

Among the additions to the Reading Room are several new papers and magazines. The Reading Room is supplied with over eighty newspapers from all parts of the Province, from New Brunswick, Canada, and other countries.

The attendance at the Dining Room has gradually fallen off. During 1878 the average was 25, while last year the average was reduced to 10. Circulars have been sent to the members calling attention to the fact. If a change for the better does not soon take place, the question of closing the room will have to be considered.

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

### RECEPTION.

The committee have quietly prosecuted the work entrusted to them during the past year. The nature of this work prevents anything like the presentation of statistical results.

They feel that their efforts during the year have not been altogether in vain. Some good has been accomplished. Strangers are being constantly met with and spoken to; some who remain in the city are thereby drawn into closer connection with us; others, mere visitors, as they pass through, realize that the stranger is noticed and cared for.

In order to make the Rooms of the Association more and more a resort for strangers your committee has secured the consent of the railway authorities to place in a prominent position in the North Street Depot, an attractive sign-board, which will indicate to the stranger, as he steps from the car, where our building is located, and that its doors are open for his reception.

M. M. LINDSAY, Chairman.