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Complimentary Dinner

to

Cephas Brainerd, Esq.

Upon his retirement from the

Chairmanship of the International Committee

of Young Men's Christian Associations

Given by his late associates and other friends

At the Holland House, New York City, Tuesday, February 21, 1893,

at 6:30 p. m.

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Menu

Huitres

Consommé à l'impératrice

Celeri

Olives

Amandes salées

Escaloppes de Turbot importé, sauce Joinville

Filets mignons à la Voisin

Croquettes de pommes

Chapon braisé truffé, sauce suprême

Petits Pois

Sorbet à la Cardinal

Canard Sauvage.

Hominy

Gelée de groseilles

Salade de Saison

Croute à l'Ananas à la Portugaise

Petits moules de glaces de Fantaisie

Gateaux Assortis

Fromages

Biscuits

Café

From 1866 to 1892.

The convention of the American Young Men's Christian Associations held in Albany, N. Y., in 1866, located the headquarters of its executive committee in New York City, where it has since been continued. Prior to that time this committee had had no permanent location, but had been transferred from one city to another, as the annual conventions might determine.

Soon after the removal to New York, Mr. Cephas Brainerd was elected a member of the committee. On July 2d, 1867, he was chosen chairman, and continued to occupy that position until the day of his resignation, which took effect July 2d, 1892, exactly twenty-five years after he was first elected.

At the time when Mr. Brainerd assumed this responsible position the Associations were small in number and membership, poor in property, and doing but little definite work for young men. The committee of which he then became the head was the only general committee for supervision and extension of the work known among the Associations of this continent. The State Committees, which have proved so useful a factor in the progress of the work, and every one of which was organized through the agency of the International Committee, had not as yet come into existence. There were no general agents employed for visitation and supervision, and but one Association building, and that an insignificant one.

The remarkable growth during the period since the Albany convention is partially indicated in the following comparative statistics:

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Associations reporting	63	1,373
Total membership	15,498	227,090
Secretaries, and other employed officers	12	1,192
Buildings	1	268
Value of buildings	\$10,000	\$11,902,520
Volumes in libraries	34,577	472,549
Total net value of all property	\$90,000	\$12,878,595
Gymnasiums	0	462
Annual expenses of the local work	\$50,000	\$1,992,328
Annual expenses of International and State work	\$522	\$193,64
Associations giving Lectures and Entertainments	14	857
Associations reporting Weekly Religious Meetings	47	892
" " Bible Classes	13	502
" " Bible Training Classes	0	344
Associations in Colleges	1	400
Railroad Secretaries employed	0	111
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States and Provinces employing State Secretaries	0	38
Secretaries employed by them	0	60
Secretaries employed by International Committee	0	26

The special work for railroad men, college students, colored, Indian and German young men, as well as that for young men in Japan, India, Brazil and Mexico, was begun and developed under the direct supervision of the International Committee during the quarter of a century just closed.