

A telephone has been placed in the Entrance Hall, and has proved a great convenience.

During the year considerable outlay has been incurred in the appointments and premises of the Association. The roof has been newly covered with galvanized iron at an expense of nine hundred dollars, by Mr. G. W. Reed, he giving a guarantee to keep it in order for ten years. An office for the door-keeper has been placed in the vestibule. The lavatories in the cellars have been re-arranged, and the cellars themselves ventilated. A ventilator has been placed in the smaller gallery, and two cowls have been affixed to the roof of the larger gallery skylights. New blinds have been put up in the gallery. The Reading-room has been re-decorated at the charge of a member of the Council.

Several three-year policies having expired, a large sum has been spent, during 1887, on insurance, the bulk of the property belonging to the Association being now covered until 1890.

On the occasion of the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, June 21st, an illumination was set up in front of the building, consisting of an arch supporting a Crown, and having the letters V. R. on either side.

The business of the Association is now carried on in the very small room opening off the large gallery, it having been found undesirable to continue the Reading-room in its dual capacity of office and Reading-room. This change, however, involves several disadvantages, and it might be well to consider the advisability of turning one of the shops into a Reading Room and Library, and devoting the present Reading Room to the purposes of office and Council Chamber.