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W. H. HENDERSON LEAVES Y.M.C.A.

Connected With Local Association Since 1906, Goes to Halifax

The resignation of William H. Henderson from the general secretaryship of the Central Y.M.C.A. is announced. Mr. Henderson is leaving Montreal next Thursday for Halifax where he will take up similar duties for the Halifax association. Mr. Henderson has been connected with the Montreal association since 1906 when he joined the educational staff of the Y.M.C.A. In 1909 he left Montreal and went to Vancouver where he studied theology at Westminster Hall but at the same time retained his connection with the work of the Vancouver association.

In 1911 he returned to Montreal to take charge of the educational work of the local association and advanced this department in no uncertain manner, endearing himself to all the young men with whom he was brought into contact. In February 1915 Mr. Henderson was appointed to be general secretary of the Central branch of the local association and has continued in that office ever since with distinct success to the popularity of the Y.M.C.A. He is a graduate in arts from the University of Toronto and during his work for the association in Montreal has made many friends and is a favorite with both the staff and members at Central.

A farewell dinner will be tendered Mr. Henderson at the Central Y.M.C.A. by the board of management on Tuesday evening next.

W. H. HENDERSON IS DINED BY Y.M.C.A.

September 30, 1919

Appreciation Shown of Work of Retiring Secretary— Goes to Halifax

Appreciation was shown for a record of ability, hard work and organization talent when a good-sized gathering of Y.M.C.A. men gathered at the Central Y.M.C.A. building last night to give a send-off in the shape of a dinner to W. H. Henderson, general secretary of the central branch, who leaves for Halifax early next week to assume the duties of general secretary at Halifax. The speeches were very short, but the opportunity was not lost by the Y.M.C.A. leaders to show the feeling entertained towards Mr. Henderson. Dean F. D. Adams, on behalf of the Metropolitan Board, presented Mr. Henderson with a tea set of silverware. The resident members of the Central Y.M.C.A. presented a purse of gold, C. C. Stewart making the presentation, while on behalf of the board of the Central Y.M.C.A. Mr. Henderson was presented with a gold watch, suitably engraved. The Ladies' Auxiliary presented Mrs. Henderson with a string of gold beads.

The dinner was presided over by Mr. Ernest Millen, Rev. Dr. H. Symonds opened with prayer, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Dickie, A. O. Dawson, Dean Adams, and Mr. Henderson. Dr. Dickie referred to the work which Mr. Henderson had done for the Crescent Presbyterian Church, where he has been an elder and a Sunday School superintendent. Mr. Dawson specially referred to his work in the Bible Class of the Y.M.C.A., work, he said, which would last for all time, and which had affected many.

Mr. Henderson came to Montreal in 1906 and was here for two years in charge of educational work, and then went to Vancouver and studied theology for two years at Westminster Hall, and came back to Montreal in 1911 as educational secretary, and in 1915 became general secretary of the Central Branch. He goes to Halifax as general secretary of the association there. Major John Beaton, a Toronto man, now overseas, will succeed Mr. Henderson in Montreal, taking charge November 1st.

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C. R. SAYER
SECRETARY FOR
WESTERN CANADA

Vancouver, B. C. Nov 12th. 1910. 1910

Dear Mr. Henderson:

We the undersigned representative members of the Vancouver Y. M. C. A. hearing that you are at present considering the offer of a prominent position in the Foreign Field, and wishing to express our appreciation and regard for you personally, and for the work you have done here during the past year, would ask you to consider very carefully the respective claims of this City and of the foreign Field before finally making your decision. And as Citizens of Vancouver, recognizing the great need for a man of your ability in the work of the local association, and in view of the fact of the unprecedented confidence in the Association which has just been shown by the people of this city, would impress upon you the Claims of the Vancouver Y. M. C. A. in the greater opportunity which now lies before it.

We fully realize that the offer which has been made to you by the International committee must be an attractive one, and while not wishing to stand in your way to promotion in Association work, or to keep you, from what may, in your estimation, be a wider field of usefulness, we cannot altogether overlook the fact that your withdrawal from Vancouver at this time, will materially hamper the work here.

This Association is keenly sensitive of the honor conferred upon you by The International Committee, in inviting you to fill so important position as General Secretary in Yokohama, but at the same time

we cannot refrain from putting before you the claims of Vancouver.

It is unnecessary for us to tell you that in a few years this city will rival any upon this continent, and that the opportunity will be almost limitless.

While recognizing that the Y. M. C. A. is a world wide institution, and that other lands have an almost equal claim ~~for~~ with our own for the best men, we would appeal to you collectively as members of the Association, and also as men individually, not to allow other calls to override your consideration of the claims of this city.

Howard Barker.

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V. E. Anderson

J. J. McKellar

James G. Yates.

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J. Gallows
L. C. Clark

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N. Churchill
C. S. Richardson
David Sweet-
Oscar Hornum
S. W. Thacker
J. B. Elford
A. Z. Corlow
J. L. Luthunter
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Geo. Taylor
H. H. Stoten
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A. B. Beam
J. Weber
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Milton Smith

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Arthur Lett

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A. Joseph Myles

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P. D. M. Jarvis

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L. S. D. Ayler Maym

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H. Matthews

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126 Wicksteed Avenue,
Town of Mount Royal,
Montreal 16, Que.,
22nd December, 1955.

Mrs. W. H. Henderson,
Winona, Ont.

Dear Mrs Henderson,

You will doubtless be surprised to receive this letter,
and wonder who it is that has written it.

Well, in years gone by, when your husband was on the staff of the Y.M.C.A., at the Central Branch firstly at Dominion Square, then at the new Building on Drummond Street, I was a member and roomed for some years at both Buildings, and had the privilege of coming in contact with your husband quite considerably, in various phases of his work there, educational, religious, debating club, and entertainments, and dinners and other social affairs for the young men. Also I had one of the best holidays of my life when I spent two weeks at the Y.M. camp at Lake St. Joseph in the Laurentian Mountains when your husband acted as the Camp Director, and everyone there felt that they had a most wonderful time. That was in the summer of 1908. Apart from all of that I was able to watch and sense his great influence for good among the young men, hundreds of them, coming and going in the Y.M.. His words and example inspired everyone of them. He was able in times of peace as well as during the tragic years of the First World War, to give encouragement and inspire courage to the young men in the armed forces and to those expecting to be called up. At the same time he carried on untiringly and heroically his onerous duties as Secretary of the Y.M.

My everyday name at the Y.M. in the days gone by was "Gus. Caron". After I got married, my wife and I lived for a while at 280 Addington Avenue accross the street from the Apartment house where you and Mr Henderson resided. I remember the joy he indicated he felt when his little baby daughter arrived. It is not likely that you remember ever seeing me at the Y. M. or on Addington Avenue. However, by way of further introduction of myself, I would say that Alex. Armour and Leslie McCrae who were very great friends and admirers of your husband were and are good friends of mine too.

All of this leads me up to the question which has been in the minds of friends of your husband, including Alex. and Leslie and myself, of endeavouring to arrange a memorial if possible to your husband, and his noble work, at the Central Y.M. Building, and possibly at the new Sir George Williams College Building there at present under construction. Some of us think that your husband in his educational work was the forerunner of the work at that College.

There have been many and almost constant changes in the Directors and officers and staff of the Y.M. since the time your husband was there. So many of those there to-day do not remember him, but think in terms of those in office since that time.

I was speaking recently to Mr. George Hodge, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, about the question of a memorial (possibly a plaque) to Mr. Henderson. He said that the question of arrangement of memorials was a difficult one for him and his committee, for the reason that there had been many prominent men associated in the past with the Y.M. Central Branch and the Sir George Williams College, and the problem is to decide on those to whom memorials can be permitted without offense to friends of others.

In any case he asked me to submit a memorandum regarding Mr. Henderson and his work and the grounds on which it is felt that a memorial to him should be erected.

For this purpose it would be helpful, I think, if we had information as to the various positions filled by Mr. Henderson during the years from the time when he first came to the Y.M. in Montreal, in 1907, to the time of his death. It happens that it is difficult to obtain that information readily now from the Y.M. office. I was therefore wondering whether you may have amongst papers or records which you may have found amongst his effects giving that information. If so would you be willing to make up a memorandum regarding that and send it to me and that would help us here to furnish suitable information to the Memorial Chairman, Mr. Hodge?

I know personally that Mr. Henderson was Educational Director for several of the early years, as I attended some of the evening classes which he organized. However I am not sure just how many of those years he acted in that capacity and how many of the years ^{he was} the head Secretary of the whole Central Branch. During many of the years my recollection is that pamphlets or advertising folders were published regarding the educational classes and general work of the Y.M. in which the name and position of Mr. Henderson would be mentioned. That I think would likely have happened each year. I hope that it will not be asking too much of you to see if you could compile data along these lines concerning Mr. Henderson for those years. I would be pleased in any event to know what you think of this suggestion.

Wishing the Compliments of the Season, to you and your daughter.

Sincerely, *G. A. Caron*
G. A. Caron.