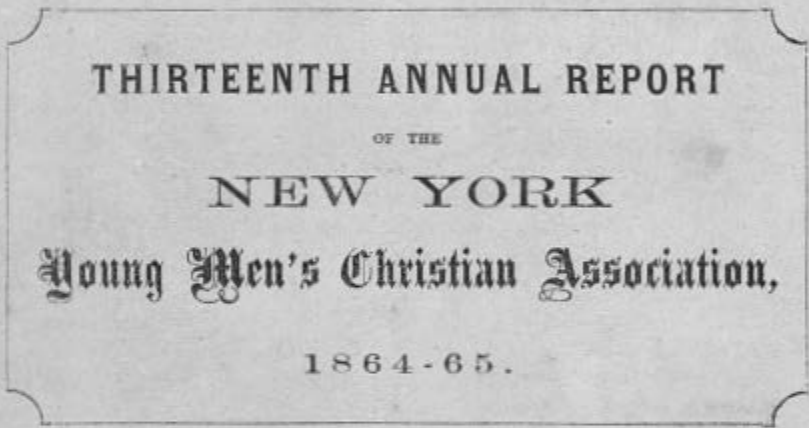


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R E P O R T.

As we close the thirteenth year of the history of THE NEW-YORK YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, it seems hardly necessary to repeat the arguments so many times in the past presented to the public in favor of such organizations. God has approved them; the labors in which they have participated, and the practical works which they have originated and conducted, have been blessed abundantly by the Head of the Church; and now, in all Christian lands, and especially in our own, is their power for usefulness felt and acknowledged.

The leading editorial of the *British Standard*, of February 24th, immediately caused by a work of charity in which our Association, and that of the City of Washington, bore a conspicuous part, thus concludes: "Young men of England, hasten to connect yourselves with these organizations; parents, employers, patriots, philanthropists, embrace every opportunity of encouraging and supporting these Christian Associations."

The present learned and accomplished Vice-President of the Nation, in a letter to one of our Board of Directors, speaks thus: "Your Association, in my opinion, yields in importance to no one of the many philanthropic and benevolent Societies of the day."

The past year has been to us one of more than ordinary success and prosperity, and we here acknowledge it all as the gift of the Master in whose cause it is our delight to labor.

We will now advert in the briefest manner to some of the details of our work.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE have most faithfully and energetically performed the duties assigned to them, and thus our expenses, though larger than in any previous year, have been promptly met and discharged. The receipts for the current year, from all sources, amount to \$6,878.82, of which the sum of \$5,074.75 is from donations alone. Our expenditures amount to \$6,790.00, and there is now in our treasury a balance of \$88.82.

Too much praise cannot be awarded to the members of this Committee. They assumed their work when the prospects for success were gloomy indeed; but, through their active efforts, the Association now occupies a better financial position than ever, and under their wise administration we feel sure of the means to carry on our primary work in this city on a scale more commensurate with its vastness. With full hearts, we thank those who have so generously aided us with their purses, in our efforts to accomplish the purposes for which this institution was established.

THE LECTURE COMMITTEE have, during the year, pursued their work with the utmost diligence, and with cheering success. There have been eighteen sermons preached, on their invitation, by clergymen residing in this city and vicinity, during the year, upon topics especially adapted to young men residing here, and called upon to take part in the performance of the diverse and responsible duties of life in a cosmopolitan city like our own.

Twelve free lectures have been delivered in our Rooms by members of the Association and its friends. These have, in the main, been well attended, and great good must result from them.

The coming season will be commenced with the experience in regard to this system now acquired, and we hope soon to make free lectures a feature of considerable importance and real profit to the young men about us. It is our desire to fill the Rooms on these occasions, if possible, exclusively with young men.

Bishop Simpson, of the M. E. Church, on invitation, in November last, delivered his celebrated address on "Our Na-

tional Conflict" to an immense and delighted audience in the Academy of Music. This discourse was adapted to the times through which the Nation was then passing, and was productive of real good to those who heard it, and a benefit to our city and land.

There have also been addresses delivered and essays read at the various stated meetings, of a more than usually interesting character. These meetings have generally been well attended, and especially by young men. The attendance is rapidly increasing, so that in our more recent meetings the rooms have been very full. Yet no one need stay away; as overflowing rooms but add emphasis to the demand which we make upon the generous, for the funds necessary to enable us to erect a house worthy of an organization, whose object is the improvement of the spiritual, mental, and social condition of the young men of this vast city.

The Bible Class of the Association, held every Thursday evening, is still successfully conducted by the Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, but at great personal sacrifice to himself. None acquainted with the life of a pastor in our city can doubt this. The average attendance is about thirty; the room in which it is held can accommodate two hundred, and should be full to overflowing at each meeting.

The thanks of the Association are eminently due to the gentlemen who have so kindly and generously responded to the invitations of this Committee; and we rest in the belief that they have thus really performed an efficient service in the cause of the Master.

The work of the PRINTING and PUBLISHING COMMITTEE has been very much restricted during the current year, for the financial reason heretofore stated. There have, however, been two thousand copies of the last Annual Report printed and circulated, and also two thousand copies of our last Annual Sermon. This sermon was delivered by the Rev. Richard S. Storrs, Jr., D.D., and is entitled "A Plea for the Preaching of Christ in Cities," and is most eloquent and effective.

There is a constant demand for this discourse, and we are confident that in its circulation we have helped to arouse

Christians to a consideration of the wants of the City Missionary Field.

We have also published an edition of one thousand copies of an essay read before the Association by the Treasurer, Dr. Verranus Morse, entitled "The Work of the Young Men's Christian Association; what it is and how to do it." This is a paper of uncommon ability, answering in a most satisfactory manner the questions which its title suggests; it will be invaluable at all times to kindred organizations, and is moreover especially designed to forward our own plans at the present time. From the circulation of this essay we expect an increased interest in our work, and a larger and more generous sympathy on the part of the Christian men and women of New York.

There has also been published an edition of the Lecture delivered before the Association by Frank W. Ballard, Esq., on the "Stewardship of Wealth, as Illustrated in the Lives of Amos and Abbott Lawrence." The edition, however, was quite insufficient to supply the demand for this lucid presentation of an important religious doctrine.

THE ROOMS AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE have been more tasked than heretofore.

It was early in the year, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, determined by the Board to remove from the Bible House, where the Association had for several years been located, to rooms more commodious and central. In November the change was effected. The manner in which the committee executed this part of their work is testified by the exceedingly tasteful and comfortable rooms we now occupy. This change of location involved an outlay of \$2,290.49.

The Library now embraces 2,204 volumes, of which 744 are set apart as a foundation for a Free Biblical Reference Library. 195 volumes have been added during the year, of which 136 are Theological and Reference Books.

That a Free Library of the character indicated is required no one will dispute, and the work of collecting one was commenced by us more than a year since. It has not been vigorously pursued, as it otherwise would have been, in consequence

of the large expenses incurred in our change of location. It is hoped that now we shall meet with that encouragement in this enterprise which is surely deserved. Not only do the Sabbath-school teachers in this city (and nearly half of them are young men) require free access to such a collection of books as we wish to make, but it would be invaluable to all in more moderate circumstances, who desire to really understand or properly teach the Divine Word. There is not in this city any such Library which the classes who most need the opportunities it would afford can reach, and the Christian and the philanthropist should see to it that this great want is at once in good measure supplied.

There is a fair supply of the newspapers and periodicals of the day in our Reading Room, but not such as at all corresponds with the real needs of such an institution. To those publishers who supply us gratuitously, and the proportionate number is not small, we here return our thanks.

At the solicitation of our Vice-President, Mr. Vincent Colyer, Mr. Louis Lang has courteously loaned for the temporary decoration of our rooms his popular national picture, "The Return of the 69th;" and Mr. Kensett has in like manner furnished us with beautiful copies of Thorwaldsen's "Night" and "Morning," from the original moulds, and also one of his own most exquisite landscapes. These gentlemen are entitled to our warm thanks for their favors.

About one year since a GERMAN BRANCH ASSOCIATION was organized, under Gustavus Schwab, Esq., as President; all the members of this organization are also attached to our own.

The German Branch occupied our old rooms in the Bible House after our removal, and it is now located there for the current year. The membership is not as yet large, about fifty in all, but this number embraces many very active and earnest men, and we cannot but indulge high hopes respecting the success of this enterprise. If we are to do justice by it, however, an outlay for this year of not less than \$1,000 seems desirable.

This Branch now sustains four weekly meetings, viz., a devotional meeting, a singing class, a class in English, and

English lectures, and the remaining evenings of the week are spent in social intercourse.

The immediate need here is a moderate supply of books in English and German, together with the current newspapers, in the latter language, suitable for such an Association, and some of our own more popular and useful secular and religious papers.

A COMMITTEE ON INVITATION was especially appointed to perfect and carry into operation a plan for reaching the young men of the city, inviting them to our rooms, and to the privileges and benefits of our Association.

The first step taken was in obtaining the co-operation of the merchants and manufacturers, who employ large numbers of the class we design to reach. And it gives us the utmost pleasure to state that the committee, in this respect, met with all the encouragement that could fairly have been expected, every employer granting liberal facilities for the execution of the proposed work; more than two thousand young men have already received the invitations prepared by this committee.

A series of advertisements and editorial notices in some of the leading papers of the city, together with a circular addressed to clergymen residing out of the city, have co-operated to call the attention of those residing in other places to the work and aims of the Association, and are calculated to induce them to assist us, by sending to the rooms those who are just removing to the city, or by letter calling our attention to their friends residing here, and also persuading such to make our rooms and meetings a place of regular resort.

Extracts from some of the numerous letters received may serve to present this matter in a clearer light. Says a lady, addressing our Secretary in behalf of her brother: * * "A slight influence might affect his whole future, and such influences as your Association exerts over young men must be good. I feel secure, therefore, in placing his case before you."

A father writes: "Is himself a professor of religion, but is of that age when bad associations may lead him far astray; we therefore crave for him your Christian care and friendship.

* * * I feel that I can depend upon your Christian sympathy for my dear boy."

And a mother says: "My boy does not profess to be a Christian, (would that he was,) but I would like him to get acquainted with some that are. He has been religiously educated."

It is fit to say here that the duties of this committee increase in magnitude every day; that responses to these various calls are coming in more and more rapidly—they are of the deepest interest and of great importance—and that the work of our Association in this respect is now assuming proportions much beyond any means we have possessed in the past, and with encouraging and hopeful features which urge our Association, and all who truly love young men, to the largest activity and the most generous effort.

THE EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE is becoming of great importance, especially in rendering practical the work of the Committee on Invitation, by securing employment for strangers who are brought to our rooms.

From causes which none of us could control, the active services of this Committee have really extended over but little more than one-third of the current year. Fifty-four young men have been placed in situations satisfactory to themselves and their employers, and one, with the assistance of the Committee, and aided by the generous charity of a noble merchant, a kind friend of the Association, has exchanged the position of a porter for that of a hopeful and promising student in a Theological Seminary.

This Committee also renders such temporary aid to deserving young men as may be necessary. Some are reduced by misfortune to a most necessitous condition; they cannot pay their own board till a situation is obtained, or they have not clothing sufficient to make them presentable in places which they are competent to fill. A small sum judiciously expended under such circumstances saves many a young man from utter ruin.

THE COMMITTEE ON BOARDING-HOUSES co-operates most

usefully with that on Invitation. It is the duty of this Committee to keep at our rooms a list of boarding-houses, which can be confidently recommended as fit dwelling-places for young men. Those who have never known aught but homes—good homes—in this city, can have very little idea of the baneful influences to which young men who are strangers are exposed in the houses where they are obliged to live; or of the care, tact and good sense required in selecting those in which young men will be subjected to healthful moral influences. This work has been performed with a good degree of thoroughness and success during the year.

THE COMMITTEE ON VISITATION OF THE SICK is also supplemental to that on Invitation. The duties of this Committee are to visit, care for, and encourage those members of the Association who are lying ill. The importance of their work cannot be over-estimated, when we consider the complete loneliness of a young man without relatives or near friends in a large boarding-house in a great city. The work of this Committee has been judiciously performed during the year. No deaths have been reported, and there has been but one case of sickness which taxed the Committee in a more than ordinary manner; it was that of the long and very dangerous sickness of a young man, with that frightful disorder, the small-pox, under circumstances which required much patience and self-denial on the part of the chairman, Mr. Swartwout, who more especially watched over this sufferer. This young man eventually recovered and resumed his employment. No doubt he would testify that the Young Men's Christian Association is an invaluable organization, for he probably, under God, owes to it his life.

THE COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL MEETINGS, Mr. R. B. Pool, Chairman, have during the year conducted at various times some eight different meetings, most of them instituted to meet some temporary demand; and also two regular weekly services, one at the "Eye and Ear Infirmary," attended chiefly by the patients in that Institution, and the other at the Battery Barracks, for the benefit of the soldiers. The story of the experi-

ence and work of this Committee is most interesting and full of encouragement; but, in this abstract, cannot be detailed. From the beginning it is full of the evidence that God keeps his promises. Many letters have been received by the Committee from soldiers who have returned to the field, expressing the thanks of the writers for the interest thus taken in them, and ascribing their conversion, or their return from a life of wandering and sin, to the influences of the meetings at the barracks.

On one occasion an old soldier entered the meeting, followed by a score of young men who had just joined the army and were placed under his charge. During the exercises he addressed the meeting, and, turning to these young men, exhorted them, in the most tender and affecting manner, to believe in the Lord Jesus.

On another occasion, when a deep seriousness seemed to pervade the meeting, those who desired the prayers of the people of God were requested to rise, sixty out of the one hundred and fifty soldiers rose at once to their feet. These men were a part of the army of General Sherman, passing through this city, on their way from the west, to join their great commander on the Atlantic coast. While these large bodies of troops remained, meetings were held with greater frequency, and always with the most cheering evidences of spiritual profit to the men.

THE CHURCH COMMITTEE is charged with the duty of introducing young men to such church connections as they may select; of securing at once for strangers, by introductions which will be mutually agreeable, a circle of friends and acquaintances, and immediate employment in some field of Christian usefulness. In this way it is hoped that those young men who are brought within the sphere of our influence may be secured for the work of Christ, and preserved from the temptations which beset the stranger in this city.

This committee now embraces a large number of active men, who are thoroughly in earnest in the work assigned them; and it is proposed to add to the number until the committee embraces at least two young men from each church in the city.

The six committees last named are more especially designed

to carry on the main work of the Association among those whom we most desire to benefit.

We cannot close this report without noticing two social meetings of a most interesting and profitable character, held by the Association.

The first was on the occasion of the opening of our new rooms, 9th December, 1864. There was a large attendance of those who had befriended the Association through its whole history, together with many who had but recently comprehended the importance of our work and the breadth of the field. Short addresses were delivered by Drs. Adams and Schaff. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. Ferris, who delivered the first address, upon the organization of the Association. The greater part of the evening was spent in conversation and in listening to the music provided for the occasion, and, after partaking of refreshments, the company separated, seemingly well pleased.

The second, 9th January, 1865, was a much larger assemblage, and the success of which was mainly due to the exertions of our Vice-President, Mr. Colyer. Through his influence the generous artists of New York freely supplied us with a sufficient number of their best pictures to adorn the walls of our main room. Conspicuous among them was Bierstadt's "Mount Hood," which had never before been publicly exhibited. Short addresses were delivered by William E. Dodge, Esq., and Rev. Dr. Crosby. Music was furnished by the choir of the Madison Square Church. This social meeting was exceedingly pleasant to us all, and most advantageous to the Association.

We pause here to refer to another special meeting held in our rooms, when the news of the assassination of President LINCOLN fell like a pall over the loyal North, and men knew not what to do, or how even to mourn the loss of one so great, so good, so loved, and so loving. The young men of our Association gathered together and expressed, as best they then could, one to another, their sense of the great national and personal loss, for all felt as if a friend had gone. The resolutions adopted, as an embodiment, in words, of the feelings of those

present, are annexed to this report, and have also been transmitted to those to whom they might properly be sent.

It is proper here to record our grateful acknowledgments for the kind expressions of condolence and sympathy received from the Young Men's Christian Associations of Montreal and Liverpool upon the occurrence of this mournful event. Their letters are also annexed to this report.

As the clouds and darkness of four years of civil strife are passing away, and the light of peace begins to dawn upon the nation, it is fit that we here mention the two prominent matters which have especially connected our Association with the contest.

The first relates to the organization, by our Army Committee, aided by members of the Association, (and particularly Col. Mark Hoyt, formerly our Treasurer,) of the 176th N. Y. Volunteers, known as the "Ironsides Regiment," and commanded in the earlier part of its history by one of our own Life Members, Col. Charles C. Nott. While this is not the proper place to record its history, it is but just to refer to its career with Gen. Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley, where it won the applause of his whole army by its gallant conduct; and we have now in our rooms some evidences of the perils through which it passed, in the battle-torn and bullet-riddled colors which were borne by it in that great campaign.

And second, in the earliest grasping of that vast work since carried on by the Christian Commission, and in the establishment of that organization. In May, 1861, our Association, by the Army Committee, commenced a series of religious services among the soldiers in the camps about this city, and pursued it with diligence and success, not only here, but finally with the Army about Washington. It at last became so large an undertaking that no one local association could grasp it. Then Mr. Vincent Colyer, who had given his heart and time gratuitously to the work from its first inception, visited the associations in the larger cities as our representative, and urged upon them a co-operation in the enterprise; and finally, after repeated solicitations from him, the Central Committee of the confederated associations called a special convention at our rooms in

the Bible House, where the Christian Commission was organized, 14th November, 1861. With the large and honorable services of that organization all are familiar.

We are grateful to God that we are, in this double aspect, so nobly connected with this gigantic, and, for the cause of Liberty and Christianity, victorious conflict.

In the year now closing we feel that a good work has been accomplished; that the Association can look back upon it as one of usefulness and blessing. Though vast numbers of the young men have been called to the field to serve the cause of freedom and righteousness in the blaze of battle, even to the extent of laying down their lives for "the good old cause," yet the roll of our members has been growing longer and longer, and the determination to press on our work, with a vigor and activity corresponding with the ardor of young men, more and more manifest.

The field is very broad; it is white for the harvest; it embraces thousands of young men, strangers here, and still other thousands who can say "no one cares for our souls." As the peace for which we have so long been looking, fighting, praying, dawns upon us, and the brave men come back from victorious battle fields, there will walk our streets yet other thousands, who will need our sympathy and our care.

To meet the demands thus made upon us, the Association needs much larger sums of money. We should at once open at least two comfortable Reading Rooms; one on Grand Street, east of the Bowery, and one west of Broadway, near Jefferson Market. In them should be liberal supplies of newspapers and popular books; they should be free to all; and at stated periods, not too frequently, religious services should be held and free lectures delivered, and all Christian and moral attractions held forth, to draw young men from the bar-room and the theatre. There should be kind men in attendance to greet strangers, and there the various committees of the Association would find encouraging opportunities for their efforts. One thousand dollars per year for each would hardly suffice.

Our own beautiful and attractive rooms are already becoming too straight for us.

A building should, within the year which we now begin, be erected for the Association, at a cost of not less than \$75,000, with its appropriate committee, reading, and conversation rooms, and library, together with fit conference rooms for the many voluntary associations of clergymen and others, whose views and aims harmonize with our own; and also with a commodious lecture room, now so much needed in this city, in which the ordinary religious and philanthropic meetings of a general character could be held. Let none say that the Association has not yet shown itself worthy of this pittance from the wealth in the city, which in the hands of its possessors is now consecrated to Christ and his cause.

In the thirteen years that are gone some \$42,000 have passed through our treasury, on an average say \$3,300 per year; and we may confidently appeal to our history for that long period to vindicate the assertion, that that small sum could not have been invested where it would have brought larger returns. We therefore claim that the right of this Christian charity to a more generous support, to a hearty commendation from the friends of the Master, in whose cause we all labor, cannot fairly be challenged.

But, grateful to Almighty God for the experience and the blessings of the past, the rewards of the present, and the promises of the future, we begin another year of our history. With the words of a former President of the Association, now an honored and useful pastor in this city, and our fast friend, we close this summary of our work for the year: "*A thousand young men now stand up before you, and in the name of the Crucified, in whose blood is their glory, ask of you your prayerful support. Sympathize with us, remember us at the mercy seat, and remember us at the treasury of the Lord.*"

NEW YORK YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION *in account with* VERRANUS MORSE, TREASURER.

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From May 16, 1864, to May 15, 1865.	To Cash paid Salaries	\$1,137 80	From May 16, 1864, to May 15, 1865.	By Balance from old Account.....	\$ 81 45
	" " Rent	1,403 00		" " " Cash from Collection.....	804 48
	" " Printing.....	539 43		" " " Donations.....	5,074 75
	" " Postage and Stationery	305 67		" " " Members' Dues.....	550 64
	" " Advertising	229 40		" " " Rent	350 00
	" " Periodicals.....	152 61		" " " Other Sources.....	17 50
	" " Insurance.....	54 45			
	" " Warming and Lighting Rooms..	317 70			
	" " Furniture.....	1,288 66			
	" " Carpets.....	819 50			
	" " Gas Fixtures.....	116 65			
	" " Painting.....	100 00			
	" " Expenses of Joseph Lyndhell's } Sickness and Burial, }	149 96			
	" " Contingent Expenses.....	175 17			
	To balance to new account.....	88 82			
		\$6,878 82			\$6,878 82

Audited and found correct.

WM. HARMAN BROWN,
Chairman Finance Committee.

VERRANUS MORSE, Treasurer.

APPENDIX.

DONATIONS.

William F. Lee.....	\$125.00	William Lottimer & Co.....	\$ 50.00
F. V. Rushton.....	25.00	E. S. Jaffray & Co.....	100.00
William Harman Brown.....	58.00	C. S. Smith.....	50.00
T. C. Doremus.....	1.00	T. P. Eldridge.....	25.00
James W. Brown.....	150.00	E. C. Jones.....	10.00
Cash.....	125.00	Andrews, Giles & Sanford.....	25.00
E. R. Goodridge.....	25.00	Meeker & Maidhof.....	10.00
McHoin Brothers.....	25.00	Pain, Berry & Co.....	5.00
William S. Doughty.....	25.00	P. S. Taggart.....	5.00
J. S. Kennedy.....	25.00	V. L. Dale.....	2.00
William E. Dodge.....	300.00	Allen Brothers.....	5.00
William E. Dodge, Jr.....	300.00	E. L. Champlin.....	1.00
J. F. Wyckoff.....	100.00	T. C. Saunders.....	2.00
Anson Phelps Stokes.....	25.00	Frederick G. Foster.....	50.00
William Walter Phelps.....	50.00	Pinchot, Warren & Co.....	25.00
Richard Brown.....	8.00	A. G. P. Stokes.....	50.00
Samuel B. Caldwell.....	25.00	Seabury Brewster.....	10.00
Frank W. Ballard.....	55.00	James Stokes.....	250.00
B. F. Howe.....	5.00	Tracy H. Harris.....	100.00
A. C. Martin.....	50.00	Samuel B. Schieffelin.....	50.00
J. B. Lockwood.....	10.00	Francis & Loutrel.....	7.75
J. H. Burtis.....	3.00	John Graham.....	5.00
J. A. Donaldson.....	50.00	John J. Crane.....	20.00
S. B. Robinson & Co.....	20.00	Isaac N. Phelps.....	50.00
George Bliss.....	25.00	George S. Murphy.....	100.00
William Adams.....	10.00	H. Parder.....	50.00
Eastman, Bigelow & Dayton.....	15.00	R. Mott.....	20.00
C. H. Thompson.....	50.00	W. W. Rose.....	15.00
Timothy P. Chapman.....	25.00	J. H. Shaler.....	10.00
J. B. Müller.....	25.00	F. Kellogg.....	5.00
John Crosby Brown.....	25.00	Peter Donald.....	100.00
C. H. Ludington.....	100.00	William Phelps.....	100.00
Stewart Brown.....	100.00	Samuel Holmes.....	50.00
Great Western Insurance Co.....	100.00	Mark Hoyt.....	50.00
Howard Potter.....	50.00	Cash.....	4.00
Morris K. Jesup.....	50.00	R. R. McBurney.....	5.00
Charles D. Dickey.....	100.00	Verranus Morse, M.D.....	10.00
J. F. Trow.....	10.00	S. D. Davis.....	3.00
V. Colyer.....	125.00	Cash.....	1.00
Percy R. Pyns.....	100.00	".....	3.00
R. L. & A. Stuart.....	100.00	".....	1.00
Cash.....	25.00	Henry E. McIntire.....	5.00
J. Pierpont Morgan.....	250.00	A Friend.....	10.00
Riley A. Brick.....	25.00	James Stokes, Jr.....	25.00
William P. Lyon.....	5.00	S. G. Goodrich.....	10.00
J. Taylor Johnson.....	100.00	Northrup, Taylor & Co.....	50.00
F. Marquand.....	100.00	William R. Belcher.....	50.00
Theodore Roosevelt.....	50.00	John H. Earle.....	25.00
Benjamin H. Field.....	50.00	L. B. Bangs.....	15.00
Ladies' Battery Barracks Asso.....	25.00	Henry Oothout.....	100.00
James Brown.....	100.00		
G. A. Sabine, M.D.....	25.00	Total.....	\$5,074.75

COLLECTIONS.

Church of the Mediator.....	\$ 58 00
Calvary Baptist Church.....	44 95
Academy of Music, (Bishop Simpson's Lecture).....	278 01
Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church.....	89 82
Reformed Dutch Church, Fifth Avenue, cor 29th Street.....	47 09
Eighteenth Street Methodist Episcopal Church.....	25 25
Mercer Street Presbyterian Church.....	50 42
South Reformed Dutch Church, Fifth Avenue, cor. 21st Street.....	82 44
Seventh Presbyterian Church.....	10 09
Brick Presbyterian Church, Fifth Avenue, cor. 37th Street.....	96 50
St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.....	17 00
Seventeenth Street Methodist Episcopal Church.....	5 00
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DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

Hon. J. Winthrop Chanler, ...18 Vols.	Dr. Benjamin Lord,.....4 Vols.
A. D. F. Randolph,.....6 "	Hon. B. F. Manierre,.....7 "
Mrs. Dr. Olin,.....44 "	John G. Broughton,.....1 "
Miss Fannie M. Gerard,.....9 "	G. B. Roys,.....1 "
Chas. Van Alen, M.D.,.....3 "	Orison Blunt,.....1 "
D. T. Valentine per E. Colgate 2 "	Wm. Curtis Noyes,.....2 "
and 32 Reports and Pamphlets by various Societies and Associations.	

The following-named Newspapers and Periodicals are on file in the Reading Room :

DAILIES.

Post.....	New York City, donated by Publisher.
Tribune.....	" "
Times.....	" "
Herald.....	" "
Journal of Commerce.....	" "
Commercial Advertiser.....	" "
Press.....	Philadelphia.
Advertiser.....	Boston.
Gazette.....	Cincinnati.
Tribune.....	Chicago.

WEEKLIES.

Observer.....	New York City, donated by Publisher.
Christian Advocate and Journal.....	" " " "
Methodist.....	" " " "
Christian Instructor.....	Philadelphia, " "
Banner of the Covenant.....	" " " "
Presbyterian Banner.....	Pittsburg, " "

Morning Star.....	Dover, N. H.,	donated by Publishers.	
Christian Secretary.....	Hartford, Ct.,	"	"
Christian Times.....	Chicago,	"	"
Lutheran and Missionary.....	Philadelphia,	"	H. G. Haeger.
Congregationalist.....	Boston,	"	"
Scottish American.....	New York City,	"	Publisher.
Courier.....	"	"	"
Harper's Weekly.....	"	"	"
Scientific American.....	"	"	"
Anti-Slavery Standard.....	"	"	"
Army and Navy Journal.....	"	"	E. Colgate.
Missouri Democrat.....	St. Louis,	"	Publisher.
Price Current.....	San Francisco,	"	"
Independent.....	New York City.		
Evangelist.....	"	"	
Christian Times.....	"	"	

MONTHLIES.

Harper's.....	New York City,	donated by Publisher.	
Agriculturist.....	"	"	"
Horticulturist.....	"	"	"
Sailors' Magazine.....	"	"	"
Way Marks.....	"	"	"
Spirit of Missions.....	"	"	"
Christian World.....	"	"	"
Bible Society Record.....	"	"	"
Monthly Record, Five Points.....	"	"	"
Home Missionary.....	"	"	"
Child's Magazine.....	"	"	"
Missionary Advocate.....	"	"	"
American Messenger.....	"	"	"
American Botschafter.....	"	"	"
Patriot Orphan Home.....	"	"	"
Carrier Dove.....	"	"	"
Voice from the Old Brewery.....	"	"	"
Children's Guest, Semi-Monthly.....	"	"	"
Advocate and Family Guardian.....	"	"	"
Journal of Am. Temperance Union.....	"	"	"
Freedman's Journal.....	Boston,	"	"
Tract Journal.....	"	"	"
Child at Home.....	"	"	"
Church* Banner.....	"	"	"
Missionary Herald.....	"	"	"
Reformed Presbyterian Covenant.....	Pittsburg,	"	"
Home and Foreign Record.....	Philadelphia,	"	"
Bi-Monthly Report, Agr'l.....	Washington,	"	"
Atlantic.....	Boston.		
Pacific.....	New York City.		
Blackwood's.....	Edinburgh.		

QUARTERLIES.

North American Review.....	Boston.
Westminster Review.....	London.
Edinburgh Review.....	Edinburgh.
London Quarterly.....	London.
North British Review.....	London.
New Englander.....	New Haven.
Bibliotheca Sacra.....	Andover.
Am. Quarterly Christian Review....	New York.
Presbyterian Theological Review...	New York.

Report of Lecture Committee.

NEW YORK, *April 22d*, 1865.

The Lecture Committee have to report, as a summary of their labors for the past year, as follows:

The Sabbath Evening services for young men have been continued as usual, and have been attended by large and interested audiences. The pastors of the various churches have given us a cordial welcome, and shown every disposition to aid us in the good work we have in hand. The following clergymen have preached for the Association, commencing with 1st Sunday in October last:

REV. S. H. TYNG, JR.

- " G. R. CROOKS, D.D.
- " T. E. VERMILYE, D.D.
- " HOWARD CROSBY, D.D.
- " H. S. WESTON, D.D.
- " R. S. FOSTER, D.D.
- " E. P. ROGERS, D.D.
- " T. R. SMITH.
- " J. T. DURYEA.

REV. N. L. RICE, D.D.

- " W. A. MUELLENBURGH, D.D.
- " JOHN THOMSON, D.D.
- " THOMAS ARMITAGE, D.D.
- " H. B. SMITH, D.D.
- " WILLIAM ADAMS, D.D.
- " JOSEPH P. THOMPSON, D.D.
- " H. B. RIDGWAY.
- " T. L. CUTLER.

REV. A. H. BURLINGHAM, D.D.

The following is a list of the Lectures delivered in the regular course:

"The Unity of the Bible, one Book of many Books,"

"John Huss,"

"Turkey and the Turks,"

"Chateaubriand,"

"The Stewardship of Wealth, as illustrated in the lives of Amos and Abbott Lawrence,"

"David Abeel,"

"Readings from Shakspeare,"

"Sir Samuel Romilly,"

REV. J. T. DURYEA.

" E. H. GILLET, D.D.

" S. IRENEUS PRIME, D.D.

W. E. CURTIS, Esq.

FRANK W. BALLARD, Esq.

REV. THOMAS DEWITT, D.D.

Prof. J. R. FROBISCHER.

J. S. STEARNS, Esq.

"Algernon Sidney, the Apostle of Popular Liberty,"

Rev. J. P. THOMPSON, D.D.

"Woman's Work and Woman's Wages,"

Rev. S. IRENEUS PRIME, D.D.

"Christian Oratory,"

E. F. SHEPARD, Esq.

Addresses have also been made before the Association at the monthly meetings, by the following gentlemen:

Rev. HOWARD CROSBY, D.D.

" E. B. OTHERMAN.

" R. J. W. BUCKLAND.

" CHARLES H. PATSON.

W. E. DODGE, Esq.

CEPHAS BRAINERD, Esq.

CHARLES E. WHITEHEAD, Esq.

The Rt. Rev. M. SIMPSON, D.D., Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by invitation of the Committee, repeated his address on "Our National Conflict," received with much favor in Philadelphia and elsewhere, at the Academy of Music; on this occasion there was a large and deeply interested audience.

The Essays read at the stated meetings were:

"The Work of Young Men's Christian Associations; What it is, and How to do it!"

by VERRANUS MORSE, M.D.

"Necessity of poor members to the Spiritual vigor of the Church,"

by Rev. JOHN THOMSON, D.D.

"Diversity, the ground of Responsibility,"

by Rev. T. RALSTON SMITH.

"Personal Effort: illustrated by the work of the Association in the North Presbyterian Church in 1858,"

by EUGENE THOMSON, Esq.

In closing our report, we cannot but hope that, through the agencies referred to, light and truth have been poured into many minds. And in the future, we trust that even greater numbers than in the past may be brought under those good influences which the preaching of our respective pastors, we feel sure, must exert.

R. A. BRICK, *Chairman.*

Report of the Committee on Membership.

To the President of the New York Young Men's Christian Association:

Sir—During the past year the Association has received 300 members.

This number, though large, should be greatly increased.

Much earnest work is called for among the thousands of young men who crowd to our city, ignorant of its snares and temptations, and with no one near them to take an interest in their welfare.

The Association needs an active resident member in every boarding-house in the city occupied by young men, and in every counting-house and workshop where young men are employed.

The membership of the Association is its working force, and the larger this is, the more devoted it is, and the better its purpose, and the necessity of its work, is understood, the greater will be the number of young men which it will be able to reach and save from ruin.

Respectfully submitted,

VERRANUS MORSE, *Chairman.*

Report of the Boarding-House Committee.

While this Committee has not done all that might have been done, yet it has done enough to prove to itself, and to all who have been at all conversant with its affairs, that great good can be accomplished in the department for which the Committee was at first created.

During the year a large number of boarding-houses has been added to the list, which was already quite large.

While the Committee have aimed to procure for and place upon the lists good boarding-houses located in every section of the city, and ranging in price and accommodations to suit every class seeking a good home, they have also carefully avoided placing any on the lists without good and substantial references.

These lists have been kept open at the rooms of the Association for the daily inspection of all who might be seeking good boarding-houses; and very many, during the year, have been assisted by means of this department in obtaining good and comfortable homes.

The Committee respectfully recommend that the Association continue to take a lively interest in this department of its usefulness.

First of all should we see that the young men, who come to this great city, strangers, and away from home influences, are provided with proper houses here, and surrounded by proper and healthful influences, for without these we shall hardly keep them from falling a prey to evil companions and corrupting influences that will allure them on every side.

JONATHAN MARSHALL,

Chairman,

Report of Committee on Visitation of the Sick.

TO SAMUEL W. STEBBINS, Esq.,

President New York Young Men's Christian Association:

DEAR SIR—The work of the Committee during the past year has principally been confined to the members of the Association. The Army and Navy Committee have taken full charge of all matters pertaining to the soldiers and sailors, so that our services have not been required in the hospitals.

During the past winter the attention and services of your Committee were called to one case of very deep interest. A brother member while ministering to the wants of a sick friend was stricken down by the same disease—the nature of which was such, as to prevent our visiting him personally, though we were able to supply him with a nurse, and what comforts were necessary. Away from home and friends, and, by the loss of situation, without means—

with no mother or sister to watch by his side—isolated from those who would gladly have visited and cared for him, he was obliged to pass the hours alone and among strangers. But, thank God! he had a friend to care for and watch over him, better than any earthly one, who was always present, though unseen, to breathe into his soul that consolation and comfort which the world cannot give; and the hours that would otherwise have been weary were lightened and relieved.

In response to a letter written to him while convalescent, he says: "It is interesting to know that kind Christian friends have not forgotten me in my affliction; but, above all, to have the assurance that these troubles are sent upon us only to purify and sanctify our hearts, and draw us nearer to God. I have much to be thankful for, though at first cast down, yet I was not forsaken, and the burden was not greater than by His grace I was able to bear."

It is encouraging for us to know that his affliction was so received, and proved a blessing; but it is not so with all young men who are sick in our great city. It is especially this class of young men, who are out of the Church, without home and Christian friends to take care of them, that the Committee are desirous to find out and minister unto, both temporally and spiritually. It is by this means, with the blessing of God attending it, we hope to bring many into the Association, under such influences as will forever influence their destiny in the right direction.

Much that is interesting, as connected with the Committee's operations, is necessarily withheld. The work is a *silent work*, and only enough can be wisely recorded for the public eye, to show that the work of the Master goes on.

Those who have assisted us in this work, by their contributions or personal services, have our sincere thanks, and in due time will reap their reward.

WM. H. SWARTWOUT,

Chairman.

Report of Devotional Committee.

The field occupied by the Committee during the past year has been comparatively limited, if estimated only by the number of meetings sustained, viz: one at the Eye and Ear Infirmary, and one at the Battery Barracks; the latter conducted by request of the Ladies' Battery Barracks Library Association. Although the means employed have been few, we have the blessed assurance that God has put his seal upon them.

The first opened was the

EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY MEETING.

This was organized among the inmates over a year ago, and though discontinued for a time, near the close of July, is now in successful operation. It is held on Thursday Evenings. While the encouragement has not been the most cheering, the work has gone forward, and some seed, we trust, will bear fruit to eternal life.

We may note a few incidents connected with this social gathering for prayer.

Among the constant attendants at this meeting in its commencement, was a poor blind German woman. In the loss of her natural sight, her soul seemed

doubly illuminated with the light of God's countenance. This meeting was ever to her a place of joy.

At one meeting, the parable of the barren fig tree was the subject of remark. A man arose and confessed that he had wandered from God, and from hope, and, with apparant sincerity, observed that he had never before been so strongly impressed, and called attention to his trembling arm—it may have been like the trembling of Felix, for though repeatedly invited afterwards to the place of prayer, he could not be persuaded to attend.

The meeting is now furnished with one of Mason & Hamlin's cabinet organs, which greatly facilitates the musical exercises. Our grateful acknowledgments are due those who have cheerfully performed upon it, as well as to those who have lent their aid in carrying on the other exercises.

BATTERY BARRACKS MEETING.

The Committee, in reporting the work accomplished among the soldiers, would state that their most sanguine expectations have been exceeded. The blessing of the Spirit seems to have been almost constantly in this meeting since the commencement of last autumn. Thousands of soldiers, in transit to and from the field of battle, have been brought under its influence; hundreds have expressed a desire to be prayed for; some rejoiced in a hope of salvation while there, and the glad tidings have come back from the camp and the hospital of a Saviour found. It is left for the future to reveal the entire result of God's work among these brave defenders of our beloved nation.

This meeting was placed under the auspices of the Committee about the first of November last. Previous to that time Sunday Evening services were held here, conducted by members of the Committee, not acting under the Association. The meetings then held had not assumed their present proportions or interest. The attendance was small, and the field of operations mainly confined to the guard, many of whom were Romanists.

We may mention one occasion of great interest, connected with the work at that time, as illustrating some of the probable results of this seed cast by the way.

A portion of the 185th N. Y. Regiment, on their way to the front, was present at a meeting. At the conclusion of the opening exercises an opportunity was afforded for any one to participate. One after another arose to testify for Jesus. A verse was sung and immediately some one was eager to speak of his love of the Saviour. A chorus of voices again poured forth the melody of the heart, then another soldier told of a sister's parting words, and so the hour passed; there was a reluctance to leave, and the meeting was protracted beyond the usual time; some twenty or more took part. The Spirit of the Lord was evidently there; all hearts seemed subdued by His gentle influence. But one other meeting was held with them during their stay. A letter received after their departure states that they were holding meetings every night, from company to company, and that there had been a number of conversions. The regiment had no chaplain accompanying it.

The Committee, on taking charge of this Battery meeting, opened an afternoon service on Sunday, which has been conducted mainly by the voluntary services of clergymen and laymen. While the fruits of this meeting are not so apparent as the devotional one, we believe that it has been blessed of God.

One prayer meeting has been held from the commencement of the Committee's work, on Sabbath evenings, and for some time past another has been maintained on Friday evenings. The room in which these services are held will hold about one hundred and fifty, and this has been often crowded to repletion with earnest listeners. The rebel deserter, the refugee, the colored soldier, have alike come up to the common altar.

The Committee have aimed to give these meetings a free, unrestrained character, to gain the co-operation of the soldiers, and the effort has been blessed. The men who have shown such bravery in the defence of the Republic, have manifested equal heroism in confessing Christ before their wicked comrades in arms. We cannot better present the character of this good work than by sketching a few incidents connected with it.

A soldier, in reply to the question, "Are you a Christian?" said, "I hoped I was once, but am not now." On being asked if he would not return to his Father, from whom he had wandered, he replied, after a moment's pause, while the tears trickled down his war-worn features, "I promised my wife and four children, who are now in Heaven, that I would meet them there, and I will promise you, by the grace of God, to return." He then knelt with the brother in prayer. At the next meeting he arose and testified of the blessedness of the Saviour, and exhorted his companions in arms to follow him.

At a meeting a young soldier arose and said, it was seven years ago that night since he promised his mother, on her dying bed, that he would be a Christian, and he had now determined to fulfill that promise, trusting in the all-sufficient grace of God.

One Sabbath about 1,300 soldiers were quartered at the Barracks, many of them Sherman's troops, on their way from the West to his advancing columns on the Atlantic coast. One of the most interesting periods in the history of our Committee's work was at this time. At the meeting that evening, after a few had participated, the invitation was given out for prayer. The spectacle presented in that audience of bronzed warriors was one of almost overwhelming power, as well as great significance; sixty or more men, in response to the invitation, rose to their feet—nearly half the audience. God, we felt, was truly there. The work before us was more than we were prepared for. Extra meetings were held while these troops remained with us. One soldier, on this occasion, said that his first desires to be a Christian were experienced here. Another among these soldiers felt that he had been brought back to the fold from which he had wandered.

A member of the 188th New York Regiment, who had attended the Battery meetings, writes, from the City Point Hospital, that two days after joining his regiment he was engaged in the third battle of Hatcher's Run. He was spared through this for another conflict, which lasted a week. Overcome by the fatigue and exposure of this protracted struggle, he was obliged to go to the hospital. He had a friend here in his Saviour. "My trust," he writes, "grows stronger in my God, daily." * * * "I feel that, if it had not been for you, and the other brothers that met with us at the barracks at your city, I should now have been numbered with the dead, and my soul would be in everlasting perdition; for the Bible tells us that the wicked shall not live out half their days." At a later date he writes from Washington, "I am happy to state that my faith is strong in the Lord." * * * "In-

stead of spending my time in playing cards, I spend it in reading His Holy Word, and in so doing I find peace and comfort."

In this connection it may be mentioned, that soon after the opening of the Soldiers' Rest, at Fourth Avenue, near Twenty-seventh Street, a meeting was organized there under the auspices of the Association. This meeting is under the direction of Prof. C. H. Gardner, of the Gardner Institute, and is held on Sunday afternoons. We believe it is productive of much good, though the influence exerted is but a temporary one.

The Committee have recently opened a Sunday service on board the iron-clad steamer Roanoke, lying in the harbor. The steamer has about three hundred men and officers on board, and no chaplain. Through the courtesy of her officers the work has been much facilitated. In connection with the meeting a distribution of religious reading matter is made each Sabbath, which is greatly appreciated by the sailors.

In closing this report, the Committee would tender their grateful acknowledgments to Prof. C. H. Gardner for his active and efficient aid and Christian sympathy in this work; also, for his agency in procuring a cabinet organ for the Battery Barracks; we extend our thanks also to those who kindly contributed towards this object.

We are also indebted to the ladies who have cheerfully assisted in the music, and cheered the soldier by their presence and their personal efforts.

We are under obligations to the following gentlemen who have officiated at the different services: Rev. Charles Whitehead, Rev. Charles H. Payson, Rev. John Ruston, Prof. C. H. Gardner, Rev. H. B. Dechert, J. B. Marvin, Chaplain, U. S. A., Ralph Wells, D. G. Grieve, S. W. Dana, E. R. Wells, J. Tracy, and Joseph Gaylord.

We owe our acknowledgments also to the U. S. Sanitary Commission and American Tract Society, for donations of religious reading and hymn books.

We would here extend our cordial thanks to Mr. George F. Dressor, the courteous Librarian at the Barracks, for his kind co-operation and active aid.

In behalf of the Committee.

R. B. POOL, *Chairman.*

Report of Hospital Committee.

I beg leave to submit the following report of the doings of the Hospital Committee of the Association, and, although it may appear late, (nearly three years having passed since the appointment of that Committee,) yet, when we consider that the stirring events of the last four years have now taken their allotted place in history, and the glorious sun of peace, rising above the clouds that enshrouded it, is now casting its cheering rays across our path, it behooves us to glance back for a moment, and review some of our labors during that period, in order that we may consider whether they have been productive of any good.

The members of the Board of Directors of the Association, of 1862, will remember their early meeting in that year, when it was resolved that new and more energetic efforts should be put forth for the accomplishment of the objects for which the Association was formed, and that, by the grace of God, it should thenceforth occupy a position of greater usefulness. It is only neces-

sary to point to its subsequent career and present condition to learn whether the fervent prayers of the members of that Board have been answered.

At that meeting, it pleased the Board, among other objects, to appoint a Committee whose business it should be to furnish night watchers for the soldiers' hospitals of our city, and NASON B. COLLINS, WILLIAM A. MARTEN, and the undersigned were placed upon that Committee.

Steps were at once taken to organize a band of young men for this purpose, and arrangements were made to supply two of the hospitals, namely: the Ladies' Home for Sick and Wounded Soldiers, corner of 51st Street and Lexington Avenue; and the Soldiers' Department of Bellevue Hospital.

It is not intended to enter upon the details of this work, but simply to give a brief summary of what has been done, that the result may be more readily reached.

The summer and fall of 1862 constituted a sad period in the history of our city, as well as of our Nation. The bloody battles which were then fought poured into our hospitals a constant flood of human suffering, and at times the buildings provided, large as they were, were filled to overflowing, and the energies of those in charge were taxed to the utmost.

At this time, at the call of your Committee, a band of young men came forward, many of them members of this Association, and enrolled their names upon the list of watchers. It is not easy, without a trial, to realize the sacrifices to be undergone in leaving the comforts of a home, after a day of toil, to spend the dreary night in still greater toil in the sickly wards of the hospital, and this too, week after week, through the summer and fall, when most people are seeking recreation and pleasure in the country. But this company of soldiers of the Lord, to the number of about three hundred, came at their appointed times, and took their places without a murmur.

In the hospital the scene was varied. In the wards for the wounded a sense of cheerfulness prevailed. The soldiers all seemed happy at the thought of having sacrificed something for their country; while in the fever wards, where there was greater depression of spirit, the heart was sickened by the groans and sufferings of the patients. In some wards but little was required, except watchfulness and care in the administering of medicines; while in others it was a continued labor from beginning to end—no intermission, no rest. Here a wound to be dressed, there a prescription to be administered, at another place a word of comfort for some unhappy soul. Here a man dying of consumption, with the near prospect of heaven or hell before him—there a victim of rebel barbarity, upon whom neglect, in a Southern prison, had entailed a life of misery, in marked contrast with the rebel soldier in an adjoining ward, receiving the same kind attention as our own defenders. Such work truly required the strongest nerve, the stoutest heart, the greatest love for Christ and Christian duty. And it was certainly nothing but that love that kept those self-sacrificing men at their posts whenever duty called them to meet the dangers and privations of the sick room.

But it is not necessary or proper that I should present a long statement of these matters. In the fall, the changes in the Government arrangement of the hospitals rendered the further attendance of the watchers unnecessary as a physical aid, and the enterprise was discontinued.

Of the good accomplished during that time it is impossible even to surmise.

We have confidence that some experienced a change of heart. How deep that change was, and how many were reached, will never be known in this world. In the stillness of night, when the silence was only broken by a groan from some poor sufferer, it seemed as though God had selected His own time and place for the working of His truth; and the words that were spoken there by those Christian men, pointing to the foot of the cross, must have fallen upon some fertile soil.

God, in His mercy, grant that many, many dear souls may have there learned the way of salvation, and that we all may one day meet them in Heaven, among the saints who have passed through great tribulation, and whose garments have been washed in the blood of the Lamb.

In behalf of the Committee,

JAMES S. STEARNS,

NEW YORK, May, 1865.

Late Chairman of Hospital Committee.

Resolutions of the New York Young Men's Christian Association.

Adopted at a meeting of the Association held at the Rooms, April 17th, 1865.

Whereas God, in his Providence, has removed from this earth Abraham Lincoln, the President of the United States, a man simple and childlike; truthful in intercourse; earnest in purpose; meek in spirit; pure in heart; illustrious in deeds, and Christian in all his ways; and

Whereas God has likewise permitted to be stricken down our Chief Counsellor of State;

Resolved, That we bow to His high purpose in perfect faith, knowing that Our Heavenly Father doeth all things well, and that we mourn for the good man who has gone before, as children mourn for their father, and that we offer our fervent prayers for the recovery of our Secretary of State.

Resolved, That we recognize in these assaults the familiar hand of that system of assassination which for eighty years has embittered the councils of our country; stricken down Senators in Congress; repressed free speech; bought and sold, and whipped the laboring class; and more recently has starved to death prisoners of war and deluged a nation in blood; and that we will never rest till its inspirer, slavery, that sum of all villainies, is extirpated from the land.

Resolved, That we humble ourselves in contrition for the assent by us given, in times past, to this system of sin, and devoutly promise for the future a more perfect conformity to that freedom wherewith Christ has made us free.

Resolved, That in the succession to the Presidency of the late Vice-President, a man of the people, who has suffered deeply by the rebellion, we see the hand of a just God; and we offer our prayers that the Ruler of Nations will give him grace, wisdom and firmness of purpose to fulfil aright the duties of his exalted office.

Resolved, That when we reflect that this act, by which a nation is thrown into mourning and a government threatened with confusion, was effected through the instrumentality of young men, we profoundly feel the necessity for a more united and earnest effort on the part of our Associations to care for the morals and habits of the young men of America.

CORRESPONDENCE.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, 44 RENSRAW STREET.

LIVERPOOL, May 3d, 1865.

DEAR BRETHREN—I have the sad privilege of handing you the inclosed resolutions, referring to the horrid murder of your late beloved President, and you will kindly lay them before your Association. No event has caused such intense excitement in this country, and the heart of the nation shuddered at the news, from one extremity of the kingdom to the other. That one so honest, good and noble—noble not by birth, but in the highest sense of the word—while at his post, and just after speaking words of peace and kindness towards his enemies, should have been struck down by a cowardly assassin, a fanatic, whose name will be execrated through all time, and whose grave will be with Cain and Judas Iscariot—words cannot express the sorrow and indignation that have filled all hearts in this country, from the Queen to the meanest of her subjects; and it has given great satisfaction here that our beloved Sovereign has specially written to Mrs. Lincoln.

Assuring you of my heartiest sympathy,

I remain yours fraternally,

WM. H. NEWETT,

*Honorary Secretary.**To the Secretaries of the**Y. M. C. Association, New York.*

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, 44 RENSRAW STREET.

LIVERPOOL, April 29th, 1865.

At a meeting of the members of the Young Men's Christian Association of Liverpool, held on Saturday evening, April 29th, 1865, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the members of the Liverpool Young Men's Christian Association desire to express to their brethren of the kindred Associations in the United States, their utter detestation and horror at the cowardly assassination of President Lincoln, and to sympathise and condole with them in their national bereavement.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be signed, on behalf of the members, by the President, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board of Management, and Secretaries, and forwarded to the New York Association, for diffusion among the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States, and for presentation at their next Annual Convention. Signed accordingly.

ROBERT H. FORREST,

*Incumbent of St. Andrews, President.*JOHN PATTERSON, *Treasurer.*JOHN HARRISON, *Chairman of Board.*WILLIAM H. NEWETT, *Honorary Secretary.*JOHN DUNNING, *Secretary.*

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