Address On China At Rotary Club

"New days in old China" was the subject of an address by the Rev. H. E. D. Ashford, M.B.E., minister of Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, at the regular meeting of the Charlottetown Rotary Club yesterday Rotarians George Walters and Frank Fraser were chairmen. Guests included Rotarian B. W. Taylor, Summerside, Messrs. R. S. P. Jardine, Charlottetown, Justice R. T. Graham, Fabian Monnett, Walter Guillery, Lt.-Col. R. S. W. Fordham, E. L. Featherstone, Ottawa, G. E. Wood, Charlottetown, Jack Annear, Montague, W. N. MacDonald, Sydney, M. N. Kelly, Halifax.

"Just as the Chinese compass has five points — North, South, East, West and Where you are," said Rev. Ashford, "so today the world awaits the revelation of its future by finding out where we are in China."

"The necessity of getting this information was not brought home to us until 1941. In fact, we in the western world completely ignored Asia for centuries. Yet it was an Asiatic country — Japan which inflicted upon the United States its first major defeat in its 168 years of nationhood. Japan with 73 million people startled the world by striking at Pearl Harbour, sinking the two mighties battleships of the British fleet, the "Repulse" and the "Prince of Wales," driving the white man from Asiatic waters and territories, and taking Hong Kong our stronghold in the far east. This was done by 73 million Japanese. "What will happen when 450 million Chinese are turned loose?" asked Mr. Ashford.

"The Communists have taken possession of China and will be absorbed just as the hordes of Ghengis Khan, in 1213, the terrible Mancnus in 1616 and all others who have tried to conquer China. But China once disunited will now be one country with a single language from their new alphabet, a sense of cultural and national unity typified in the new Communist regime. The enthusiasm of the students for the teachings of Marxism is beyond our understanding," said Mr. Ashford, as he told of two thousand students walking 20 to 40 miles to take part in a Communist parade, and repeat the pledge, "I will always follow the lead of the Communist Party and will exert myself to the utmost to strengthen the new regime in China and in all the world."

"The coolie with his pole and the farmer tied to his wheelbarrow are gone never to return," continued the speaker, "China is becoming industralized and its production will enter world markets with even greater impact than was caused by Japan's entry into world trade."

Rev. Ashford concluded by saying that the Chinese are looking forward to the day when the dragon will spew its death dealing fire in all parts of the world until their domination is supreme.

Mr. George Wood, Field Secretary in P.E.I. for the Canadian Institute of the Blind spoke briefly about the purpose of "White Cane Week." He asked that ordinary courtesy be shown to the blind, and that sighted people offer their arm when crossing a street, or entering doorways or vehicles. He called attention to the parking of cars in Charlottetown which he said made street crossing more than ordinarily difficult. Children should be taught not to leave tricycles, balls or other playthings on the sidewalk.

The club welcomed back after a long absence due to sickness, Rotarian Roy Kendall.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS

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BIRTHS

COUSINS — At the Prince County Hospital, January 24th. 1950. to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cousins Park Corner a son, Donald Wayne.

MacDOUGALL—At Prince County Hospital on February 4, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. James L. MacDougall, Summerside (nee Isabel MacLean, R.N.) a daughter, Mary Lynn

DEATHS

O'CONNOR—At her home in Hope River on Feb. 6, Mrs. Jeremiah O'Connor in her 83rd year. Funeral Wednesday morning to St. Ann's Church in Hope River at 9.30, thence to the adjoining cemetery.

AYERS—At the P. E. Island Hospital, Monday, February 6, Dr. J. H. Ayers of Charlottetown in his 83rd year. The funeral will be held from Trinity United Church on Wednesday, February 8th, service starting at 3.30. Interment will be in the People's Cemetery. Resting at the MacLean Funeral Home until noon Wednesday .

MacLEOD—At Long Creek, February 6, 1950, Mrs. John MacLeod aged 71 years. The remains are resting at her late residence where a short service will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. then to Long Creek Baptist Church for service at 2.30. The interment in the Church Cemetery.

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NAMED DIRECTOR—Mr. H. C. Bohaker of Charlottetown, who represented this Province at the annual meeting of the Life Underwriters Association of Canada at Toronto recently, was named a member of the board of directors. Mr. Edwin C. Johnstone, also of Charlottetown, was elected regional vice-president for P.E.I., and also appointed to the board of directors.

C.W.L. CARD PARTY — The regular weekly card party sponsored by the C.W.L. was held last night and was greatly enjoyed by those in attendance. The following are the prize winners: Ladies' first, Mrs. Annie Stewart; ladies' second, Miss Bessie Jay; gentlemen's first, Mr. M. Griffin, gentlemen's second, Mr. E. Ranahan. Door prize, Mr. T. Benoit and Freeze-out, Mr. and Mrs. T. Benoit.

RETURN TO EDMONTON—Mr. Everett MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Glen MacKenzie and son Bobby of Edmonton, Alberta, who were called home to attend the funeral of their father, Alex K. MacKenzie, spent the month of January with their mother and brother Wendell in Melville. They left for Alberta by motor car, accompanied by Russel Compton of Belle River, on the 23rd of January. They spent a day visiting relatives in Toronto and despite winter roads and winter weather arrived in Edmonton on the 30th of January, making the trip in seven days.

R.C.A.M.C. TRAINING PROGRAM — Because of the rather marked recruitment recently into the ranks of the 21st Field Ambulance with many of these recruits having had no previous military experience this unit has finalized plans for an intensive two weeks course in general military training. The course will begin at 1900 hours on Monday, February 13. It is divided into 40 periods and includes such subjects as military law, map usage, weapon training, and basic drill. Information concerning dress, pay and other details will be made known to the trainees when they apply at the unit orderly room today and tomorrow until 2100 hours tomorrow night.

Personals

Mr. J. Lester Douglas, M.P., has been confined to bed for the past few days with a bad cold.

Miss Aline Reid, Miss Francis Reid, Hope River, were week-end visitors to Charlottetown.

The many friends of Miss Evelyn Vatcher are sorry to know that she is a patient in the P. E Island Hospital.

Rev. Ronald Delaney, C.Ss.R., of Holy Redeemer parish, City, leaves by plane today for Quebec City on a short visit.

Mrs. Elliot Jones, West Royalty, has returned home after being in Iris two weeks with her mother who was very ill.

Youth Sunday Service At Y. M. C. A.

Approximately three hundred young people thronged into the Y. M. C. A. Sunday evening, February 5, to observe inter-denominational youth Sunday. The young people represented all Protestant Youth Organizations in the city; e. g. St. Paul's A. Y. P. A., St Peter's A. Y. P. A., Trinity Y. P. U., Baptist B. Y. P. U, Central Christian Y P U. , St. James Y.P.U., Zion Y.P.U., Salvation Army, Y. M. C. A. Student Christian Movement.

The meeting was under the sponsorship of The Canadian Council of Churches. The chairman was Mr. Claude Campbell assisted by Miss M. Brehaut. The Rev. T. H. B. Somers of St. James Church was the special speaker, in his address, he explained the formation of the World Council of Churches, The Canadian Council of Churches, The Ecumenical Movement. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Somers also gave a short but comprehensive history of the Church since the time of Christ.

After the Devotional Service a musical interlude was enjoyed by the assembled young people.

Following is the program:

Trinity: Chorus comprised of Betty Beers, Carol MacRae, Helen Hyde, Doris Clarke, Joan Rogerson, Joyce Proctor.

Central Christian: Piano Solo, Joyce Warren.

Baptist: Solo, Gaylene Craig.

Zion: Solo, Christine King.

St. Pauls: Solo, Nancy MacNevin.

St. Peters: Piano Solo, Hilda Pickard.

Accompanists: Miss Louise Cox and Miss Audrey Gillis.

Refreshments were served by the Committee in charge, ending for all a happy and instructive evening spent in Christian Fellowship.

The arrangements for the evening were capably handled by the following committee: Miss Wilma Watts — Trinity, Miss Doris Downe — Trinity, Mr. Claude Campbell — Trinity, Mr. G. Anderson — St. Pauls, Sec. Treasurer — Local Council, Anglican Young Peoples Association.

COOK'S for Photographs.

WARMER WEATHER — Jack Frost weakened his grip on the Island yesterday as the temperature rose from 13 below yesterday morning to 1 above in the evening. The temperature remained stationery until midnight last night with the forecasts indicating that it would rise today. The wind was East 14 m.p.h. last night.

CITY POLICE COURT —At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court yesterday three men charged with being drunk and incapable appeared. One was fined $5 and costs or 10 days in jail, one $10 and costs or 10 days in jail, and the third was committed on a previous commitment of 10 days in jail. These were the only cases to appear before the Court yesterday morning.

New L.P.U Home Nears Completion

The new home of the Laborer's Protective Union at 48 Water Street will be completed this week. An attractive one storey building with red brick facing, it has been well planned to meet the needs of the organization.

The large meeting room is very well lit with nine of its nineteen windows facing the south. Other rooms include the executive office, reading room, canteen, cloakroom and lavatory.

The L. P. U. has been organized for many years and received its charter from the American Federation of Labour in January, 1902. One of the original members, Mr. J. W. Gormley, states that this was not satisfactory however, due to the inability of the organization to make decisions without first consulting the headquarters of the A. F. of L. which usually took weeks. After approximately five years this association with the American union was severed and it was only recently that the local Union was certified by the Federal Government Department of Labour.

Members are close to the 200 mark and it is the only Union of its kind on the Island to be certified.

Dr. J. H. Ayers Died In Hospital Monday

Charlottetown lost an old and highly esteemed citizen in the death yesterday of Dr. J.H. Ayers.

He had been in failing health for a year and a half and was stricken with a heart attack on January 1, 1949. But after three months in the hospital he was able to return home. He became worse about a week ago and was taken to the P.-E. Island Hospital a week ago last Saturday and his death came at 3 o'clock Monday morning.

He was born at Union Road, near Charlottetown on December 27, 1867, and was the son of the late Thomas Ayers and Maria Seller.

He practised dentistry for 56 years, a period of service in the profession which few have equalled. All but six months of his practice was carried on in Charlottetown. He started his practice in Sydney, N.S., in 1892. He received his professional training in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1890-91.

Dr. Ayers was married in 1900 to Eva M. Hyde of Meadowbank, P.E.I. who survives him.

A kindly man, he was a warm and and a true friend with fine principles and keen devotion to duty. His passing leaves a gap in the life of this City and province that will be difficult to fill.

He was most active in community and church work in his native province. He was for some years a member of the Board of Directors of the Charlottetown Y.M.C.A., was a Past President of the Bible Society, and was also a member of the Sons of England.

He was a very prominent worker in Trinity United Church. He served for many years on the Board of Stewards and the Trustee Board and was an elder of the church. Only recently he was made an Honorary Life Member of the Session and two weeks ago was appointed to the Presbytery and Conference of the United Church.

He was a Methodist in the days prior to Church Union and served many years as a lay preacher in this province.

He was fond of gardening and spent many of his leisure hours at this hobby.

Dr. Ayers was fond of sports and for many years was always a participant in the sprints at the annual church picnic.

Besides his wife he leaves to mourn the following sons and daughters: Miriam, Mrs. E.C. Duff of Montreal West; , Reginald in Mount Royal; Ruth, Mrs. (Dr.) C. W.V. McCutcheon, Sarnia, Ontario; Norma, Mrs. Freeman Newson, Toronto; Frances, Mrs. F.W. Boyles of Charlottetown, and George at home.

One brother, Rev. George Ayers, of Summerside, and two sisters, Mrs. B.C. Hardy, Union Road, and Mrs. W.B. Leard of Souris, also survive.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from Trinity United Church, service starting at 3.30.

SAME OLD WORK

Fishing is one of the oldest industries in the world; about 190,000 people in the United States work for fisheries and fishery industries.

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TO ERP POST — Dr. Dirk Stikker, above, foreign minister of the Netherlands, has been named to the post of "political conciliator" of the European Marshall Plan Council in place of Paul-Henri Spaak, former Belgian premier whose appointment was vetoed by the British government.

Local Fire Chief Addresses Zion Men's Brotherhood

The Men's Brotherhood of Zion Church gathered last night at a supper meeting held in the church basement. An excellent supper was served by the ladies auxiliary.

During the early part of the evening R. C. Parent spoke briefly on the coming campaign for funds to be conducted by the Boy Scouts Association. Each church is expected to supply teams to assist in this work and the team captains from Zion will be Guthrie Ballingall and Clarence Walker.

A very encouraging report was received from the Burns Concert Committee.

By way of entertainment a sing song was led by Rev. Mr. Webster and two violin solos by Basil Phillips were greatly enjoyed.

Mr. Herb Jewell, Chief of the City Fire Department was guest speaker for the evening. Mr. Jewell spoke of the development of fire fighting equipment over the years. Giving some of the historical highlights of fire fighting equipment the Fire Chief recalled that the first volunteer fire brigade in London was formed in 1667, one year after the great fire of London. 1829 marked the first use of the steam pump in fire fighting. Mr. Jewell referred to, gradual replacement of hand drawn equipment by modern motorized engines. Timely advice was given regarding fire prevention and co-operation with the fire department when a fire occurs.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Jewell for his excellent address.

Unemployment Benefit Payments

OTTAWA, Feb. 6—(CP) — Canada's growing unemployment problem was reflected in unemployment insurance benefit payment figures issued today by the Bureau of Statistics.

The Government paid out $7,181,001 during December, 1949, compared with $5,048,373 in November and $3,592,155 in December, 1948.

The Bureau reported that claims for unemployment insurance last December rose to 150,480, an increase of 25,591 over November and up 35,974 from the December, 1948, figure of 114,506.

All Provinces except Prince Edward Island reported increased claims. Claims in Prince Edward Island fell from 981 in December, 1948, to 964, while Quebec's total increased from 36,029 to 50.494.

Claims recorded in other Maritime Provinces (December, 1948, figures in brackets):

Nova Scotia 8,158 (6,442); New Brunswick 6.779 (5,049).

Benefit claims in Newfoundland for December, 1949 totalled 122. The Bureau has no comparative figures for 1948, since Newfoundland did not become Canada's 10th province until March 31 last.

C.N.R. To Have Deficit In Nfld.

OTTAWA, Feb. 6 — (CP) —Canadian National Railways will show an estimated deficit of $2,660,000 on operation of the Newfoundland Railway in 1949, T. J. Gracey, C.N.R. assistant comptroller, said today.

Mr. Gracey gave evidence on the first nine months of operations of the C.N.R.'s newly-acquired Newfoundland facilities at the Board of Transport Commissioners hearing on the railways' application for a 20 per cent freight-rate increase.

The C.N.R. took over the facilities April 1 last and revenue has not met expenses, Mr. Gracey said.

While final figures were not yet available, the company estimated revenues for that period were $7,756,000. Expenses would total more than $10,000,000. Allowing for taxes and other charges, the new deficit would be about $2,660,000.

SIMPLE MARRIAGE

"Handfasting," formerly practised in Scotland, was a temporary marriage solemnized by a verbal pledge of the couple while holding hands.

Minstrel Show Last Night Huge Success

A very successful Merry Minstrel Show was held in the Holy Name Hall last night. The hall was filled to capacity and the program was delivered to a very appreciative audience. Many of the numbers were enthusiastically encored, and the "Bones" and "Tambos" proved to be a great source of mirth with their revival of old vaudeville jokes.

The show, which is an annual affair, was produced and staged under the direction of Messrs. Frank MacIntyre and Austin Connolly, with electrical engineer Walter Perry, and Mr. D. Coyle handling the stage. It will be repeated tonight and again Wednesday night.

The program consisted of a very good selection of popular and novelty songs, dances, and other features. The music was supplied by the following orchestra. Piano, Austin Connolly; drums, Jimmie Coady; trumpet, Wendall Murphy; sax. Les Alexander, Art Cantwell; violins, Alf McKearney, K. Hornby.

Frank MacIntyre was the Interlocutor, and the following is the cast. Verna Lafferty, Elaine MacDonald, Betty MacDonald, Shirley Richard, Freda MacIntyre, Lorraine Buote, Mary Reeves, Kitty Crabbe, Phyllis MacDonald, Imelda Kane, Helen Doiron, Theresa Gallant, Mary Gallant, Lorraine McCormack, Barbara Walsh, Joan Cronin, Janet Soper, Mary Cheverie, Beryl Beagan, Letitia Paquet, Pauline Hennessey, Frances Hennessey, Louise Gallant, Kay Herrell, Edna Gallant, Muriel Roach, Dot Peters, Joan Peters, Cecilia Thistle, Shelia Dowling, Kathleen Flanagan, Betty Prowse, Pat Crawford, Mrs. Art Murray, Theresa Murnaghan, Helen Roach, Jim McTague, Jim McGulgan, Jim Coady, Gordon Hennessey, Harold Weatherbie, Joe Thistle, Eddie Gallant, Leo Dowling, Harold Pineau, Jim Flanagan, St. Clair Quinn Charles Cheverie, Earl Nicholson. Edward Pineau, Art Murray, Frank MacIntyre, Frank Bradley, Bill Jay, Elmer Gallant, Connie LeClair. Dennis Dowling, Art Doucette, Margaret Heartz. Anne Steele, Marion Hynes, Rita Shanahan, Shirley Nicholson, Alf Coady Peggy Shanahan, Irene MacInnis, Theresa Trainor, Dalvay Coyle.

PROGRAM

Bones—Frank Bradley, Bill Jay.
Tambos—Elmer Gallant, Connie LeClair.
Opening Chorus—Ensemble.
Step Dance—Mary Gallant.
Novelty Solo—Jim McTague.
Harmonica Solo—Art Doucette, with Eddie Bertram, Wendell Bourke.
Vocal Solo—Dear Hearts and Gentle People. Eddie Pineau.
End Song—Second Bones, Bill Jay.
Instrumental — String Quartet, John MacPherson, Wendell Bourke. Eddit Bertram, Charles Peters.
Vocal Solo—Alabama Love Song. Yvonne Murray.
End Song—First Bones Frank Bradley.
Vocal Solo—I've Got a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts, Jim Flanagan.
Intermission.
Highland Fling—Beryl Beagan.
Vocal Solo—Charlie My Boy, Kay Gallant.
End Song—Listen to That Dixie Band, Second Tambo Connie LeClair.
Vocal Solo—That Lucky Old Sun, Interlocutor Frank MacIntyre.
Step Dance — Andrew Gallant, Fiddler, Eddie Arsenault.
Quartette—Let's Harmonize, Dot Peters, Teresa Murnaghan, Barbara Walsh, Shirley Nicholson.
End Song—First Tambo, Elmer Gallant.
Ethiopian Snake Dance—Elley Bey Omar of Khyam.
The Grand Finale.
The King.

Candy was sold during intermission by members of the St. Charles Auxiliary.

HYDE RECOMMENDED

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the meeting, to procure a larger and more up-to-date office to handle their increased volume of business.

Mr. MacRae paid visits to several Ayrshire herds and the artificial insemination unit at Hamilton. At Hamilton he saw two Island Ayrshire bulls which are proving very popular with their owners. One of these is Kendoral Bright Boy bred by Anderson and Sons, St. Peter's Bay and the other is Fairview Fashion Count bred by A. MacRae and Son, Central Royalty.

Among the various herds he visited were several Island Ayrshires which, he stated, are producing well. Some of the herds he visited were owned by the Hamilton Sanatorium, Mr. R. O. Biges, Dundas and Mr. Ernest Coleman, Galt.

The new president of the Ayrshire Association is Mr. Erskine Rodgers, LaChute, Quebec reportedly well known to Island Ayrshire men. The vice-president is Mr. J. S. Hyde who was recommended as judge here this coming summer.

Search Dwindles For Missing Plane

WHITEHORSE, Y.T., Feb. 6 — (CP) — Search for a missing United States C-54 transport and its 44 occupants spread today over scattered sectors from Alaska to the United States. Aerial searchers are investigating the few remaining clues which might lead to the ship.

It is popularly believed that the missing plane, flying at 10,000 feet, got south of the beamed air route between Snag and Whitehorse and plowed into a mountain.

Because bad weather has returned and search aircraft are in need of major overhaul and safety inspection, the hunt has dwindled.

ACTIVE YEAR

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these were commented on by Mr. Frank Tinney chairman of the New Building Committee in his report. Complete cost of the building and new furniture was estimated at approximately $302,000.00.

Other reports heard during the evening were the financial report given by the treasurer Mr. J. Haslam; Ladies' Auxiliary by its secretary Mrs. J. Brady; Y's Menettes (formed in Jan. 1949) by its president, Mrs. W. P. MacLeod; Y's Men's Club by president Mr. Arthur Dewar; Y Grads by president Mr. R. E. Giggey; Phalanx group by president Mr. F. Norton; H-Y Clubs by Miss Anne Woodside, president of one of the four groups; Phiat by president Miss M. MacLean and the "Y" Secretary's report by Mr. Gamble.

Commends Reports

Mr. K. M. Martin, vice-president of the Board, then spoke, congratulating Mr. Cudmore on the splendid work he had done in the past as president of the Board, and thanked those who had presented reports stating that they were the finest he had ever heard.

In each of the reports offered it was noticed that special mention was made of the work being done by the Women's Auxiliary, and of their willingness to cooperate at all times.

Mr. Dewar, president of the Y's Men's Club spoke for a few minutes on the Y's Men's Convention to be held here in June, and for which plans are already being made.

The report of the nominating committee was submitted by its chairman Mr. J. M. MacFadyen, as follows: Re-election for three year terms: E. S. Coffin, Dr. W. G. Hogg, E. C. Johnstone, C. A. MacDonald and J. A. Simmonds. For one year to fill unexpired term of W. G. Hogg: A. J. Haslam. Three new directors for three year terms: Earl Baker, Dr. R. H. Barrett and T. F. Mitchell.

Mr. MacFadyen mentioned that it had come to the attention of the Board that a number of boys and girls were unable to join the "Y" because of the membership fee necessary. He stated that the financial question should not stop these youngsters from deriving full benefits of the Association and that a number of the older groups and also a few individuals had offered to pay the necessary fee for any boy or girl who wished to join but could not afford to. "If these children," he said, "will come up to the desk, their fee will be looked after for them."

The meeting closed with the Benediction by Rev. Davison.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Following is the text of President Cudmore's report:

"In submitting the 94th annual report, which is also that of the first year under which the "Y" has been operating, it is my privilege to state definitely that the year has been a successful one.

"As you will recall the official opening and dedication of our new building took place on February 23rd last, at which time your officer, directors and friends were delighted to receive and introduce a great many notable provincial and city representatives who voiced their wholehearted appreciation of the new Y. M. C .A. and expressed the hope that our endeavours would achieve success.

"After five years of unremitting labor and loyalty, our Secretary, J. A. McConnell accepted a position with the National Council. Suitable reference was made to his service at the time of his departure.

"Our new secretary assumed his duties in September and working on the ground work as laid out by his predecessor plus his own initiative and the assistance of Mr. Tim Tyler, Boys' Work Secretary and Miss Lillian Gehrkie, Girls' Work Secretary, the program of the Y. M. C. A. has been very successfully carried out.

"In this connection it is highly significant to note that all the Clubs within the "Y" are faithfully and vigorously following out the various programs planned by them. I know you will follow with interest the secretary's report which will deal in detail with the work of these fine clubs.

New Feature Program

"However, I hope you will bear with me for a moment while I stress the importance of a new feature program which was organized last spring. I refer to the Teen - Town activities conducted each Saturday evening which brings together a large number of boys and girls who under trained and competent supervision play games, view pictures, and enjoy dancing. This regular Saturday eve feature is enjoyed immensely by the young people and fully endorsed by parents who are frequent visitors.

"It would be a waste of time to explain the vast difference between the cost of operating the old Y. M. C. A. and the new—they are not in the same category, the former served its day and generation faithfully. The new building is designed to meet present day conditions. This we are confident is being successfully done. Similarly the cost of maintenance may not in fairness be compared—you as business men need not be told that overhead has increased in leaps and bounds.

"It is not reasonable to suppose or expect that any service such as supplied by the Y. M. C. A. can be immune to these advances in cost. Heating—lighting — salaries, etc., are all familiar items on your expense sheets. Apply these figures to the Y. M. C. A. and you will readily see why it is necessary to raise $14,500 in the immediate future to finance the year 1950. This amount will also provide for the interest on our outstanding debt of $65,000.

"The Y. M. C. A. is one of the City's greatest assets where young and old alike can take advantage of the beneficial facilities which it offers. It is very definitely an essential requirement in the develop-ing and training of young people.

"The moulding of character with a view to producing good citizens cannot be measured in dollars and cents. The Y. M. C. A. is today carrying on a program of education in the development of character and the fitting of youth to take their place in a Christian Society. We must not be unmindful of the fact that great inroads are being made on our way of life, your dollars are needed to build a society of young people well-fitted to shoulder the great responsibility which will be theirs in the immediate future. The amount asked for bears very lightly when compared with the results sought for.

"The citizens of Charlottetown, the people of this Province have, in the Y. M. C. A. a property of which they may well be proud. It is our duty to maintain this property and the activities of the Association in accordance with the high traditions of the Y. M. C. A.

"At 6 o'clock this evening our maintenance campaign was officially opened. Thirty of our leading citizens constituting the Special Names Committee have accepted the challenge to give leadership to a large body of workers who will conduct the general canvass beginning February 13th.

"Down through the years an organization known as the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. has contributed priceless service and devotion to the work of the 'Y'. It is with great pleasure that I report to you that their activities in the past year have been of the highest order — without doubt it has been the busiest year in their history — and they have never failed in the slightest degree to live up to the tradition which their predecessors laid down—as President I thank them all most heartily.

"An outstanding feature of the year has been the generous attitude of our daily newspapers, the Guardian and Patriot in giving publicity to our activities. Radio station CFCY has also been a factor in keeping the Y.M.C.A. before the public. All this is gratefully acknowledged and sincerely appreciated.

"I have enjoyed being associated with the directors, the secretary and the staff, in conducting the work of the 'Y' during the past year. I am sure they agree with me that due to our joint efforts we have achieved some success. May I ask for the incoming president and directors the continued support of members and citizens without which the Y. M. C. A. would cease to exist."

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Following are excerpts from the Secretary's report:

"For 1949, the first full year of operation in the new building, we had 606 active members enrolled This is almost 3 times the number served in the old building.

"In addition to this number hundreds of others have participated in such programs as "Teen Town" for teen agers all over the city, in our summer Camp program at Holland Cove camp etc.

"42 clubs, groups, gym classes, craft and hobby groups were conducted throughout the year, with a total enrollment of 878. The total aggregate attendance for these regularly scheduled groups was 14,004.

"75 boys, girls, men and women, served on Y.M.C.A. committees during the year. These were actively engaged in promoting activities and program.

"About 75 persons gave hours of volunteer service with club leadership and desk duty.

"A minimum estimate of 2,000 persons throng the "Y" building each week during the peak season. 800 persons a week use the "Y" alleys for recreation in bowling.

"Three "Y" service clubs were very active again during 1949. The Y's Men's Club have a total of 68 members, the Grad's Club 40, and the Phalanx Club 24. 60 young High School students were enrolled in 5 Hi-Y Clubs. Over 200 teen agers took part in the Junior and Senior Teen Town programs which are held each Saturday night during the fall and winter season.

"The Ladies' Auxiliary have been one of the most active and most indispensable groups in the "Y". They cater to all suppers each week, as well as special dinners for Membership and Financial campaigns, and supporting the Board of Directors in many other ways The Y's Menettes similarly are very active in support of Y's Men's projects, but are also active supporters of all Y.M.C.A. projects.

Young Adults Programme

"A new program for Young Adults was started during the Fall and about 75 young men and women are taking part in this Monday evening session. In February, this group is sponsoring a "So-Ed" series of programs. This is a combination of several activities of a social and educational nature carried on during the same evening. So-Ed is active in over 40 Y.M.C.A.'s across Canada and has met with an enthusiastic response wherever it has been held.

"108 boy campers spent two weeks at the "Y" Camp, with a staff of 20 leaders and counsellors. 40 boys were given this camp holiday through the assistance of "Y" Clubs and City service clubs, boys who would otherwise not have been able to have any holiday. Another group of 40 girls used the Y. M.C.A. camp facilities under the direction of Mrs. Harry Cudmore. The Camp operated for a full two months during July and August.

The Phiats Sorority has grown in interest and membership, until the original club has now sponsored a second chapter.

"10 different gym groups operated during the year, with 430 different members taking part, from juveniles to adults. These are conducted under the leadership of Mr. Tim Tyler, boys' program secretary, and Miss Lillian Gehrke, Girls' Work secretary, who joined the local staff in October, and have already made a host of friends.

"Craft and Hobby groups were active in many types of interest groups, including Stamp Club, Photography clubs, Leathercraft clubs, Model Aircraft Club, and Boys' Woodworking clubs. Three fine new benches have been installed, and many new tools purchased.

"We feel that we have made progress, but we realize that there are many needs to be met, many services we can render in the future that have as yet been untouched. Our building is becoming busier each month, but we look forward with faith and hope to the future, feeling that our Y.M.C.A. has much to offer to the community in which we live, and that we can yet make a much greater contribution than we have made in the past. We feel deeply conscious of the debt we owe to the hundreds of splendid citizens who have provided this building for the youth of Charlottetown, and we trust that repayment will be made in future citizenship, as we help to produce young people who will be a credit to their city and community."

"York Night" At Trinity United Men's Meeting

The senior Women's Association of Trinity United Church provided the excellent repast to which the Men's Association to the number of about 125 sat down in the Social Hall of the church last night. It was "York Night", and 25 men of York United Church were in attendance and put on the musical programme.

The meeting was presided over by Brig. W. W. Reid. Mr. Lucas Allen of Summerside, Mr. W. N. McDonald of Sydney and Mr. Darryl McGuire of Charlottetown, were present as guests. President J. A. McNair spoke feelingly of the death of the late Dr. Ayers, one of the pillars of Trinity, and called on the audience to stand a few moments in silence as a mark of respect to his memory.

Mr. Arthur Vessey and Mr. Harry Vessey, both of York, rendered much appreciated readings and musical numbers.

The address of the evening was given by Rev. John Douglas, minister of York United Church. His subject was "Protestantism, Roman Catholicism and Communism." While taking strong ground against Communism as a dictatorial and oppressive form of government he deprecated strongly the prejudiced and untrue criticisms that are too often levelled against it. The standard of living is undoubtedly higher in Russian than that obtaining in many western lands. The Communists are not all black. We should try to understand Communism better and stick to the truth in our appraisal of the system. The attitude of our public men and newspapers towards Russia, — as shown, for instance, in our newspaper headlines, — is often highly provocative. We should try to incorporate in our own policy what is good in Communism; we should be prepared to communize Christianity as well as to Christianize Communism.

Dr. Steel in a short speech thanked the speaker, and the meeting closed with "God Save the King."

Protestant Orphanage Contributions

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$2.00 Each: Leigh MacEachern; H. H. Jenkins.
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Total—$22.00.

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50c Each: Warren Enman; F. B. Lea; Mrs. Jack MacLeod; Mrs Henry Woods; Mrs. A. M. Carver
Total—$12.50.

Y.M.C.A. Donations

The following donations were made yesterday to the Y. M. C. A Maintenance Drive:

Mr. W. R. Acorn	$200.00
G. H. Taylor's	150.00
Dr. J. A. Clark	200.00
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Dr. Clark, above mentioned, is a member of the advisory board and was president of the Y. M. C. A. for twenty-five years.

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