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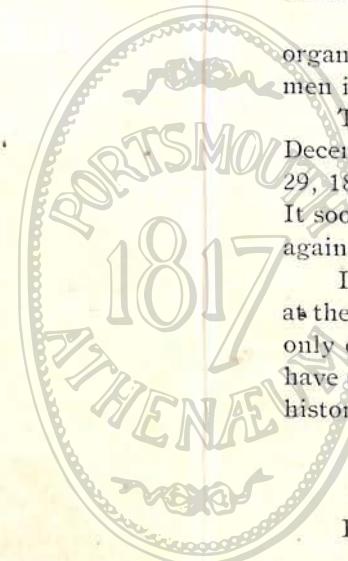
HE great institution of Young Men's Christian Associations was started in London, England, by Sir George Williams, holding the first meeting in said city May 31, 1844, and completing an organization on June 6, 1844. George Williams was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1894, the semi-centennial of the organization, as a suitable recognition of his work for Christ and men in England.

The first Association in America was formed in Montreal December 9, 1851; first in the United States in Boston December 29, 1851, just twenty days later than the Montreal Association. It soon appeared in New Hampshire at Portsmouth in 1852 and again in Concord October 25, 1852.

It has since had an unbroken existence in the state, though at the close of the Civil War, the Manchester Association was the only one in existence and working. Its fifty-five years of life have seen varying stages of success, which naturally divide the history into six periods as follows :

- I. FORMATIVE AND INDIVIDUAL.....1852-1868
- II. INDIVIDUAL AND CONVENTIONAL.....1868-1873
- III. UNDER STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
AND EVANGELISTIC.....1873-1890
- IV. UNDER STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
AND FIELD SECRETARY (PART TIME).1890-1894
- V. DUAL ORGANIZATION WITH VERMONT.1894-1901
- VI. SEPARATE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
AND FIELD SECRETARY (FULL TIME) .....1902—

In April, 1904, the State Executive Committee of New Hampshire organized under the following charter, which was received in January of that year :



## CHARTER.

The undersigned, being persons of lawful age, associate under the provisions of Chapter 147 of the Public Statutes of New Hampshire, by the following

## ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT:

ARTICLE 1. The name of this corporation shall be The State Executive Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations of New Hampshire.

ART. 2. The object for which this corporation is established is to supervise, promote and extend the organizations and work of the Young Men's Christian Associations in the state, and to receive, purchase, hold, sell, convey and improve real estate and other property that may be given, bequeathed, acquired or held in trust.

ART. 3. The place in which the business of this corporation is to be carried on is Concord, New Hampshire.

ART. 4. The amount of capital stock to be paid in shall be none.

ART. 5. The first meeting of the corporators, the third Monday in January, 1904, at Concord.

## NAMES.

William P. Fiske,  
E. Scott Owen,  
R. C. Goodell,  
Austin A. Ellis,  
Orlando B. Douglas,  
Henry W. Lane,  
H. P. Montgomery,  
A. H. Wardle,

POST OFFICE ADDRESS.  
Concord, N. H.  
Concord, N. H.  
Antrim, N. H.  
Keene, N. H.  
Concord, N. H.  
Keene, N. H.  
Portsmouth, N. H.  
Concord, N. H.

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Office of Secretary of State.

Received and recorded in Records Voluntary Corporations, Volume 12, pages 519-20, at Concord, this 23d day of November, 1903.

[L. S.] (Signed) EDWARD N. PEARSON,  
*Secretary of State.*

## FIRST PERIOD

From the starting in Portsmouth in 1852, the idea spread to the cities and towns and was next taken up in Concord. In the same year rooms were opened, but in '56 they voted to close up rooms and disband. In Manchester, there was more life and the Association which was organized in 1854 prospered until 1884. Other towns looked into the subject and many pastors studied and considered the idea, often coming to adverse conclusions. The first Associations had in their constitutions the straight evangelical test for active membership. The present day section upon that is identical with those adopted in 1852-4.

There was no evident unity between the different Associations in the state during the first seventeen years and each fought its own battles. It seems that Manchester only, of the earliest ones, had the endurance to overcome the detests and took a strong part in bringing about the second period when the first state convention was called for Manchester in 1868.

## SECOND PERIOD

From 1868 to 1873 there were state conventions but no central organization save the officers of the convention. These conventions discussed Christian work and were open to the churches as well as the Associations. Each Association could send five delegates and each church was invited to send its pastor and two lay delegates, thus making a large convention and a body that was well fitted to discuss such themes as "Out-district Meetings," "Neighborhood Prayer Meetings," "Sunday Schools in Outlying Hamlets" and "How to Win Souls to Christ." These conventions were attended by pastors and men so advanced in life that at the second one, in Nashua, Col. Frances W. Parker, the noted educator who addressed the convention as a delegate from Manchester said, "I should think this was an Old Man's Convention by the looks of the audience." Only four such conventions were held and in 1872 there was no meeting and probably there would not have been another had it not been for the International Committee, who had begun their

work (1866) in the centers of our country and saw the need in New Hampshire. They sent Richard C. Morse, one of their field workers, to organize the work in this state. He came and in March, 1873, had a conference in Manchester which resulted in a day's convention in the same city, May 6th, when advance was made so that a State Convention was held in Concord Oct. 25-26. At this a permanent organization was effected and a State Executive Committee chosen for one year, from which date and act begins the Third Period.

### THIRD PERIOD

Period three may properly be styled the evangelistic period, in which Allen Folger, as evangelist, and C. J. Jackson, as singers were the center of the work, continuing to 1890. Their work is well told in Mr. Folger's autobiography ("Twenty Years an Evangelist"), and in full detail in his bound volume of report, of the canvasses. A work blessed in the redemption of souls and the moral uplift of New Hampshire, strengthening, if not even saving, many of our rural churches. This was in the opinion of many, the most thorough and successful work for Christ ever done in the State. It did not, however, pay much attention to individual Associations nor develop them along the lines of distinctive Association work, its work being for all classes. Its conventions were for Associations and churches as were the first ones and the themes were evangelistic rather than for the development of separate Association life and work. Men's meetings were not a feature of this period and the organizations formed had women as associate members.

Reading rooms were practically the only exclusive feature of the work for men, although a few of the city Associations tried gymnasiums and educational work. The work of the Executive Committee was almost entirely to manage the canvass and raise the funds therefor which, by the way, was largely done by pledges at each state convention.

Again the International Committee felt the need of advance in Y. M. C. A. work in New Hampshire along the true Associa-

tion lines, as found to work out so successfully elsewhere and sent their men into the field, one of whom, Mr. E. A. Lawrence, was made State Field Secretary for New Hampshire together with Maine. He was successful in securing a re-organization in 1890 and introduced the next period as before at a state convention in Concord. The year previous he secured the election of a sub-committee on centers to develop the work in the city Associations, maintaining rooms, etc. This committee was H. E. Fay, F. H. Law, Keene; M. H. Purington, L. E. Staples, Portsmouth; Thomas Johnson, H. W. Carey, Laconia; W. P. Fiske, W. B. Abbott, Concord; R. W. Matthews, C. A. Goldthwaite, Nashua; A. T. Stratton, T. G. Hill, Dover.

### FOURTH PERIOD

At this convention the old lines of work were entirely dropped. Allen Folger had retired January 1, 1890, from the secretaryship full of honor and with the highest esteem of all, an honor and appreciation that lives after him. E. A. Lawrence, who had been already identified with the work under a sub-committee of the State Executive Committee known as "Committee on Centers," was chosen State Field Secretary, giving part of his time to Maine and Vermont, but resigning the Maine work July 1, 1890. Plans were now set forth for a definite work for men in the state and the building up of existing Associations and organizing new ones. A constitution was then adopted for the Y. M. C. A. of New Hampshire. A budget of \$1000 was voted and \$351 pledged in the convention. Thus did definite work under State supervision make its beginning and progressed under E. A. Lawrence, who was followed by R. H. Shelton, each in his turn giving only part of his time to this state, and then laboring only with the centers. During this period all of the town Associations dropped out and disbanded, or, as many before 1890 had done, gradually were worked over into Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, so that in 1894 there were but six Associations in the state, namely: Concord, Keene, Nashua, Portsmouth, Dover and Laconia. In September, 1894,

the State Executive Committee met in Nashua, and steps toward an organic union with Vermont were first taken. Mr. Claus Olandt, a field secretary of the International Committee, was called to further work up the matter and also arrange for a joint convention of the two states, which was held at Keene in November. The New Hampshire delegates, assembled, voted unanimously that the state organization be disbanded, and there closed this period of joint supervision and development of definite work for men under a field secretary serving Maine, Vermont or sometimes only one of them as well as New Hampshire under separate state organizations.

#### FIFTH PERIOD—1894-1901

With perfect unanimity the Dual Committee was selected at Keene and entered upon the work with much hope and enthusiasm. Claus Olandt was engaged as field secretary and a budget of \$3000 adopted. Offices were opened at White River Junction and C. Aldrich Ames hired as assistant. This office was later transferred to Manchester and was made particularly helpful to the workers and committees in the two states by its "Monthly Secretarial Letter." Mr. Olandt was a valuable man, winning many men to Christ, as well as being a strong, wise adviser to local boards and secretaries. The division of work between the two states was amicably adjusted and the conventions were held alternately in each state. As the list of conventions will show, the year 1897 had no convention because the time of holding the convention was changed from November to February. This plan was not a financial success and the burden of debt soon told upon it, and to reduce expenses, Mr. Olandt was returned to the International Committee and later Mr. T. T. Hazelwood was secured from them to give a part of his time to the Dual Committee. He worked up the convention at Laconia in 1899, where the question of a possible Tri-State-Work was discussed at length. The general secretaries of Portland and Bangor, Maine, were present and participated in the discussion, but no definite action resulted and soon after the question was finally dropped.

Then the idea of becoming a part of the State Supervisory work of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was broached and came up for consideration before the convention at Brattleboro in 1900 and at Concord in 1901. Adverse sentiments were so strong that no vote was taken, and at the Concord convention, 1901, the dual organization was disbanded and New Hampshire reorganized as a separate organization with E. Scott Owen as chairman. During the latter part of this time, Arthur H. Roby acted as a field worker, especially in small towns, where much good was done and the Associations in the state strengthened. He was the only man in the field for much of the time.

#### PERIOD SIX

The New State Committee organized and full of faith set out to secure a field secretary to give his whole time to this state. After some delay they found J. H. Dummett, who assumed his duties as State Secretary in September, doing excellent work until January 1, 1902, when he resigned to accept a position with the Chicago Association. This left the committee without a field worker. A convention was held at Manchester at which much interest was shown and Mr. C. C. Michiner of the International Committee was present and promised his help in securing a field worker to devote all of his time to the state. In September, 1902, Alfred H. Wardle was secured and he promptly began an energetic work for the Associations and the fallow fields. Some of these were revived and many small towns have been quickened by his presence for a Sabbath. The debt of \$540 which rested on the State Committee was wiped out and later under a systematic canvass of the State, conducted by James H. Thompson of the International Committee and later by W. A. Bowen, the State Committee was put upon a good clear financial basis. The Associations are now well manned and are doing good work. Caution has marked the work of this last organization and its field secretary. The evangelical test adopted by the Portland Convention is still the Association standard, and only on this basis are new Associations admitted into the State.

Convention and recognized as such by the State Committee. The office of the State Committee is in the new Central Association building at Concord.

## OUTSIDE HELPERS

The strong city organizations and earnest workers of our sister state of Massachusetts have always felt a brotherly interest in New Hampshire and given freely of themselves for us. Such men as Russell Sturgis, R. R. Remington, G. H. Shaw, O. H. Durrell, S. M. Sayford, H. L. Hastings and H. M. Moore, were prominent in all our earlier work. H. M. Moore came to us so often that his presence, always a benediction, was all but a necessity. He came till physical weakness forbade. His last appearance being at Concord, 1901. The others became dearly beloved brothers, and have kept a life-long interest in us. The following of the International forces have been most helpful, many of whom will probably not be among us again:

Richard C. Morse	E. D. Ingersoll	C. K. Ober
J. K. Cree	J. F. Moore	E. M. Robinson
E. B. Dillingham	C. L. Gates	G. B. Hodge
E. W. Watkins	Claus Olandt	George Fisher
W. C. Douglas	T. T. Hazelwood	Fred S. Goodman
S. A. Taggart	C. C. Michiner	W. S. Millar
J. H. Thompson	J. S. Tichenor	C. S. Towson

Of the outside helpers we must not omit D. L. Moody, whose first appearance in New Hampshire was at the Concord Convention in 1870 and his last in Manchester at the Convention in 1896, when he preached with great effect his famous sermon on the text "As ye sow, so shall ye reap," to a crowded house of men in the Franklin Street Church. He also was at one of the Portsmouth Conventions. Ira D. Sankey was also among us at times, the last time being the soloist at the Manchester Convention in 1889.

The first public address given in the state in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. was given in Manchester, March 17, 1853, by the

Pastor of the Franklin Street Congregational Church, Rev. Samuel C. Bartlett, late president of Dartmouth College.

President W. J. Tucker, when pastor of the above church, gave the leading address at the Second State Convention in Nashua, 1869.

For the first few years each convention elected three delegates to attend conventions in Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut, and at one time had their quota of delegates in the New England Convention, and in 1875 elected five members of the New England Executive Committee.

What their record in said conventions or committees was, is not known, nor is it reported that like delegates ever were in attendance from other states at our conventions. Such action showed a fraternal and union spirit, which died away as each state assumed independent and broader work, like children going forth and establishing their own homes.

In July, 1869, the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the United States and British Provinces was held in Portland, Maine, and a strong and influential delegation from New Hampshire attended. At the Jubilee Convention held in Boston in 1901, New Hampshire was also well represented. The employed force of our various Associations also found much profit in attending regularly the annual gathering of employed officers of New England held annually at Springfield in February.

## DISTRICT WORK

At the 1907 Convention plans for dividing the state into districts were completed and the Convention chose district committees. There were three districts:

District No. 1.—Hillsborough, Cheshire and Sullivan Counties.  
 District No. 2.—Rockingham, Stafford and Carroll Counties.  
 District No. 3.—Merrimack, Belknap, Grafton and Coös Counties.

A Committee of six was chosen for each district; the third being larger in territory had eight. To these were added twenty-one corresponding members in No. 1, eleven in No. 2, and twelve

in No. 3. Attempts at district work were made before the convention. The first district meeting in the state was at Concord in April, 1889. After the choice of special committees, many successful meetings were held in the larger towns of the state. The state secretary had charge of each and also aided the district committee in securing helpers.

This district work was continued at least till 1897. The writer attended several of the latter ones under the direction of state secretary Claus Olandt, those at Claremont, Rochester and Derry being especially marked by strong workers and aroused much new spiritual life. Students from Mt. Hermon were often enlisted in this work and were most satisfactory helpers. Later delegations of two or three spent their entire summer vacations holding two or three days' meetings in the towns, chiefly in Districts No. 1 and No. 2. The conventions gradually let this topic drop, especially after the dual state organization and it gradually fell away to be taken up in a disorganized form by the state executive committee, which put A. H. Roby into the field, who, upon leaving the secretaryship of Nashua, entered upon the work with no stipulated salary, but to get what he could from the towns visited. He did acceptable work for more than a year, visiting many towns in both New Hampshire and Vermont. His work was fruitful of renewed spiritual life and several conversions. He left the work in 1901 for a business life, by which act all district and evangelical work under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. ceased in this state. The agitated county work, when organized, may renew it under more modern form.

#### STATE FIELD SECRETARIES

Allen Folger, 1873-1890—\$1000—As Evangelist.  
 E. A. Lawrence, 1890-1892—\$1500—Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Later New Hampshire and Vermont.  
 R. H. Shelton, 1892-1893—\$1500—New Hampshire and either Maine or Vermont.  
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 1893-1894—No Field Worker.

Claus Olandt, 1894-1898—\$1800—New Hampshire and Vermont (Dual).

T. T. Hazelwood, 1899—Part time as secured from International Committee.

A. H. Roby, 1900-1901—By collection—As extension worker in New Hampshire and Vermont.

A. H. Wardle, Sept., 1901—\$1500.

#### LOCAL SECRETARIES

The state has been fortunate and at the same time unfortunate in its local men. They have been excellent young growing men and did such creditable work that almost every one has been taken by other states and large fields. A few have dropped the work and remain among us as business men. Today the force is as follows:

			Assistant.
Concord	1906	C. H. Potter	Edward Harvey
Manchester	1907	J. H. Stafford	Walter Clark
Nashua	1907	W. G. McKay	—————
Portsmouth	1907	A. O. Booth	Whitney Hale
Keene	1905	W. S. Dillon	Harry Rollins
Concord R. R.	1904	B. T. Stone	William Sutor
Woodsville R. R.	1906	A. B. Davis	—————
Newport	—————	—————	—————

Secretarial conferences were frequently held, the first in Nashua in 1890, others annually up to quite recent years.

#### WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

During the earlier periods ladies' committees were organized and did efficient work for their individual Associations and during the evangelistic period we note how they were classed as associate members and as such attended all meetings and were active and helpful in many ways. A stand against this relationship was taken at the convention so that when the distinctive

association work was assayed in the centers, one by one Women's Auxiliaries were organized and every city Association since 1890 has had its Auxiliary and they are a strong feature of the work. The first to be organized in the state was at Keene in 1886. At the present time there are:

Organized.	Members.	Am't Raised 1906.
Keene 1886	63	\$300.00
Nashua 1887	75	175.75
Concord 1887	180	500.50
Manchester 1894	89	355.50
Portsmouth 1891	80	379.75
Concord R. R. 1887	146	332.77
Woodsville R. R. 1901	15	23.24
Newport 1904	30	434.49

In 1890 Auxiliary delegates were first present as such, three from Keene, three from Dover and every convention thereafter.

Since 1903 Auxiliary meetings have always been held in conjunction with the State Conventions and been most interesting and well attended. There were 150 delegates at the Concord convention, May, 1907. The officers are (1908): Mrs. O. B. Douglas, president; Mrs. W. F. Holbrook, vice-president; Addie P. Fellows, secretary and treasurer.

The Auxilaries have contributed regularly to the state work and aided both local and state work in most satisfactory and benifificent ways. The state organization being now a contributor to state work and meeting her own convention expenses.

#### BOYS' BRANCHES

New Hampshire Associations have been rather slow and cautious in inaugurating boys' work, and the earlier attempts were not particularly successful and soon lapsed so that only a few years ago there was not one in the state. But of late they have been reorganized and are on the best basis they have ever been. The chief factors for this advance are that the buildings

and suitable accommodations for their work somewhat apart from the regular Association quarters and the zeal and tact of the State Field Secretary. January 31-Febyuary 2, 1908, the first days' conference was held at Portsmouth and was well attended.

At the present time there are branches as follows:

	Members.	Secretary.	Advantages.
Keene	46	—	
Concord	100	Whitney Hale	
Manchester	152	Edward Harvey	Games,
Nashua	45	Walter Clarke	Practical talks,
Portsmouth	149	—	Physical training.
Newport	25	—	

#### GYMNASIUMS

The physical department of Associations has not been neglected and each Association while in rented quarters did its utmost with the opportunities offered, and as the building materialized suitable and ample facilities for sound systematic, physical training were made, Nashua alone introducing a swimming tank. Classses for men and boys are well patronized and the following Associations have physical directors:

Place.	Director.	Time Employed.
Concord	Lawrence Cundiff	12 months
Manchester	W. G. Broadhead	12 months
Nashua	William Griffiths	8 months
Keene	John Plumb	12 months
Portsmouth	J. H. Lawson	12 months

#### EDUCATIONAL WORK

Educational work was tried by some of the Assocations back in the sixties and classes maintained for longer or shorter periods of time, but in the seventies all such work appears to have been dropped and not taken up again by any till late in the eighties. This branch of the work is not as strong as desired,

but progress is being made. New buildings are gradually supplying the opportunity, and the last season reported as follows:

Place.	When Begun.	Students.
Keene	1894	—
Concord	—	21
Manchester	1894-97	15
Nashua	—	—
Portsmouth	1905	43
Concord R. R.	—	14

Fifteen years ago, Mock Congresses were a feature of the Association work, and when well managed were a splendid education for the men participating. They met monthly or bi-monthly, during the cold season.

#### SPECIAL FEATURES

Tent work with the State Militia at Concord. A tent at the annual state encampment at Concord has been maintained for seven years, beginning with 1900. A brief report of the last one will give the character of its work. A tent 30x60, accommodating about 300, was up furnished and ready for use when the men reached camp. The tent and its facilities were used daily by 600 men, the piano, games, reading matter and graphophone were in constant use. Over 4000 pieces of mail matter was written and sent from the tent. A fine entertainment was given by the men themselves. The religious meetings held each evening had an average attendance of about 200. Five hundred portions of the Bible were taken by the men. Officers and men declare the Y. M. C. A. tent to be a helpful agency in the moral betterment of the camp.

#### BOYS' CAMP

A boys' summer camp has been held four seasons upon Lake Winnipesaukee. The committee on boys' work have purchased (1907) twenty-five acres on the Wolfeboro side of the lake and

secured one of the best spots for a camp, and have besides a fine investment in land and beach. This year the camp was from July 1-15th, with a fair attendance. W. P. Fiske, Henry A. Kimball and O. B. Douglas have been chosen trustees of camp property.

#### STUDENT WORK

After the value of definite effort among college and academy young men was duly grasped, the state committee fostered that line of work to a good degree of success, beginning with Dartmouth college, which had its building in 1892, and a regular secretary has been employed for most of the time. At the State College the work is more recent and has no home for any extended and permanent work.

At the New Hampshire Academies, organizations have been formed in a few of them, but many are so small and being co-educational, except Phillips Exeter, the young People's Society of Christian Endeavor seems the better adapted to them. Yet, Kimball Union Academy, Meriden; Tilton Seminary, Tilton; and Colby Academy at New London have some form of work and enter into the true spirit of Y. M. C. A. enthusiasm and service.

#### STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In 1873 the direction of the work was put into the hands of an executive committee, elected annually, and the first one consisted of such men as M. B. Critchett of Concord, Rev. John Bragdon, T. H. Hussey of Nashua, D. S. Prescott of Laconia, John S. Rand of Portsmouth, O. H. Parker of Goshen, C. R. Holbrook of Manchester, C. F. Emerson of Dartmouth College, S. S. Davis of Nashua, and Allen Folger. The pastors were usually represented upon it, and the general secretaries generally served while in the field. In 1890, ministers were left off, and when the dual state committee was formed it was confined wholly to lay men and has continued so since. It is a gratuitous service done for the Master's sake, and in the days of the canvass

(1873-90), many days were given by them in the gospel work. Among these men the following served many years: M. B. Critchett, Concord, 1873-83; Rev. John Bragdon, 1873-90; John S. Rand, Portsmouth, 1873-90; S. S. Davis, Nashua, 1875-86; Allen Folger, 1873-90; Holmes R. Pettee, Manchester, 1874-83; Elbridge W. Fox, Milton Mills, 1876-90; David Heald, Milford, 1874-87; J. F. Tilton, Littleton, 1876-90; C. H. Phillips, New London, 1877-90; L. P. Durgin, Concord, 1877-90; D. L. Gurnsey, Concord, 1877-86; Robert Ford, Danbury, 1877-90; L. W. Alger, West Stewartstown, 1877-90; Elbridge Howe, Peterborough, 1877-90; D. H. Montgomery, Portsmouth, 1877-87; Deacon E. D. Boylston, Amherst, 1874-80; Rev. A. B. Peabody, 1881-90; Frank Spooner, Lancaster, 1883-90; E. W. Williams, Concord, 1885-93; W. D. Thompson, Concord, 1885-90. These with others were most energetic and faithful in valuable service and counsel during the years preceding the dual state committee.

The dual state committee consisted of 24 men, twelve from each state. The first twelve from New Hampshire were Gilman C. Shattuck, Nashua; Charles A. Dunn, Laconia; H. W. Carey, Laconia; A. B. Skinner, Keene; H. E. Fay, Keene; William P. Fiske, Concord; C. S. Page, Concord; J. B. Estey, Manchester; George Winch, Manchester; Hon. J. B. Smith, Hillsborough; E. Scott Owen, Portsmouth; E. A. Crawford, Dover; five of whom served through the whole period of the dual organization.

In April, 1901, when the separate organization was resumed, of fifteen members William P. Fiske, E. Scott Owen, J. B. Estey, C. A. Davis, F. E. Brown, H. H. Horne, W. H. Lane, R. C. Goodell, H. O. Wardwell, G. C. Shattuck, D. W. Baker, George N. Woodward and H. P. Montgomery were the committee. In 1905 an amendment was passed by the state convention, enlarging the committee to a possible 21, but as yet this number has never been reached. Since the charter was secured and the body been an incorporated institution the following have been members, of whom William P. Fiske has served con-

## YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

tinuously since 1885, E. Scott Owen since 1892, and George Winch since 1894 (except 1901).

Term Expires.	How Retired.
William P. Fiske, 1910	.....
E. Scott Owen, 1908	.....
George Winch, 1909	.....
Henry W. Lane, 1908	.....
H. P. Montgomery, 1909	.....
A. K. Woodbury, 1908	.....
H. A. Kimball, 1910	.....
R. C. Goodell, 1904	Term expired 1904
A. A. Ellis, 1910	Resigned 1904
O. B. Douglas, 1905	Term expired 1905
G. N. Woodward, 1905	Resigned 1905
G. H. Plympton, 1905	Resigned 1905
Mark Flather, 1904	Resigned 1904
C. A. Davis, 1905	Term expired 1905
J. B. Estey, 1906	Resigned 1906
H. H. Horne, 1910	.....
H. L. Smith, 1907	Term expired 1907
A. L. Mansfield, 1910	.....
W. L. Goodnow, 1908	.....
C. A. Bailey, 1908	.....
John F. Webster, 1908	Resigned 1906
C. M. Emerson, 1908	.....
J. L. Clough, 1909	.....
S. E. Burroughs, 1909	.....
J. E. Henry, 1909	.....
J. L. Dame, 1910	.....

## INDUSTRIAL WORK.

Industrial work had a start by Mr. Folger at Wildwood, near Bath, in 1885, which continued for eight years and did a good work, which was dropped as lumbering camps moved away

and woodwork shops were shut down. From that time till 1906 only desultory work, as visits for a day's meeting, was done. In the winter of 1906, at the request of the J. E. Henry & Sons Lumber Company, the state committee of the Young Men's Christian Association sent Messrs. A. K. Skinner and Chester E. Jenney, the former a graduate of Dartmouth College, the latter a student at the Theological School of Boston University, to spend a month working among the one thousand men in their employ. Daily visits were made to the camps, entertainments given, and religious services held every Sunday. Large use was made of the graphophone.

The awakened interest in definite work for these men resulted in the offer by the J. E. Henry & Sons Lumber Company to erect a building, if a sufficient number of men would constitute themselves a Young Men's Christian Association. These conditions were met, and a building costing about \$6000 will shortly be erected, thus becoming the first Industrial Association in New Hampshire.

#### DISTRICT AND COUNTY WORK.

District meetings were an early feature of the state work and for a time aided in the canvass made by Mr. Folger, but were dropped as an unnecessary feature; but in 1890, Elkanah Drake, chairman of district work in New Jersey, attended the state convention and by his stirring words and appeal, the state was divided into districts and a committee appointed for each. This was continued till 1898.

The plan and scope of county work has been thoroughly studied by the state committee, is heartily endorsed by all, and a beginning will shortly be made.

#### STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN.

First chosen at Manchester May 6, 1873, numbering ten:

M. B. Critchett—1873-74-75, Concord.

Moses B. Smith—1876, Concord. 1876 committee composed of fifteen from this date.

#### YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

D. L. Gurnsey—1877-78-79-82-83-84, Concord.  
 J. W. C. Pickering—1880-81, Manchester.  
 L. P. Durgin—1885-86-87-88-90, Concord.  
 W. P. Fiske—1890-94, Concord.  
 J. J. Estey—1894-98, Brattleboro, Vt. Dual state committee.  
 J. H. Brooks—1898-1901, St. Johnsbury, Vt. Dual state committee.  
 E. Scott Owen—1901-03, Concord.  
 H. W. Lane—1903-04, Keene.  
 W. P. Fiske—1904—, Concord.

#### SECRETARIES.

Allen Folger—1873-90.  
 \*M. H. Purington—1890—  
 A. B. Skinner—1894-96.  
 C. D. Adams—1896-1901.  
 D. W. Baker—1901-03.  
 H. P. Montgomery—1903-06.  
 George Winch—1906—

\*All records of this period lost.

#### TREASURERS.

Allen Folger—1873-90.  
 \*R. W. Matthews—1890—  
 W. P. Fiske—1894-1901.  
 H. W. Lane—1901-1902.  
 George Winch—1902-1904.  
 E. Scott Owen—1904-1907.  
 O. B. Douglas—1907—

\*All records of this period lost.

OUTLINE HISTORY OF STATE WORK OF THE  
CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

In the early nineties originated the idea of corresponding members, who should write the different Associations regarding the work, and especially telling of the young men from their localities going into the city to work; and sometimes women were appointed by the executive committee. Such men were found in many towns and were of service to the cause; yet not sufficiently nurtured or co-ordinated they disappeared from the rolls and in 1900 they were all dropped. In 1901, under A. H. Roby, this plan was revived, and now there are 110 corresponding members out of a possible 204.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

A thought of recent times produced a new class of members, called advisory members of the state executive committee, and the following men have consented to serve on such committee:

STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. J. Tucker, L.L.D., Hanover.  
Rev. W. W. Niles, D. D., Concord.  
Hon. Chester B. Jordan, Lancaster.  
Hon. John B. Smith, Hillsborough Bridge.  
Gilman C. Whipple, Lebanon.  
Elisha F. Lane, Keene.  
G. C. Shattuck, Nashua.  
E. P. Kimball, Portsmouth.  
C. M. Emerson, Newport.  
Prof. H. H. Horne, Hanover.

BUILDINGS.

Place.	Year occupied.	Cost.
Keene .....	1893	\$40,000
Manchester .....	1897	15,000

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

Place.	Year occupied.	Cost.
Dartmouth College.....	1892	\$18,000
Nashua.....	1903	23,500
Concord .....	1905	31,000
Portsmouth .....	1906	46,000
Concord R. R .....	1907	50,000

Keene raised the first money in the state for a building in 1889. While the second was a pledge to Dartmouth College of \$12,500 in 1890.

The Associations at Portsmouth, Manchester, Concord, Nashua, Keene, Concord Railroad Branch and Dartmouth College own their buildings, the aggregate value of which is \$254,000. Newport and Woodsville rent buildings and each employs a general secretary.

The railroad men at Concord and Woodsville are organized as Railroad Departments, with well equipped building provided by the Boston and Maine Railroad Compay.

City Associations.	Organized.	Reorganized on Internat'l Lines.
Portsmouth .....	1852- <sup>*</sup> 186-	1888
	1870-1877	....
Concord .....	1852-Nov. 1856	1868
Manchester .....	1854-1885	1894
Nashua.....	<sup>*</sup> 186-1875	1887
Dover .....	.....	1887-99
Laconia .....	.....	1886-1901
Keene .....	.....	1885
Rochester.....	.....	1894-1900
Franklin.....	.....	1895-1899
Berlin .....	.....	1907
Towns—		1897-1903
Antrim .....	.....	
Bedford.....	1886-80	
Bath .....	1886-189—	

City Associations.	Organized.	Reorganized on Internat'l Lines.
Bethlehem .....	1877-1878	
Bristol .....	1874-1876	
Boscawen .....	1879-1885	
Bow Lake .....	1882-1883	
Candia .....	1870-189—	
Canterbury .....	186—1889	
Carroll .....	1875-1877	
Chichester .....	1875-1886	
Claremont .....	1875-1877	
Colebrook .....	1877-1885	
Derry .....	1875-1882	
Deerfield .....	1882-1888	
Dunbarton .....	1875-1876	
East Jaffrey .....		
Epsom .....	1875-1879	
Exeter .....	1864-1877	
Farmington .....	1869-1870	
Francesstown .....	1869-1890	
Fitzwilliam .....	1876-1880	
Goshen .....	1870-1878	
Goffstown .....	1875-1878	
Greenfield .....	1875-1877	
Hampstead .....	1878-1886	
Henniker .....	1874-1880	
Hillsborough Bridge .....	1873-1875	
Lancaster .....	1873-1882	
Lebanon .....	1874-1875	
Littleton .....	1873-1895	
Loudon .....	1875-1890	
Marlborough .....	1880-1888	
Meredith .....	1875-1881	
Mont Vernon .....	1873-1882	
Moultonborough .....	1883-1889	
New Boston .....	1876-1880	

1904-1905

1896-1898

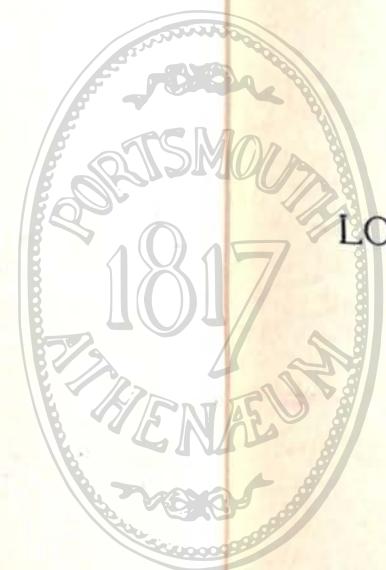
1903-06

City Associations.	Organized.	Reorganized on Internat'l Lines.
Newport .....	1877-1888	1904
Newton .....	1882-1883	
Nelson .....	1876-1878	
Northwood .....	1879-1882	
Orford .....	1877-1885	
Pennacook .....	1875-1881	
Peterborough .....	1874-1882	
Pittsfield .....	1875-1882	
Salmon Falls .....	*1867-1869	
Somersworth .....	*1867-1883 (?)	
Suncook .....	1875-1877	
Scytheville (Elkins) .....	1879-189—	
South Lyndeborough .....	1876-1885	
Walpole .....	1875-1879	
Washington, E. ....	1875-1880	
West Stewartstown .....	1877-1887	
Wildwood .....	1885-1892	
Whitefield .....	1885-1889	
Winchester .....	1876-1877	
West Concord .....	1878-1880	
Wolfeborough .....		1907
Railroad—		
Concord .....		1897
Woodsville .....		1900
Industrial—		
Lincoln .....		1907

\*Sometime before 1868.

## CONVENTIONS

No.	Year	Place	Date	President	Secretary
1	1868	Manchester	April 11	Francis W. Parker, Manchester	D. A. Stevens
2	1869	Nashua	Oct. 5-6	Walcot Hamlin, Dover	H. W. Gilman
3	1870	Concord	Oct. 25-27	C. N. Bell, Exeter	O. B. Way
4	1871	Portsmouth	Oct. 10-11	E. O. Foss, Dover	Wales
5	1873	Manchester	May 6	George Holbrook, Manchester	J. P. Newell
6	1873	Concord	Oct. 24-25	M. B. Critchett, Concord	C. F. Emerson
7	1874	Manchester	Oct. 23-25	James Pike, Manchester	M. W. Calvert
8	1875	Nashua	Sept. 24-26	John P. Newell, Manchester	John Bragdon
9	1876	Keene	Sept. 29 - Oct. 1	M. B. Critchett, Concord	S. S. Davis
0	1877	Concord	Sept. 21-23	D. B. Silsby, Keene	S. S. Davis
11	1878	Manchester	Sept. 26-29	H. R. Pettee, Manchester	C. P. Chase
12	1879	Rochester	Oct. 23-26	A. B. Peabody, Stratham	E. W. Fox
13	1880	Pittsfield	Sept. 23-26	J. C. W. Pickering, Manchester	E. W. Fox
14	1881	Concord	Sept. 22-25	C. L. Rhoades, Manchester	S. S. Davis
15	1882	Franklin	Sept. 28 - Oct. 1	R. S. Mitchell, Lakeport	E. W. Fox
16	1883	Tilton	Sept. 13-16	S. S. Davis, Nashua	E. W. Fox
17	1884	Lancaster	Sept. 25-28	J. H. Colby, Dartmouth College	E. W. Fox
18	1885	Lakeport	Sept. 27-29	W. S. Moore, Littleton	E. F. McIntosh
19	1886	Dover	Sept. 30 - Oct. 3	H. L. Porter, Concord	E. W. Fox
20	1887	Newport	Sept. 23-25	H. L. Porter, Concord	E. W. Fox
21	1888	Portsmouth	Sept. 20-23	H. L. Porter, Concord	E. W. Fox
22	1889	Manchester	Sept. 19-22	H. L. Porter, Concord	M. H. Purington
23	1890	Concord	Oct. 9-12	L. D. Cook, Nashua	Thos. Johnson
24	1891	Laconia	Dec. 10-13	Wm. P. Fiske, Concord	R. W. Matthews
25	1892	Concord	Dec. 9-12	W. D. Thompson, Concord	D. M. Spence
26	1893	Dover	Oct. 28-29	E. A. Crawford, Dover	D. N. Bartlett
27	1894	Keene (Dual)	Nov. 23-25	J. W. Van Patten, Burlington	G. H. Dalrymple
28	1895	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Oct. 31 - Nov. 3	J. B. Esty, Manchester	Robert Hazen
29	1896	Manchester	Sept. 24-27	F. C. Partridge, Rutland	R. E. Thompson
30	1898	Montpelier	Feb. 11-13	C. D. Adams, Dartmouth College	E. B. Reed
31	1899	Laconia	Feb. 23-26	F. H. Brooks, St. Johnsbury	E. B. Reed
32	1900	Brattleboro	March 15-17	E. Scott Owen, Concord	Geo. E. Ingalls
33	1901	Concord	Feb. 28 - Mar. 3	J. J. Esty, Brattleboro	W. F. Hoehn
34	1902	Manchester	March 12-14	George Winch, Manchester	J. G. Thorne
35	1903	Concord	March 13-15	H. W. Lane, Keene	J. G. Thorne
36	1904	Keene	March 11-13	O. B. Douglas, Concord	B. F. Stone
37	1905	Nashua	March	J. L. Clough, Nashua	J. G. Thorne
38	1906	Portsmouth	May 11-13	N. W. Helm, Exeter	O. C. Cotton
39	1907	Concord	May 11-12	A. O. Booth, Portsmouth	George Winch



LOCAL ASSOCIATION HISTORY  
UNDER MODERN LINES OF  
ORGANIZATION

PORPSMOUTH.

The first Association was organized in 1852 (full date lost), and on Dec. 5, 1853, moved into Washington Hall, when a stirring address was made by Horace Webster, vice president. This organization continued till some time during the Civil war. John S. Rand and others tried to re-establish the work in 1867, but were evidently not successful. In 1870, one was organized in Newcastle, which was afterwards changed over to Portsmouth in 1874 or 1875, and kept up its existence till 1877. In 1888 a new organization was formed, rooms secured, and work along different lines started, and this organization was so well supported that it prospered, and in November, 1902, ground was broken for a building, which was completed in 1905, and formally opened in June that year. The opening reception was a brilliant affair, and graced by Helen Gould.

Portsmouth, probably, has also the honor of the first Y. M. C. A. gymnasium in the state, for its constitution, in 1858, had an article: "A fee of five dollars (\$5) will entitle one to all the privileges of the gymnasium for a year.

The secretaries have been:

J. W. Brewster, 185—.

J. F. Whittle, 187—.

M. H. Purington, 1889-94.

J. W. Teague, 1894-1900.

W. F. Hohn, 1900-1906.

W. O. Booth, 1906—

CONCORD.

The second to organize in the state was Concord, May, 1852. This Association opened a reading room, and held many meetings around the city, but from the secretary's record in the New Hampshire Historical Library, we read of a vote to close up the reading room and pay up all bills due. This was in November, 1856.

In 1868 it was re-established, and has since had a continuous life, making it by seventeen years the oldest of our Associations today. It has done a good work, and enjoys a fine home of its own, in which a broad, efficient work is being done.

It has had in this time many secretaries. Among whom are:

1. Perley E. Griswold.	6. E. J. Chadbourne.
2. Willard E. Waterbury.	7. W. A. Fairbanks.
3. Edward F. McIntosh.	8. A. B. Smith.
4. W. B. Abbott.	9. Arthur H. Greeley.
5. H. M. Purington.	10. Henry Israel.
11. C. H. Potter.	

#### NASHUA.

Nashua was resuscitated from the defunct one of 1874, in 1887, and set out for definite work for men. Rooms were rented, and soon a gymnasium was equipped. Educational classes have been tried with varying success, for lack of rooms. The building now occupied is cozy and convenient. A gymnasium, including a swimming tank, was opened in 1908, costing \$14,000. The Association paid \$8000 for its present home, and has a large legacy soon to be theirs, from Miss Mary Nutt's estate.

Its secretaries have been:

R. F. True, 1887-89.	W. A. Morse, 1900-03.
R. W. Matthews, 1889-93.	W. H. York, 1903-04.
D. N. Bartlett, 1893-97.	C. H. Ashley, 1904-05.
A. H. Roby, 1897-00.	E. C. Cotton, 1905-07.
W. G. McKay, 1907.	

#### MANCHESTER.

The third Association to be formed in the state was at Manchester in 1854. There were able, earnest Christian men at the head of the movement, and it lived to do a good work for thirty years, maintaining rooms for meetings, reading and recreation.

It also had educational classes in the 60's, and a feeble attempt was made at physical work.

In February, 1894, twelve young men met and started another organization, which in due time secured rooms in the Pembroke block, which were well adapted for the social work and life of an Association. In 1899 they bought the property now occupied on Amherst street, from an athletic club, which gave them at once a fine gymnasium, and this they have occupied since, doing a fine physical work.

Among the earlier secretaries Matthew Calver and C. L. Rhoades, are well remembered. Since 1894 they have been:

B. W. Gillett, 1894-97.	E. H. Hill, 1897-1902.
J. G. Thorne, 1902-1906.	J. H. Stafford, 1907—

#### KEENE

The first Association was organized in 1885, and was among the first in the state to start work along all modern lines, and has had a progressive life from the outset. Its secretaries have been:

W. H. Symonds, 1886-1889.	F. H. Law, 1889-1891.
D. M. Spence, 1891-1895.	W. F. Maylott, 1897-1904.
C. A. Raynor, 1895-1897.	W. G. Currier, 1904-1905.
W. S. Dillon, 1905—	

How it got its building is interesting. It purchased a central lot on Main street, near the depot, for \$8,500, and in less than a year sold it for \$15,000 and purchased the lots upon which its building stands for \$8000. Thus was the first Y. M. C. A. building boom in the state started, and though opened with a large debt, perseverance and pluck has paid it off. Keene has kept up good gymnasium and educational work. Her religious work has always been a strong feature of its work, using a tent for the summer season with gratifying results. Her reading room is a home spot for many a man to improve a quiet hour.

## DOVER

For ten years, 1887-1897, this city had an organization and conducted good, genuine Y. M. C. A. work. For local reasons, it dwindled in support and closed up when best prepared in point of facilities to do most valuable work. Its last suite of rooms were well adapted to good work in all lines, which were begun and well patronized. The gymnasium continued to be run two years after the Association disbanded.

Its general secretaries were :

A. T. Stratton,  
E. J. Parners,

W. R. Conant,  
E. B. Reed.

Leroy Collins

## ROCHESTER

This city had its first organization in 1894, and began in one room, but twice moved, each time into larger and more extensive quarters. It did a good work under the lead of General Secretary W. M. Steele and S. W. Smith, Jr. Lack of membership was its chief difficulty and it closed its doors in 1900.

## LACONIA

For fifteen years, 1886-1901, an Association was maintained in Laconia and the varied lines of work well conducted. A fund was started for a building. Misfortune prevented the continuance of the work after the above period. Its secretaries were :

Thomas Johnson,  
H. W. Cary,

M. Ropes,  
W. H. Goddard,

A. C. Hunt.

It did work in gymnasium and educational classes.

## DERRY

Derry had an organization for about two years, and religious services maintained, but failing to make a home for itself, it was allowed to drop.

## ANTRIM

This beautiful town organized in good earnest an Association, held religious services, and for five years maintained a reading room with a few games evenings. It had a worthy auxiliary to aid it, and it was a real factor in the spiritual work of the town. It was a volunteer service, as only for three months was there a paid worker. Its place in the community's esteem is shown in its using the town hall for a gymnasium part of the season. Lecture courses were also conducted in it. Its fifth anniversary was observed by evangelistic meetings, conducted by H. L. Gale, evangelist.

## FRANKLIN

This city had an organization for about four years, 1895-1899. Secured rooms and had three different secretaries. A Ladies' Auxiliary was formed, and all went well. Religious meetings, gymnasium and reading rooms were well supported and patronized. The last secretary went wrong, and that effected the closing of its doors and sale of its furniture.

Its first two secretaries were:

R. E. Thompson,

F. B. Persons.

## CLAREMONT

The young men in Claremont organized and secured some rooms and a secretary, but did not find on the true test basis, after a struggle with success in the minority, it disbanded in about a year.

## NEWPORT

In 1904 an organization was effected in this town, and soon after an auxiliary was formed. Good work has been done here, and rooms are open in the old court house, which furnish means for several lines of work.

## HILLSBOROUGH BRIDGE

An organization was completed here in 1903. Rooms for reading, games and social purposes opened, but after two years the public spirit did not rally to its support sufficiently to continue, and the work was closed.

## BERLIN AND WOLFEBOROUGH

Berlin and Wolfeborough have been organized within a year and their record is before them.

## DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Out of the old Christian Association, which had been in existence for many years and to whose use the college had freely provided a room, was organized a Student Y. M. C. A., and a fine hall, named most fittingly Bartlett Hall, was erected and opened for the students in 1892. Here students can find reading and social rooms especially adapted for bible study and missionary work. They have had paid secretaries, as follows:

- H. O. Aiken, Dartmouth '07, 1896-1897.
- P. C. Wallcott, Yale, 1900-1901.
- A. K. Skinner, Dartmouth, '03, 1903-1904.
- R. M. Davis, Dartmouth, '03, 1904-1905.
- A. K. Skinner, Dartmouth, '03, 1906—

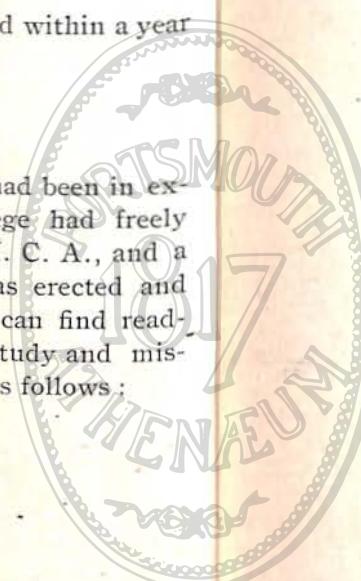
## CONCLUSION

From the preceding outline there are many evidences of progress and abandonment, continued success and lethargy. Yet the work in the state speaks for zealous effort to promote Christian living among the young men of the state, and making of Christian character. Many witnesses are among us from those of hoary locks (black and flowing in the 50s and 60s), to the youth in his teens, who today stand to thank God for the Y. M. C. A. The Association brought the light of Christ to view and

made true Christian manliness beautified in their eyes. Pages cannot reveal nor make complete the great good they have been to our state and the cause of Christ. May these facts be as the—

“Watchman, tell us of the work  
What its signs and prospects are.”

The field is still so largely unoccupied that what is undone exceeds the accomplished.



CONSTITUTION

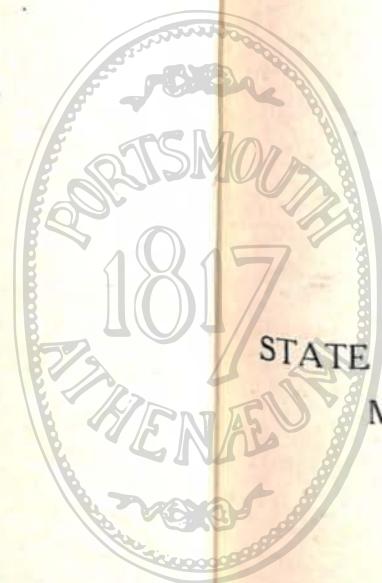
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BY-LAWS

OF THE

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF YOUNG  
MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS  
IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

ADOPTED JANUARY, 1904



## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I.

#### NAME.

SECTION 1. This corporation shall be known as the State Executive Committe of Young Men's Christian Associations of New Hampshire.

#### MEMBERS.

SECT. 2. The members of this corporation shall consist of the persons named in the charter, and all other persons associated with them as members of the State Executive Committee at the time of the institution of this corporation until their respective successors are duly elected as members of said Executive Committee, by the convention of the State Associations of New Hampshire, and are duly elected by ballot.

#### VACANCIES.

All vacancies in this corporation may be filled for their respective terms by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting (but in any event at least by a quorum vote) at any regular or special meeting of the corporation, notice of such proposed election having been sent to each member in the call of the meeting.

#### OFFICERS.

SECT. 3. The officers of this corporation shall be a chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer and clerk, all of whom shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, and shall hold office until their successors are duly elected, and their duties shall be such as are usual to such offices. The corporation may also provide by-laws for other officers.

OUTLINE HISTORY OF STATE WORK OF THE  
VACANCIES.

Vacancies in any office may be filled by ballot, at any regular or special meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided a quorum is present, and notice of the proposed election having been sent to each member in the call for the meeting.

MEETINGS.

SECT. 4. There shall be three regular meetings each year of the corporation. The annual meeting shall be held in April, at which meeting the officers of the corporation shall be elected and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting. Special meetings may be convened at any time on the call of the chairman or of any three members of the committee, the object of the meeting being stated in the call.

The fiscal year of the corporation shall close on the 31st day of January of each year.

PURPOSE.

SECT. 5. The purpose for which this corporation is constituted is to supervise, promote and extend the organization and work of the Young Men's Christian Associations in the state, and to receive, purchase, hold, sell, convey and improve real estate and other property that may be given, bequeathed, acquired or held in trust.

QUORUM.

SECT. 6. Five members at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

SECT. 7. This corporation may enact such by-laws as it may from time to time deem expedient, not inconsistent with this constitution.

AMENDMENTS.

SECT. 8. This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, a quorum be-

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ing present and voting, at any regular meeting of the corporation, notice of such proposed change having been given in writing at a previous meeting and sent to each member in the call for the meeting.

B Y - L A W S

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. Regular meetings shall be held in the months of January, April and October, respectively, and special meetings may be held at any time on the call of the clerk, at the written request of the chairman or any three members of the corporation, the object of the meeting being stated in the call.

SECT. 2. The following order of business shall be followed at all regular meetings:

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Report of treasurer.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Reports of special committees.
6. Report of state secretary.
7. Unfinished business.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The duties of the chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer and clerk shall be such as are usual to such officers.

SECT. 2. There shall be elected annually a general secretary, and provisions made for such other assistance as shall be necessary for the proper carrying on of the work.

SECT. 3. The chairman and general secretary shall be *ex officio* members of the standing committees.

SECT. 4. The treasurer shall be *ex officio* a member of the finance committee.

### ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. There shall be at least eight committees appointed at the first session of each year, after the annual meeting, to be designated as follows: Business, Finance, Student Work, District and County Work, Boy's Work, Bible Study, Railroad, and Army and Navy Work.

SECT. 2. Each standing committee shall furnish the chairman a summary of its work for the year, to be incorporated in report of the corporation of the annual meeting.

SECT. 3. The Business Committee shall act for the executive committee in the interim of its meetings, so far as general direction of the work in the state is concerned, and of all paid officers and employes connected therewith.

SECT. 4. The Finance Committee shall mature plans for raising sufficient funds for the expenses of the corporation. They shall, before the annual meeting, provide for the proper auditing of the treasurer's account.

SECT. 5. The Committee on District and County Work shall have special charge of the local Association work of the state. They shall promote the organization of new Associations, where it is deemed wise, and organize county work; also promote and foster work in smaller towns.

SECT. 6. The Committee on Student Work shall devise means for increasing the number and efficiency of Associations in colleges, and adopt means for awakening religious interest among young men in colleges and other institutions of learning.

SECT. 7. The Committee on Railroad Work shall assist in developing present Associations and establishing new ones. But railroad associations shall not be organized in towns where there are local Associations, except as branches of the local Associations.

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SECT. 8. The Committee on Boy's Work, shall by conferences, summer camps, organization into leagues and Bible classes, seek to promote and stimulate work among boys.

SECT. 9. The Committee on Bible Study and Religious Work shall, by correspondence, distribution of printed matter and otherwise, endeavor to stimulate increased interest in the Word of God among young men, and to institute shop meetings and religious work among Associations.

SECT. 10. The Committee on Army and Navy Work, with the approval of the proper authorities, shall maintain at the state encampments and at military posts and naval stations, reading rooms, libraries and religious meetings.

SECT. 11. No committee shall incur any expense or liability without the approval of the Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. These by-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of members of the Executive Committee present at any regular meeting, provided that the substance of such alteration or amendment shall have been proposed in writing at a previous regular meeting.