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ANNUAL MEETING.

A FULL REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

The Standing of the Association.

The annual public meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association took place last evening in Knox Church. Mr. Richardson, the 1st Vice-President, occupied the chair, in the absence of the President. The meeting was opened by the singing of "All hail the power of Jesus' name." The Chairman then read a passage of Scripture, 1st Timothy and 6th Chapter. Rev. Mr. Silcox then led the meeting in prayer After singing another hymn the Chairman addressed the meeting. He said that he was sorry that the president, Mr. J. A. M. Aiking was absent, he having been called away on business. Mr. Aikins, he said, was one of the prime movers in the formation of the society and he had expected to hear something interesting from him. He spoke briefly on the work of the Association and said that it filled a gap which nothing else could. He reviewed the history of the Association stating that the first meeting of organization was held on May 16th, 1879. This meeting he said was composed of two members of each city church and they formed the society. "We all saw," he said, "the necessity of such an organization, and I see many before me now whose hearts burned within them as they talked of this subject at that meeting. We first hired a small room off Main street, but as our work extended we secured a large room on Main street. But even this would not accommodate us and we afterwards moved into our present quarters. We are doing a work which could not be done by the churches. How can the church look after hospital work, or jail work, or at the immigrant sheds. And how can the church look after the interest of a young man who attends one church one evening and, another the next, and who is a stranger to all churches. But the Young Men's Association can take him and do what they can for him. We are not alone in this work. We are but one of 900 Young Men's Associations on this continent. There are hundreds of thousands engaged in this work. A great deal more work could be done if there were any more workers. Come and help us. I will now call for the reports of the work.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. President and Christian Friends:

At former annual meetings the Secretary's Report has embraced the whole work of the Association this year, however, each Committee will report separately.

The special evangelistic services held during almost two months of last winter interfered with the regular work of the Association, and consequently makes the number of meetings and the aggregate attendance somewhat smaller than otherwise they would have been; but, in view of the good accomplished, we do not complain of this.

Our organization is being perfected and the work in every department is growing rapidly. For the future the outlook is most encouraging.

While not neglecting the duty of the hour, as will be seen by the reports that follow, we endeavor constantly to keep in mind that we are laying the foundation of an institution whose influence and usefulness may, and, we are persuaded will, increase with the growth of this country; and it is our desire and prayer that it be well and truly laid in Christ Jesus.

It is with pleasure that we note the steady increase in the number of young men, from all classes of society, who visit our Rooms. The average number per month for the year, exclusive of attendance at meetings, has been 701.

The amount of our correspondence is constantly increasing, as a knowledge of the existence of an Association in Winnipeg spreads, so that, not only from parts of this continent, but from the mother country also, letters of introduction, of inquiry, or soliciting our interest in a friend or relative, are received.

Those who visit our rooms are made, as far as possible, to feel at home,—and just here let me say, that it is our desire to make our home a Christian home,—are directed to respectable boarding houses; are assisted in obtaining employment when it is sought; are introduced to members, and frequently to the ministers; are encouraged when disheartened, as is not unfrequently the case with those who come here strangers, away from home perhaps for the first time. Advice and information are constantly sought, and given to the best of our ability, and many an opportunity is offered to present Christ, not only as the Saviour of sinners, but also as the strength, hope and joy of the Christian.

The increase in our membership has been 60, the total number of members at the present time being 147. Two of those who took an active part in organizing this Association, viz.: Rev. E. Morrow and Mr. D. C. Campbell, have been called from us by death.

We are prevented from comparing the work of the year just closed with that of the preceding one, on account of having only partial statistics of the latter, but are happy to say that substantial progress has been made.

We desire to tender our thanks to all those, and they are not a few, who have in any way aided in our work.

With the growth of our country our work is assuming large proportions, our responsibilities are increasing, and our wants are multiplying. It will at an early day become the duty of our Association to seriously consider the question of erecting a building and to take active steps to procure a structure, wherein, with better facilities for the prosecution of our work, we may be enabled to meet the demands made upon us by the already large but ever going number of homeless young men who crowd our streets, our hotels, and our boarding houses.

We hope soon to have our present quarters handsomely furnished. One generous friend has promised us one hundred dollars ($100) towards procuring an organ. We still have room for a few more similar offers.

We ask, not for to-night alone but constantly, your sympathy, your prayer, your cooperation, and your material support.

For what we have accomplished to God we ascribe all the praise and every look to Him for support and guidance.

All of which is respectfully submitted

C. M. Copeland, Gen. Secretary.

The following is a summary of the year's work, as reported by the different committees:

	No. of Meetings.	Average Attendance	Aggregate Attendance	Total.
Religious Services				
Sunday afternoon, bible class	47	19	889	
Tuesday evening, bible study	36	24	873	
Saturday evening, Young Men's Prayer Meeting	42	25	1057	
Jail	51	13	663	
Hospital	49	20	980	
Immigrant Sheds	23	21	483	
Boarding Houses	30	19	1169	
Total attendance at religious meetings				6077
Visitors to reading room				8417
Visits to sick				38
Nights watching with sick				15
Employment found for				38
Boarding Houses found for				51
Attendance at Social Entertainments				225
Tracts distributed				3000
Invitations to meetings containing one or more passages of Scripture				6000
Association Directories distributed				5000

TREASURER'S REPORT.

We are pleased to state that, through the goodness of God, the past year has been a success financially as well as otherwise, and we are enabled to present a report showing the Association free from debt and with a small balance in its favor. It is worthy of mention, and a cause for congratulation and thanksgiving, that all the funds for the support of our Association have been supplied by voluntary contributions and members' fees.

Last spring lists were circulated for annual subscriptions, payable in half yearly instalments on the first days of June and December. The result of the canvass was the promise of $1531; and we wish most heartily to thank those who have aided us so liberally.

We desire, in order to carry on our work more efficiently, to increase this sum to $2,000, and we trust that those who are interested in the success of our efforts, and have not already given, will come forward and make up the amount.

There is now overdue on account of subscription $225, all of which will, we think, soon be paid.

The following is a statement of receipts and expenditures.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. F. McIntyre, Treasurer.

Sept. 1st, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at last annual meeting	$ 22.35
Members' fees	174.00
Donations and subscriptions	953.00
Collections	89.70
Contribution box to Jan. 1st, 1881	2.62
Total	$1241.67

EXPENDITURE.

Rent	$ 291.50
Secretary's salary	515.00
Janitor's salary	62.65
Heating room	61.00
Lighting room	26.50
Printing and advertising	42.20
Furniture	165.00
Postage	20.15
Sundries	5.00
Balance on hand	28.77
Total	$1241.67

REPORT OF THE STRANGERS' AND RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

In presenting this Report your Committee feel that their work is but commenced, although they have been organized for about six months, because the work is so varied and requires men of so many kinds of disposition, as well as being persons who have a little leisure, that it is difficult to overtake the abundance of work which presents itself to us.

Until the present we have had members of the Committee in attendance at the Reading Room during the evenings to speak to those who visit the room, and endeavor to cheer some, help others with our advice, or in a more tangible way, assist those who are hard-pressed in this hard-hearted city. Our object is not so much to directly point the truth out to strangers, but chiefly to make them feel a pleasure in resorting to a place where they may be free from evil associations.

We long to have a really comfortable, cheery reading room, which will be attractive to all.

We have published several thousand leaflets for distribution to strangers leaving eastern cities for this country and we have found they were not unfruitful.

More assistance is needed by us and we trust the Lord will send workers into his vineyard.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Robt. D. Richardson, Chairman.

REPORT OF HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

It is with a spirit of deep thankfulness we present this our third annual report. Thankful not only for the privilege of being allowed to labor in this corner of the Lord's vineyard, but also for the many blessings and encouragements that have cheered and attended us.

With three exceptions, services have been held every Sunday morning during the year, consisting of singing, reading and explaining the scriptures, prayer and personal conversation with the inmates. The latter is perhaps the most interesting, but often the most difficult part of our work, for we meet men of all ages, ranks and religions; but no matter who they are, or where they come from, we always try to speak some word for our dear Saviour, who commands us "to sow beside all waters." One man when spoken to told us he was a confirmed Atheist, and did not even wish to hear the name of the Lord Jesus. All we could do was to pray that some words spoken to the others might sink deeply and bear fruit in his heart, and make him long to know more of the loving Saviour he was rejecting. But, thank God, such cases are rare; we are more often strengthened and refreshed by meeting those who have already found Christ precious to their souls. Sometimes as we say good-bye an earnest "thank you" will be faintly uttered by some poor sufferer. This report would not be complete without relating one case which came before our notice last winter. The man came in a morose, hardened infidel. At each service some words were addressed to him, but he did not appear either to care or listen, but only grumbled at his lot when the subject of religion was mentioned. However, the night before his death he said he had cast himself entirely upon Christ as his only hope. As many of the patients remain a long time, the gradual growth of a spiritual life can be noticed in their hearts. We feel confident in saying that over ten persons have given decided evidences of being brought from darkness to light through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Not only an interest is taken in them during their stay in the hospital, but also after they leave to

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