

VISITING AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have pleasure in reporting that employment has been procured for several young men who have applied; others have been visited in sickness; and others again, have been furnished with letters of introduction, which have been the means of procuring friends and employment in other places. Your Committee regret that more has not been accomplished; and hope their successors will be able to perform the various duties more faithfully.

LECTURE AND LITERARY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee are, by the blessing of God, enabled to present for the past year, a favorable and encouraging report.

Their efforts to make the Tuesday evening Meetings both pleasing and instructive, have met with a willing response from members who have volunteered Essays, Readings, Recitations, &c. At the commencement of the year, some difficulty was experienced in creating an interest in Debates, which your Committee consider one of the great means of mutual improvement; but, by the suggestions and co-operation of some friends, they were enabled to carry into effect the formation of the Young Men's Assembly, in which Debates are expected to be conducted according to strict parliamentary usages, and which is intended to represent, in miniature, our Dominion Parliament. This has worked well—far beyond our most sanguine hopes. During the Lecture Season, we had a course of three Lectures, which, we regret to say, were not very well attended; and during the past few months, we have had a course of four Sermons preached to young men by the Vice-Presidents of the Association; and throughout the year, we have had seven Literary and Musical Entertainments of a high character, viz.:—Five in our own Room and two in the Hall of the Mechanics' Institute. Your Committee have also to report a course of Lectures for the present season. The attendance at the Tuesday evening Meetings, for Literary Exercises, now averages eighty—having increased three-fold. A Choir has also been organized, which has rendered very efficient aid at the Entertainments, and also at several Public Meetings.

A spirit of Christian courtesy and brotherly love has always prevailed, and your Committee hope God will continue to bless these various means of improvement, in the future, as he has blessed them in the past.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Committee beg leave to report, that different means have been adopted to raise funds for the support of the Association, which will be fully shewn in the Report of the Treasurer. They have much pleasure in being able to say, that the Association is free from debt; and that the prospect for the coming year, through the kindness of several members and friends of the Association, is encouraging.

Your Committee are happy to say, that during the past year, we have had an addition of three hundred and twenty six to our numbers—mostly young men; and that our membership on our Revised Roll, numbers four hundred and sixty-nine.

In conclusion, your Committee would say, that while in reviewing the past, there is much for which our heartfelt gratitude ought to ascend to God, and much to encourage us to more faithful working in the future; that there is also cause for regret in a want of persevering energy and systematic effort in the Master's work, and would say to their successors, "Pray for Divine grace, that they may be enabled to improve on those matters in which a certain amount of good has been accomplished, and to remedy those objects in which we have failed to accomplish much."