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There was a time when the Young Men's Christian Association stood on the defensive. Composed of voluntary societies without any apparent head what was there to direct the path they should follow, to prevent them straying hither and thither out into the pathway of error or to check any eclesiastical ambition so natural to youth? But somehow, as a whole, by the good providence of God, they have been kept from straying. They have been admirably organized and extended; they have been, little by little, formed into groups, the groups into divisions, the divisions into departments and the departments regulated by suitable congresses stamped with National and International names.

Many perplexing questions that once arose have been

Here is an old one:
settled. For example. Will not these bodies gradually
encroach upon the Churches of Our Lord and in time replace them? The hundreds of negative answers, long ago
made are now answered and reinforced by years of experience. As a practical fact, it is found that where the
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affords the bright spot upon the dark back-ground of the great and terrible war. It is like a sun breaking through and illuminating a whole heavn of clouds. For there is great and brilliant hope in it. The Spirit of it now diffused will put back and keep back the clouds, and, God forwer grant it, send them beyond the horizon of our World.

After the war, the Christian Association of Washington where the then sprightly young man R.A. Hall was Secretary, was like himself, more intensely active than one could describe. It kept honoring me with positions from the leading of Street meetings to presiding over its organized sessions. It extended to me remarkable privileges from the grace of small contributions to the Vice-presidency of its tentative Stock Company, where from want of prescience several of us came near being made poor for life. Oh, the work we attempted and the mistakes we made! are they not written in the hearts of many men and women too? for whole families were brought to the daily sacrifice! Yet out of the conflict came rich experience. Builders have builded better than before and our Lord has been honored.

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some weak and some false brethren. Little by little by The association wonderful well-doing, persisted in, k regained the confidence of good people, has at last put up a fine structure and is now a solid power and a rallying point for the The Vacine (oust (d) Master's children of every name. And what shall I say for San. Francisco and the Pacific coast? For some years under a load of debt the San. Francisco association was a burden to good men; but the first visit of our Moody freed it from debt, put in a common sense business secrechristian tary from Massachusetts, and re-established the work in all fullness. Now, reaching out like our brethren in New York and London by Branches, it has become the centre of perpetual and extraordinary activity; and is of inestimable value for the whole of California.

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It may be compared to a grand capacious ship at sea completely equipped for its work, and having a well sealected set of officers and a hearty experienced crew.

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Rocks & Shoals to be availed.

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When we fix our attention upon the shoals, they too are terrible. To speak with the voice of science they come from the materializing tendencies of our environment. People say to us; all right gentlemen; we like your bowling alleys, gymnasiums, reading-rooms and all your mutual-benefit arrangements. They are as good as the benefits of the Masons, the Oddfelows, the Social Clubs; in fact they seem better, they are more economical and more catholic; but we do not see the wisdom of the religious part, let that go; leave it to the churches; it is not popular. Now as a ship cannot reach its destination by avoiding deep water, stearing along the shore where the shallows abound; neither can our associations reach their destination by avoiding the appointed channels which are deepened by the abundance of the Divine Spirit by coursing along the sandbars of apparent worldly advantage, or temporary popular favor. The prim

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over the workers of those to be cared for. True five Godly men with Christ for a co-partner can do wonders. Yet, remember it makes for the salvation of a man to labor for the salvation of another man. The young man who comes to any class for its benefit to himself will double and treble that benefit to himself by joining the helpers and putting forth his energies for the salvation of other young men.

An appeal to all Christians.

Now let us, in closing, give a moment to the sanguine and hopeful side of our Tabors. We have not a State Church in this country, nor have we religious instruction furnished in any shape by the State to our youth, yet no where on earth is loyality to Almighty God so much demanded as here. He deals with us as a Nation. If the Nation become recreant, corrupt, forgetful of God's requirements the Nation cannot last. And here the people

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Mr. President, Members of the Y. M. C. A. Brethren:

That hymn which you just sung, "Stand up for Jesus", has in my mind a double association. First I think of Rev. Dr. Tyng, of N. Y. and of his son, Dudley A. Tyng, both now gone, to their reward. At a farm house in Penn., the young man who had preached so acceptably often in the Market places of large cities, was refreshing himself during the summer by a little rest and country air. In feeding some grain to a threshing machine the teeth of the wheel caught his sleeve and lacerated his arm so badly that it had to be amputated. At first all thought that he would get well but the shock proved too great, and little by little his life abbed out. Just before he died, after giving messages to all of the family, his father sitting close to his pillow, said to him: "My son, what shall I tell to the brethren in the ministry?" He whispered as his answer: "Tell them to stand up for Jesus." In this pulpit a short time ago was the Rev. Mr. Duffield, he too has died. Twenty years ago I was in Detroit, Mich., attending a Y. M. C. A. convention. Mr. Duffield's grandfather, the Rev. Dr. Duffield, gave us an excellent welcoming address like that of Mr. Sheldon to-night. Just before he finished it he felt faint and then fell back against my shoulder, he was carried out of the assembly and soon passed away. Mr. Duffield's father also, who wrote the beautiful hymn entitled "Stand up for Jesus" has gone to his reward. At that time I saw and knew the three, the grandfather, the son and the grandson, all clergymen and at the same time preaching the glad tidings. So much of reminiscence is excited by this expression "Stand up for Jesus" a little sermon preached all round the world to-day. General Howard then proceeded to give his prepared address. showed how for Y. M. C. Assns. time has solved many troublesome problems and answered all the objections from within and from without. The active live, training under an able evangelical secretary fills them with an aggressive spirit and fits them for the best home work. In their churches the pastor seeks for them to energige his sunday school in superintendency and in teaching. They give life and energy to prayer and conference meetings. They help gather in the straying ones and to bring them into the church-fold. They keep open doors day and night which the church cannot do. Their schools and classes furnish appurtenances for the benefit of body, mind and soul, and they extend their work to all classes of young men. Organizing all their societies under the wonderful banner of Second he gave a few scraps of personal history. Christ. in Washington, D. C., teaching the young men's work there from 1861, and showing how mistakes were made and how remedied, showing the wonderful work of a young man, R. A. Hall, who is now the State Secretary for N. Y. He said: "Out of conflict came rich experience; builders have builded better than before and our Lord has been honored. Money has flowed into the treasuries and our buildings have been delivered from the impoverishment of stock company jobs and from the over-much vaunted blessings of debt. Young men from every quarter came there and theer souls were saved. " Next he took a similar view of Portland, Oregon, where duty called him for many years. Where young men even from the jails graduated to a better life, and where a gambling and drinking place was converted into a place of praise, prayer and holiness. Next he took us to Omaha, Neb., where there was great weakness and suffering from mismanagement at first, and showed how little by little wonderful well-doing persisted in had brought a remedy. They have now at last a fine structure and it is a solid power and rallying point for the Master's children of every name. Again we visited the Pacific coast. The SanFrancisco association passed through many sad experiences; was

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burdened with debt and struggled for existence, but at last a visit of Brother D. L. Moody freed it from debt; put in an excellent secretary, and re-established the Christian work in its integrity. The influence of the San Francisco association is felt along the whole coast. After this Gen. Howard led us to the World's conference where, in 1884, he had the privilege to meet George Williams, the founder of all associations. He was surprised to find him a man still in the prime of life and not surprised to find him replete with every Christian grace. Third, the General showed that Y. M. C. A. work was now no longer on the defensive; but compared it to a city with a good constitution already established, also to capacious ship on sea, equipped for its work, having a good set of officers and a hearty experienced crew, but he warned us against rocks and shoals which were to be avoided. One set lies in the very centre of the channel X, it is the directing committees. Hitherto we have been wonderfully favored, but great care should be taken that the successors of these committees, now growing old, should be carefully selected. Another set of rocks are found in broader currents. The secretary is the central power of the local association, but he needs help from active, zealous members. Business life is so absorbing that it is difficult for young men to get time. The lack of thought, time, money, are some of the rocks. Rival societies suggest others. The shoals were suggested in the wonderful appreciation of gymnasiums, reading-rooms and the hundred other mutual benefit arrangements and a sort of opposition to any thing of a spiritual tendency. Spirituality is not popular, still it must be remembered that the fundamental object of the Y. M. C. A. is the salvation of young men. Another set of shoals referred to is the overwhelming number to be cared for. He related some personal experience showing how necessary it is to appeal to the heroic in men, and call them to endure hardships as good soldiers, not to be simply beneficines. Then the General closed by an appeal to all Christians, showing how necessary it is to our nation that the youth should be loyal to God, he said: "If the nation becomes recrent, corrupt, forgetful of God's requirements the nation cannot last. And these are the closing

"And who shall say that Christ has not chosen you young men and those associated with you because ye are strong, Himself helping you, for the salvation of the whole world? "It is", as one of our famous Generals said 25 years ago, "a wonderful time to live."

There is a larger conflict upon us now than during our great war. Yet, my brother, for you to bear any considerable part in it, you must yourself be a participant; you must give your whole heart to the Great Leader. So, let me entreat you, if you are still in the valley, come up to the mountain and put on the Lord's armor. It is a mountain of privilege, a mountain of joy, and vill one day be a mountain of victory, Oh, yes more than that, a mountain of triumphant Glory!"

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burdened with debt and struggled for existence, but at last a visit of Brother B. L. Moody freed it from debt; put in an excellent secretory, and re-established the Christian work in its integrity. The influence of the San Francisco association is felt along the while const. After this. Gen. Howard let us to the World's conference where, in 1884, he had the privilege to meet George Williams, the founder of all associations. He was surprised to find him a otelger mid bnil of besitques for bus elil lo ening eds ni filts na Bith every Christian grace. Third, the General showed that V. ". C. A. work was now no longer on the defensive but compared it to a city audisages of onle , benefitates yearle noisutitanos boos a nitu ship on sea, equipped for its work, having a good set of officers and a hearty experienced erev, but he warned us against rocks and shouls which wore to be avoided. One set lies in the very centre even ev ofrentill . Reeffing committees, Hitherto ve have been wonderfully favored, but great care should be taken that the saccessors of these committees, now growing old, should be carefully selected. Another set of rocks are found in broader currents. The secretary is the central power of the local association, but he needs help from active, zealous members. Business life is so absorbing that it is difficult for young men to get time. The lack of thought, time, money are some of the rocks. Rival societies suggest to notistioeuque Introhnow out at betangue eree alsona off . aregio granasiums, reading-rooms and the hundred other nutual benefit arrangements and a sort of opposition to any thing of a spiritual tendency. Spirituality is not popular, still it must be remembered that the fundamental object of the Y. W. C. A. is the salvation of young men. Another set of berrefer stanks to Jes redfonA . nem groot number to be cared for. He related some personal experience showing how necessary it is to appeal to the heroic in men, and call then to endure hardships as good soldiers, not to be simply benefit it on Then the General closed by an appeal to all Christians, showing how seesanry it is to our nation that the youth should be loyal to God, he said: FIF the nation becomes recrent, corrupt, formetful of God's requirements the nation cannot last. And these are the closing

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