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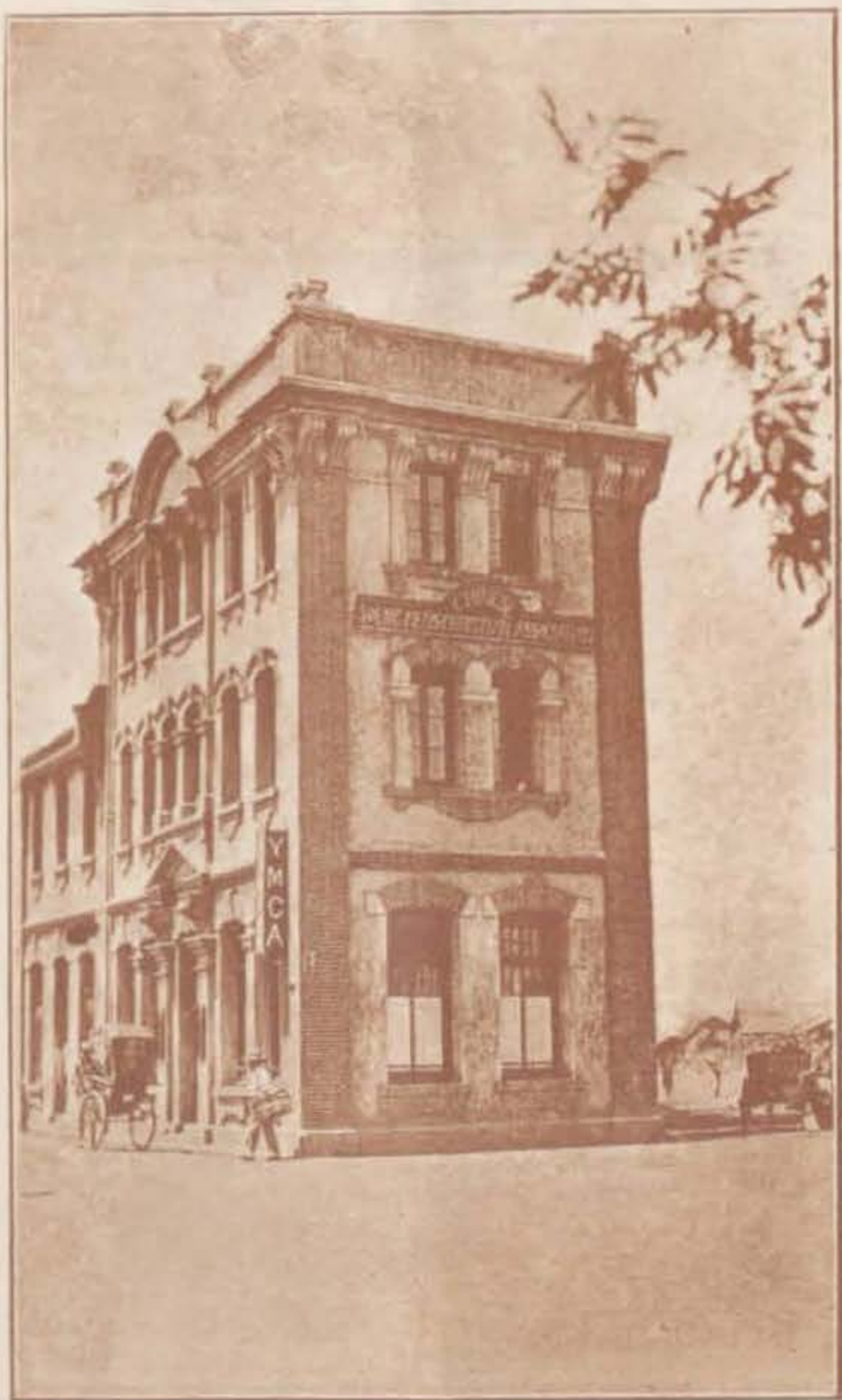
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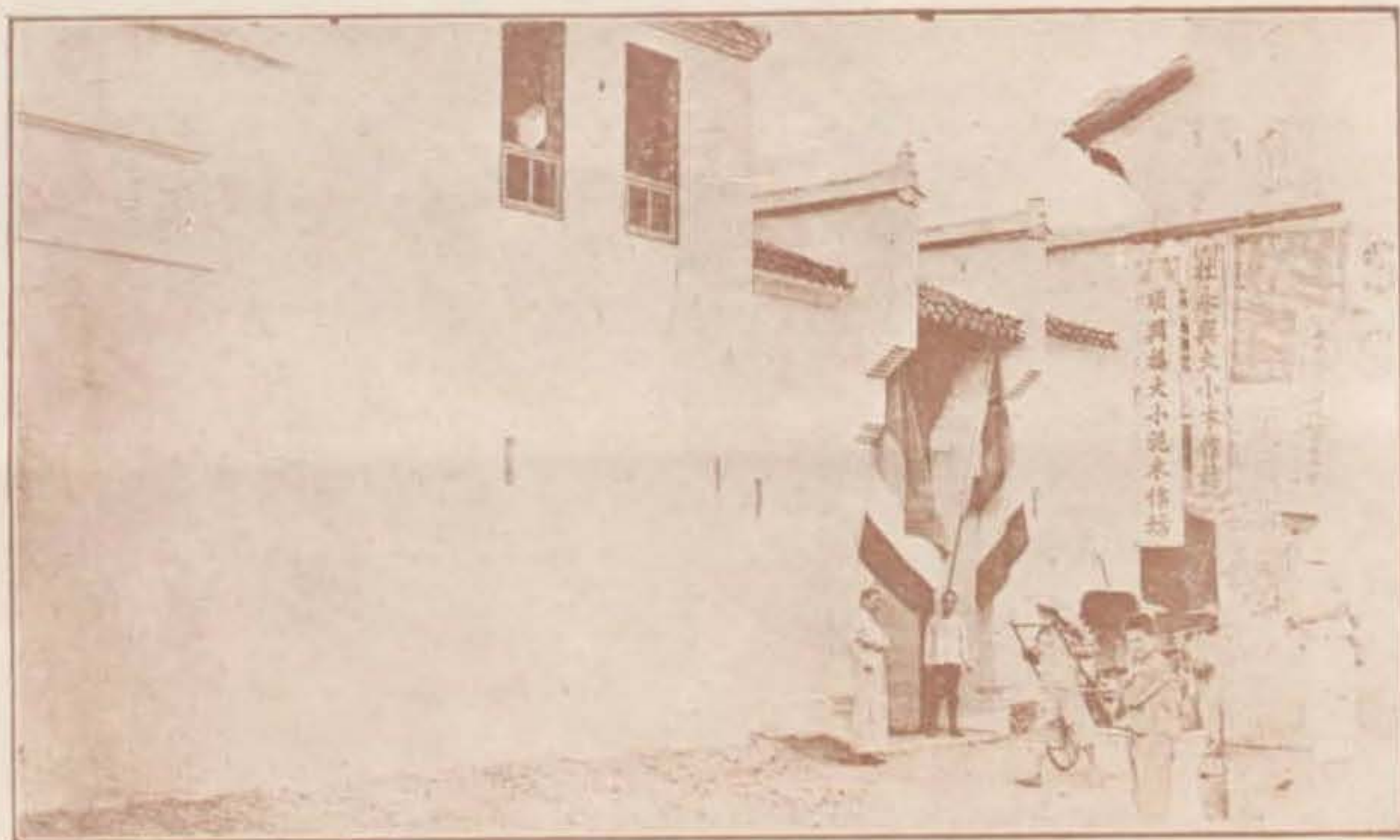
THE WU-HAN ASSOCIATION

Hankow

Two secretaries, who had been sent to Hankow by the National Committee in Shanghai to prepare the way for opening the Association, were withdrawn because of urgent needs in other cities. The plans which were made for opening the Association in the fall of 1911 were stopped by the Revolution. After these delays, the Hankow Young Men's Christian Association was finally organized on March 20, 1912, when about one hundred young men met in the building which had been rented on the Malu at the rear of the British Concession.

The success of the work from the start has shown the demand for such an undertaking. The enrollment in both the day and evening schools was so much greater than had been expected that additional quarters had to be rented at the end of the first month. Through the kindness of the President of the Board of Directors, the Association was given the use of an athletic field for the members and students. Weekly lectures have been held which were well attended.

Besides the small building on the Malu, the Association has erected a temporary building on the athletic field for the use of the 240 students in the day and evening schools. These two buildings are very inadequate to meet the needs of the work. For the past two years the generous gift of a Canadian has been waiting for the Hankow Y. M. C. A. to fulfill the conditions necessary to secure it. He has offered \$50,000.00 gold for the erection of a fine Association building in Hankow if the local people will provide a site twice as large as is necessary for the present building. This condition is made in order that the property may be available when it becomes necessary to enlarge the building, and in the mean time can be used for athletic purposes.



PROPERTY RECENTLY PURCHASED FOR THE WUCHANG ASSOCIATION

Wuchang

In the spring of 1912 a general survey of the city was made and the future work of the Association very carefully discussed. Here three College Associations had been doing good work for some five years. The work for Government students, which later was to develop into a City Association, began in a rented house. Later, through the generosity of some friends of the Association, including General Li Yuan Hung, some \$5,000.00 was secured. By borrowing some other money the Association was able to purchase a central site which was for sale. The Association owns what Mr. Eddy described as "the best site in Asia." The remaining sum for the purchase of the house must be raised, and also enough to secure adjoining property while it is on the market. During the year a successful night school has been run. Lectures were arranged both in the Association and in the Mission Schools. A number of boys have found a good home in the Association Hostel.

Wu-Han

The interest of one of the Wu-Han cities is the concern of all. When the government was disturbed in Wuchang last year during the Revolution, trade in Hankow and the manufactories in Han-yang were likewise affected. Many citizens of one city own property in another, many who have work in one have their home in another, or send their children to school in another. Thus any plan which would provide for the Young Men in one city must consider the needs in the other cities. For such a purpose the Wu-Han Young Men's Christian Association has been organized with branches already established in Wuchang and Hankow.

In order that the present plans may be carried out the Association comes to you to ask your help in securing land for the building in Hankow and additional equipment for Wuchang.

First Year's Work of the Hankow Y. M. C. A.

Membership	132
Sustaining Members	17
Full Members	54
Student Members	61
Day School Students	86
Evening School Students	146
Teachers	13
Number attending lectures	5378
Lectures and Entertainments	39
Men coming to the Building every week	250
Bible Classes	6
Number in Bible Classes	225
Number of men converted	32
Chinese Secretaries	3
Annual Budget	\$6,500

Wuchang Account of First Year

Members	40
Night School Teachers	8
Night School Students	42
Attendance at lectures for the year, average.	300
Meetings, Social	10
Average Sunday Attendance	75
Chinese Secretaries	1
Bible Classes	6
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Summer Conference Scenes



DELEGATES IN FRONT OF THE YÜ PEI T'ING



LISTENING TO AN ADDRESS

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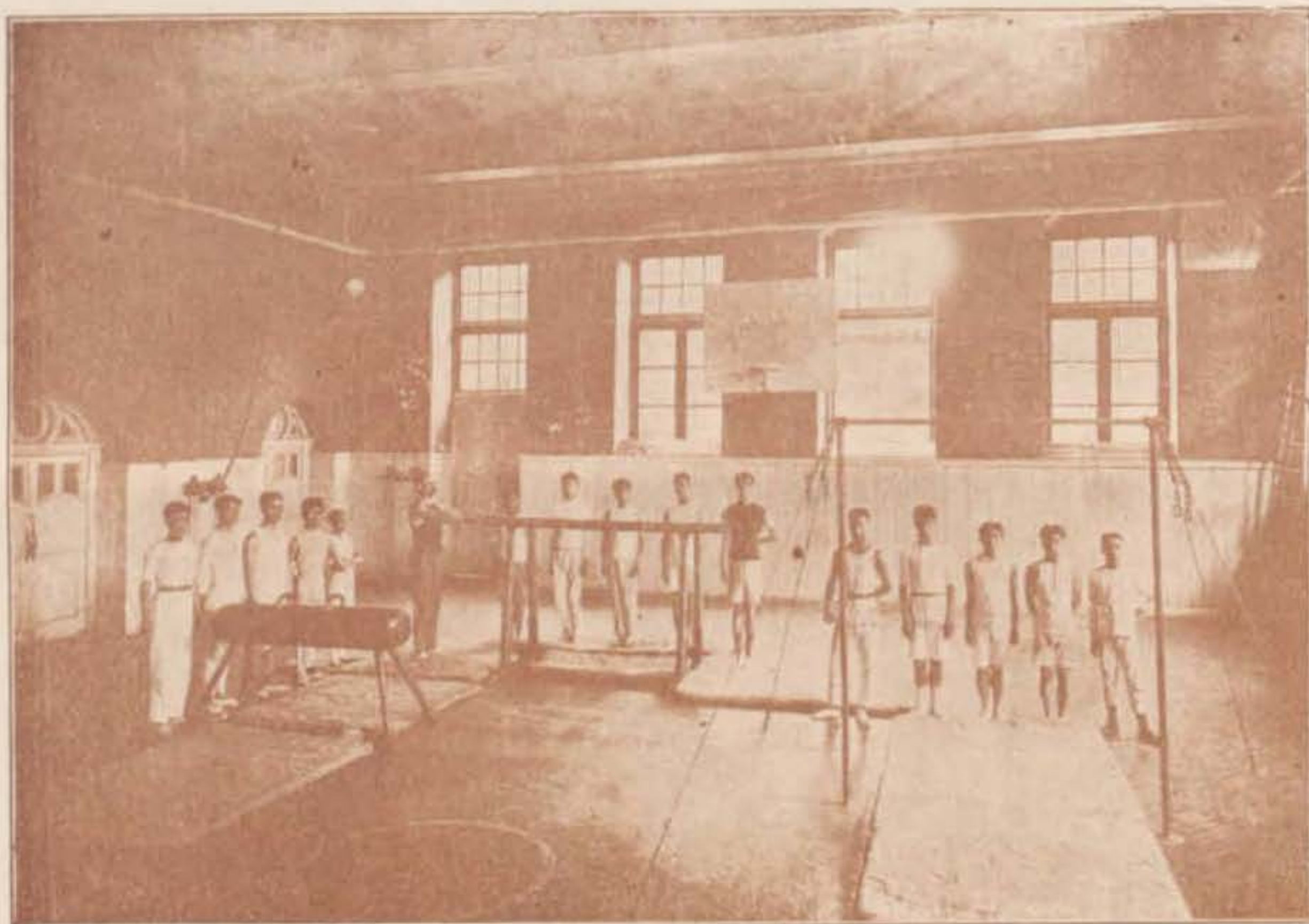
Mr. Penman's Generous Offer

At the time the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations raised the \$2,000,000.00 fund for Association buildings in some fifty foreign cities, Mr. John Penman, who is much interested in the growth of Hankow, offered to give \$50,000.00 Gold or over \$100,000.00 Mexican, for the erection of a fine modern building in Hankow, provided a suitable site is secured by January 1, 1914. If the site is not secured the gift will be given to one of the other 26 cities which was not included in the \$2,000,000.00 fund but which is ready to meet the conditions of the gift.

Hankow can do what other cities of China have done, if the Chinese officials and business men, as well as the resident foreigners, will do what the same groups have done in Shanghai, Canton and other cities.

To secure this gift, and thus make it possible to have a fine Association building which will be a credit to Hankow, and complete the purchase of the property in Wuchang, it has been decided to launch a campaign for Taels 50,000.00. This amount is needed immediately for buying the property in Hankow and Wuchang.

This situation presents the opportunity of a generation. Its successful issue concerns everyone who appreciates the value of strong, noble young manhood, regardless of creed. It will be a splendid step toward the New Hankow. It concerns the whole of China in a vital way. Hankow is coming to be more and more one of the great commercial centers of the world. In its unique position, with proper equipment, the Association will have a far-reaching influence upon the young men who are gathering here in constantly increasing numbers by moulding their lives in the right way. These young men represent China's ONLY HOPE for the future. The importance and necessity of decisive action cannot be over-stated. It now remains for each individual to do his duty. IT IS IN YOUR HANDS.



GYMNASIUM CLASS SHANGHAI ASSOCIATION



A GROUP OF
CHINESE
YOUNG MEN
IN TRAINING
FOR DIRECTORS OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SHANGHAI
ASSOCIATION



CHINESE STUDENTS PLAYING VOLLEY BALL

"You do even better than to speak the Gospel: You put it into practice."
Ex-President Loubet; Greeting to the Association Jubilee
Convention in session in Paris

"The Association work is imperative to help China turn the corner in
her history."

Bishop J. W. BASHFORD



READING ROOM OF THE WUCHANG YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Bishop Roots' Letter

Three years ago I wrote Mr. Brockman supporting his appeal for gold \$50,000 which was subsequently given by a large hearted Canadian for a Y. M. C. A. building in Hankow. I now have great pleasure in writing to you to support the local appeal for funds to buy land on which the new building can be erected. The object is one which commends itself heartily to every intelligent friend of Chinese young men, and I trust that the delay in securing the land which was inevitable after the Revolution will be more than made good by the prompt, and generous, and whole-hearted support which the appeal now made will call forth.

(Signed) L. H. ROOTS

What Rulers of Nations Say

"The great advantage of the Young Men's Christian Association is that after long experience it has come to be conducted on the most approved business principles, and while it furnishes on the one hand an opportunity for contributions for those who love their fellow-men, it furnishes on the other an example of assistance, which does not discourage self-help by creating a spirit of dependence in those who enjoy the benefits."

EX-PRESIDENT WILLIAM H. TAFT

"His Royal and Imperial Majesty, Edward VII, King of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India, desires to express his hearty sympathy with, and encouragement to, the Young Men's Christian Association assembled in conference at Boston, June, 1901."

Copy of telegram sent by Sir Dighton Probyn, Equerry

"With pride your brotherhood may look back on its past life, which promises further to flourish and increase. May this expectation be fulfilled in a rich measure. With satisfaction I see that the German Associations, active in the same endeavour, take part fraternally in this solemn gathering. May the American Associations also in the future train for their Great Fatherland citizens who are sound in body and soul and of earnest convictions of life."

EMPEROR WILLIAM, TO THE BOSTON CONVENTION IN 1901.

President Wilson's Approval

The chief contribution which the Young Men's Christian Association has made to the life of this nation is to show it where to begin and what to do. Is it of no significance that the work of this Association is in a sense more vital in foreign countries—I mean in foreign countries not yet touched by our civilization—than it is even among ourselves? Is the extraordinary story, which the men now come back from China tell us, of no great significance, that a great nation, just waking from several centuries of sleep, has come to see that if it will put its young men under the vitalizing processes offered by the Young Men's Christian Association it may come in a single generation from impotence to power—into a place in which it will be regnant and respected? Is it of no consequence that the foreigner looking upon this great Association has seen that in this lies the vitality of the nation, that here are the real roots of education, the real sources of inspiration, the real origins of self-sacrifice and of self-elevation, and that the world for its leadership is to look to this instrumentality which has been seeking to make alive whole generations of men?

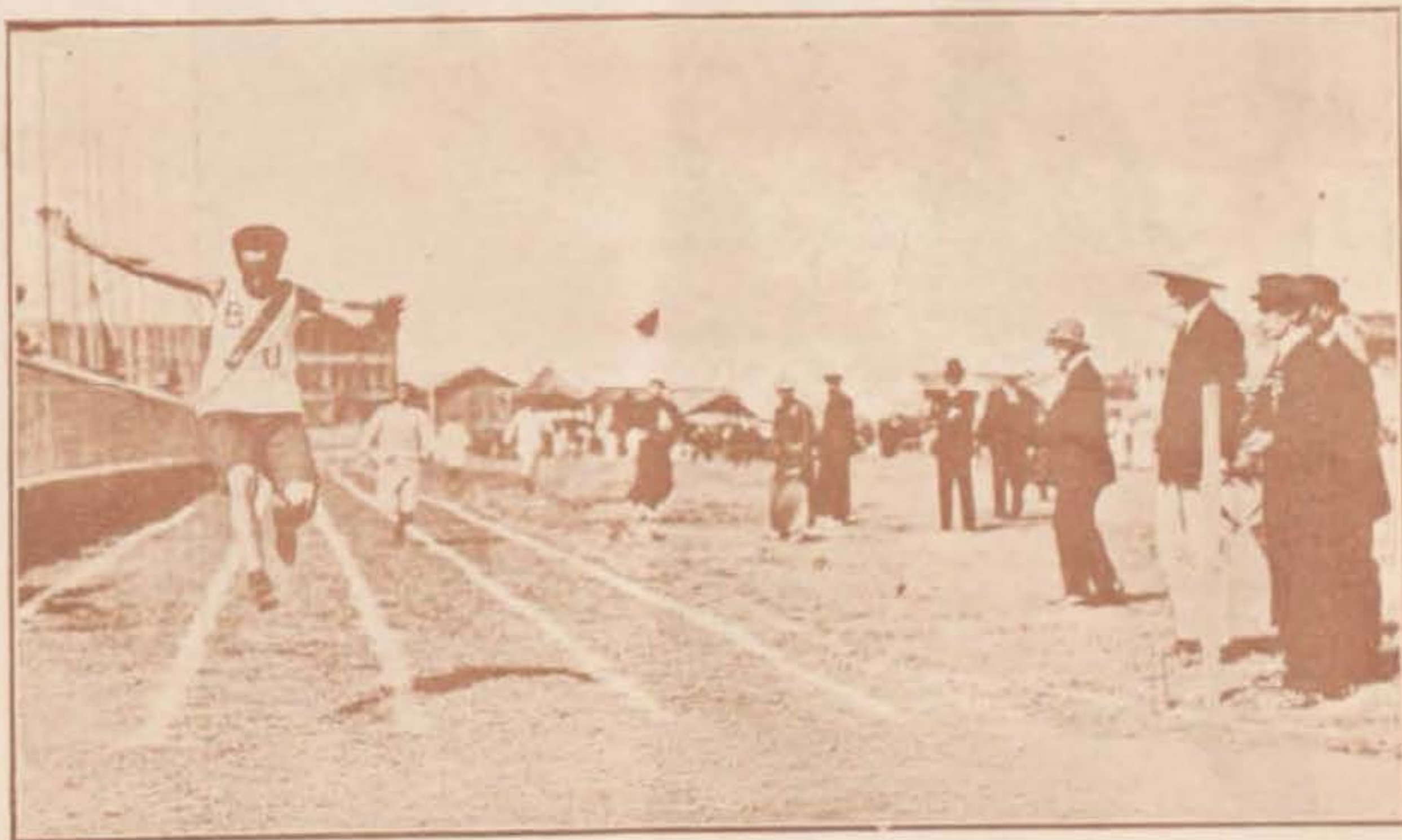


The Church's Ally

One of the encouraging developments of the City Associations during the past year has been the attention given to more close co-operation with the churches. Religious work committees composed of members of the different churches in the City direct this line of Association activity. In addition to the regular religious work of the Association these committees conduct special services during the year. In one Association this committee has planned for a mission for the men living in the sampans in the harbor. They raised a fund for purchasing a junk for the purpose of holding a day school for these men. During the evening the junk will be taken to different parts of the harbor and evangelistic addresses made. All of the churches are working together with the Association in this movement.—*Report from Canton.*



CROWD WATCHING AN ATHLETIC MEET ON THE Y. M. C. A. ATHLETIC FIELD



FINISH OF 220-YARD DASH



PICTURE TAKEN ON THE OCCASION OF A LECTURE ON FLYING MACHINES AT THE TUTUFU
BY PROFESSOR ROBERTSON, DIRECTOR OF THE Y. M. C. A. LECTURE DEPARTMENT, BY GENERAL LI'S INVITATION

The Aim, Work and Equipment of the Association

The Young Men's Christian Association is an organization of young men banded together for the purpose of developing in themselves and in all young men the highest type of all-round manhood. It holds that the highest success in this endeavor cannot be attained apart from the Christian religion which furnishes both the ideal character and the power that inspires men to its achievement.

To this end it advocates the habitual practice of such physical, mental and religious exercises as experience has shown to be helpful and efficacious.

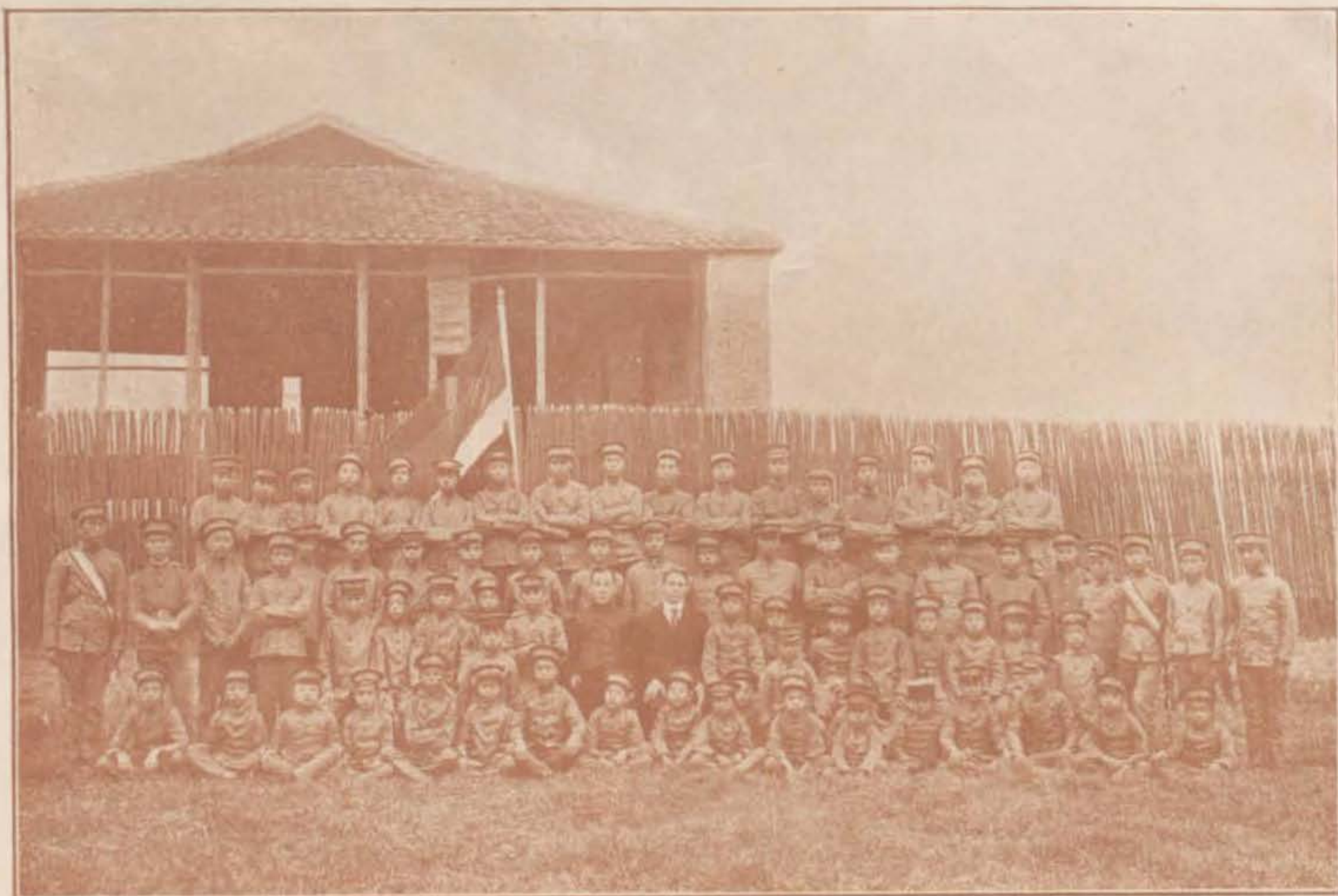
It enlists and cultivates all the talents of a man that they may be put at the service of the home, business, the church, and the state.

It recognizes men's social relationships and responsibilities, urges love-inspired service for the promotion of social welfare, and seeks the establishment of the kingdom of God.

It is a work for young men by young men. With full appreciation of the value and importance of individual work for individuals, it also employs the advantages of combined efforts made effective through organization. The volunteer service of members is encouraged and emphasized.

It is partially supported by the fees and dues made in payment for privileges, and for the balance is dependent upon the contributions of public spirited men whose endorsement of the work thereby makes possible for the public good phases of work which yield no monetary income.

In order to prosecute this varied and extensive work to the best advantage, experience has shown it is very desirable and necessary to have suitable equipment, which is to this organization like tools to the workman. Perhaps most prominent in the equipment is the building, which should be peculiarly designed for its purpose and fitted with special features and apparatus.



BOYS OF THE HANKOW YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THEIR DRILL SUITS

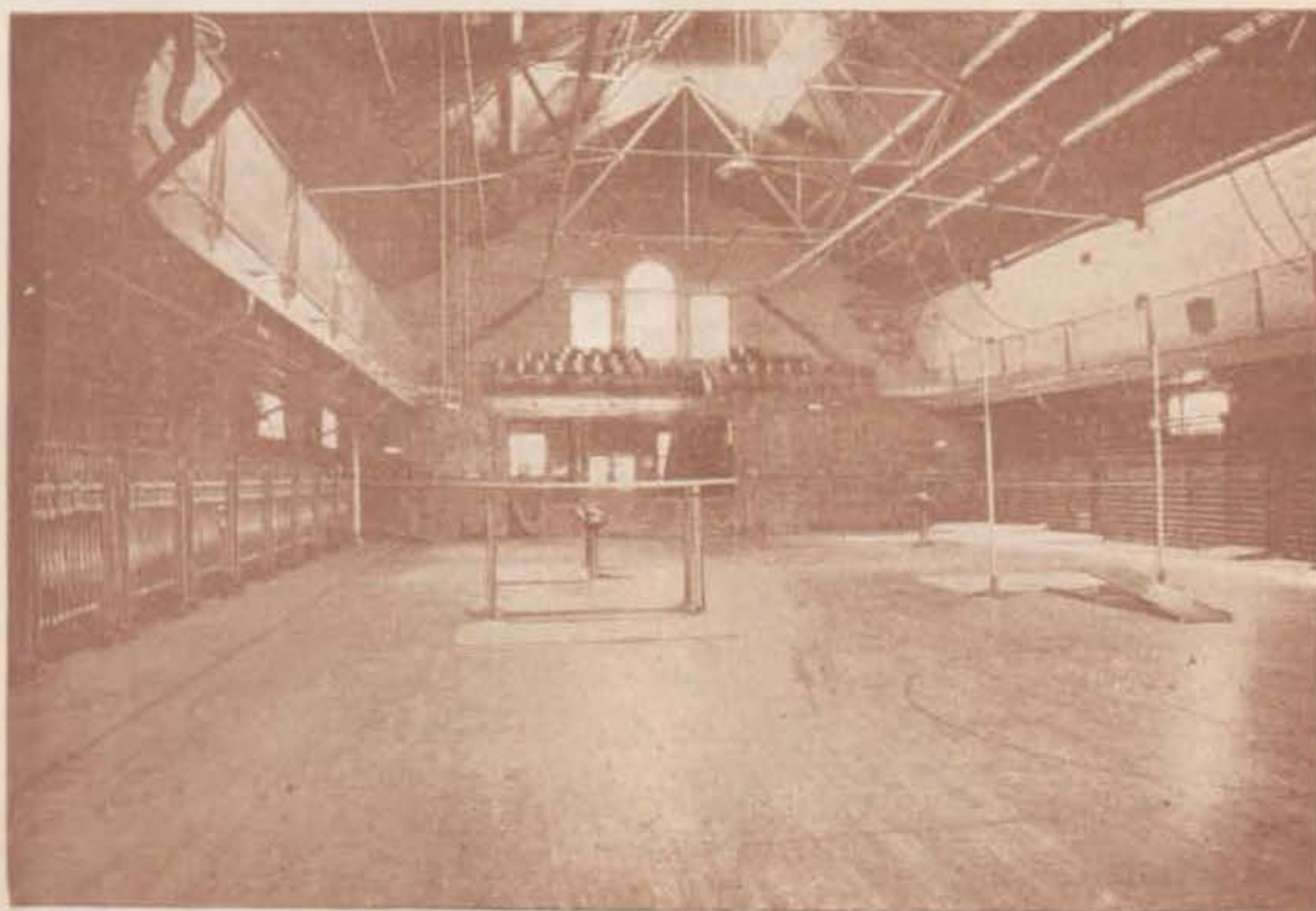
Bible Study

Both the City and College Associations continue to place special emphasis upon Bible study. There has been a steady increase in the number of men engaged in the study of the Bible. Fifty-one Student Associations in China reported that during the past year 294 such classes were organized, with an enrollment of 2,737, or an average of about 80% of the membership so far reported. With the reports from less than half the Associations received, the number of classes and men enrolled was more than double what it was five years ago. A careful investigation of the schools where Associations are organized in one of the Provinces showed that practically every man in all of the schools had been enrolled in Bible Study during the past year.

Social Service

The breaking away from the traditional tendency of students to lead a self-centered life, is significant. Reports from all parts of China show that the movement is general throughout the country. The mission schools are not alone in this movement. The conferences for government school students near Peking last summer revealed the fact that the government school students are equally interested in social service. One of the topics which held the attention of the delegates as almost no other was, what they would have in an ideal city. When they were asked what students might do to help solve the problems in their city, some very practical suggestions were given. These were not mere idle dreams. The students of one of these colleges, which was most largely represented, organized, upon their return, a school for the policemen and servants on the campus, with day and evening classes. They also organized work for the Manchurian villages near by, and are carrying on a propaganda against opium and cigarette smoking.

in the surrounding villages. Other students from Tientsin, upon their return to school, gathered the children of the community together, seeing that they are washed and kept clean, and teaching them games, singing and reading. A most significant effort is that of a group of government schools in Peking which have asked the Christian institutions to join with them in organizing a Social Service League. They have begun investigations among the ricscha coolies in Peking with a view of starting some definite service for this needy class of men.



AN ASSOCIATION GYMNASIUM

***President Yuan Shih Kai Addresses the
Delegates of the Y. M. C. A. National Conference***

"On looking around, I have the greatest pleasure in saying that we are fortunate to have so many delegates gathered together here from the different provinces. As you all know the establishment of our Republic was wholly due to the zeal, self-sacrifice and enthusiasm of our dead patriots; who willingly gave their own lives for the sake of their beloved country China. Oh! the deed shall never be forgotten. There are many things still left to be accomplished, so we must join our hands, and hand in hand do our utmost to aid our country.

"Thus mentioning briefly the circumstances of the foundation of the Republic we now turn our attention to the Y. M. C. A. We know the Y. M. C. A. has scattered its seed over the whole earth and that its fundamental aims are Spiritual, Intellectual, and Physical. From the internal point of view it seems that special privileges are given to the young men so far as its name is concerned; while externally the old can have the same advantages as the young since spirituality and intellectuality are two factors in the Association—no doubt every person both old and young can get benefit from the Association.

"As regards the physical, it is essential to all of us. Is it not true "The older the man the stronger he is?" and "Spirit is the mother of life?" In this period of our Republic the most urgent need is to educate the citizens of our state. The Y. M. C. A. is the best place for education because it can inspire and guide men to the line of progress. You gentlemen are the representatives of the society, your influence is destined to spread over China as over the rest of the world.

"Gentlemen, your chief aim is to improve the national character, teaching men how to obey the right and to enjoy the privileges of law; so we governors and the people, together, may work for the uplift of our country. By this means I dare say China will sooner or later be recognized by the Powers, and the country will have a firm and solid foundation; then your work will be praised by the

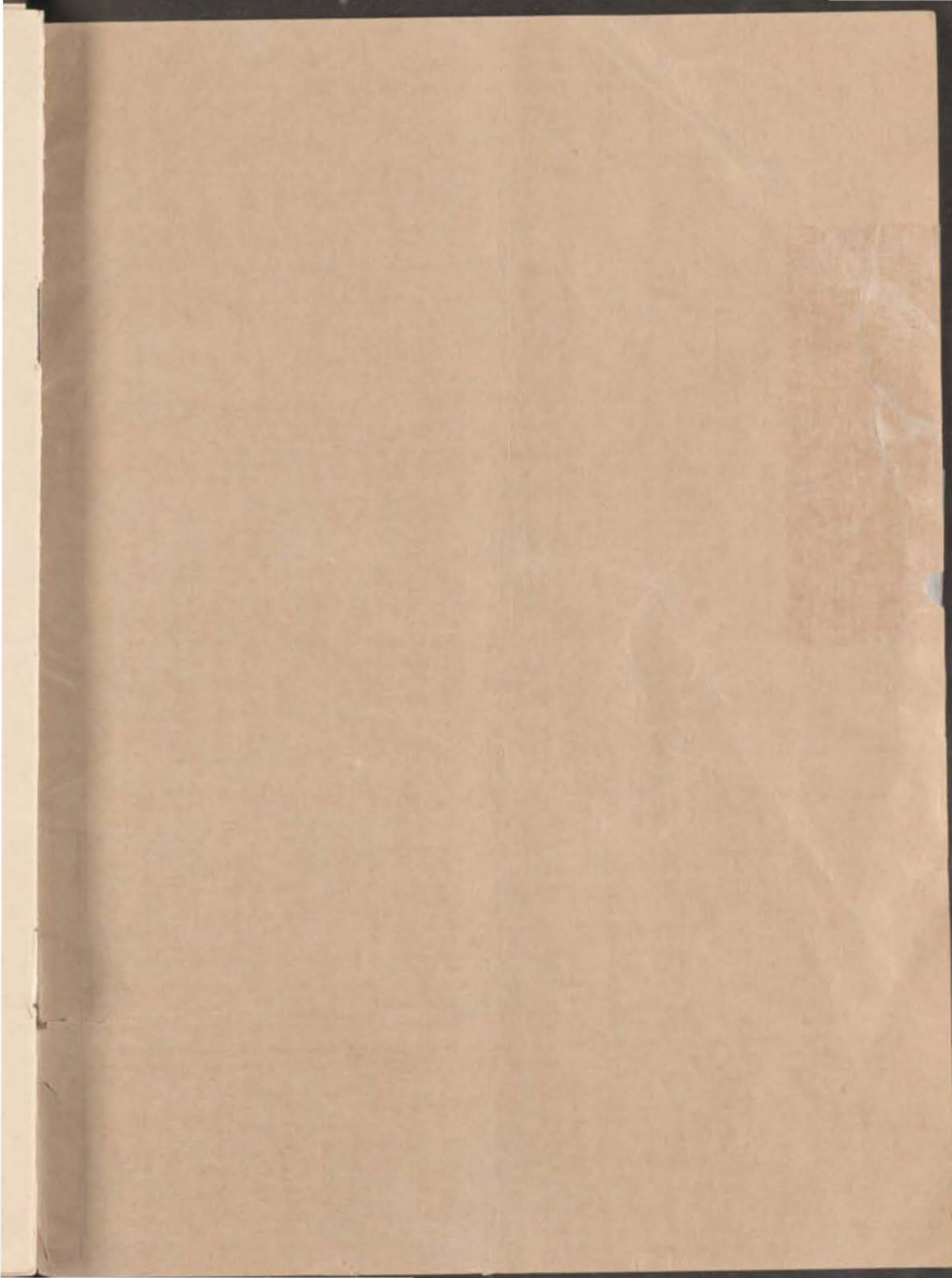
world. Since the Y. M. C. A. is the model of human society and you gentlemen are the representatives of the different provinces; so each of you is a model of your own province; you are all young men, well educated and experienced, I sincerely hope all of you will take the responsibility of reforming China by your motto 'Spiritual, Intellectual and Physical.' Then the day for China to rank among the Powers will soon come."

*Shall Hankow take part in the fulfillment of the
President's prophecy by Providing land for the Y. M. C. A.
building for which \$100,000 has been given?*



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