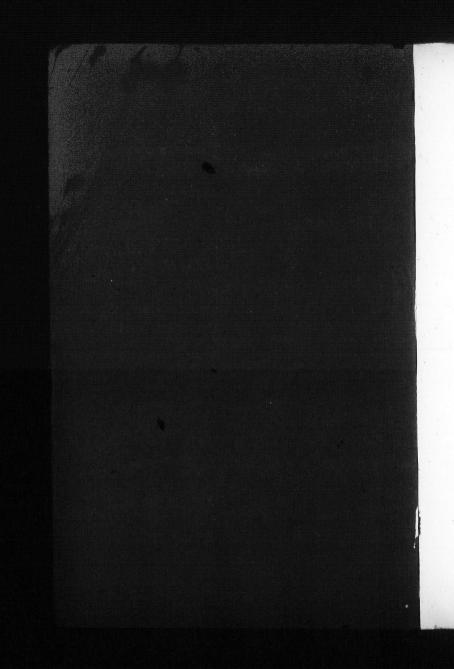
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## REPORT.

Our Heavenly Father has shown his favour to this Institution during the past year. With devout gratitude for his guidance, the Committee respectfully present their Annual Report to the members and subscribers.

The Committee are able to report progress in every branch of the Association. But whilst it has progressed, there is still room for vast improvement, and they would impress upon the mind of every member. of the Association the necessity for giving it his countenance and increased support.

Before entering into the details of the advance made, we would invite your attention to the various transactions in which the Association has been engaged.

In May last a circular was received from the Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations' of the United States and British Provinces, (a synopsis of which was sent to the Associations of this Province,) inviting delegates to the International Young Men's Christian Association Convention to be held in Detroit, Michigan, in June.

This Association was represented by the President—J. S. Maclean, Esq., Messrs. E. D. King, J. C. Mackintosh, D. McEwan, W. H. Wiswell and W. B. McNutt. At one of the meetings of that Convention it was resolved—"That the second Sabbath in November be especially set apart as a day of Prayer, for the blessing of Almighty God to rest upon our work; and flat Associations throughout the world seek to obtain the co-operation of all the Clergymen in the observance of that day.

A Circular embodying the above resolution was received in October; in compliance with which extracts from the Circular were sent to the ministers of the city and to all the Provincial Associations.

A meeting for prayer was held in Salem (hurch, Argyle Street, on the Sabbath named, between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock, P. M., at which a very large number attended. All seemed impressed with the solemnity of the occasion and with the spirit of prayer and supplication which prevailed, By the encouraging reports received from Truro, Pictou, West River, Cape John, River John, New Glasgow, Musquodoboit, Antigonish, Guysborough and Upper Stewiacke; also from the results experienced in our own Association, they are convinced that the answer has been received.

Your Committee would briefly refer to the Convention held in this city in September last. It was in session for three days. They have reason to believe that abundant blessings have sprung from that Convention, and are continuing to flow as its results.

Whereas only eight Associations in this Province appear in the last report; there are at this time twenty-eight labouring with us in christian love. A very large proportion of this increase may be attributed to these Provincial Conventions; to the zeal of the delegates, on their return to their homes, followed by the blessing of God.

In compliance with the request of a number of the members, our sanction has been given to the formation of a Total Abstinence Society in connection with the Association, the same to be subject to your approval.

The former Secretary having resigned his situation, at a meeting of the General Committee, the following resolution was passed unanimously: Whereas, Mr. H. Theakston has resigned his situation as Secretary of this Association; "Resolved, That this Committee having had, as members of this Association, almost daily intercourse with him for nearly four years, express their high appreciation of his general attention to the duties of his office, his uniform kindness and courtesy to, all frequenting the Rooms, and also record their earnest hope that he may be successful in the new sphere of labour on which he enters."

A Social Meeting was held at Mason's Hall in March, at which a large number of our members attended. The proceedings consisted of introductions, addresses, music and devotional exercises.

The success of this experiment warrants the Committee in warmly recommending social re-unions as often as desirable, as a means of creating personal acquaintance, Christian fellowship and harmonious action among the members, in carrying into effect Christian work.

#### LECTURES.

Under the direction of the Committee, the 'last course of lectures was closed by a prayer meeting held in Chalmers' Church. The Committee are happy to be able to state that the high character of the lectures has been fully sustained, and that they "are well attended by the public in general.

The prayer meeting, inaugurating the Fifteenth Course, was held in Poplar Grove Church. A course of seven lectures has been secured for the present season; of them four have already been delivered by the Revs. George W. Hill, C. B. Pitblado, Robert Sedgwick and J. A. Rogers. The following gentlemen have kindly consented to lecture during the present winter — P. Cartaret Hill, Esq., Revs. A. Simpson and A. R. C. rawley.

The Committee are satisfied that these lectures are doing a good work in the way of contributing to the instruction and improvement of the community; and they rejoice to see, from the general patronage with which they meet, that their efforts are not altogether undervalued.

The thanks of the Association are gratefully tendered to those gentlemen who have lectured, and to the Trustees of the different Churches in which the prayer meetings have been held.

#### BIBLE CLASS AND PRAYER MEETING.

Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting the departments under their charge to be in the following condition:----

The Monthly Prayer Meeting has an average of 81; the Weekly Prayer Meeting of 19, and the Bible Class of 32 attendants.

The Committee cannot allow the present opportunity to pass without calling your earnest attention to the interests of the two last named meetings.

Now that the membership has increased so largely, the Association naturally attracts and invites public attention, and a higher standard of meetings is required to keep pace with the progress of the Society, and to spiritually improve and impress the attendants. What we seem to want indispensably is meetings with power to strike the conscience, with vitality to sustain, and the Divine Spirit to comfort and sanctify. We require for this—1st. Select and devout men. 2nd, Prayer for them. 3rd. Help for them.

Your Committee would ask all filling the office of Bible Class leaders to give more emphatic attention to the practical, affectionate, close and urgent application of the matter contained in the lesson, and press the most finished preparation of those parts which bear on personal piety.

We call for united and private prayer for them individually, that they may be fully furnished and equipped for this work.

For the members of the class to cast diffidence aside, and feel as if the success of the meeting depends upon their exertion. To be studious of the lesson, to prepare inquiries, experimental remarks, appeals, and finally to pervade these gatherings with a warmth, earnestness, and unction, which, with the Spirit's help, will result in conversions. If the meetings do not result in this they are comparatively impotent and effete.

An Invitation Committee is recommended to urge young men to attend these meetings, and all members are respectfully requested to encourage and support them by their presence.

#### ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

The average daily attendance at the Rooms has considerably increased, and is now about seventy. A marked increase has been observed during the last quarter, partly owing to the number of students residing at present in the eity.

The Committee have purchased about 50 volumes for the Library, and a number of Magazines have been bound. They would gratefully acknowledge the receipt of 15 volumes presented to the Library by the following gentlemen,—Dr. Hattie, Messrs. Joseph Mitchell, R. M. King, J. S. McDonald, Edward Jost and T. Clarke. Also the Maps of Europe and America presented by S. H. Black.

The whole number of volumes at present in the Library is 1460: this number the Committee hope to see increased at an early day at least to 2000. The issue of books during the past year has been 4460, giving an average of 370 per month, or nearly 15 per day.

Many members of the Association could donate readable books which would be of service in our Library. Such persons would confer a lasting benefit on the young men of the city if they would forward to the Secretary any suitable books with which they may be willing to part.

Seventy copies of a work entitled the "Young Man setting out in Life" have been sold, and the Committee trust that much good may result from its perusal.

The Reading Room has been regularly supplied with some of the leading Newspapers of Britain and America, and also with the best Magazines of the day; and the increased attendance of members and strangers testifies that the improvement in this respect is beginning to be appreciated. The Committee tender the thanks of the Association to the Pro-

The Committee tender the thanks of the Association to the Proprietors of the following Newspapers which are supplied gratuitously : Provincial Wesleyan, Christian Messenger, Presbyterian Witness, Church Witness, Abstainer, Morning Chronicle, Colonist, Reporter, Recorder, Express, Citizen, Unionist, Royal Gazette, Wolfville Acadian, Bridgetown Free Press, Berwick Star, Bridgetouter Times, Saturday Mail, Eastern Chronicle, Truro Mirror and Brantford Courier. Also to the City Press for keeping the affairs of the Association prominently before the public.

A Parlor has been fitted up for the use of members—particularly those who have not comfortable rooms at their lodgings; and it is hoped that young men will avail themselves of this additional accommodation.

The large Hall in the fourth story has been procured for the use of the Literary Class, and a smaller room on the third floor has been fitted up for a Committee Room. The Committees of the Bible Society, British American Tract Society, Industrial School, Refuge for Penitent Women, Sabbath School Association, the Association for the Relief of the Poor, and Dispensary hold their Monthly and Quarterly Meetings in the Rooms of the Association. It has been considered desirable that some effort should be made to erect a building adapted to the requirements of the Association, which might also serve as the headquarters of the various Religious, Charitable and Benevolent Societies of the city. A "Building Fund" accordingly has been commenced, and the Committee think that a united and earnest effort should be made to raise the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars for the erection of a building, which would be a credit to the city, and testify to the liberality of the Christians of Halifax.

#### LITERARY CLASS.

The use of the large Hall has been obtained for the Literary and Debating Class during the present season.

The Winter Session of the Class was opened on the 19th of

October, by addresses from the Chairman, Members of the Committee and of the Class.

At a subsequent meeting it was deemed expedient to elect a Committee of six, whose duty it should be to provide entertainment for the Class and regulate its business, subject to the approval of the Literary Committee.

Up to the present time there have been seven meetings for discussion, and two for the delivery of Addresses, Essays, Readings, &c.

Owing to a variety of causes these meetings have not been so largely attended as desirable; but the interest of the Class has been well sustained, and the Committee would solicit the continuation and extension of this branch of the Association's work, for the purpose/of providing young men with the means of intellectual cultivation and improvement.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

, It affords this Committee much pleasure in being permitted to lay before you such a favourable Report of the past year with regard to Membership.

127 members have been admitted, 34 have left the city, 7 have withdrawn from the Association, and 1 has been cut off by the stroke of death, showing an increase of 75 during the year, and a total of 453 on our books up to 31st December, 1863.

But whilst our numbers have increased, we regret that the attendance at our Prayer Meetings and Bible Class has not been proportionately enlarged.

The committee attribute, in a great measure, the addition to the membership as the result of the Convention held in September; there having been a steady increase since the meeting of that body. A number of students from Dalhouse College have also connected themselves with the Association; but we may expect to lose some of those at the close of the Winter term.

#### VISITING SICK AND TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

This committee beg respectfully to report that all cases of sickness among members of the Association coming under their notice have been visited, together with other sick persons to whom their attention has been especially called.

The general health of the members having been better than during any previous year, calls forth our gratitude to Almighty God for this mark of His favour.

The committee would again request any member of the Association being sick and desiring to be visited, to send his name and address to the Secretary, that there may not be any delay in waiting upon him.

TRACT DISTRIBUTION.—This department of the Association's work has been prosecuted with the same vigour as on former years; from the first Sabbath in May to the last in October; and in some cases in November and December. The several vessels at the wharves from the Dockyard to the Gas-house have been visited and Tracts left. And all or most of the public places within that district have been visited every Sabbath morning by ardent and active young men who have taken pleasure in devoting a portion of their time to that work. They have sown the seed. They wait and pray that spiritual blessings may come through this feeble instrumentality.

The committee thankfully acknowledge (\$50) Fifty Dollars appropriated from the funds of the Association for this purpose during the past year.

They have also to acknowledge the kindness of other friends who have so liberally aided them with tracts for distribution. This work has been brought to a close for the year, with the hope that others will be found to undertake and successfully carry it on in the future.

#### FINANCE.

The committee have pleasure in being permitted to report that they have discharged all claims on the Association; but have been unable to make that marked improvement in the Rooms and Library which they would wish, as some have withdrawn their support and others have decreased their subscriptions. This may be accounted for, in a measure, by the depressed state of trade, together with the many calls for aid from the various charitable institutions in our city.

The committee, on behalf of the Association, thankfully acknowledge and appreciate the liberality of all christian friends and members who have contributed toward the expenses of the Convention and other special objects of the Association.

#### STRANGERS AND EMPLOYMENT.

The committee intrusted with this department beg to state that they have, to the utmost of their ability, prosecuted the object in view.

A large number of applications for employment have been made by members and strangers coming to the city; for several of whom situations have been obtained; but in some instances this has not been accomplished.

The committee would again repeat the suggestion that young men exchanging a rural for a city life, bring with them a letter of introduction to the Secretary, or some other member of this Association, that they may at once be brought into the society of the Christian young men of this city.

Before closing this Report the committee would again thank God for the mercies of the past, and invoke His spiritual guidance in the future. May we all be permitted to labour more earnestly and prayerfully, keeping that glorious motto in view --- "NOT I BUT CHRIST."

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#### CONSTITUTION,

#### Revised and amended at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, November 28th, 1864.

#### ARTICLE I.

That this Association be called the "HALIFAX YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION."

#### ARTICLE II.

That the objects of this Association shall be,

1st.—The improvement of the spiritual and mental condition of Young Men. 2nd.—The formation of a Christian Library and Reading Room.

3rd.—Rooms and accommodation for Bible Classes and Social Prayer Meetings. 4th.—Course of Lectures on Religious subjects, as well as Secular, having reference to religion, and the employment of every other available means whereby the increase of vital religion may be promoted.

#### ARTICLE III.

As it is the highest object of this Association to promote vital religion among the Young Men residing in the city, any person of good moral character may be a Member of this Association by the payment of not less than One Dollar annually. He shall be entitled to all the privileges of the institution provided he be proposed by a member of the Association at one of its meetings, and shall be elected by ballot by the General Committee after satisfactory enquiry as to his eligibility. But no person shall be eligible to serve on a Committee, or be an Office-bearer of the Association who is not a member in good standing in one of the Evangelical Churches.

#### ARTICLE IV.

Any member, on the payment of £10 at any one time, may become a Life Member.

#### ARTICLE V.

The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, Librarian and a General Committee, comprising as far as possible members of each evangelical denomination, all of whom shall be chosen annually by ballot.

#### ·ARTICLE VI.

It is the duty of the President, or one of the Vice Presidents, to preside at all public meetings of the Association.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to notify the members of the time and place of meeting, attend the same, to notify all officers of their election, and to keep a fair and complete record of the transactions of the Association.

The Corresponding Secretary shall be the organ of the Association in its conference with other societies, and shall retain copies of all letters written by him.

The Treasurer shall collect and pay all monies of the Association under direction of the Committee, shall keep a correct account of the same, and shall report, whenever required to do so, to the Committee, and to the Association at least once a year.

It shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep in order all books and documents of the Association, to keep a correct catalogue of the same, and an account of all books delivered to all members.

It shall be the duty of the Committee to manage all the affairs of the Association, to make Byo-Laws, appoint Special Committees, decide on all applications for membership, appoint a Recording Secretary and Librarian, and take whatever steps may be necessary for the promotion of the objects of the Association.

#### ARTICLE VII.

That all the meetings of the Association and Committee shall be opened and closed with prayer.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

That the Committee possesses the power to suspend or exclude any member whose conduct may be found inconsistent with the character of the Association,

#### ARTICLE IX.

That no article of the Constitution be altered or amended or in any way dispensed with, except six months' notice in writing thereof be given, and then only if recommended by a majority of the Committee, and by a two-third vote of the members of the Association at a meeting called for the purpose, regular notice having been given at least two weeks previously.

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