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Preamble

We, the subscribers, actuated by a desire to improve the spiritual, mental, social and physical condition of the young men of Monrovia and vicinity, unite in forming an Association in which we may together labor for this end, and do hereby agree to be governed by the following

Constitution

Article First.

Name and Object.

Section 1 The name shall be The Young Men's Christian Association of Monrovia.

Sec. 2 The object shall be the spiritual, intellectual, social and physical welfare of young men.

Article Second

Memberships.

Section 1: The members shall con-

sist of young men, and shall be divided into two classes, viz; Active and Associate. Only young men over sixteen years of age who are members in good standing of Evangelical Churches (the word Evangelical is to be understood as defined by the International Convention at Portland in 1869) shall be eligible to active membership; but any young man over sixteen years of age, of good moral character, may be elected an associate member. Both classes shall enjoy like privileges, except that voting and holding office shall be confined to active members.

Sec. 2 The membership dues for either class shall be Two Dollars (\$2.) a year, payable in advance. The membership years shall commence the first of the month succeeding the election of the members.

Sec. 3 All applications for membership shall be referred to the Executive Committee, which shall report to a regular business meeting of the Association upon all applicants found eligible, when a vote shall be taken, and the applicants receiving two thirds of all the votes cast shall be declared elected.

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Article Third

Duties of Members.

The members of this Association shall seek out young men residing in or coming to reside in Monrovia and its vicinity, and endeavor to bring them under elevating and Christian influences, by such means as shall be deemed best by the Executive Committee or by the Association; and they shall also, from time to time, engage in such special or occasional labors of usefulness as may be presented within the scope of the object of the Association.

Article Fourth.

Officers.

Section 1 The officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, chosen by ballot, by the active members, at the annual meeting, who shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected and have entered upon the discharge of their duties. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

Sec. 2 The President, or in his absence, the Vice President, shall preside at all business meetings of the Association, and perform such other duties as generally pertain to a like office in similar societies. In the absence of the President and both of the Vice President, a Chairman pro tem. shall be chosen.

Sec. 3 The Secretary shall keep full minutes of all business meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee, and shall conduct the correspondence. He shall also keep a complete list of members, and shall notify all officers, members and committees of their election or appointment. He shall oversee the work of the Association, and shall seek to enlist all the members in it.

Sec. 4 The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Association under the direction of the Executive Committee. He shall collect all dues, and keep a full account of all receipts and disbursements.

Sec. 5 The Executive Committee shall consist of the four officers above named. It shall have the general management of the affairs of the Association, and shall report to the Association at each regular business meeting.

Sec. 6 If a vacancy occurs in any of the offices it shall be filled by ballot at the first or second regular business

meeting of the Association immediately following

Article Fifth.

Committees.

Section 1 Within two weeks after the annual meeting, the President shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, from the active members, the following Standing Committees;

(1) A Committee on Religious Meetings, which shall have charge of all the religious services of the Association, appointing leaders, suggesting topics, securing attendance, &c.

(2) A Committee on Entertainments which shall arrange for and have charge of the receptions, concerts, lectures and other entertainments given from time to time. It shall also have charge of the educational classes.

Sec. 2 Standing or Special Committees for other purposes may be provided for, and their work defined by a vote of the Association at any regular business meeting. They shall be appointed in the same way as the other committees.

Sec. 3 All Standing Committees shall consist of at least three members each, and the person named first on each committee shall be chairman.

thereof. They shall act in accordance with the general plan of work instituted by the Executive Committee and shall report thereto when required, and to the Association at each regular business meeting.

Sec. 4 The President and Secretary shall be ex officio members of all committees.

Sec. 5 The President may, with the consent of the Executive Committee, make such changes in the membership of any of the committees, at any time, as he thinks would be for the best interests of the Association.

Article Sixth.

Meetings.

Section 1 The Association year shall begin with the month of September; the annual meeting shall be held the first Friday evening of Sept-. A public anniversary shall be held as near to the same time as convenient, at which the President and Treasurer shall present full reports of the work of the Association and of its receipts and expenditures during the year, such reports having been first submitted to the executive committee and approved by it.

Sec. 2 Regular meetings for the transaction of business, for hearing reports from committees, and for the promotion of

social and Christian intercourse, shall be held as provided for by the Executive Committee, or by a by-law of the Association.

Sec. 3 Special meetings for the transaction of business shall be called by the President, at the request of members.

Sec. 4 Seven active members shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 5 All regular meetings of the Association shall be opened with prayer.

Article Seventh.

No debt shall be incurred by this Association, unless the money to meet it is already on hand or pledged in writing.

Article Eighth.

Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution shall require for their adoption a presentation at the previous regular business meeting, and a two-thirds vote of the members present; except that this Article and that part of Article II, which restricts voting and holding office to active members, who must be young men, members in good standing of evangelical churches, shall never be altered or repealed without unanimous consent of the Association.

Article Ninth

This Constitution shall take effect this 8th. day of August 1884, and an election

for officers shall occur within two weeks hereafter. The officers chosen shall serve until their successors are elected at the annual meeting in 1888.

(List of members on page 25)

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vote Feb. 3-1888 - See Records.

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Sec. 2 The membership dues for either class shall be \$2.⁰⁰ a year, payable in advance. The membership years shall commence the first of the month succeeding the election of the members.

Any member who is in arrears for dues shall not be allowed to vote, and, if in arrears two months, shall forfeit all the privileges of membership. Any member in good standing who may desire, by reason of removal or other cause, to resign from membership, may do so, and his privileges and obligations shall thereupon cease.

Sec. 3 All applications for membership shall be referred to the Executive Committee, who shall report to a regular business meeting of the Association upon all applicants found eligible, when a vote shall be taken, and the applicants receiving two thirds of all the votes cast shall be declared elected.

Sec. 4 Any member who is found guilty of immorality or misconduct injurious to the Association, may be suspended or expelled therefrom by a three-fourths vote of the Executive Committee. But before such action is taken the accused shall have the right to appear in person before said Committee, interrogate witnesses, and introduce testimony rebutting the charges.

Article III Duties of Members.

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Sec. 4 At any regular meeting of the Executive Committee the Secretary may present in writing the name of an active member for appointment as an assistant to cooperate with him, and a specification of the duties which he is to undertake. A vote shall be taken, and, if favorable, the Assistant Secretary shall hold office until the next regular election. He shall not be a member of the Executive Committee, but shall have the privilege of attending its meetings.

Sec. 5 The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Association, under the direction of the Executive Committee, and shall pay bills only after they have been dply approved in writing, by the President and Secretary, or in their absence by the Vice Presidents, and shall preserve the said bills as vouchers. He shall collect all dues, and keep a full account of all receipts and disbursements.

Sec. 6 The Executive Committee shall consist of the five officers above named. It shall have the general management of the affairs of the Association, including the selection, arrangement and charge of rooms; the considering and maturing of plans for the general work of the Association; the charge of financial affairs; the arranging for the anniversary; and the direction of any paid agent of the Association. The Executive Committee shall report to the Association at each regular business meeting.

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Article IX

This constitution shall take effect from date (Feb. 4-1888) and the present officers shall continue in office until their successors are elected at the next annual meeting.