

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA.

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Copyright Publishers Press. It is just a quarter of a century since the International convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of North America held its annual gathering in Canada, the last time being in 1876, when, as will be the case with the forthcoming gathering, Toronto was the meeting place. It will be a very different Toronto which will greet the delegates this

Christian Association, it is hoped, will be able to come and hopes are entertained that some of the foremost men in the work in European countries may be able to cross the Atlantic and give a helping hand to their brethren in North America.

The work in Canada is naturally on a smaller scale than it is in the United States owing to the great difference in population but its importance is growing all the time as the country fills up with the influx of settlers who come from abroad to make homes for themselves, either in the land or in the industrial centres of the dominion. There are now eighty-two associations in operation throughout the dominion and of this number fifty-five own their own association buildings. These are valued at \$3,729,000. There are 107 officers, secretaries, etc., and the general membership is now in excess of 30,000.

The International organization was formed in Buffalo in 1851, and the convention will be the thirty-seventh jubilee of the organization was observed six years ago. The oldest Canadian association is the Montreal one. It was organized in 1851 so that next year it will be able to celebrate its diamond jubilee which will fit in nicely with the opening of the handsome new association building which is now in course of construction to take the place of the present quarters on Dominion Square.

The convention will open on Friday

at first provided for the most part reading rooms where its members could look over newspapers, magazines and books of a healthy character. At different times other features, intended to provide amusement for the members, were introduced. It was found that those brought in young men who might have otherwise spent their evenings in

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"The latent powers of the men of North America."

"Our world-wide obligation."

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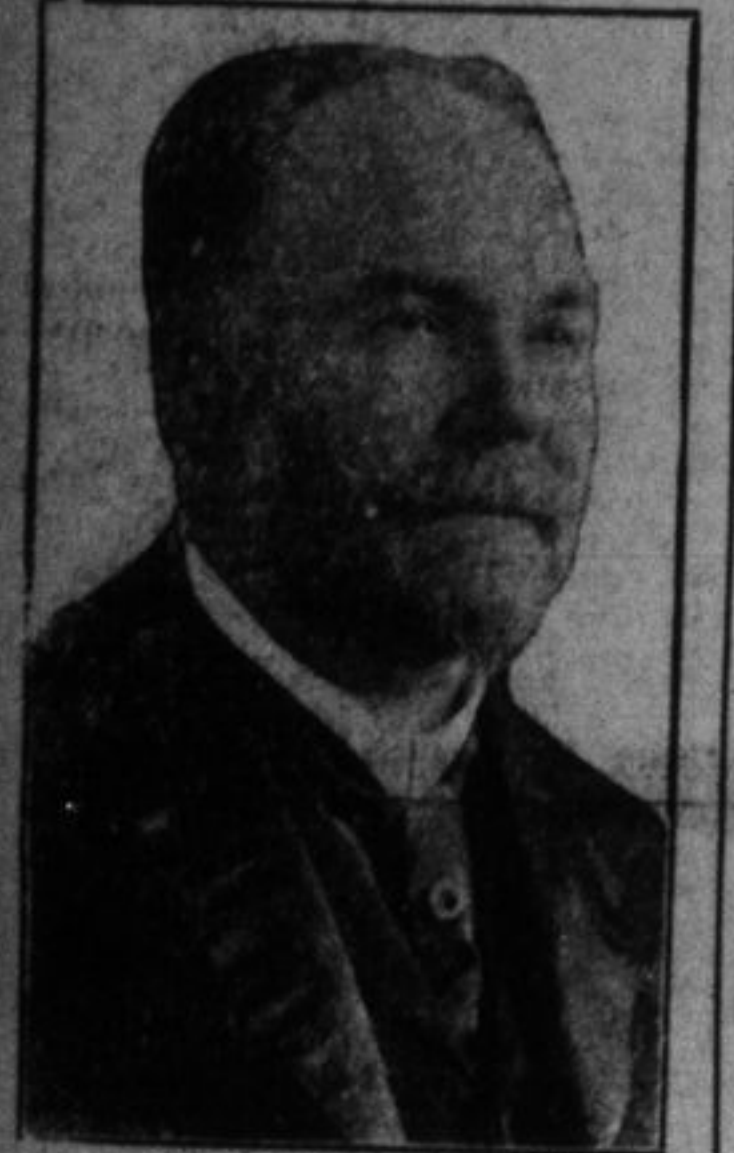
"Some great unfinished tasks before the Y.M.C.A. association movement on both the home and foreign field."

It is only sixty-six years since the movement had its birth in London, England, and seven years later it was transplanted to this continent and Montreal had the honour of organizing the first association on the North American continent. As already stated that was in 1851. The organization in London was the result of the earnest zeal of a few young men in a large dry goods establishment, under the leadership of George Williams. Little did he think at that time that he was sowing the seeds of such an organization as has developed or for the laying of the foundations of a religious movement which was destined to spread over the whole world and result in such spiritual and temporal benefit to millions of young men. George Williams before he died 'saw great things grow out of small beginnings. He was his own 'hotbed' as his kindy who restored 'sawthoeed upon him. The late Sir George's son is following worthily in his father's footsteps and is working to further the cause which his father held so dear.

From the time the organization obtained a foothold in Montreal it was not long before it began to spread throughout Canada and the United States. At the present time there is not an important centre in the country from Halifax to Victoria, that is without a branch of the organization. At the outset the movement was solely a spiritual one, the members gathering

are away from home, at the other end of their run, they find legitimate means of passing their spare time at the railway association rooms, instead, perhaps, of passing the hours away in a neighboring saloon and being unfortunally to perform their duties. In this way alone much property is saved to the company and precious lives safeguarded whereas they might be jeopardized by employees who had not all their wits about them.

In the work of the various associations great importance is laid upon careful supervision. Travelling secretaries are employed to give their whole time to the extension of the work to unpopulated towns and the supervision of the societies already in existence. While the Canadian associations have always maintained close relations



D. W. ROSE, Montreal.

time from what it was in the days of the first national gathering. The city has grown immensely in wealth and industrial importance in the intervening years and it is safe to say that the work of caring for the moral welfare of the community has kept pace with its other development. In this connection the Young Men's Christian Association has been an immense factor seconding the work of the churches in looking after primarily the young men of the city and directing their footsteps in the direction of Christian citizenship.

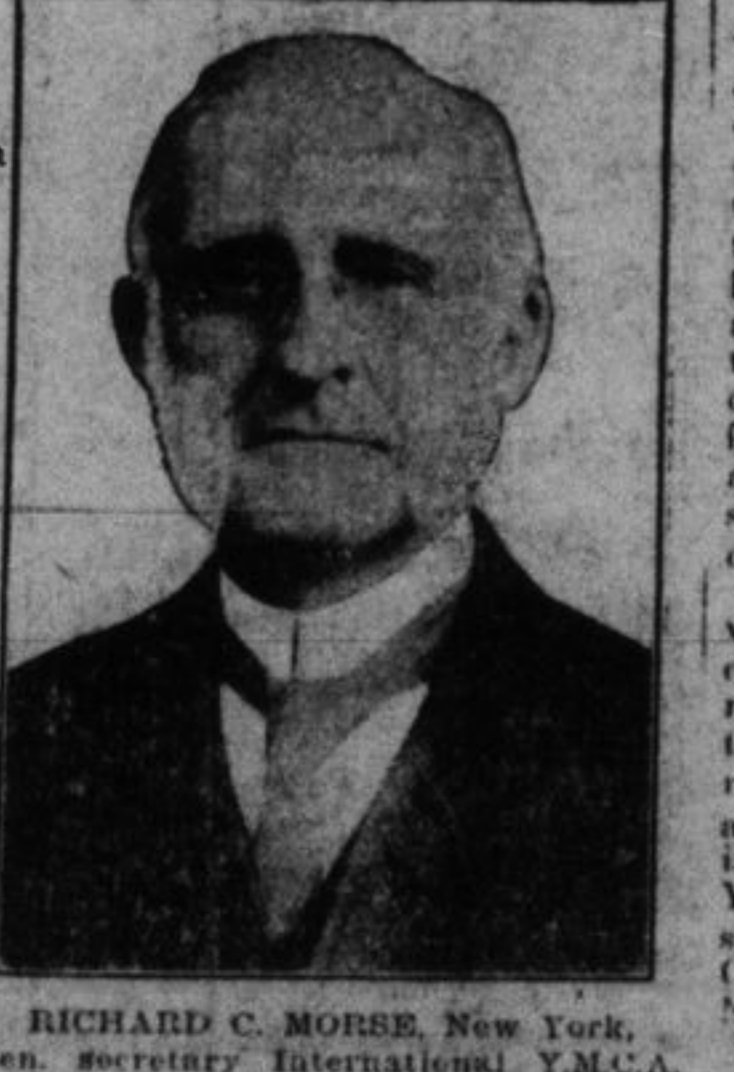
Many of the most prominent citizens of Toronto, men famed the country over for their success in professional, financial and commercial life, have made the Y.M.C.A. one of their chief interests as a means of promoting the welfare of their fellow men and these leaders are sure to see that the great convention is a success in every way. E. R. Wood, who is pre-



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for prayer meetings and Bible classes. They send for them to conduct all kinds of mission work among the poor and neglected classes of the various communities.

The next step was the creation of permanent headquarters in each place where organization had been effected and this led to the opening of reading rooms and libraries. For many years this covered all the agencies that were maintained by the association. The association found its real work and then began its present career to establish an organization caring for the spare hours of young men and seeking to influence them to self-improvement. The work of the association is best expressed in the motto which forms its motto: "An organization of young men for mutual helpfulness, providing for the young men of the community an attractive place of social enjoyment, free from questionable influences and equipped with helpful agencies for their intellectual, social, physical and spiritual welfare."

An important feature of the work is the junior department, doing a similar work for boys to that done

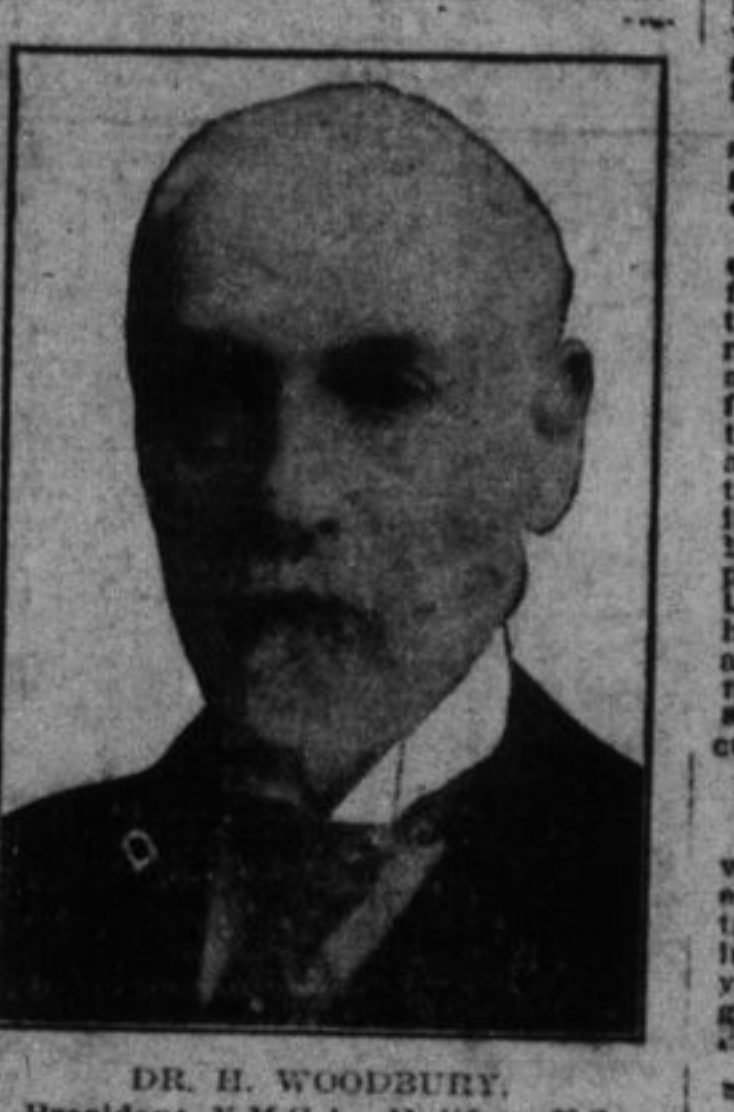


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with those of the Mother Country, they have been in closer relations with those in the United States and with them form our international brotherhood. Nor have the numbers in Canada been content to remain within their own borders but they have become interested in the young men in foreign mission lands and secretaries are being supported for the work in student centres in India, China and other mission stations.

The international committee which was incorporated in 1881, has its general offices in New York. The chairman is Lucien C. Warner, New York; the vice-chairmen are William D. Murray and Alfred C. Marling, New York; and Frederick B. Sellon, New York; the treasurer, Richard C. Morse, New York; and the general secretary, John R. Mott, New York. There are also two associate general secretaries, (Charles J. Hicks and John R. Mott, New York).

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Too Clever by Half. James K. Hackett recently said at a luncheon in Pittsburgh: "An actor should be modest, and most actors are. But I know a young actor who, at the beginning of his career, carried modesty almost too far. This young man inserted in all the dramatic papers a want advertisement that read: 'Eggshells wanted—Small part, such as dead body or outside shots, preferred.'"

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LOCAL TREATMENT FOR WOMEN'S DISORDERS The health we enjoy depends very largely upon how the blood circulates in our bodies; in other words, if we have perfect circulation we will have perfect health. There is a constant wearing out of the tissues in every part of the body. The blood carries off the waste products of the body, while the blood coming from the heart through the arteries brings the fresh new living tissue, the essence of the food we have digested, to replace what has been carried off. This constant wearing out and replacing of the dead matter and the replacing of it with new matter, atom by atom, goes on day and night, until in about 7 years a complete change has been effected. Thus every man and woman has an entirely different body in every particle of it from what he or she had 7 years before. It sometimes happens, however, from a variety of causes, that the blood becomes congested in certain portions of the body. This means that the blood vessels in these parts become weakened, and the circulation in that section of the body becomes sluggish and stagnant. The consequence is that the dead matter in that part of the body is only partially carried away, and that but little of the new, vital matter is introduced there to build up and strengthen the tissues and nerves. This condition invariably exists in all cases of female disorders. The dead matter retained in the circulation, which should have been expelled, causes irritation and inflammation of the delicate membrane, and oppresses the nerve centres. This condition is the cause of the various physical and mental sufferings which accompany female troubles. To obtain relief it is evident that the first thing to be done is to get rid of the dead matter which is being held in the circulation. If this dead matter is allowed to remain there a species of blood poisoning will result and nature will endeavor to get rid of it by forming ulcers, tumors, etc. The above explanation will also show why ORANGE LILY is so successful in curing this condition. It is a local treatment, and is applied direct to the affected organs. Its curative elements are absorbed into the congested tissue, and from the very start the dead matter begins to be discharged. A feeling of immense relief, both mental and physical, accompanies it, and the improvement is constant and positive. This feature of the expelling of the dead matter is always present to a greater or less extent, and in some cases it is so marked as to be amazing. The case described in the following letter is not exceptional. Dr. Cooney—I am thankful to Mrs. F. E. Currah, your Canadian representative, for my health restored by your wonderful remedy. I could not live for 17 years, but not so bad until 3 years ago. 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I know if it had not been for ORANGE LILY I would have died, for I could not live much longer. I would have thought it cheap at one hundred dollars for a month's treatment, instead of one dollar. It is worth its weight in gold.—MRS. GEO. LEWIS, Huntsville, Ont. The above letter is published with Mrs. Lewis' permission. All letters received are treated as being sacredly confidential, but occasionally some patient feels so grateful for being cured that she is willing to make the matter known for the benefit and encouragement of her suffering sisters. ORANGE LILY is a positive, scientific remedy for all disorders of the female functions. As explained above these troubles are of local origin, and require local treatment. It is just as sensible to take medicine internally for female troubles as it would be to take medicine internally for a bruise, a boil or an ulcerated tooth. 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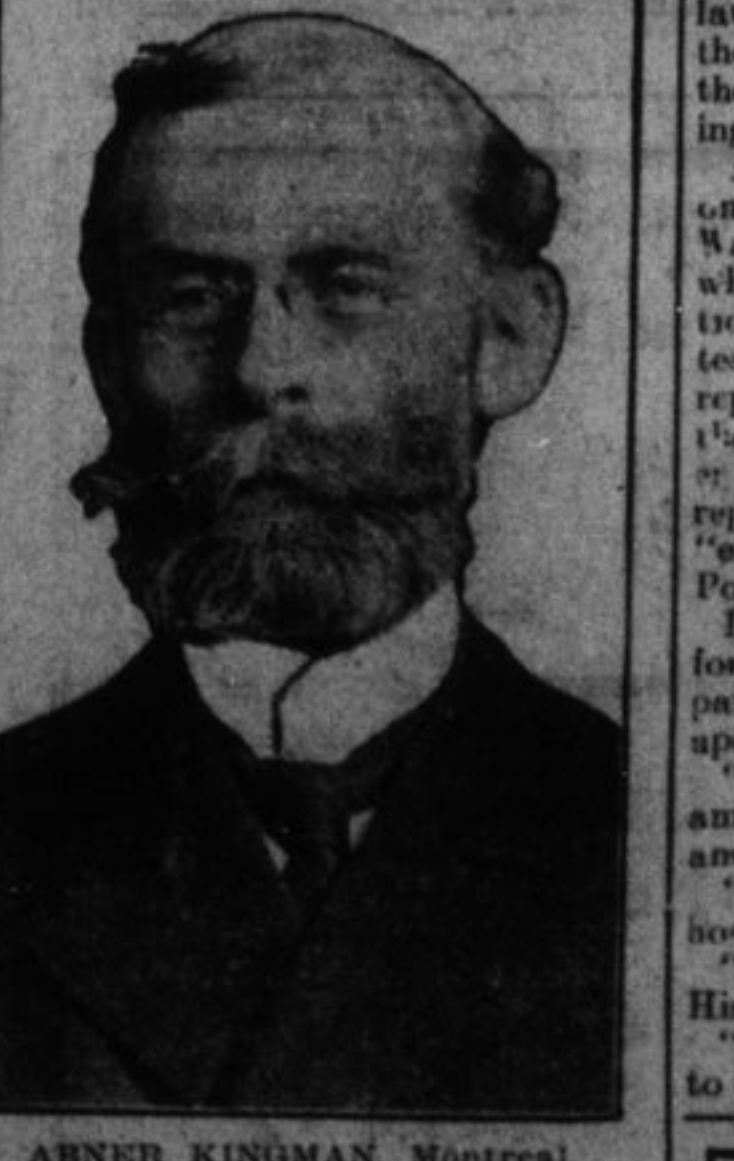
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sently at the head of the local organization, is a noted financier, who takes a great interest in church work and puts the same amount of zeal into his Christian work as he does in to the management of his business affairs. Others equally well known have put their shoulders to the wheel, and will help to make the convention a memorable one in the annals of the dominion.

Ever since the last Toronto meeting in 1876, the annual international conventions have met in the leading cities of the United States. The success of the organization in that country has been marked, and the membership and working force include many noted men and several of them are scheduled to take part in the approaching gathering. Not only that but several prominent men from abroad are expected. Harold Williams, of London, Eng., son of the late Sir George Williams, the father of the Young Men's

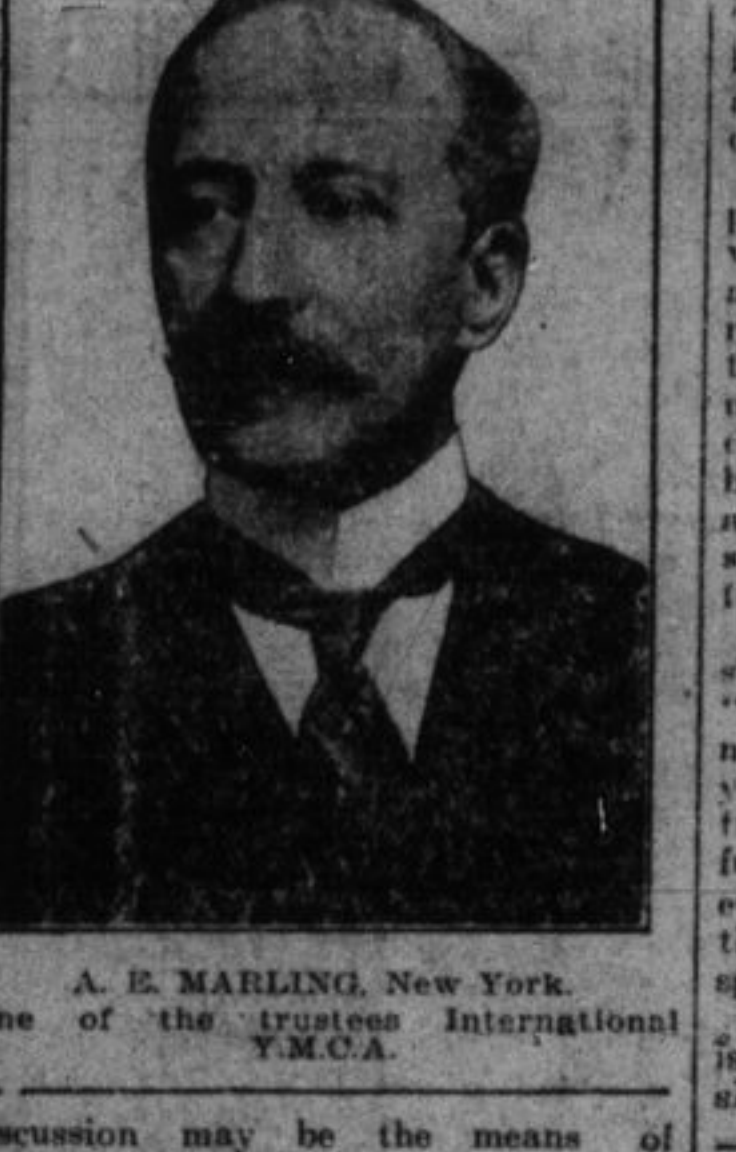


ABNER KINGMAN, Montreal.

tional studies in his leisure hours, the association work provides for that with its system of night classes in different branches of studies most likely to be desired by young men who have entered upon a business career. In addition to all this is the religious side of the work the purpose of which is to win the young men for Christ and make them living embodiments of the faith that is in them.

Another important topic to receive attention in this view of the growth of church brotherhoods and kindred organizations, our civic and industrial opportunities; the modern association building; the development of work outside the building; what is the association objective and what changes, if any, are required in our religious work methods?

This question will doubtless arouse great interest and create considerable discussion. The history of the association movement shows that it has ever been taking up some new line of work which developments have indicated to be in the interests of the young men of the community. Starting in a small way the work



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discussion may be the means of launching some new branch of work in the interests of young men. No doubt there are other fields of endeavor waiting to be taken up.

Reports are to be presented first, on the commission created by the Washington convention to ascertain what is the practice of the associations with reference to the evangelization of membership and, second, the report of the commission created by the Washington convention to consider the question of the desirability of rephrasing the definition of the word "evangelical" as contained in the Portland text.

In addition to discussion of "The forthcoming 'Men and Religion' campaign," addresses are to be delivered upon the following themes:

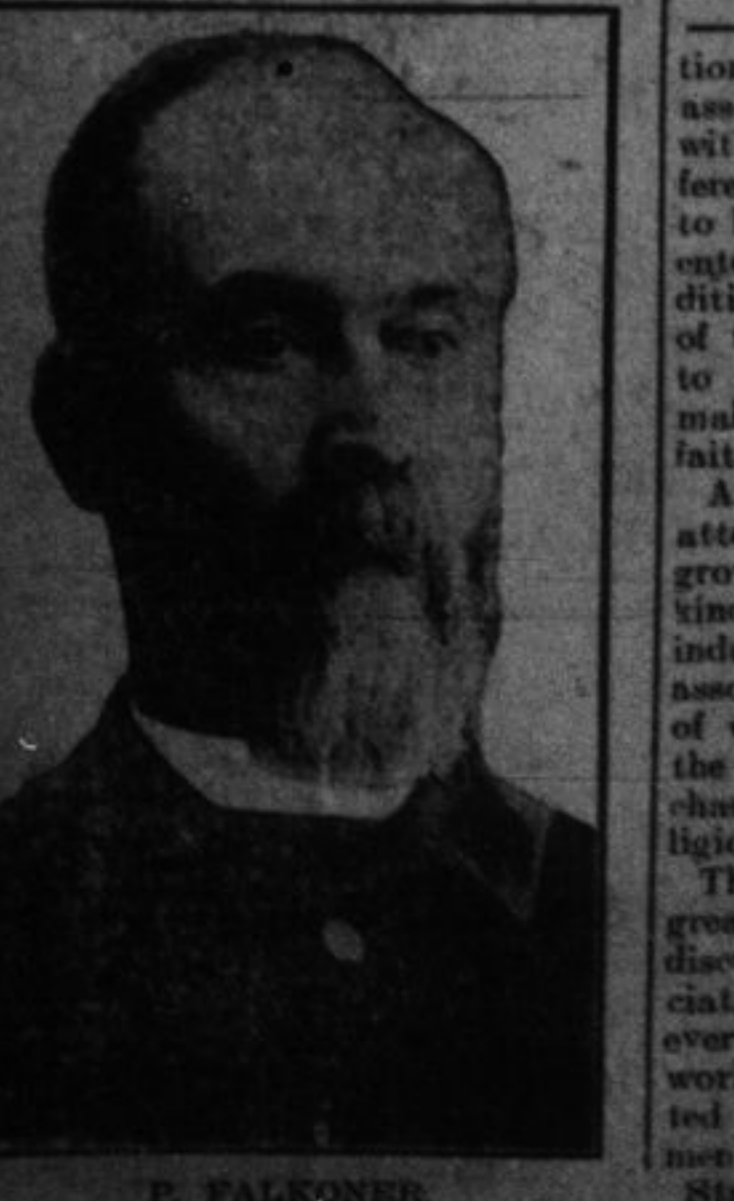
- "A decade of progress in work among young men and boys at home and abroad."
- "The conservation of rural manhood."
- "The unifying power of Christ and His service."
- "The timeliness of the association to meet the needs of Canada."



CLARENCE J. HICKS, New York, Associate general secretary.

for young men. The young chaps are thus brought under the best influences from the start. Needless to say a large percentage of them grow up to be senior members in due time. The College Y.M.C.A.'s and the Railway Men's Y.M.C.A.'s are important outgrowths of the parent organization. In practically all the college centres throughout North America there are college associations. This branch of the work has its distinctive organization but it runs along much the same lines. Through its efforts many the young men, well educated and splendidly equipped in other ways for the field, have been led to take up as their life's work the spiritual improvement of their fellow men. Many of them have gone to the foreign mission fields while many others have found fruitful fields for their efforts at home.

The large railway corporations have given every encouragement to and have in fact subsidized the organization of Y.M.C.A.'s for the railway men at the different centres where men employed by the railways are to be found in large numbers. They have found it paying investment to send their men to the Y.M.C.A. This is due to the fact that while trainmen



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