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Year ending April 1st, 1899.

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WILLIAM COOLEY, Caretaker.

AT the first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors the following resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLVED:—That the Board of Directors express their sincere regret that Mr. J. C. Mackintosh has been compelled to signify his desire to be relieved of the Presidency of the Association, due to the impaired state of his vision.

That the Board for themselves and on behalf of the Association, desire to place on the minutes a record of their appreciation of the valuable services and untiring energy which Mr. Mackintosh has given to the Association, and trust that he will long be spared to render assistance to the Board and Association by his valuable advice, if not so much by his active work.

That the Board express their deepest sympathy with Mr. Mackintosh and his family and hope that ere long his vision may be entirely restored, and that our Father may crown with success the physicians' skill and advice.



Departmental and Divisional Committees.

Executive Department.

E. G. Smith, Chairman; S. E. Whiston, John Busgoyne, W. T. Kennedy, J. C. Mackintosh, W. H. Wiswell, S. H. Black,

Finance Department.

A. S. Barnstead, Chairman; S. H. Black, Treasurer; H. M. McAlpine, J. A. McInnis, Prof. R. A. Falconer, James A. Knight.

Religious Department.

W. T. Kennedy, Chairman; G. A. McDonald, Goo, M. Wool, Goo, Bowser, H. V. Haight, G. P. Allan, W. S. DeBlois, R. E. Saunders, A. Archard.

Gospel Meetings -G. A. McDonald, J. S. Rough, W. S. DeBlois, R. E. Saunders, G. P. Allen, H. C. Scott.

BIBLE AND TRAINING CLASSES.-H. V. Haight, Horace Kennedy, W. S., DeBlois.

Invitation and Tract — Ged, Bowser, J. Walter Day, H. C. Scott, R. E. Saunders, H. M. McAlpine, Oec. Evans, Geo. Ferris, Alex. Caithness, W. Hawkins, W. Adams,

Jail-Geo. M. Wood, R. E. Saunders, Geo. Bowser.

Poors' Asylum Bible Class—A. Archard, W. T. Kennedy.

Educational Department.

Prof. W. C. Murray, Chairman; Dr. A. H. Mackay, W. H. Waddell, J. H. Trefry, R. A. Woodill, Prof. A. MacMechan, H.y. Haight, W. H. Wiswell, Prof. R. A. Falconer.

ORCHESTRA-W. H. Wiswell, W. S. DeBlois, C. N. Butcher, C. J. Butcher, W. H. Wilson. Риотоскариу-H. V. Haight, J. A. Irvine, A. H. Grimes, W. H. Studd.

Physical Department.

E. F. Smith, Chairman; T. L. E. Piers, W. B. MacCoy, A. U. Wood, A. F. Mackintosh, D. N. Brodie, E. Borne.

Gymnasium-W. B. MacCoy, E. Borne, J. Redden, D. N. Brodie, A. J. Bell, G. H. Foster, G. E. Winter.

ATHLETIC—T. L. E. Piers, A. U. Wood, A. F. Mackintosh, D. N. Brodie, H. M. Pride, G. H. Maxwell, A. S. Barnstead, R. McC. Hattie.

Social Department.

John Burgoyne, Chairman; W. Crowe, S. Crawford, E. Gibson; F. W. Mosher, A Allan, T. G. Ferris.

EVENING RECEPTION — F. W. Mosher, E. Gibson, L. A. Blackwood, Walter Murray, G. McG. Mitthell, Geo. M. Wood, A. U. Wood, Frank Woodill.

BOARDING HOUSE AND VISITING SICK - Wm. Crowe, E. Gibson, F. W. Mosher, T. G. Ferris.

EMPLOYMENT-John Burgoyne, A. Allen.

Junior Department.

J. A. Irvine, Chairman; Andrew Robb, C. Durrant, Gordon Witter, Fred. Day, Howard Murray. Wm. Woodbury, James DeYoung.

Richmond Branch.

E. G. Smith, ex-officio; H. Upham, C. H. Mackinlay, Vice-Presidents; Herbert Blois, Hon.-Secy.

"After Forty-Five Years."

The work among men that has been carried on in this Young Men's Christion Association building during the year 1898-99 must be again presented for, we trust, the friendly criticism of our Halifax citizens.

We are conscious that God's eyes have been upon us beholding what is good or evil: and in presenting these reports of the work attempted and accomplished, we hope that they may find favour not alone in the eyes of our citizens but also in the sight of Him whose

name we bear.

We this year have lost by death five of our number: William Miller, one of our three "Life" members, was a trustee, and one of the organizers of the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association in 1853. Though he had removed to England, he continued to manifest from time to time his interest in this Association. A resolution of sympathy was forwarded by the Board of Directors to the members of his family and is recorded in the minutes of our meetings.

We also join the members of the families of the late Messrs. F. T. Mahon, James Maxwell, T. C. Allen, and A. G. McDonald in mourfi-

ing their loss.

Twenty-six names have been erased from our roll because of removals from the city. To many of these, letters of introduction have been given. On the tenth of July we had a farewell meeting to Robert Grierson, for four years our physical director and now medical missionary of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Wonsan, Korea. Hector M. Forbes has been transferred to Toronto. He was chairman of our Boys' Department religious work and has been very much missed. Others who have gone that have served us on committee, or in special ways, are Geo. H. Johnson, J. J. Wilson, G. G. Dustan, Ed. Beker, E. L. Porter, W. H. DeBlois, W. H. Bannister, and Herbert Swenerton. These make gaps in our working force which it will be difficult to fill.

For other reasons, sixty-five names have been erased; this reduced our total membership from six hundred and twenty one to five hundren and twenty five; thirty-three names have been added during the year making the total at present five hundred and fifty eight. beginning of the year our receipts from membership fees according to the Treasurer's report have been larger than last year. The reason for this is that there were some persons whose names remained on our roll at the beginning of this year who had in fact ceased to consider themselves members of the Association.

Nevertheless the year upon which we now enter should see an effort made to secure an actual paid up and honorary membership of

at least six hundred.

The building has been used as largely as ever; we believe the number of daily visits to be not less than two hundred and fifty.

The reading-room, boys' room and gymnasuim have all been fenovated; and to the Young Ladies League is due a very warm expression of gratitude not only for the renovation of the boys' room, which they have paid for, but for the additions of crockery and improvements in the pantry. A tangible and what would prove to be a very welcome expression of gratitude would be a gas stove for the kitchen.

This year a very strong representation of our Association attended the Maritime Convention in St. John. The delegates were Messrs J. C. Mackintosh, E. G. Smith, R. T. Braine, H. M. McAlpine, G. H. Foster. J. A. Irvine, J. S. Rough, and your General Secretary. Three ladies responded to the invitation extended to our Young Ladies League and Auxilliary, The Misses Adams and Buckley and Mis. A. F. Bell.

During the year it has been our pleasure to entertain the Maritime Boys' Conference, a direct result of which was the organization of a band of our own boys for prayer, bible study and soul winning; we also had the pleasure of a visit from H. M. Sayford, College Evangelist, who though not an employee of the International Committee is very closely related to it and always works in harmony with the College Secretaries of the Committee. Mr. Sayforth addressed our according meeting: Sumner R. Vinton, Secretary of the World's Student Volunteer Movement, himself a son and grandson of missionaries, was also with us at one of our Sunday afternoon meetings.

Four times during the year your Secretary has been called upon by those who desired to sign a pledge to abstain from intoxicating liquors as a beverage. We pray that many more may give us the opportunity of helping them break the chains of this awful habit. At such times as these it is a joy to be able say that there is One who will befriend and help to whom all power has been given both in heaven and on earth.

We have given subscriptions to the International Committee, Thirty Dollars, and to the Maritime Committee Fifty Dollars. Of the former sum, \$17.43 was collected at the Anniversary meeting.

You are to-night to be asked to elect by ballot five representatives to the Board of Directors and three to the Board of Trustees. The vacancies occuring in the Board of Directors are due to the expiration

of the term of office of Messrs S. E. Whiston, W. H. Wiswell, G. A. McDonald, A. S. Barnstead, and Geo. M. Wood, and in the Board of Trustees the vacancies occuring are due to the death of Mr. William Miller and expiration of the term of office of J. C. Mackintosh and

Dr. H. Woodbury.

The need of more room is again impressed upon us by the Chairmen of the departmental committees. The Junior, Social and Physical departments are continually suffering for the lack of more accomodation and much more might be attempted by the Religious department if the Association owned a building with a small hall which was not disturbed by the noise of the gymnasium. In October last we were pleased to receive from an anonymous subscriber the sum of Ten Dollars for our new building fund. Surely the time is coming when Halifax citizens will provide us with a new and up-to-date building for the benefit of the young men of our own city.

We are indebted to the city Press for many valued kindnesses and

our gratitude fo the Editors of the city dailies should be recorded

upon the minutes of this meeting.

The absence from this meeting of our President James C. Mackintosh will be a matter of much regret, especially on account of the cause of his absence. We shall unite in praying that God may give his blessing to the physicians skill in order that the impaired vision

may be successfully treated.

The blessings which have attended us; the measure of success which we to-day look back upon, encourages us to believe that the work has met with the sanction of our Divine leader and we again express our gratitude to God for His loving kindness, and pray that throughout the year we now enter upon the assurance of the Psalmist may be realized: "I will teach and instruct thee in the way that thou shalt go; I will counsel thee with mine eye upon thee"

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Religious Department.

The work of the Religious Department is really the work which determines the character of our whole organization. Ofter departments, good and useful in themselves, are doubly so when subordinated to the common aim and used as auxiliaries to the accomplishment of religious work. In every department men are brought under wholesome moral influences and kept out of temptations way; but our real object is not attained until they are brought to take a vital interest in spiritual things and to lead consecrated Christian lives.

Our Religious Work for the year just closed was sub-divided and placed under the care of committees as follows:

Gospel Meeting— Bible Classes—	Chairman,	HUGH MILLER. FRED. W. MOSHER.
Jail Work-	66	GEO, M. WOOD.
Poor House Work -		ALFRED ARCHARD.
Invitation and Tract-		Gro. Rowers

Gospel Meeting.

Our Gospel meeting, held in the Reading Room on Sunday afternoons at 3 o'clock, differed on alternate Sundays. On one Sunday we had an address by a clergyman, and on the following Sunday a service of song, prayer and testimony by our own members. A faithful band of our own young men are being built up and made more fit for carrying on Christian work, and we always have a few way-farers to receive a message and a blessing. The average attendance for the year was 33.

Bible Classes.

The Bible Class for the study of the S. S. Lesson has been regularly and most acceptably carried on every Saturday evening from 8 to 9, by Rev. John McMillan. D. D., to whom the Association is under very great obligation. The class is attended by an average of 27 S. S. teachers, and such is the interest that the attendance is affected only very slightly by the most inclement weather.

A Sunday afternoon Bible Class was kept up at 3 o'clock for

about five months of the year. The attendance of young men was from 5 to 9 and the work consisted of studies in the Life of Christ.

But a new and very successful departure in Bible Class work was inaugurated in what is known as the Young Men's Thursday Evening Class. The class began on Oct. 6th and for 25 weeks an average number of 10 young men studied under the leadership of Secretary Bell, with not only sustained but increasing interest. They met shortly after 6, direct from their work, and after a comfortable tea together, the expense of which was partly contributed by members of the Association, their class was held from 6.45 to 7.45. Other meetings or engagements were thus not interfered with. The course of study was that laid down by the International Committee for the Associations of the world. This past season it consisted of the Gospel of Mark 10 lessons. Acts 9 lessons, Philippians 2 lessons, James 2 lessons, and the first epistle of John 2 lessons; and all the teaching was according to the inductive method.

dail Work.

In the County Jail a regular service is held with the prisoners at 10 o'clock on the mornings-of the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month, the other days being supplied by St. Paul's church. Our most faithful workers in this department are brothers Richard Saunders and George Bowser, although valuable assistance has been given by other members and by several students from Pine Hill College. Many signs of real blessing have followed the meetings, and several men, as reported by our workers, have received cleansing through the blood of Christ, and have gone out to lead new lives devoted to His service. The history of one or two individual cases, if space permitted, would prove very interesting.

Poor House Work.

On Friday evening of each week from 6.45 to 7.45 a service is held at the Poors' Asylum by Alfred Archard. The service consists of prayer, singing and Bible study in which an average number of about 35 of the inmates take part; and to many of them the Friday evening meeting is the event of the week. For a few weeks Mr. Archard, owing to ill health, was unable to hold the regular meeting and the messages sent beseeching him to try to come were earnest and touching. He is now conducting the service regularly with the kind assistance of Rev. H. B. MacKay, and of Miss Mary Laidlaw as organist.

Invitation and Tract.

The number of tracts distributed was not equal to that of former years owing to our inability to obtain the same supply. But

the work was not neglected and a great deal was done in distributing cards and invitations, not less than 3,000 notices of one or other particular department of our work having been thus circulated.

Our annual meeting for the purpose of laying the claims of our Association before the citizens of Halifax and Dartmouth, was, held in Fort Massey Church on Sunday affernoon, Nov. 20th. The subjects, "The Duty of the Community to the Young Man," and "The Duty of the Young Man to the Community," were ably discussed by Rev. Wm. Dobson and Rev. W. E. Bates, respectively; and the claims of the Association were presented by our President and the Chairman of this committee.

W. T. KENNEDY.

Chairman.

Educational Department.

During the past year the ordinary work which is under the supervision of the Educational Department moved on as usual.

The Reading Room is supplied with the best current literature, including daily and provincial papers, standard illustrated papers and magazines. As in past years it has been well patroare 83 newspapers and 33 magazines on our lists. The Library which is supplied with 3200 volumes, continues to be a source of instruction and education for our readers. Our wants are, a better ventilated reading-room, re-cataloguing and more new books.

French, Arithmetic and Orchestra classes were offered but the demand was not sufficient to warrant the expense.

At the beginning of the winter season an attempt was made to provide a course of Lectures following out the lines so auspiciously entered upon last year. We hoped to secure public men to address our Young Men's Club on subjects connected with Imperial Policy. Our success was not as great as we had hoped but a number of prominent gentlemen gave promises to take part in our proposed series. However, owing to unexpected engagements the opening lecturers were unable to fulfil their promises, and the course was abandones.

unable to fulfil their promises, and the course was abandoned.

The photographers dark-room has been much used, and a regularly organized Camera Club will soon be a fact.

ROBT. A. FALCONER,

Chairman.

Social Department.

The development of the Social element in our Association has been the duty and aim of this Committee since the transfer of Liter-

ary work to other management.

During the past year the committee held special conferences for this end, and arranged for a re-union, which, thanks to our lady friends who supplied the good things, and otherwise assisted in its success, made the occasion a pleasant one. More frequent assemblies of this kind are desirable, but we were limited in funds and unwilling to trench too often upon the kindness of those friends. The committee co-operated with the members in charge of the subsequent entertainments held in the Rooms.

In regard to the sub-divisions of their work, and in the absence of

figures they beg to report as under :-

1. Members of the Committee or their substitutes have been in attendance in the evenings to receive and welcome visitors and brethren from other Associations.

2.—Young Men desiring to be located in respectable and comfortable boarding places have been furnished with recommendations to

such from the list in the hands of the Secretary.

Members going abroad seeking employment in other lands or travelling, have been accredited to the Y. M. C. A. Associations else-

4. Of the many looking for situations and work, several have been provided for. A supplementary report of this work is submitt-

ed herewith.

5. - Under the blessing of a kind Providence there has been little sickness among the members of the Association, and though ready to respond on requsition the committee have not been called upon to attend in any case of serious illness.

W. H. WISWELL, Chairman.

EMPLOYMENT-Your Committee to which this important branch of the Association work has been committed, begs leave to report as

It is important as it touches the applicant, the association, and the business men of Halifax.

Some 20 applications were made during the year for work. Your

committee was instrumental in locating 6 persons, some of whom we are pleased to state are filling these positions creditably both to themselves and the association.

That the Association thus receives aid from two sources, the applicant and the business man, abundant proof is before us. A number of applications were rejected for want of sufficient data. Some were frauds.

Your Committee found some difficulty in securing proper credentials from applicants desiring work. We would heartily recommend that blank credential forms be provided.

The Committee are greatly indebted to our Secretary, Mr. Bell for assistance rendered in the discharge of our duties.

GEO. A. McDonald, Chairman.

Physical Department.

The Gymnasium Committee begs to report as follows for the year 1898-9:-

The attendance in all the various classes has been very fair indeed, considering all things. The members of these classes showing much more enthusiasm in their work, and a desire to benefit themselves physically than in former years. The record of attendance is as follows:—

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Boys 'class enrolled, No. 1,							60
Average attendance, "		_		4		_	37
Boys' class enrolled, No. 2,		_	-		_		16
Average attendance, "	14						14
Young Mens' evening class enrolled	l	4	-		_		38
Average attendance,	_	_		-		2	19
Business and Professional Men -		_	_		_		31
Average attendance,						_	16

This record in some particulars is a little behind last year's for the following reasons:—

1-Arnold School boys attended the boys classes last year, but did not do so this year,

2—Last year we had a student's class of about 14 members, but this year Sergeant Major Long had a gymnastic class at Dalhousie, and they went there.

3-Quite a number of our repsesentative business men, who at-

tended our afternoon class last year will not any longer do so on account of the many discomforts which exist for want of room and lockers, etc.

The work that was done during the past summer in fixing up the gymnasium has made a decided change for the better. Our General Secretary while in Montreal last fall, kindly gave us his assistance in purchasing mattresses, the result being that we now have mats of a superior kind that cannot for the price be equalled. We need more mats of the same kind.

We have no doubt that the directors were present in full force at our recent Gymnastic Exhibition in the Academy of Music, so we let it speak for itself. Sufficient, however, to say that the work there presented cannot be equalled in any organization in our city. While on this subject, we would respectfully urge that our Directors pay the different gymnastic classes a visit, thus cheering our Physical Director and showing that his efforts are appreciated. The sum of \$60.00 represents the profits to us from the recent Exhibition, which will help materially in paying for the expenditure by this Committee for the past year.

The Committee beg further to report that they have contracted with Owen A. Smiley, a renowned entertainer, with whom is Miss Hilda Davis, Canada's "Leading Violinist", for two appearances at Orplieus Hall on the 28th and 29th, and would confidently be speak the patronage of the Directors and members. The profits are to be

used for the benefit of the gymnasium.

The Committee wish to put on record its hearty appreciation of the work of our Physical Director, who has brought the Gymnasium up to its present efficient state. Mr. Crocker is deservedly popular with all his classes, both in the gymnasium and on the athletic field, where he has worked hard to have the Y. M. C. A. come well to the front. Neither does he forget the spiritual welfare of his classes, giving many a word in season. The Committee would respectfully recommend and urge that Mr. Crocker be re-appointed our Physical Director for the coming year.

The Committee also wishes to put on record its appreciation of the medical services rendered by Dr. James Ross, who so kindly gave a considerable portion of his time in making a searching examination as to the physical standing of all the members of the classes. This examination is one that is absolutely necessary for the proper

development of our classes.

The need of a larger and more commodious Gymnasium has been yearly becoming more imperative, as we have now outgrown our present Gymnasium, and as a consequence are sadly hampered for want of room. Larger and more representative afternoon classes, at least, could be obtained if present conditions were improved. Suitable sites are yearly becoming beautifully less. Must we forever

placidly content ourselves with our present unsuitable building? Surely not! Surely there is a ray of hope, at least! If so, kindly let us see it.

WENSLEY B. MACCOY,

Chairman.".

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE.

Members for 1898—Men - - 45
Boys - - 22
Ladies - - 4
- Total, 71

Quite a number of both men and boys took part in this crack of athletics. The games played by the team resulted very satisfactorily. Out of ten games the Y. and to, each opposing team.

A much larger number of members used the two tennis courts, and your committee thinks it will be necessary to provide another court this season.

Although we have one rink and two sets of good quoits, this game did not become popular. We look this year to see some of the good players on the board of directors to help us make a success in this direction.

The work of our football team was excellent. In fact FOOTBALL, the Y. M. C. A. was only one point behind Dalhousie, the winners of the trophy.

RUNNING, Bit. In the various competitions that the Y. M. C. A. members took part, they made a good showing, some winning first places: and the relay team won against strong opponents in the exhibition building last fall.

Your committee are of the firm belief that the obtaining and continuance of the athletic field, is one of the best moves that have been made, as the boys will have athletics, and if we do not provide them, they will go to clubs where the surroundings and influences are the reverse of, what we try to make ours.

T. L. E. PIERS, Chairman.

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We are glad to be able to report that during the past year more has been done for our boys than in previous years.

A larger number of our members made use of the Athletic field, and enjoyed the sport there, and we expect that during the coming summer this department of the work will become more popular, and that a great many, if not all our members will take advantage of the opportunities offered for out door games,

During last summer we held a number of bicycle runs, picnics, At

Homes and boating parties.
Thirty one of our boys had the privilage of attending the Maritine

Boys Camp at River John, Pictou.

The 3rd Maritime Boy's Conference was held in our City Dec. 31st and our members and friends entertained the Delegates, and the Halifax Camp fellows gave the Maritime Campers a re-union and

Much good resulted to our Branch from the Convention, several fellows took a decided stand for Christ, and since then have been working in the Department; others received a help forward, have been

doing better, and are ready and willing for work.

Mr. Bell organized a Bible Training Class for the older fellows, and they are taking deeper interest in this work, studying the scriptures, learning of Personal work, and getting a better knowledge of

Our Sunday afternoon services have also improved. Mr. Bell has been helping in many ways-leading the singing, and giving talks to

A number of new games have been placed in the Parlour, and the members are using the room more freely. The Secretary's Assistant has been taking a deeper interest in the work and spends a greater part of his time with the boys.

At the end of last year we had \$41.84 to our credit. During the ear we received from Mrs. George Hart \$5.00, Mrs. George E. Boak \$5.00, Interest added \$1.72 and we have now on hand \$53.56. We hope soon to have enough to purchase a musical instrument for the

One of the prominent features of the years work has been the Young Ladies League. We found as in all other societies that we

could not get along so well without them, and Mrs. Bell kindly came forward and offered to do her best in organizing a League. They have 19 members and are doing a grand work.

Members of the League helped during the summer at the Outings, they gave them an At Home on the Athletic field; provided provisions for their Picnics, decorated the rooms for the Maritime Conference, gave the members attending a Banquet and helped in entertaining

The League has also been looking after our rooms. had the Boys' Parlour thoroughly over hauled, papered and painted, new pictures placed on the walls, and the room is now one of the best

The have also had the pantry cleaned, fixed the shelves, put in new cup-boards, purchased new dishes, had a little painting done

and it is now more home like in appearance.

In April they held a "Talent Social" to raise funds to pay for the improvements. Each member was asked to earn \$1.00 or over, and to write verses of poetry on how the money was made. This they published and sold the book at five cents per copy. From these and

The President and two members of the League attended the Maritime Convention at St. John.

We cannot close our report without referring to the work done for our department by Mr. William Dakin. Mr. Dakin during his College course has taken a great deal of interest in our work. He has attended faithfully, while in the city, nearly all of our Sunday afternoon meetings, always taking part, and doing what he could to make the meetings a success.

Through his efforts our Orchestra was organized, and he has been instrumental in holding them together for a number of years.

The good done by him for our Association and the boys of the City can not be estimated, and as he leaves us we trust that whereever he may be situated, God will bless even more abundantly his labours, and that through his efforts much good may be accomplished.

J. A. IRVINE,

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RICHMOND BRANCH.

In presenting this our sixth annual report we feel that our work during the past year has been in some measure successful, and that we have great reason to thank God for His goodness toward us.

One of the first steps made during the past year was the organization of a Woman's Committee. With the assistance of Mr. Crocker this branch was organized on March 24th, 1898, and has proved itself a grand auxiliary to our work. Under the supervision of this committee our rooms have assumed a very comelike appearance and have been supplied with reading matter and games.

The attendance at our rooms during the evening is about the same as last year (average attendance 12). Our Sunday afternoon meetings we are sorry to report are not as large as in former years. With the exception of one month our meetings have been held regularly. We regret to report that the railway men have with one or two exceptions withdrawn from our meetings and are very much missed. We mourn the loss of one of our most enthusiastic members and workers, Mr. Mumford, who was removed by death during the past year. Mr. Mumford, himself a railroad man, did much to keep up the interest of the railroad men in our Association.

The most discouraging part of our work has been the financial. During the past year we have succeeded in raising only sixty-five (\$65) dollars. Our expenses for the year ending March 2nd, 1899, amount to about \$100. We closed the year 1898 with a debt of \$75, so thus we are about \$110 behind. We have been seriously considering the advisability of closing our rooms for the summer and in this way curtailing our expenses during the coming year.

Hugh M Upwar

Hugh M. UPHAM, Vice-President.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At the beginning of the year which has just closed your Finance Committee presented an estimate showing a contemplated expenditure exceeding the previous year's by \$500. At the same time the amount. The expenditure therefore has been watched very carefully with the result, that only \$4,000 has been spent during the past to our many friends that we say this amount has been entirely provided for.

Three years consecutively now we have been able to close the books of the Association without leaving any debts unpaid.

This encourages us to hope that if we continue to do a work which is sanctioned by our Heavenly Father, and the Board continues to manifest economical expenditure of money entrusted to it, the citizens of Halifax will continue to support this institution to the extent of its needs.

Your committee, however, feel that a wise and profitable use of the unexpended estimated amount could have been made if it had been entrusted to us.

According to the annexed Treasurer's report we began the year with \$3.65 in hand. We received from members, in fees and subscribtions \$1,760.38, from subscribers \$346.40, and from other sources \$1,866.44, a total of \$4,003.22. Leaving the small balance of \$2.32 in hand.

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Its present building was dedicated twenty-five years ago, but is not adapted to the present methods of Young Men's Christian Association work.

Subscriptions and bequests for a new building will meet a need that is fell in each department of the work.