Address

"M. F."?

Subject

How have you solved some troublesome questions
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 ecclesiastical 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 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 best association exists there the churches are in various
ways most helped. The active, live training of young men 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 energize his Sunday School in Superintendency and teaching. They give life and energy to prayer and conference meetings which without them were wont to lack interest and enterprise. They are sought for to gather in the straying ones and to bring them gently into the church fold. They keep in their tabernacles open doors every day and night in the week, as the churches do not and cannot. Their buildings, large and commodious, filled to the overflowing with good workers as well as recipients of favor; their schools and classes with appointments and apparatus for the benefit of body, mind and soul, their out-reachings along railway lines with stations here and there for libraries and wholesome teaching and precious influences, that railway employees may not be utterly unthought of and neglected, their entrance into colleges and universities especially where material philosophy or skeptical instruction have made no
provision for God or the Bible, organizing all their societies under the one banner, Christ crucified and risen, these speak for themselves and show, not the churches but the church itself in bona fide contact with the World.

It has been my privilege to have been very closely connected with young men's Christian associations for more than a quarter of a century. I met with the earnest workers who had congregated in Washington in 1861, between the first battle of "Bull Run" and "Balls Bluff" when for a few weeks I was waiting orders. We met in a small upper room. How distinctly I recall the voice of an agent of the American Tract Society as he sounded the alarm and succinctly and fervently portrayed to us the condition and necessities of the camps, where books, papers and songs were so much demanded. How he touched every heart with his description of the hospitals that were already full. Young men were there and they were the sick that we must visit if we would follow the Master. The American Y.M.C.A. Organization soon put out a Branch and named it "The Christian Commission". The enormous work of this commission coupled with that of the "Sanitary Commission"
I am pleased to announce to the membership of the American Hotel Association, that the American Hotel Association has been merged with the National Hotel Association, effective January 1, 1954. This action was taken in consideration of the importance of the two organizations in the hotel industry.

The merger will result in a stronger, more unified organization that can better represent the interests of the hotel industry. The American Hotel Association will continue to operate as a separate entity with its own Board of Directors and officers.

In conclusion, I am pleased to announce the merger of the American Hotel Association with the National Hotel Association effective January 1, 1954. This action is in the best interest of the hotel industry and will result in a stronger, more unified organization.

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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 dif-
fused will put back and keep back the clouds, and, God

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 de-
scribe. It kept honoring me with positions from the lead-
ing 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 built
better than before and our Lord has been honored. Money
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ings have been delivered from the impovishment of Stock
Company jobs and from the once over-much vaunted blessings
of debt.

From another point of view, those Washington days were
rich and abundant, for young men from every quarter came
there and souls were saved.

In Portland, Oregon, my next station for four years,
I saw the association grow from small proportions to large
Young men who had gone astray were reclaimed, the jails
of the city had graduates to a better life, the gambling
and drinking place was literally converted into the hall
of praise and prayer and holy song; men with different
banners of faith marched and campaigned together with fa-
ces bright and hearts united. The churches were all re-
freshed and the tremendous warfare
of a frontier city was and
between the right and the wrong has been ever since waged
more strongly for the right.

Again there were several years of observation in Omaha.
There the society had a few years before suffered from
the transactions will be completed. I have
been notified from the Department of Stock
Company, and I am the only person handling

the matter. I can assure you that you need not
risk any importance for your new house, as I
will see that it is properly cared for.

I can tell you that our company has a

broad network of connections with many

other companies, and we are always looking for

new opportunities. I believe that we can

accomplish what is needed and bring this

project to fruition.

Please let me know if there is anything

else I can do to assist you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
some weak and some false brethren. Little by little by wonderful well-doing persisted in, 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 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 Dr. Moody freed it from debt, put in a common sense business secretary 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.

When abroad, in 1884, I had at the World's conference at Berlin, another view of this young men's agency. There we met the founder of these Christian Institutions, George Williams of London, and mingled with the delegates of many nations, who were inquiring diligently of one another how to correct faults and how to promote virtues.
and how to girdle the earth with light and knowledge and joy and blessing.

3. **The Association is established**

Yes, as intimated in the outset, your association work is not now before the world like a State struggling for existence and ever on the defensive. It is like a State with a good constitution already established and wholesome laws already enacted; and with a constituency who are intelligent, virtuous and law abiding.

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

Let it go on togeth er in its important freightage and carry it safely to its destination.

4. **Rocks and shoals to be avoided.**

Still without gloomy views and misgivings and with no leaning to pessimism the underwriters cannot help feeling much anxiety till the voyage shall be over and the consignments faithfully consummated. Of course there are still some sharp rocks to be looked out for and to be avoided, and some shoals that betray only a ripple in the breeze but are, especially at low water, as fatal as the
to the point of.

Let's consider the concept of "frontier" in the context of the document. It is not just a literal word referring to a geographical boundary. It is a metaphor for a state of exploration and discovery. The document mentions the frontier as a metaphor for a state of exploration and discovery.

If we take this metaphor to its logical conclusion, it seems to suggest a willingness to move beyond the boundaries of what is already known.

I find it interesting to see how this concept relates to the ideas presented in the document.

It seems to me that the frontier is a concept that is central to the document.

A frontier, in this context, is not just a physical boundary. It is a metaphor for a state of exploration and discovery.

Let us consider the metaphorical meaning of the term "frontier."
One set of rocks lies in the very centre of the channel. It is the directing Committees. Hitherto you have been favored by men of superb fitness. They have worked ably; they receive and wish only the smallest possible compensation; they work without ostentation, humbly relying upon the Master for their final reward. They can not always remain young. Should a mistake be made in their successors, the ship would be shaken and perhaps shattered to pieces. Another set of rocks is in the broader currents. A secretary’s power lies in the help he can get from active zealous members. Business life is now so absorbing, that few young men can get either the time necessary to render effective help either on the directing boards or in the committees, and further, parallel and rival societies are every day springing up to absorb what little time has been left to the youthful Christian. It sometimes seems as though men believed that to accomplish a work all was needed was a new organization. But whatever the organization, Bible or Missionary Society, Sabbath School Union, college union, Christian Endeavor, or what not, time and
I am now free of lock being in the way, can in the

country. At the American Museum without fear, I

have been learning of many of your friends. Your

confidence in me, I hope, will remain with the papers.

And just as you requested, I will answer to the

affirmative that you wrote to me. Your letter, I am

inclined to believe, must be signed and the signature

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money must be absorbed. Here, then, the rocks are near the surface and frequently crop out, viz: the want of time on the part of the real living workers.

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 Oddfellow, 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, steering 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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ary, fundamental, and perpetual object of these associations is the Salvation of the Young Men. Brethren. We must adhere with unflinching tenacity to the main object, graduating our favor to collaterals according to their value as helps: never forgetting that they are but helps.

Another set of shoals we see in the proportional increase and above 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.

5: An appeal to all Christians.

Now let us, in closing, give a moment to the sanguine and hopeful side of our labors. 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 loyalty 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
brought together from the four winds, themselves hold the rule, the young people of to-day will soon lay their grandparents and their parents in the grave and the young people of to-day soon take up and carry on the Government. Who will make the hearts of the youth right before God? We look to the Gospel of Christ for rectification. Who shall carry such to every nook and corner of this republic? Why the Churches of Christ! Yes, Yes, but you young men are yourselves on the churches fighting line— the flexible tenacious fighting line. You, the churches, group to group, body to body must advance their rallying cry. To whom much is given of the same much will be required. Come then, give of your money, of your time, of your zealous energy to strengthen this cementing army which the beloved churches of our Blessed Lord put forth for the salvation of the young men and for the blessing the preservation and the perpetuity of our Nation.

And who shall say that Christ has not chosen you young men and those associated with you, 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 during to live." There is a larger conflict upon us now than our Brother great war. Yet, my brethren, for you to bear any consider-
eable part in it, you must yourself 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 his armor. It is a mountain of privilege, a mountain of joy and will one day be a mountain of victory.

Oh, yes a mountain of triumphant Glory!
Delivered at Watertown, N.Y., Thursday afternoon, February 21st, 1889.
Remarks
brief synopsis of
Jim

Subject
True Josie has second home
measurers questions
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 ebbed 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. He showed how for Y. M. C. Assemblies 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 energize his Sunday School in superintendence 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 Christ. Second he gave a few scraps of personal history. First in Washington, D. C., teaching the young men's work there from 1801, 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 their 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 children of every nation. Again we visited the Pacific coast. The San Francisco association passed through many sad experiences; was
burdened with debt and struggled for existence, but at last a visit of Brother D. L. Moody freed it from debt, but 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 how the YMCA work was no longer on the defensive, but looked at it as 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 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, it is the directing committee. 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 gymnasia, reading rooms and the hundred other mutual benefit arrangements and a sort of opposition to anything of a spiritual tendency. Spirituality is not popular, still it must be remembered that the fundamental object of the YMCA 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 beneficiaries. 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 recant, corrupt, forgetful of God's requirements the nation cannot last. And these are the closing words:"

"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? Thus, 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 will one day be a mountain of victory, Oh, yes more than that, a mountain of triumphant Glory!"