Resolutions of the Y.M.C.A. on the Death of Abraham Lincoln April 1865
Letter from The Montreal Association

At a meeting of the Montreal Young Men's Christian Association, held the 18th April, 1865, it was unanimously resolved, by a standing vote, to send an address to the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States, sympathizing with them, in the present afflictive circumstances of their nation.

To the Young Men's Christian Association, New York, U.S.;

Walter H. Briscoe,

We are prompted by feelings of warm affection and deep sympathy to address you, out of confidence to you at this time of your nation's sadness and sorrow. You stand in this day full of mourning and lamentation, for the hands of the Lord have been laid heavily upon you. One to whom all eyes have been turned for more than five years, as holding in his hands, under God, the destinies of your nation and the welfare of millions, has suddenly fallen not crushed down by the accumulated cares, anxieties, and arduous duties of his high position as Chief Ruler of a mighty nation, but struck down by the cruel hand of a brutal assassin.

At the time wide millions are assembled in earth's temples on this solemn funeral day, to shed the mourners' tear, to pour forth their humble confessions, earnest supplications, tender beseechings, and fervent prayers to the All-Sufficient God, that in the day their nations calamity, He would be merciful unto them.

Let us, though dwelling in another land, and belonging to another nation, drop a sympathetic tear with you who mourn the loss of your great and good President, Abraham Lincoln. Your loss is felt to be in some extent, our own loss and that of the world at large.
As we think of the heart-stricken widow, and the unutterable grief of the fathers, our prayers ascend on their behalf, that the God of grace may plentifully pour the balm of consolation into their breasts, and as we think of you as a people, so long afflicted with the terrible bondage of sin, you who just as the dearly slaughtered of the battle-field were disappearing from the extended olive branch of peace, just as the shell blast at the trumpet of war was giving place to sweet songs of rejoicing, have been suddenly plunged into the depths of grief, your cup of joy dashed to the ground, your songs of triumph interrupted by tears, lamentations, and wailing, we would with you draw nigh to the throne of grace, that by the power and mercy of God your nation's curse may yet become the nations' gain, through the inestimable blessings of freedom, peace, and well-ordered government, being more firmly established and more fully enjoyed.

And shall not every nation lift up its voice in song? Shall the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ not regard our united supplications? As the Lord liveth, He will surely hear, and this night of grief, and tears and mourning, shall be turned into light, and joy, and thanksgiving.

The wicked shall not die, but pain and sorrow shall be for the Lord reigneth. Let the heart of the mourners be consoled with the thought that God doth all things well, that He is righteous in all His ways and holy in all His works, and that the time of a nation's chastisement is but the due time for a rich harvest that shall surely be gathered in God's own good time. Let none then faint in the day of adversity, but be of good courage and strengthen your hearts in the Lord. Systems of evil change and perish, but truth and right an immutable. Honored unknown and base
Sirs,

Opportunities for good works fall, but work for God’s glory and man’s happiness yet remains to be done.

As a Young Men’s Christian Association, we seek to fulfill the sacred work to which you have been called by showing faith “the truth as it is in Jesus.”

With assurances of sincere esteem and deep personal sympathy,

We are,

Dear Brethren,

Yours in the bonds of Christian love,

[Signatures]

Montreal, May 3, 1865

[Signature]
Letter from the Montreal Association
Y.M.C.A.
April 19, 1865

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Resolved that we recognize in the manner of his death the familiar hand of that system of assassination which for so many years has embittered the councils of our country, stricken down senators in the Senate chambers, repressed free speech, bought, sold and whipped the laboring classes, stowed in death prisons.
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Resolved that we humble ourselves in
petition for the assent by us
given in times past to this system
of sin and despotism forgive
for the future a more perfect
conformity to that justice freedom
wherewith Christ has made us free.

Resolved that in the succession
of the Presidency of the late
Vice President, a man of the
people, who has suffered
deeply by this rebellion we see
the hand of a just God and
we offer our prayers that the
Rule of nations will give him
grace wisdom & firmness of
purpose to fulfill the duties
of his exalted office.
Resolved that when we reflect that this act, by which a nation is thrown into mourning, or a government threatened with confiscation, was effected even in its consummation by vigorous men, we profoundly feel the necessity for a more united and earnest effort on the part of our Association, the religious communities, to care for the moral and habit of the young men of America.
Resolutions offered
before the House of
Representatives
Ch. A. D. April 17, 1865

2 copies
Engrossed.
Resolutions of the Young Men's Christian Association of New York, as notified at a meeting of the same held, at therooms, April 17, 1865.

Whereas God, in his Providence, has removed from the earth, Abraham Lincoln, the President of the United States, a man simple and childlike, truthful in utterance, earnest in purpose, meek in spirit, pure in heart, illustrious in deeds, and Christian in all his ways, and whereas God has likewise permitted the stroke to fall on Chief Secretary of State.

Resolved, that we bow to this high and perfect faith, knowing that Our Heavenly Father doeth all things well and that we mourn for the good man, who has gone before, as children mourn for their fathers, and that we offer our fervent prayers for the recovery of our Secretary of State.

Resolved, that we recognize in these assassins the familiar hand of the system of assassination which for eighty years has embittered the Councils of our Country, struck down senators and congressmen, undermined free speech, bought and sold and whipped the laboring class, started to death prisoners of war and delayed a nation in blood, and that we will never rest till that scene of all villainy is extinguished in the land.

Resolved, that we humble ourselves in contrition for the assault by us given, or given heed to, this system of sin and denote our promise for the future a more perfect conformity to that freedom, wherewith Christ has made us free.

Resolved, that in the succession to the late Secretary of State, a man of the
people, who has suffered deeply by this rebellion we see the hand of a just God and we offer our prayers that the later of nations will give him grace, wisdom and firmness of purpose to fulfill aright the duties of his exalted office. Resolved, that when we reflect that this act, by which a nation is thrown into mourning, and government threatened with confusion, was effected through the instrumentality of young men we profoundly feel the necessity for a more united and earnest effort on the part of our associations to care for the morals and habits of the young men of America.
Correspondence

Young New Christian Association,
447 Kennyburn Street,
New York.

May 3rd, 1870

New York,

I have the sad privilege of handing you the enclosed Resolutions, referring to the terrible murder of your late beloved Vincent, and you will kindly lay them before your Association. The event has caused such intense excitement in the country, and the heart of the nation shaken at the Travis. From one extremity of the kingdom to the other. That one so honest, good, and noble, noble not by birth, but in the highest sense of the word, while at his best and just after speaking words of peace and kindness towards his enemies, should have been struck down by a cowardly assassin, is a sad thing that will be remembered throughout all time, and whose grave will be visited with grief and sadness. Vincent, how can we express the sorrow and indignation that have filled all hearts in the Country, from the Queen to the meanest of her subjects, and at the same time with satisfaction that our loved Foremoor has written to New York, assuring you of my heartfelt sympathy.

I remain

Yours fraternally,

[Signature]

New York.

To Mr. Secretaries of the
Y. M. C. Association
New York.

Please visit me daily (in London)
Report of the Boarding House Committee

While this committee has not done all that might have been done, yet it has done enough to prove to itself, and to all who have been at all conversant with its affairs, that great good can be accomplished in the department for which this committee was at first created.

During the year, a large number of boarding houses has been added to the lists which were already quite large.

While the committee have aimed to prevent for, and place upon the lists good boarding houses located in every part section of the city, and ranging in price and accommodations to suit every class seeking a good home, they have also carefully avoided the placing upon the lists without good and substantial references.

These lists have been kept open at the rooms of the association for the daily inspection of all who might be seeking good boarding houses, and very many during the year have been assisted by means of this department in obtaining good and comfortable homes.

The committee respectfully recommend that the association continue to locate a
lively interest in this department of its usefulness.

First of all should we see that the young men who came to this great city, strangers and away from home influences, are provided with proper homes here and surrounded by proper influences, for without these we shall hardly keep them from falling prey to evil companions and corrupting influences that will allure them on every side.

Jonathan Marshall, Chairman,
Young Men's Christian Association
141 Henbow Street
Liverpool 29th April 1865

At a meeting of the members of the Young Men's Christian Association of Liverpool, held on Saturday Evening, 29th April 1865, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

Resolved:—That the members of the Liverpool Young Men's Christian Association desire to express to their brethren of the kindred Associations in the United States their utter detestation and horror at the cowardly assassination of President Lincoln, and to sympathize and condole with them in their national bereavement.

That the foregoing resolution be signed on behalf of the members by the President, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board of Management, and Secretaries and forwarded to the New York Association for diffusion among the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States, and for presentation at their next annual convention.

Signed accordingly,

Robert B. Forrest, Incumbent of St. Andrew's
Joseph E. Patterson, Treasurer
John Harrison, Chairman of board.
William H. Hewitt, Honorary Secy.
John Jennings, Secretary.