death, and followed his remains to the grave. Bro. Witton was truly grateful for all the attention shown him by the Secretary and your Committee during his sickness, and the confidence and trust he placed in his Saviour to the very last was a grand testimony to the all-sustaining power of God. It becomes us to be devoutly thankful to God that your Committee have been called upon so seldom during the year, considering our large membership, and the number of young men (strangers) who pass through the city.

J. S. POTTER, *Chairman.*

ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

The Rooms and Library Committee have given such matters as came before them their careful consideration.

It was intended to paper, paint, and otherwise improve our Parlor, and renovate the Class Room, but the Committee considered

this unwise and impracticable until the window frames on the east side of the building were made rain-proof, an improvement that must entail considerable expense (including new frames and sashes), which the financial condition of the Association does not at present seem to warrant.

The steadily increasing attendance of members in the Reading Room, and the encomiums passed on the room and its well-furnished tables by visitors, warrants us in believing that we are still second to none in that branch of Association work.

The Dining Room continues to be well patronized.

Our Library, however, still remains in an unsatisfactory condition. The Committee believe that an appeal to the members and friends of the Association for contributions of funds or suitable books would be promptly and generously responded to. An effort of this kind, supplemented by as large a sum as possible from the funds of the Association, would enable the Committee to make our Library correspondingly attractive with the Reading Room.

WM. CROWE, *Chairman.*

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee have watched with interest the question of Temperance, and have the pleasure to report that at the Quarterly Meeting of the General Committee, held 30th September, the following was passed unanimously:—

Resolved. "That the General Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association is in full sympathy with the movement undertaken by the Halifax Temperance League and the Women's Christian Temperance Union; and the Committee strongly urges the members of the Y. M. C. A. in this city not to sign applications for licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to do all in their power to induce other citizen ratepayers not to sign such petitions."

D. BLACKWOOD, *Chairman.*

OPEN AIR MISSION.

In presenting their annual report, the Open Air Mission Committee would refer to the history of their work during the last three years, beginning in 1885, by about forty Methodist young men, in the old Salem church, where evangelistic meetings were held on two nights of the week, and for a time on Sunday nights, these meetings being preceded by open air singing, with cornet and organ accompaniment. The attendance varied from fifty to twenty young men.

One year later, Salem church was sold, and the workers, greatly reduced in numbers, retired to Inglis School, Albemarle Street, and for the second year a very successful series of meetings were held.

The third year the Church Army took possession of Inglis School, and your Committee, with the aid of liberal friends, rented Hopgood's Hall, Argyle Street, in connection with which we continued our open-air work both on Jacob and Argyle Streets. The work was continued for several months with good promise and some tokens of blessing. Much encouragement was manifested in the open air singing, even in cold weather. During the summer the inside attendance fell off. In the fall some Gospel Temperance meetings were conducted. During November last, we had some of the finest open-air meetings we have ever had, but the need of an attractive front room on the first floor was urgently felt.

At the close of the year, 1st. Dec. last, it was decided not to continue longer in Hopgood's Hall, and to rest from open-air work for the winter, looking forward to resuming the work in the spring.

Since we commenced the open-air work three years ago, we have seen the Salvation Army and the Church Army both north and south going into the open-air work extensively, besides Rev. J. F. Avery and Rev. J. M. Allan, at Richmond, conducting open-air meetings in connection with their churches in the summer season.

During the winter months, your Committee have arranged to visit the North End City Mission Gospel Services, the Jost Mission Gospel Meeting on Sunday evenings, as well as assisting at other evangelistic meetings, as opportunity offers.

During the three years we have been working, we have held upwards of 200 open-air meetings on Jacob and Argyle Streets, 100 on Albemarle Street, and 30 on Sackville Street, near the Public Gardens and High School.

Your Committee have a number of gratifying cases that have come under their special notice of professed conversions; and numbers of young men of our city, besides strangers and sailors, have acknowledged benefit from these street and in-door meetings.

We have to thank members of the Association who have contributed liberally to our financial requirements.

D. MACGREGOR, *Chairman.*

RECEPTION.

Your Committee, in submitting their Report, feel gratified that it has been their privilege to give a hearty greeting to some strangers that have visited the Rooms, and to know that their endeavours to make them feel at home have been appreciated. The great difficulty has been to get a sufficient number of our young men interested in this very important part of the work. They trust, however, that their successors may be able to enlist a larger number of workers. They would suggest that suitable badges be supplied, to be worn by members of this Committee when on duty, in order that they may be more readily recognized by strangers who visit the rooms.

I. SMITH, *Chairman.*

PUBLICATION.

Immediately after their appointment, your Committee had printed and distributed 700 copies of the Thirty-third Annual Report of the Association.

They have continued to issue monthly during the year the *Christian Worker*, and by instruction of the General Committee have made arrangements for its continued publication during the year 1888.

The Committee feel that this periodical can only reach its highest usefulness by the assistance of all the members of the Association, and they would bespeak on its behalf in the coming year hearty co-operation of every member, that it may be a power for good.

W. B. McNUTT, *Chairman.*

Dr.
Halifax Y. M. C. A. in account with the Treasurer.

Dr. *Halifax Y. M. C. A. in account with the Treasurer.* **Cr.**

1887.	Jan. 1. To balance	\$ 61 03	By Subscriptions	\$1143 00
	" Insurance	107 50	" Rent	1200 00
	" Salaries	1051 00	" Use of Rooms	237 67
	" Postage	10 75	" Donations to Library	47 00
	" P. O. Box	4 00	" Sale of Papers	37 25
	" Sundries	2 50	" Water Rates (Savings Bank)	36 00
	" McGregor and Knight	126 84	" Proceeds McGarry Readings	14 58
	" Papers	43 70	" " Jubilee Concerts	200 00
	" Advertising	10 60	" " Lectures	100 00
	" Gas	250 80	" Bequest Mrs. Catherine Binney	500 00
	" Fuel	113 68	" Balance	12 46
	" Truckage	10 25		
	" Printing Reports	40 00		
	" S. M. Brookfield	134 59		
	" Repairs, &c	245 97		
	" Interest	600 00		
	" Binding Books	43 35		
	" Water Rates	80 40		
	" Printing	3 00		
	" Expenses Secretary to Convention & Camp	14 00		
	" Bank Nova Scotia, D. R	500 00		
	" Executive Committee	27 00		
	" Reserved for Library	47 00		
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1888.	Jan. To balance	\$ 12 46		

[E. & O. E.] S. H. BLACK,
Treasurer.

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 young men of the City of Halifax, by the support and maintenance of religious social meetings, sermons, lectures, library, reading-rooms, and such other means as may conduce to the accomplishment of this object.

ARTICLE III.

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

ARTICLE VI.

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

ARTICLE VII.

The Committee shall have power to suspend or expel any member whose conduct may be found inconsistent with the character of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Real Estate owned by the Association shall be held in the corporate name of the Association, and shall be managed by the Board of Trustees, to consist of the President of the Association for the time being, and eight Trustees to be elected by the Association. Two members of the Board of Trustees shall retire annually, who shall be eligible for re-election. The two members of the Board of Trustees first named in the Act of Incorporation shall retire at the end of the first year, the second two at the end of the second year, the third two at the end of the third year, and the remaining two at the end of the fourth year.

ARTICLE IX.

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



BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—MEMBERS' FEE.

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

ARTICLE II.—DUTY OF OFFICERS.

1. It shall be the duty of the PRESIDENT, or 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 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 Employment; 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.

4. The BOARD OF TRUSTEES shall discharge their duties under the direction of the General Committee, and shall present a full report of their proceedings to the Association at the annual meeting.

5. It shall be the duty of the RECORDING SECRETARY to keep a record of all meetings of the Association and Committees, and of the name, residence and Church of each member, notify all officers and members of their election or appointment, and prepare the work for the Business Meeting. He shall collect membership dues and subscriptions, and pay the same over to the Treasurer. He shall also act as Librarian, and generally under the direction of the Committee, perform such duties as they require.

6. It shall be the duty of the CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, under the direction of the Committee, to conduct the correspondence of the Association, keeping copies of all letters and files of those received.

ARTICLE III.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. The Committee on 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, 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, and it shall be their duty 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 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.
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 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 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, reading-room, and such other means as may conduce to the accomplishment of this object.
3. The Association may adopt such a Constitution and By-Laws for the admission and qualification of members, the choice, power and duty of its officers, and the regulation of its business generally, as are not inconsistent with this Act and the laws of the Province.
4. 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 devise of real estate hereinafter made, shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, each of whom shall be a member in good standing of one of the Evangelical Churches of the city, but not more than three shall be members of any one denomination. John S. Maclean, Daniel McN. Parker, Edward Jost, James Farquhar, Thomas A. 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, 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 of the Acts of 1873, entitled, "An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association" is hereby repealed



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