**Title**
Annual report of the Young Men’s Bible Society of Cincinnati.

**Author**
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### DESCRIPTION:

**General Remarks**
This is a late 19th century half leather binding.

**Binding**
Decorated paper boards with black leather.

**Textblock**
Three sawn-in cords with hollow tube. Red sprinkled edges.

**Primary Support**
Machine made beige paper.

**Medium**
Black printed ink.

**Attachments | Inserts**
N/A

**Housing**

### CONDITION:

**Summary**
This book has lost its lower cover, upper fly leaf, and leather spine. The front cover is detached and the book is unhoused. As a result, the ultimate leaves have torn and become heavily soiled.

**Binding**
Poor condition since parts are missing.

**Textblock**
Hollow tube is brittle, but textblock sewing is stable.

**Primary Support**
Brittle.

**Medium**
Stable.

**Housing**
Corrugated clamshell

**Housing Narrative**

**Attachments | Inserts**
N/A

**Previous Treatment**
N/A

**Materials Analysis**
Printed ink is stable to withstand surface cleaning.
Proposal
1. Surface clean front title page and rear fly leaf to remove heavy soiling.
2. Repair the large tear on the rear check out slip to prevent the slip from fully detaching and becoming lost.
3. Replace the missing lower cover with a piece of buffered, acid-free corrugated board to protect the shoulder of the textblock from becoming crushed over time during storage.
4. Tie a piece of cotton twill tape around the binding to keep the loose parts from becoming lost.

Housing Need

Factors Influencing Treatment
This book does not warrant a full conservation treatment at this time, therefore it will be boxed with minimal surface cleaning and repair in order to prevent further damage and parts from becoming lost.

Performed Treatment
Treatment and photodocumentation performed by pre-program intern Catarina Figueirinhas:

1. The front title page and rear fly leaf were surface cleaned with Absorbene smoke sponges to remove heavy soiling that might transfer when handled by scholars.
2. The large tear on the rear check out slip was repaired with Tengujo kozo tissue and Zen Shofu wheat starch paste.
3. The lost lower cover was replaced with a piece of buffered, acid-free corrugated board to support the shoulder of the textblock within the corrugated clamshell.
4. The binding, the loose upper cover and corrugated board fill was tied together with cotton twill tape.
5. A corrugated clamshell was constructed to house the binding.

Housing Provided
Corrugated clamshell

Housing Narrative

Storage Recommendations and Handling notes
The upper board is detached, but is held to the binding with tied twill tape to prevent it from becoming lost.

TOTAL Treatment Time
10 hrs